

Release notes - August 2026

American Travel Baseball And Travel Softball

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These release notes summarize what shipped on the ATBATS platform this period. They are generated from the published What's New updates at atbats.org/whats-new.

PLATFORM August 2026

1. July 30-August 1 Platform Sprint

A 72-hour sprint that shipped payments, financial transparency, consumer protection, parent education, demo tours, and a complete What's New publishing system.

- Stripe payments, receipts, audit, reconciliation, and webhook monitoring
- Financial Transparency lifecycle with verified program badges and exports
- Public anonymous complaint portal with case numbers and pattern detection
- Tryout Calendar Standards enforced by age group with admin overrides
- 15-module demo hub with role-tailored tours, agenda checklist, and completion analytics
- Parent Education Center with downloadable PDFs, save-and-return progress, and FAQ schema
- Program Comparison Tool, saved programs, and Arm Health/Pitch Count tracker
- What's New archive with RSS, Atom, iCalendar, search, pagination, and double opt-in subscriptions

Read more: <https://atbats.org/whats-new/july-30-august-1-platform-sprint>

FOR PARENTS August 2026

2. The ATBATS Family Resource Center

A free, no-login education center for families deciding where to spend thousands of dollars and years of weekends.

- Seven questions to ask before you write a check - with what a good answer sounds like
- Red flag checklist you can tick through and download as a PDF
- Age-by-age expectations from 8U through 18U
- Cost vs. reality calculator and a plain-language guide to your consumer rights

Read more: <https://atbats.org/whats-new/the-atbats-family-resource-center>

3. Guided Tours of the Whole Platform

See exactly how ATBATS works before you create an account. Nothing is saved and no payment is required.

- 15 module tours - certification, tryouts, family portal, complaints, transparency, and more
- Step-by-step walkthroughs with real sample screens
- A full platform tour that runs every module back to back
- A published list of the modules still in development

Read more: <https://atbats.org/whats-new/guided-tours-of-the-whole-platform>

4. Financial Transparency, End to End

Certified programs can now publish where your fees actually go, and you can see when ATBATS verified it.

- Fee allocation reporting with a Green/Amber/Red overhead rating
- A clear lifecycle: draft, submitted, in review, changes requested, verified, published
- Verified badge and fee breakdown on the public program profile
- PDF and CSV records for programs and compliance reviewers

Read more: <https://atbats.org/whats-new/financial-transparency-end-to-end>

5. Public Complaint Portal

You no longer need an account - or your name attached - to formally document what happened.

- Complaint-type-specific intake for six categories
- Anonymous submissions accepted
- A case number and a status page you can check any time
- Repeat-pattern detection so recurring issues escalate

Read more: <https://atbats.org/whats-new/public-complaint-portal>

6. Tryout Calendar Standards Enforced

Certified programs can no longer schedule tryouts earlier than the ATBATS minimum date for each age group.

- 8U-10U October 1, 11U-12U September 15, 13U-14U September 1, 15U-18U August 15
- Dates are validated when a program creates or edits an event
- The full standards table is published on the public tryout calendar
- Any approved exception is logged with a reason

Read more: <https://atbats.org/whats-new/tryout-calendar-standards-enforced>

DIRECTORY

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7. Certified Program Directory

Search certified programs and read a real profile instead of a marketing page.

- Filter by sport, age group, certification tier, and location
- Certification status, coach credentials, and published policies
- Financial transparency badge where a program has been verified
- Upcoming tryouts listed right on the profile

Read more: <https://atbats.org/whats-new/certified-program-directory>

ACCOUNTS

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8. Stronger, More Personal Accounts

Your ATBATS account now has real security controls and a status center for anything you've submitted.

- Two-factor authentication with backup codes
- Profile photos with cropping, removal, and a visibility setting
- Detailed email subscription preferences
- A My Certification center showing every step, submission, and review action

Read more: <https://atbats.org/whats-new/stronger-more-personal-accounts>

ATBATS is the standard youth travel sports has always needed. Questions about these release notes? Email info@atbats.org.