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## Hawaii, Iowa to meet in key World Series game Wednesday in Taylor

Teams from Hawaii and Iowa meet in a must-win baseball game – one of four scheduled Wednesday during the Junior League World Series in Taylor's Heritage Park, 12111 Pardee Road.

### Wednesday's schedule

11 a.m. Mechanicsville, Virginia (0-2) vs. Canton, Massachusetts (1-1)  
 2 p.m. Manila, Philippines (1-1) vs. London, England (0-2)  
 5 p.m. Johnston, Iowa (2-0) vs. Hilo, Hawaii (2-1)  
 8 p.m. Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada (0-2) vs. Boca Del Rio, Veracruz, Mexico (2-1)

The Junior League World Series features the best teams of 13- and 14-year-old baseball players from around the world. It's the big brother of the Little League World Series, the tournament for 12-year-olds in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

The World Series continues with four games Wednesday and Thursday. The top teams play for the International and USA championships at 5 and 8 p.m. Friday. The world championship game, before a live audience on ESPNU, is set for 5 p.m. Saturday.

Tickets are just \$5 per day per carload or \$10 for a week-long pass. Both fees include parking. For updates, visit [www.cityoftaylor.com/worldseries](http://www.cityoftaylor.com/worldseries). To listen to the ballgames via streaming audio, visit [www.cityoftaylor.com/listen](http://www.cityoftaylor.com/listen).

### Standings after Tuesday's games

#### USA Pool

Johnston, Iowa (Central) 2-0  
 Hilo, Hawaii (West) 2-1  
 Canton, Massachusetts (East) 1-1  
 Alvin, Texas (Southwest) 1-2  
 Mechanicsville, Virginia (South) 0-2

#### International Pool

Willemstad, Curacao (Latin America) 3-0  
 Boca Del Rio, Veracruz (Mexico) 2-1  
 Manila, Philippines (Asia-Pacific) 1-1  
 London, England (Europe) 0-2  
 Coquitlam, British Columbia (Canada) 0-2

### Tuesday's results at a glance

Johnston, Iowa 12, Alvin, Texas 8  
 Willemstad, Curacao 12, London, England 4  
 Boca Del Rio, Veracruz, Mexico 6, Manila, Philippines 5 (8 innings)  
 Hilo, Hawaii 12, Canton, Massachusetts 0

### Tuesday highlights

Johnston, Iowa, scored in every inning but the third to take a 12-8 win over Alvin, Texas, in the Junior League World Series in Taylor. Trailing 6-4 after three, Team Iowa (2-0) scored three runs in the fourth, three more in the fifth and two in the sixth. Tyler Neumann, Cody Brenner and Michael Kinning had three hits each for the winners, who had 15 hits as a team. Kinning knocked in four runs. Neumann and Kale Singleton each had three RBI. Jacob Campbell had three hits and Chase Weaver two hits for Texas (1-2). Five Texas errors helped Iowa's cause.

Willemstad, Curacao, earned its third straight win of the World Series, defeating London, England, 13-4. Curacao banged out 13 hits, including a second-inning grand slam by Denjerick Virginie, who was 2-for-3 and scored three runs. The slam broke a 3-3 tie and put Curacao up 7-3. Winning pitcher Johnymar Juliana and left fielder Vincent Ahtonia also had two hits for the winners. Sherman Lacrus added a two-run bases-loaded double in the fourth inning. London was limited to three hits, but scored two of its runs on a second-inning infield-fly call. Curacao, the Latin America champions, improved to 3-0 with one game to go in the International Pool. England, the champion of Europe, the Middle East and Africa, fell to 1-2.

A bases-loaded walk by Jose Muniz gave the Mexican national champions from Boca Del Rio, Veracruz, an extra-inning 6-5 victory over Manila, Philippines. The walk off pitcher Julian Habana scored special pinch-runner Joarit Ortiz with one out in the eighth inning and the game tied at 5-5. Charles Catangui of the Philippines had forced the extra inning with a two-out, full-count, two-run homer in the top of the seventh, when Manila rallied with four runs. Benjamin Barragan and Jose Mora homered for Mexico (2-1) earlier in the game. Philippines, the Asia-Pacific champion and the runner-up in the 2007 World Series, fell to 1-1.

Nine different players hit safely and three pitchers combined on a shutout to lift Hilo, Hawaii, to a 12-0 victory over Canton, Massachusetts. First baseman Charles Matson went 3-for-3 and knocked in five runs -- three on a home run to deep center field in the fifth inning, when the game was halted by the mercy rule. Ekolu Martins, Kian Kurokawa and Connor Yoshioka pitched a four-hit shutout. Massachusetts, which defeated Texas, 10-4, the day before, committed nine errors against Hawaii. The win was huge for Hawaii, which improved to 2-1 in the USA Pool with a big match up against unbeaten Johnston, Iowa, ahead on Wednesday. Massachusetts fell to 1-1.

For more information on the tournament visit the World Series Web site: [www.cityoftaylor.com/worldseries](http://www.cityoftaylor.com/worldseries).

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