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## IT'S TEXAS VS. CHINESE TAIPEI FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES TODAY AT TAYLOR'S HERITAGE PARK

The USA Southwest champions from Corpus Christi, Texas, will challenge the Asia-Pacific champions from Chinese Taipei in the grand finale of the Junior League Baseball World Series in Taylor, Michigan. The first pitch is scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday at Heritage Park, 12111 Pardee Road.

The Junior League World Series is the world championship for the 13- and 14-year-old division of Little League. It's the "older brother" of the Little League World Series for 12-year-olds in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The Junior League tournament has been in Taylor since its inception in 1981. All teams arrive in Taylor from around the world as champions, having won a national and/or regional title.

Admission is just \$5 per carload. Those unable to watch in person can view the world championship game live on [www.ESPN3.com](http://www.ESPN3.com). The game will be rebroadcast at 10 a.m. Sunday on ESPN2.

Texas defeated USA West championship Manhattan Beach, California, 4-2, for the USA championship on Friday night. Earlier Friday, Chinese Taipei defeated Latin America champion Willemstad, Curacao, 10-2, for the International title.

The team from Chung-Shan Junior High in Tai Chung is attempting to defend the world title won last year by the Chinese Taipei league in Taoyuan. This year's International champions have allowed just four runs in five victories, outscoring opponents in the International Pool, 48-4.

The only loss by Texas (4-1) came Thursday night against USA Southeast champion Rutherfordton, North Carolina. The win over California was the second of the week for the Southwest champs.

In Friday's early game, Chinese Taipei led 6-0 by the fifth inning. After Curacao scored two in the sixth, the Asia-Pacific champs closed the scoring with four more runs in the top of the seventh. Chinese Taipei had 11 hits. I-Wei Li and Kun-Tai Lin were both 2-for-3. Pitchers Shih-Kai Hsu and Ruei-Yang Gu-Lin combined on a six-hitter. Quendryson Reinilla went 2-for-3 for Curacao.

In the late game, Texas defeated California 4-2 in a contest that was in doubt until the last pitch. Texas took a 4-0 lead into the bottom of the seventh inning, then held on as California scored two runs and had the bases loaded when a shallow pop fly to right field was caught by Texas first baseman Brandon Broughton to end the rally. Broughton's home run to left field opened the scoring for Texas in the third inning. Corpus Christi added a run in the fourth and two in the fifth. Eight Texas batters hit safely, including Justin Quinn, who was 2-for-2. Broughton did the bulk of the pitching for Texas, limiting California to four hits, striking out eight in five innings. But California doubled its hit count in the seventh inning and nearly completed the comeback. Chris Penna and Nick Solan were both 2-for-4. California ended the World Series 3-2.

For more information on the Junior League World Series, visit [www.cityoftaylor.com/worldseries](http://www.cityoftaylor.com/worldseries) or [www.facebook.com/juniorleagueworldseries](http://www.facebook.com/juniorleagueworldseries).

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