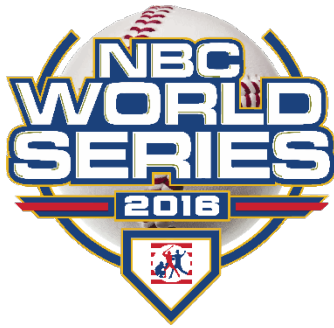


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2016 NBC Championships to Air Live on ESPN

WICHITA, Kan. – The [National Baseball Congress \(NBC\) World Series](#) championship game can be seen in homes across the nation next week. The final game of the tournament, scheduled for Saturday, August 13, at 7 p.m. CST, can be viewed live on ESPNU, and will also be available on ESPN3 via the WatchESPN app.

Visit Wichita and the National Baseball Congress have teamed up to produce and air the championships so that people across the nation can share in the excitement of this 82-year tradition held in Wichita.

"This tournament has sparked lasting memories in families for more than eight decades so to air it on national television and share it with the fans of ESPN just makes sense," said Susie Santo, president & CEO of Visit Wichita. "Collegiate players in this tournament go on to do great things in baseball and they can say they got their start right here in Wichita. It's an honor to be home to such an unforgettable experience."

For the first time in tournament history, a team comprised of former major league players will be taking the field. Roger Clemens, Adam LaRoche, Nate Robertson and more will be competing in the NBC World Series as "The Kansas Stars." The Stars are scheduled to play at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 6; 7 p.m. on Aug. 8; and 7 p.m. on Aug. 10. They could play more games if they advance out of pool play. See the full roster [here](#).

"We are thrilled to host these former MLB stars in the NBC World Series," said Kevin Jenks, tournament director. "Many got their start here at this stadium so to see them come back and play in the tournament is exciting. They, like every other team here, though, have to compete to get to that final game, which will be aired nationwide. We can't wait to see them take the field this weekend."

Should The Kansas Stars take the national trophy, they will donate the prize money to charity.

Where games will be held

Lawrence-Dumont Stadium, a staple along the Arkansas River in downtown Wichita, Kansas, is named after Hap and Charles S. Lawrence, Wichita's mayor when the stadium was built, and still hosts the NBC World Series. It is also home to the Wichita Wingnuts baseball team of the American Association of Independent Baseball.

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NBC tournament schedule and tickets

The tournament began Friday, July 29, at Lawrence-Dumont Stadium in downtown Wichita and runs through the championships on Saturday, Aug. 13. Thirty teams of mostly college-age and amateur players from across the country to compete, along with the former MLB stars this year, for a national championship.

Another tournament first: teams will have a three-game guarantee as the 82nd NBC World Series is going from a double-elimination format to pool play. The new format puts an emphasis on strong pitching and makes the trip to Wichita more rewarding for the qualifying teams.

Tickets for the NBC World Series are on sale now but going fast; most pool play games featuring The Kansas Stars are standing room only, but to see what's available and purchase tickets, [click here](#).

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About NBC

The National Baseball Congress (NBC) World Series is the premier showcase for college-age, amateur players since 1935. The NBC World Series is the third-largest event and the oldest continuous sporting event in Wichita. This non-profit 501c(3) foundation operates under the supervision of a 13-member volunteer board of directors. To learn more, visit www.nbcbaseball.com.

About Visit Wichita

Visit Wichita markets the greater Wichita area as a major convention and tourism destination, thereby enhancing the economic development of the city, county, region and state. Visit Wichita is led by president and CEO Susie Santo, and in 2014 travel and tourism contributed more than \$1 billion in economic impact to the greater Wichita area.

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