Teams must receive a berth by qualifying for the BPA World Series. 
Contact your State Director for detailed qualifying procedures within your State.

ALL TEAMS MUST PARTICIPATE in their "HOME" BPA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP Qualifying Tournament to VALIDATE the berth.

Note: PARTICIPATE / PLAY in the STATE TOURNAMENT means a team must physically play in the tournament or lose their berth. Paying and NOT SHOWING for the state tournament will be cause for team to lose world series berth!

All teams MUST enter the BPA World Series through their "Home State" Director or Zone Office. 
BPA WORLD SERIES ENTRY FORM Can be found at www.bpaworldseries.com

✓ Tournament dates include a Week Days. The team understands the Tournament WILL BEGIN DURING THE WEEK, and that THE TEAM MAY BE REQUIRED TO PLAY ON WEEK DAYS FOR THE BPA WORLD SERIES TOURNAMENT. Entry in to this tournament constitutes acknowledgement and agreement to these conditions.

✓ Mandatory Coach Mtg., Mandatory Player Check-in, Skills Competition, and Opening Ceremonies all take place Wednesday July 19, 2017.

✓ Games may begin Wednesday, July 19, 2017.

✓ Entry into this tournament constitutes acknowledgement and agreement to commitments as listed.

Please DO NOT contact the Tournament Directors to request an exemption from meetings, check-in, Opening Ceremonies, or about early start times for games, as ALL Teams are expected to meet listed commitments and be ready to play at the first game time assigned.

SITE:  Bailey Park located at 1392 Capital Ave NE, Battle Creek, MI

OFFICIALS: Kenny Brannstrom, MI BPA State Director & Eric Adams, MI BPA UIC
kalamazoobpa@yahoo.com 269-665-4448 269-330-0303

Updated BPA World Series Information (9U-12U-14U at ) will be available and updated at www.playbpa.com tournament information page.

ENTRY & DEADLINE: Entry fees, Entry Form, SIGNED copy of BPA ONLINE roster, and copy of insurance MUST be received by your respective State Director or Zone Office no later than Tuesday, July 11, 2017. NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED.

Entry Fee is $465.00 with payment made by Money Order, Cashier’s Check, or Cash ONLY.

Personal, Team, Sponsor or Company checks will NOT be accepted. Late Entries will NOT be accepted.
Entry fees MUST be submitted to your BPA State Director or Zone Office – NO EXCEPTIONS!

1) Completed BPA World Series Entry Form: www.bpaworldseries.com
2) Copy of completed BPA Roster (with all parent signatures)
3) * Copy of valid team insurance certificate
4) Michigan BPA Teams: Money order or cashier’s check for entry fee made to Kalamazoo BPA and sent to: Kalamazoo BPA
   PO Box 2228
   Portage, MI 49081

Note: Failure of the team to submit COMPLETED BPA WORLD SERIES ENTRY FORM, entry fee, COMPLETED BPA ROSTER (PRINTED FROM www.PlayBPA.com AND WITH PARENT SIGNATURES FOR ALL PLAYERS PARTICIPATING), and COPY of Insurance Certificate by July 11, 2017 deadline will result in the team losing their berth.

Under NO circumstances will a team be permitted to submit a roster at the tournament site. Names will not be added to rosters at the tournament site for ANY REASON!

FORMAT: 4 Game Format

DIVISIONS: GOLD & SILVER Divisions will be combined.

COACHES MEETING: Mandatory Coaches Meeting is Wednesday July 19th - Time & Location 5:00 PM Flannery 3

CHECK IN: Mandatory Player Check-in is Wed, July 19th - Time & Location Bailey Park 12:00 PM -5:00 PM

Your State Director or Zone Office will submit your team’s COMPLETED BPA ONLINE Roster to the tournament site. All players must officially check-in. Bring entire team and birth certificate for each player, as roster is confirmed at this time. A Birth Certificate is shown for player verification.

- Names will NOT be added to any roster at the tournament site for any reason.
- Birth Certificates: Coach or manager must have available at all times in event player identification is necessary. BPA does NOT keep copies of birth certificates.

OPENING CEREMONIES: Wednesday July 19, 2017 – Complete details and itinerary to be provided to teams.

FIRST GAME TIME: Games could start on Wednesday, July 19th. Teams need to be ready to play July 19th.

Brackets to be posted at tournament information page at www.playbpa.com by Friday July 14, 2017.

GAME TIMES: Team MUST be at the fields READY to PLAY 30 minutes prior to scheduled game time. Games may start early if possible. Failure to take the field when requested and/or at game time will result in forfeit of game.

Skills Competitions

Outfield Accuracy 3 Players per team. 5 Throws per player. Hitting screen = 1 Pt Hitting target = 3 Pts

Around the Horn 2 Groups per team. No players may compete on 2 teams.

90 seconds to complete as many cycles around the horn (3B to 2B to SS to 1B to 3B = 1 ATH
1st and 3rd basemen must contact the base for the cycle to count.
2nd & SS must remain behind baselines.

Home Run Derby 2 Players per Team. Most Home Runs win. Hitter gets 10 swings.

Bunting Contest 2 Players per Team. Most Bunts inside the target. Hitter gets 10 pitches.

Events end promptly at 5:00 PM. Please plan your arrival to ensure enough time for the kids to get through all the events. The check-in and skills competition lines are very short at 12:00 PM. Later in the afternoon, wait times increase significantly. To participate in a skills event, a player’s team has to be checked in.
BASEBALL: Game baseballs provided

BATS: To be in strict accordance with the BPA Rule Book. BPA Rule Book Available online 24/7 at www.PlayBPA.com

PROTEST: There will be a $75.00 CASH ONLY protest fee. If protest is allowed, the fee will be refunded. Umpire judgment calls are final and may not be protested. Must submit protest per BPA Rule Book.

CONDITIONS: The tournament directors reserve the right to rule on matters as they occur, including any deemed necessary to complete the tournament. This includes changing the tournament format due to unforeseen circumstances, weather, etc. All players are competing at their own risk and tournament directors are not be liable for accidents or injuries. Entry into this tournament constitutes agreement of these conditions.

UNIFORMS: To be in strict accordance with BPA Rule Book.

PLAYING RULES: BPA rules will govern all play in strict accordance with the BPA Rule Book. BPA Rule Book is available online 24/7 at www.PlayBPA.com

NOTICE: It is the responsibility of the Coach/Manager and/or Sponsor for knowing the BPA rules and bylaws. Ignorance of a BPA rule or bylaw does not negate ruling or penalty. Entry in to any BPA tournament constitutes acknowledgement and agreement to all rules and bylaws of BPA, including the refund policy. There are NO entry refunds after the entry deadline. The BPA Rule Book contains full refund request policy, available online at www.PlayBPA.com

NOTE: ANY Team found with illegal, ineligible, suspended player(s), or teams that have not met the BPA Qualifying procedures will be immediately disqualified and removed from the tournament. Teams will be removed without refund to their entry fee, and without reimbursement for any travel expenses or any other fees incurred by the team, spectators or sponsors. The team, coach and player(s) can be suspended from BPA.

ADMISSION: $20 WEEK PASS for Adults, $12 WEEK PASS for 6-17 yrs., $8 DAILY for Adults, $5 DAILY for 6-17 yrs.
Be sure your team knows about admission charge so there will be no embarrassment at the gate for your team or spectators. Note: There are no refunds of admission charges for any reason.

AWARDS: Individual and team sponsor awards will be given in accordance with the BPA Rules.

SOUVENIRS: YES

PARK POLICIES: Players and spectators are expected to follow park rules at all times. We will enforce these rules at all times. No Pets at Bailey Park

CONDUCT: Managers/Coaches are responsible for knowing the rules and keeping their players & spectators under control. Abusive language/behavior will not be tolerated. Spectators, players and/or teams may be removed from the tournament without refund.

HOTELS: Available at www.battlecreekvisitors.org

WEATHER HOT LINE: 269-330-4048

THANK YOU in advance for your co-operation and participation in the BPA World Series Tournament, and for working with us to make it a great success! GOOD LUCK!