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## Chinese Taipei, Arizona play for Junior League Baseball world championship Saturday

TAYLOR, MICHIGAN – Taoyuan, Chinese Taipei will play Rio Rico, Arizona for the world championship of the 33rd annual Junior League Baseball World Series at 2 p.m. Saturday at Taylor's Heritage Park.

Junior League is the 13- and 14-year-old division of Little League baseball – in fact, the older brother of the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The World Series started in Taylor in 1981 and has been here ever since.

Admission to the Junior League World Series finale is only \$5 per carload, which includes parking. Heritage Park is located at 12111 Pardee Road.

The Asia-Pacific champions from Chinese Taipei (5-0) wrapped up the International crown on Friday night with an 11-0 win over Latin America champ Willemstad, Curacao (3-2). Chinese Taipei scored eight runs in the fifth inning to put the game away. Nine batters contributed to Taoyuan's 11-hit total. Wang Wei An went 2-for-4, scored a run and had two RBI. Huang Tzu Hsuan pitched a three-hitter, striking out five and walking one.

The USA West champions from Arizona (4-1) captured the United States championship with a 7-3 win over Goodlettsville, Tennessee (3-2). The USA Southeast champs led for much of the first 3½ innings when Arizona scored twice in the bottom of the fourth and three more runs in the fifth. Brian Garcia's two-run homer was the key blow in the fifth. Pitcher Cesar Dominguez Jr. threw a five-hitter, striking out five. Arizona's only loss of the series was in the opener to Tennessee 3-1.

Ten teams – five regional champs from the USA and five international champions – started the week. After round-robin pool play, the final four teams played Friday for the right to compete in the World Series finale.

The world championship game of the weeklong international tournament will be broadcast live by ESPN on its website [www.ESPN3.com](http://www.ESPN3.com). The game will be replayed on television on ESPN2 at 10 a.m. Sunday, which is a change announced by ESPN today.

If you can't make it to Heritage Park, you can follow every pitch at [www.gamechanger.io](http://www.gamechanger.io). Search for "Junior League World Series."

For more information on the Junior League World Series, visit the website [www.cityoftaylor.com/worldseries](http://www.cityoftaylor.com/worldseries) or follow all year long on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/juniorleagueworldseries](http://www.facebook.com/juniorleagueworldseries).

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