

BIG LEAGUE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES

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Kalamazoo, MI – For the first time in the history of the Big League Softball World Series, the championship game will be televised live under the lights in prime time on ESPN2 on Wednesday, August 12 at 8 p.m. EST. This will be the 16th consecutive year Vanderberg Park will be the site of the Big League Softball World Series and the 30th consecutive year of hosting a softball world series in Kalamazoo.

The tournament format for the 2009 edition of the Big League Softball World Series will also see a dramatic change. Previous World Series have included pool play with the top two teams in each of the two pools advancing to championship play. The new format will have each of the 10 teams play one another in a round-robin format. At the conclusion of round robin play, the two

teams with the best records will play for the title of Big League Softball World Series Champions.

The field is now set and the ten teams that will compete for a world championship include the United States Regional champions: **East** – District 32 Pennsylvania; **Central** – District 9, Grand Rapids, Michigan; **Southeast**; Cartersville Little League, Cartersville, Georgia; **Southwest** – El Campo Little League, El Campo, Texas; **West** – District 51, Antelope Valley, California. Also making the trip to Kalamazoo are the **Latin American** champions, District 1, San Juan, Puerto Rico, **Canada** Champions, District 5, Windsor, Ontario, Rizal Province Little League, Rizal, Philippines representing the **Asia Pacific** region and Brzeg Little League, Brzeg, Poland, the **EMEA** champions. Rounding out the field is the **Host** team, Michigan District 2, Kalamazoo.

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