



2019 Information Guide

WSYL Championship Series Overview

Key Details

- Dates: July 1-4, 2019.
- Location: Denver, CO (Dick's Sporting Goods Park).
- Cost: \$300 per player (no team fee).
- Championship Game: Broadcast live on ESPN2 on July 4th.
- 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 other media publications
- 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 on July 1st for players, coaches, families
- Banquet tickets for players and up to 3 coaches on July 3rd
- WSYL Championship tickets on July 4th for players and up to 3 coaches
- On-field pregame procession prior to WSYL Championship Game (covered by ESPN2)
- Media coverage from ESPN, Inside Lacrosse, The Lacrosse Network, and Next Level Video

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 the exception of the new shot clock, advancement and crease-diving rules implemented in 2019. 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.

Media Coverage:

- [Nissan WSYL / IL 13U Pre-Season World Rankings](#) – Inside Lacrosse, November 2018
- [WSYL: The Insiders' Perspective](#) – Inside Lacrosse, September 2018
- [2018 WSYL Championship Highlights](#) – Next Level Video
- [2018 WSYL Championship Series Recap](#) – The Lacrosse Network
- [2018 WSYL Championship Series Media Coverage](#) – Inside Lacrosse, July 2018
- [2018 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.
- The best place to stay is a matter of personal preference. The Headquarters Hotel is Hilton Denver City Center, which is where the check-in and welcome reception are located on July 1st. There will not be any other official WSYL activities planned at this hotel.
- The deadline for making reservations is May 30, 2019 – 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: Monday, July 1st

- Player check-in is from 3:00-6:00 PM at the is Hilton Denver City Center. ALL PLAYERS must check-in to receive their WSYL swag. A coach or parent cannot sign in on a player's behalf.
- Immediately following check-in, at 6:00 PM, the Opening Ceremony will begin for players, players and coaches. The Opening Ceremony be over around 7:00 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 and program directors will immediately follow the Opening Ceremony.

WSYL Championship Series: Tuesday, July 2nd – Thursday, July 4th

- A schedule of each day's games and activities will be posted closer to the start of the event. Games will run from 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM each day.
- All pool play and playoff games will be played at Dick's Sporting Goods Park (6000 Victory Way, Commerce City, CO 80022).

Tire America Skills Competition: Tuesday, July 2nd 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 Game: Thursday, July 4th

- The Championship Game will be played at 3:00 PM Mountain Time and broadcast live on ESPN2.
- All non-finalist teams will attend the Championship Game. 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 WSYL Championship Game and WSYL Fan Fest that will be held prior to the game.
- 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.

BANQUET

- Date/Time: Wednesday, July 3rd 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.
- Dining: The banquet 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.
- Entertainment will include: Music, photo booth, awards, raffles and more.
- More information and the ticket purchase link for parents and siblings will be made available closer to the start of the event.

TEAM TENTS & RENTALS

- Pop-up team tents will be permitted at Dick's Sporting Goods Park. Tents greater than 10' x 10' and tent setups that require professional installation are not permitted by WSYL or 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 and 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 AAA Flags (<http://www.aaafly.com> / 855-836-3200), 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.

WSYL Walk

- The WSYL Walk 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 and game filming will be on site capturing the entire weekend. Details on how to pre-purchase packages, will be made available to parents closer to 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 or 410-252-3600.