



## Press Release

Event: Men's Softball World Series Tournament

Date: September 17-19, 2004

Time:

Friday, September 17, 2004 - 7:00am - 11:00pm

Saturday, September 18, 2004 - 7:00am - 11:00pm

Sunday, September 19, 2004 - 8:00am - 2:00pm

Location: River Road Park  
River Road  
Kankakee, IL 60901

Admission: \$5.00 per carload

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36 of the nation's best Class B men's softball teams from a 9-state area will descend on the Kankakee area this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to compete in the NSA Class B Men's Slow-Pitch World Series.

The highly regarded 3 day tournament will be held at the River Road Softball Complex in Kankakee beginning at 7:00am on Friday, and 8:00am on Saturday and Sunday. Games will be played throughout each day and into the night, with the championship game scheduled for Sunday at 2:00pm.

The Kankakee Valley Park District's concession stand will be open throughout the event, with cold drinks, ice cream, pizza, hot dogs, and other refreshments. Entertainment is planned beginning at 7:30pm on Saturday night with music by DJ Jason Cohen. The public is welcome and encouraged, with a modest \$5.00 per carload fee at the River road Park gate.

Each participating team has earned the right to play in the Class B World Series through victories in various Super Regionals, Super NIT's or State Tournaments throughout the Midwest. Teams will be coming from as far as Pennsylvania and Minnesota to compete.

"To qualify for the World Series is a huge milestone for any Class B Team," Gerry Gund, State Director of the National Softball Association and the World Series Tournament Director. "These are big, powerful, skilled players, many of whom have played professional sports or competed on a pro level in some way. Fans will see some of the best softball action there is!"

With additional 1,500 people estimated to be in the area this weekend, there will be plenty of outside visitors into Kankakee County to generate more tax revenues through hotels, retail businesses, and restaurants.

"The Park District is proud to be able to work with Gerry Gund to bring a tournament of this caliber to the area," Dave O'Connell, Executive Director of the Kankakee Valley Park District. "The selection committee looks at tournament sites from all over the Midwest, and to be selected as the Class B World Series site is a great honor for us."

The Top 4 teams in the tournament will earn the right to compete in the Super World Series in Muncie, Indiana on October 8, 9, and 10, 2004.

For more information on game schedules, or for updates on the tournament, log on to [www.illinoisNSA.com](http://www.illinoisNSA.com).