



## 2018 Information Guide

### WSYL Championship Series Overview

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#### Key Details

- Dates: July 1-4, 2018
- Location: Denver, CO (Dick's Sporting Goods Park & Sports Authority Field at Mile High)
- Cost: \$300 per player (no team fee)
- Championship Game: Broadcast live on ESPN2 on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Game played in Sports Authority Field at Mile High Stadium immediately prior to the MLL Denver Outlaws July 4<sup>th</sup> game.
- World Rankings: All teams that Qualify for Denver will be automatically ranked in Nissan 13U World Rankings that is published prior to the Championship Series. The Rankings will be updated again following completion of the WSYL Championship.

#### What is included in registration for WSYL Championship Series?

- 6 games at Dick's Sporting Goods Park against the top teams from around the world
- Your club's logo featured in Inside Lacrosse and NCAA Final Four Program ads
- Custom WSYL co-branded jerseys to be worn in Denver and kept by players
- Additional apparel and prizes for coaches and players at check-in and throughout the event
- Opening Ceremony for players, coaches, families
- Banquet tickets for players and up to 3 coaches at Club Level of Mile High Stadium
- WSYL Championship and Outlaws tickets for players and up to 3 coaches
- On-field pregame procession for all teams in Mile High Stadium (covered by ESPN2 crew)
- Media coverage from ESPN, Lax Sports Network, Inside Lacrosse, The Lacrosse Network, and WSYL

#### Championship Series Format

- Seeding: Brackets will consist of four divisions of six teams. Seeding is based on performance at U.S. Regional Qualifiers. Each division will include at least one international team.
- Advancement: Top 2 teams from each division advance to playoffs.
- Game Format: Four 12-minute running time periods. NCAA rules with three referees per game.
- All teams will play a minimum of 6 games. All pool-play and playoff games are played at Dick's Sporting Goods Park and the Championship Game is played at Sports Authority Field at Mile High Stadium and broadcast live on ESPN2.

#### Media Coverage:

- [2018 World Series of Youth Lacrosse Official Trailer](#) – WSYL Productions
- [Nissan WSYL / IL 13U Pre-Season World Rankings](#) – Inside Lacrosse, October 2017
- [2017 WSYL Championship Series Recap](#) – The Lacrosse Network
- [2017 WSYL Championship Series Media Coverage](#) – Inside Lacrosse, July 2017
- [2017 Nissan All World Team](#) – WSYL Selection Committee

## HOTEL INFORMATION

- The WSYL is a stay to play event. We have secured the lowest room rates available at some of the most reputable hotels in Denver. This is done to ensure that all players participating in the event all receive the same quality experience. Staying in a WSYL host hotel will also allow teams from all over the country to interact and develop relationships outside of strictly playing in the tournament.
- **Rooms will be made available to all North, East and Midwest teams on Monday, April 9, 2018.** Please have your Team Administrator contact Abby Gibson at Direct Sales to reserve a block of rooms for your team. **Abby Gibson** – [abby.gibson@RoomRoster.com](mailto:abby.gibson@RoomRoster.com) or 888-723-2064 Ext. 247. If your team Administrator will not be coordinating a block of rooms, parents can reserve individual rooms by clicking [here](#) to visit the hotel link.
- The best place to stay is a matter of personal preference. The Headquarters Hotel is DoubleTree by Hilton Denver, which is where the check-in and welcome reception are located on July 1<sup>st</sup>. There will not be any other official WSYL activities planned at this hotel.
- The deadline for making reservations is May 30, 2018 – after which point the rooms will be released and you will likely have to pay a significantly higher rate.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Player Check-in: Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

- Player check-in is from 3-6 PM at the DoubleTree by Hilton Denver. ALL PLAYERS must check-in to receive their WSYL swag. A coach or parent cannot sign in on a player's or team's behalf.
- Immediately following check-in, at 6 PM, the Opening Ceremony will begin for players, parents and coaches. Parents will be excused for the last 15 minutes of the Opening Ceremony as the parents and coaches are addressed. The Opening Ceremony be over around 7:30 PM, at which point the players will be joined with their parents. There are no other scheduled activities that night, so families are welcome to do as they please.
- A cocktail reception with light appetizers for coaches will immediately follow the Opening Ceremony.

WSYL Championship Series: Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

- A schedule of each day's games and activities will be posted closer to the start of the event. Games will go from 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM each day.
- All games will be played at Dick's Sporting Goods Park, except for the championship game which will be played at Sports Authority Field at Mile High on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Midas Skills Competition: Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 PM

- The WSYL will host the Skills Competition for all WSYL players. Events include fastest shot, fastest player and more.
- Details will be announced closer to the start of the World Series. Top players from each team will advance to the final round.

## WSYL Championship / Denver Outlaws Game: Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

- ESPN's broadcasting schedule has not yet been finalized, so we do not have a definite start time for the championship game at this point, but we do know it will be between 1:00 and 4:00 PM local time.
- All non-finalist teams will attend the Championship Game at Sports Authority Field at Mile High. All teams will march onto the field prior to the game carrying their team flag similar to the Olympics Opening Ceremony (more info on flags below). There will be an awards ceremony following the Championship game, which will include the trophy presentation and the announcement of the Nissan WSYL All-World team.
- All Players and up to 3 coaches per team will receive free tickets to the July 4<sup>th</sup> Denver Outlaws MLL game being played at Sports Authority Field at 6:30 PM.
- Parents and siblings may purchase a ticket through a WSYL Ticket block at a reduced price. More information on how to purchase tickets will be made available as we get closer to the event.
- **Note that the ticket covers both the Championship WSYL Game and the Outlaws game. Outlaws tickets will be required for admission into the Championship WSYL Game.**
- Immediately after the Outlaws game all fans will be treated to a spectacular firework display at the Sports Authority Field at Mile High!

## BANQUET

- Location: East Club Level at Sports Authority Field at Mile High Stadium.
- Date/Time: Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6-9 PM.
- Dress Code: Coat & tie preferred.
- The Banquet is included in the registration for all players and up to 3 coaches per team. Parents & siblings can purchase tickets at the following prices: \$50 for ages 6 & older; \$30 for ages 5 and under.
- Tickets will be made available online after June 1<sup>st</sup>. Additional details will be announced as necessary. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance on a first come basis.
- Banquet tickets can be picked up at check-in on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Dining: The banquet will be catered by Epicurean Catering at Sports Authority Field at Mile High and will be buffet-style with reception style seating. This will not be a formal sit-down banquet and players and families are encouraged to mingle.
- There will be a cash bar for parents and coaches.
- Entertainment will include: Photo booth, music, autographs, awards, raffles and more.
- If you or your child has a food allergy, please contact us well in advance so that special arrangements can be made.

## TEAM TENTS & RENTALS

- Pop-up team tents will be permitted at Dick's Sporting Goods Park, but not Sports Authority Field at Mile High. Tents greater than 10' x 10' and tent setups that require professional installation are not permitted by DSGP.
- If you wish to purchase pop-up canopies for your team's tailgate area for the weekend, there are several retail stores in the area that carry them (Bass Pro Shops, Walmart, Big 5 Sporting Goods). Prices range from \$50 to \$150 for a 10' x 10' pop-up canopy.
- The WSYL will arrange for team rentals of 6' tables and chairs, which can be picked up and dropped off right at Dick's Sporting Goods Park. More information on pricing and availability will be provided closer to the event.

## PINS & FLAGS

- Team pins are strongly recommended. As a sign of sportsmanship, respect and team pride, we encourage all players to exchange pins with their opponent following each game throughout the tournament. While we realize how competitive this event can be we want the players to appreciate and respect the efforts of their competitors. We will address the protocol for exchanging pins during the 7/1 Opening Ceremony.
- There are a multitude of pin manufacturers online and you can use the one that best meets your needs. In the past, we have ordered pins from [www.imprintid.com](http://www.imprintid.com) and [www.metropins.com](http://www.metropins.com). We suggest each team bring 250-300 pins with them to Denver.
- **All teams will be required to have a team flag for the World Series.** All teams will march onto the field prior to the championship game carrying their flag, similar to the Olympics. We will provide flag pole bases for each team to hold their flag behind their bench for all of the Championship Series games
- There are a multitude of flag manufacturers online and you can use the one that best meets your needs. The flag needs to be 3' x 5' with the team logo displayed on both sides. The pole should be 6' long. We recommend using Richard Tamoush from AAA Flags ([richard@aaafag.com](mailto:richard@aaafag.com)), but you are welcome to select another vendor.
- **PLEASE DO NOT DELAY IN ORDERING PINS & FLAGS.** There is often a significant lead time and we do not want your teams to be left out because you didn't place the order in time.

## WORLD SERIES CUSTOM JERSEYS AND TEAM STORE

- All teams will receive custom WSYL co-branded jerseys to be worn throughout the event. The jerseys will be designed through Warrior Lacrosse with input from the Club.
- In addition, Warrior will open a team store with custom co-branded gear and apparel available for purchase at a reduced price.
- Information on the jersey orders and team store will be sent to coaches directly.

## **PLAYER & COACH SWAG**

- All players and coaches will receive a selection of custom WSYL branded apparel during registration/check-in on 7/1.
- As teams advance through the playoffs, they will continue to receive additional WSYL branded awards.

## **FORMAT**

- 4 divisions of 6 teams each.
- Seeding from qualifiers will be used to determine the divisions.
- Top 2 teams from each division advance to playoffs.
- All teams will play a minimum of 6 games.
- All teams will play on July 2, 3, and 4.
- Divisions and schedules will be announced at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

## **WORLD SERIES AVENUE**

- The World Series Avenue will feature a variety of national and local retailers, the area's best food trucks, sponsor tents, contests and games, giveaways & more!
- Though the WSYL has arranged for variety of food and beverage options on-site, families are welcome to bring in additional food and beverages.
- Third party vendors (e.g. caterers) are prohibited due to facility rules.

## **VIDEOGRAPHY/PHOTOGRAPHY**

- ESPN film crews will be on-site at Dick's Sporting Goods Park throughout the Championship Series event. Footage from the preliminary games will be used during the nationally televised live broadcast of the Championship Game on ESPN2.
- Professional photographers will be on site capturing the entire weekend.
- These pictures will be made available for sale online after the event.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

No smoking, pets, alcoholic beverages, noisemakers, tobacco or grills are permitted at any venue. Please make sure to let your team know to leave their pets at home. They are not permitted for liability reasons and it is an inconvenience for your parents when we have to send the pets away from the field.

Please continue to check our website for updates leading up to the event. For any additional questions, please contact us at [info@wsylax.com](mailto:info@wsylax.com) or 410-252-3600.