

## **BIG LEAGUE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

*Little League Softball World Series – Big League Division*

## **Celebrating 32 Years in Kalamazoo!**

**“We Do It Big!”**

#### **For Immediate Release**

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*Kalamazoo, MI* The 32nd edition of a Softball World Series in Kalamazoo will again crown a world champion in front of a live ESPN2 primetime audience. The lights will shine brightly above Vanderberg Park on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. as the Regional Champions from the East, Central, South, Southwest and West, along with the Canadian, Asia Pacific, EMEA and Latin American champions and host team Michigan District 2 vie for the coveted world title. The ten teams will compete in a round robin tournament beginning on August 4<sup>th</sup> and the top two teams will face off in the final game on August 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Calendar of Events:**

Opening ceremonies will be held at Vanderberg Park Little League Complex on Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5 p.m. The round robin games will be played Thursday through Tuesday with the championship game on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The awards banquet is Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Western Michigan University's Bernhard Center. The Parade of Champions and Spirit Competition, honoring all series participants and the 32<sup>nd</sup> year of World Series play under the direction of Bud Vanderberg, are scheduled for 3:30 on Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, immediately preceding the championship game.

### **The Road to the World Series:**

**District:** Since Big League teams are district-wide, there are no district tournaments in Big League Softball.

**State, Province or Country:** This is the next major level of play beyond districts. However, in some states, provinces or countries where there are a large number of leagues, a sub tournament is played. All state championship teams advance to regional competition.

**Regional Competition:** This is the third basic level of play. There are nine regions in Little League. Big League championship teams from these nine regional tournaments advance to the Softball World Series in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Regional winners will be updated in forthcoming press releases.