

2010 Big League Softball World Series

Kalamazoo, Michigan



Information Booklet

August 5 – 11, 2010

Big League Softball World Series

Housing

Players – Host Homes (**MANDATORY for the entire week.**)

Managers and Coaches – **Holiday Inn West Hotel** (2 rooms maximum). If managers and coaches do not bring spouses, they will be housed together. At registration, a credit card will be requested to handle charges over and above the room cost.

For all others - A Special Little League family rate will be available at the Holiday Inn West Hotel and other local motels. Reservations should be made directly with the facility or through Discover Kalamazoo.

Food

Players – Host homes

Managers and Coaches – Per Diem and food and beverage tickets

Lunches – Available at the field daily (*Chicken, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Pizza, etc.*)

Please patronize those restaurants and other businesses that have showed their support for our tournament by purchasing ads in the program book.

Games

- All games will be played at Wilson and Lee Fields – Vanderberg Park – Milwood Little League.
- Practice fields will be available. Revised schedules will be passed out at the tournament meeting if required.
- Game schedules and schedule of events attached.
- The Big League Championship game will be televised under the lights live on Wednesday, August 11th at 9:00 p.m. EST on ESPN2.

Awards Banquet

- Western Michigan University Student Center – 7pm, Tuesday, August 10th.
- Players, managers, coaches and their spouses will be guests of the tournament.
- Tickets will be available to families and friends at \$22 per ticket. For planning purposes, tickets **MUST BE PURCHASED BY 5:00 pm** on Saturday, August 7th.

Transportation

- A courtesy car will be furnished for each team (manager/coach) for the duration of their stay if the following requirements are met:

...EACH PERSON WHO WILL DRIVE THE CAR MUST PRESENT A VALID DRIVERS LICENSE. (International teams must have a valid international drivers license.)

and

...EACH PERSON MUST FILL OUT AND SIGN THE DRIVER RELEASE FORM VERIFYING THAT THEY HAVE AUTO INSURANCE. THE FORM IS ENCLOSED, PLEASE HAVE FILLED OUT WHEN ARRIVING IN KALAMAZOO!

If this cannot be done, you will have to furnish your own transportation. You are responsible for any damage to the car. We expect each car to be returned with a full tank of gas.

Game Scores

Inform your parents, fans and community that all game scores can be accessed on the Internet through the Softball World Series webpage:

www.softballworldseries.org

**or check out our Facebook Fan Page
“Big League Softball World Series”.**

Regional Champions Manager/Coach

Managers will be required to provide the following information by phone to the Tournament Director upon winning their Regional Tournament

- Official team name, address, and a phone number (someone connected with the team.)
- Names of manager, coaches and if any spouses will accompany them.
- Name of team spokesperson who will be our contact to coordinate tournament activities.
- We need the above information as soon as possible on or before August 1. **A call immediately after your game will make our task much easier.**

Bring With You...

- Completed housing form (receive upon winning) and eligibility affidavit.
- Medical release form for each player (receive upon winning). This release is required to avoid delay if an emergency should make medical treatment necessary. Also, advise of any allergies or reactions to animals (cats, dogs, etc.). In addition to the team eligibility information, medical release forms and affidavit, it is highly recommended that World Series teams bring current immunization records with them for each manager, coach, and player in case our medical staff needs them.
- Each team will be issued uniforms upon arrival. These must be worn at all games and **MUST BE RETURNED** upon completion of the tournament. The uniforms will consist of visors, shirts, pants, socks and sliders. The participants may keep the visors, socks and sliders as souvenirs.
- Awards Banquet – Players should bring appropriate clothing, such as dresses or dress slacks, along with complementary attire.
- If this is the first time your state or country has been represented at the World Series, please bring your state or national flag. **THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.** The flag will remain the property of the tournament. Also, international teams, except Canada, please bring a cassette tape or CD of your country's national anthem.

Managers and Coaches

Welcome to Kalamazoo and the 2010 Big League Softball World Series

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

- Call the housing coordinator for your team when you want messages delivered to your players. They will call each host family.
- Give your instructions to the host families regarding hours, swimming, bike riding, etc.
- Girls must attend all planned activities.
- Girls should plan to spend time with their parents at the fields, unless prior arrangements have been made with the host family. The housing families have opened their homes and taken time off work to provide for your players. Their plans for your players should be respected.
- Girls **MUST** stay overnight with host families. They may NOT stay overnight in the motel with their parents.
- Host families will provide for the **PLAYERS ONLY**. The parents of the players are to make their own arrangements for housing, cars, meals, etc. while they are here.
- We know that your players' behavior will be a reflection of the champions that they are. However, any behavior problems are to be handled by you. Please let us know immediately if any serious problems arise.
- Medical attention is available for **PLAYERS** with sports related injuries. We need to be notified of any players who have previously been injured and who might need special care.
- **ALL** practices will be held at Vanderberg Park practice fields.

HAVE A FUN FILLED WEEK AND GOOD LUCK TO YOU AND YOUR PLAYERS!

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Welcome and Congratulations Parents!

The competition has been challenging, your dedication is to be admired, and now the final week has arrived. Your daughter has the chance to become a World Series Champion! Your team will be one the ten teams in the Big League Division who has won a regional championship and earned their way to Kalamazoo for the challenge of a lifetime – The World Series Tournament.

Housing has been arranged for your team in the homes of area families, most who are or have been actively involved in our local Little Leagues. These families have taken time to provide not only housing and meals, but support and friendship to your daughters. There are over 60 host families who have made this commitment. Without them, this tournament would not be possible. Please respect their plans for your players. Players **MUST** spend their week with housing families, who are directly responsible for their well being and behavior when not on the field, unless arrangements are made with housing families at their convenience.

We are sure that those of you who have traveled great distances at your own expense to support your team will want to share the excitement of this special week with your girls. To help promote a spirit of cooperation between housing families and the team parents and supporters, we would like each team to appoint a *SPOKESPERSON* from among your group. This person will work together with the World Series Staff to strengthen communication, minimize difficulties, and help make this a very special week for everyone...especially your champions.

Much of the player's time is spent at the fields for scheduled games, to watch other teams, or just enjoy activities. This is an excellent time to spend with your daughters. Wednesday evening, after the opening ceremony, there will be a pizza/ice cream party which includes all the teams, host families, tournament officials and, of course, those of you who have traveled to Kalamazoo to support your team. Donations will be accepted.

On Tuesday, our annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be held at Western Michigan University. The \$22 tickets for this event will be sold at the field **ONLY through Saturday at 5:00 pm**. Have the players bring along appropriate clothing such as dress slacks or dresses.

Kalamazoo is a lively community that offers activities to satisfy everyone's interest. We have colleges, several shopping malls, many fine restaurants, movie theaters, live plays, concerts, winery tours, a Nature Center and numerous lakes. We are located about 45 minutes from the beautiful shore of Lake Michigan. Please let us help you find ways to make the most of your time here.

The best of luck to you! We are looking forward to your arrival the week of August 3rd.

TOURNAMENT LOCATIONS

Tournament Fields

Wilson Field & Lee Field

Vanderberg Park
Milwood Little League
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Tournament Headquarters

Holiday Inn West

2747 South 11th Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
PH: (269) 375-6000



Calendar of Events

Big League Round Robin - 10 Teams

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, August 1	6:00 PM	..... Host Family Open House (Holiday Inn)	Sunday, August 8	10:30 AM	..... Game 23
Tuesday, August 3	All Day	..... Teams Arrive - Orientation		10:30 AM	..... Game 24 (Lee Field)
Wednesday, August 4	As Scheduled...	Team Practices		1:00 PM	..... Game 25
	4:00 PM	..... Umpire Meeting		1:00 PM	..... Game 26 (Lee Field)
	5:00 PM	..... Opening Ceremonies		3:30 PM	..... Game 27
	6:00 PM	..... Ice Cream Social/ Pizza Party		3:30 PM	..... Game 28 (Lee Field)
	8:00 PM	..... Tournament Meeting Coaches/Umpires/Officials (Holiday Inn)		6:00 PM	..... Game 29
Thursday, August 5	1:00 PM	..... Game 1	Monday, August 9	10:30 AM	..... Game 31
	1:00 PM	..... Game 2 (Lee Field)		10:30 AM	..... Game 32 (Lee Field)
	3:30 PM	..... Game 3		1:00 PM	..... Game 33
	3:30 PM	..... Game 4 (Lee Field)		1:00 PM	..... Game 34 (Hassan Field)
	6:00 PM	..... Game 5		1:00 PM	..... Game 35 (Lee Field)
	6:00 PM	..... Game 6 (Lee Field)		3:30 PM	..... Game 36
Friday, August 6	10:30 AM	..... Game 7		3:30 PM	..... Game 37 (Lee Field)
	10:30 AM	..... Game 8 (Lee Field)		6:00 PM	..... Game 38
	1:00 PM	..... Game 9		6:00 PM	..... Game 39 (Lee Field)
	1:00 PM	..... Game 10 (Lee Field)	Tuesday, August 10	9:30 AM	..... Game 40
	3:30 PM	..... Game 11		9:30 AM	..... Game 41 (Lee Field)
	3:30 PM	..... Game 12 (Lee Field)		11:30 AM	..... Game 42
	6:00 PM	..... Game 13		11:30 AM	..... Game 43 (Lee Field)
	6:00 PM	..... Game 14 (Lee Field)		2:00 PM	..... Game 44
Saturday, August 7	10:30 AM	..... Game 15		2:00 PM	..... Game 45 (Lee Field)
	10:30 AM	..... Game 16 (Lee Field)		7:00 PM	..... Awards Banquet
	1:00 PM	..... Game 17	Wednesday, August 11	6:00 PM	..... Parade of Champions
	1:00 PM	..... Game 18 (Lee Field)		9:00 PM	..... Championship Game (ESPN2) Live
	3:30 PM	..... Game 19	Thursday, August 12	As Scheduled	. Departure of Teams
	3:30 PM	..... Game 20 (Lee Field)			
	6:00 PM	..... Game 21			
	6:00 PM	..... Game 22 (Lee Field)			

2010 Big League Game Schedule

10 Team Round Robin

Thursday, August 5

CENTRAL Game 1 1:00 PM EMEA	ASIA-PAC Game 2 1:00 PM (Lee) SOUTHWEST	ASIA-PAC Game 3 3:30 PM CANADA	LATIN AMER Game 4 3:30 PM (Lee) SOUTHWEST	DISTRICT 2 Game 5 6:00 PM CANADA	WEST Game 6 6:00 PM (Lee) EAST
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Friday, August 6

LATIN AMER Game 7 10:30 AM SOUTHWEST	EAST Game 8 10:30 AM (Lee) CANADA	EMEA Game 9 1:00 PM ASIA-PAC	SOUTHWEST Game 10 1:00 PM (Lee) CENTRAL	DISTRICT 2 Game 11 3:30 PM LATIN AMER	SOUTHWEST Game 12 3:30 PM (Lee) EAST	WEST Game 13 6:00 PM DISTRICT 2	ASIA-PAC Game 14 6:00 PM (Lee) CENTRAL
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Saturday, August 7

ASIA-PAC Game 16 10:30 AM WEST	EAST Game 18 10:30 AM (Lee) EMEA	EAST Game 17 1:00 PM LATIN AMER	EMEA Game 18 1:00 PM (Lee) WEST	CANADA Game 19 3:30 PM CENTRAL	ASIA-PAC Game 20 3:30 PM (Lee) SOUTHWEST	SOUTHWEST Game 21 6:00 PM DISTRICT 2	CENTRAL Game 22 6:00 PM (Lee) SOUTHWEST
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Sunday, August 8

SOUTHWEST Game 23 10:30 AM SOUTHWEST	EMEA Game 24 10:30 AM (Lee) LATIN AMER	DISTRICT 2 Game 25 1:00 PM ASIA-PAC	SOUTHWEST Game 26 1:00 PM (Lee) CANADA	EAST Game 27 3:30 PM DISTRICT 2	LATIN AMER Game 28 3:30 PM (Lee) WEST	CENTRAL Game 29 6:00 PM WEST	EMEA Game 30 6:00 PM (Lee) CANADA
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Monday, August 9

SOUTHWEST Game 31 10:30 AM EAST	CANADA Game 32 10:30 AM (Lee) WEST	CANADA Game 33 1:00 PM LATIN AMER	EMEA Game 34 1:00 PM (Hassan) SOUTHWEST	SOUTHWEST Game 35 1:00 PM (Lee) DISTRICT 2	WEST Game 36 3:30 PM SOUTHWEST	LATIN AMER Game 37 3:30 PM (Lee) CENTRAL	DISTRICT 2 Game 38 6:00 PM CENTRAL	ASIA-PAC Game 39 6:00 PM (Lee) EAST
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Tuesday, August 10

WEST Game 40 9:30 AM SOUTHWEST	DISTRICT 2 Game 41 9:30 AM (Lee) EMEA	EMEA Game 42 11:30 AM SOUTHWEST	LATIN AMER Game 43 11:30 AM (Lee) ASIA-PAC	CENTRAL Game 44 2:00 PM EAST	SOUTHWEST Game 45 2:00 PM (Lee) CANADA	Awards Banquet 7:00 PM
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Wednesday, August 11

Parade of Champions 6:00 PM	Game 48 9:00 PM	BIG LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME (Teams with Two Best Records Play for Championship)
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ACCOMMODATION GUIDE
2010 Big League Softball World Series
KALAMAZOO, MI August 3-11, 2010

The following Kalamazoo, MI hotels are offering a discounted rate for the parents and fans of the Big League Softball World Series teams. All rates will be honored until August 3, 2010. Please contact the hotel directly and ask for the Big League Soft Ball World Series rate. The rates listed below do not reflect 11% local and state taxes.

Hotel & Discounted Room Rates:

Baymont Inn & Suites	\$75.00	2203 S. 11th St./269.372.7999
Amenities include: Complimentary breakfast; access to nearby fitness center.		
Best Western Hospitality Inn	\$79.99	9640 E. Cork St./269.381.1900
Amenities include: Fitness center; whirlpool; indoor pool; complimentary breakfast.		
Best Western Suites Kalamazoo	\$104.00	2575 S. 11th St./269.350.5522
Amenities include: Free Wi-Fi, complimentary breakfast, refrigerator & microwave in room.		
Candlewood Suites	\$89.00	3449 Retail Place Dr./877.226.3539
Amenities include: Full kitchen in suite; fitness center		
Country Inn & Suites	\$79.00	1912 Kllgore Rd./269.382.2303
Amenities include: Refrigerator & microwave in room; indoor pool; complimentary continental breakfast.		
Fairfield Inn West	\$109.00	6420 Cracker Barrel Dr./269.353.6400
Amenities include: Complimentary breakfast; indoor pool.		
Hampton Inn & Suites	\$114.00 - \$124.00	5059 S. 9th St./269.372.1010
Amenities include: Complimentary breakfast; indoor pool; fitness center; high-speed internet.		
Hampton Inn East	\$96.00 - \$104.00	1550 E. Kllgore Rd./269.344.7774
Amenities include: Complimentary breakfast; indoor pool.		
Motel 6	\$54.99	3704 Vanrick Dr./269.344.9255
Amenities include: Complimentary coffee; complimentary local calls.		
Red Roof Inn East	\$59.99	3701 E. Cork St./269.382.6350
Amenities include: Complimentary coffee; off-site fitness center.		
Red Roof Inn West	\$64.99	5425 W. Michigan/289.375.7400
Amenities include: Complimentary daily coffee; off site fitness center.		
Staybridge Suites	\$119.95 - \$189.95	2001 Seneca Ln./269.372.8000
Amenities include: Complimentary hot breakfast; full kitchen in room; indoor pool; fitness room.		
TownePlace Suites	\$99.00 - \$119.00	5693 S. 9th St./269.353.1500
Amenities include: Complimentary continental breakfast; free Wi-Fi; laundry facilities.		
Value Place Suites	\$179.00 - \$229.00 per week	1653 South 11th St./269.372.6300
Amenities include: Kitchenette in room; high-speed internet; laundry facilities.		

If you have questions please contact: Discover Kalamazoo at 800.888.0509 or 269.488.9000 Monday – Friday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm or e-mail Discover Kalamazoo at hotels@discoverkalamazoo.com. Rates will be guaranteed until August 3, 2010

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