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## World Series Announces Sponsorship Renewals, Additions Key to Expanding Footprint of Annual Event

WASHINGTON, PA – The World Comes to Washington, Pennsylvania August 11-16 for the 2023 DICK'S Sporting Goods PONY League World Series. World Series Tournaments, Inc. today announced renewal and addition of major sponsors for the upcoming event.

"The financial and logistical support of our sponsors is crucial to the success of this event," said Tournaments, Inc. President Nathan Voytek. "To host an event like this in Washington County, and to show it off to the entire world, requires a lot of help from our partners."

DICK'S Sporting Goods provides Tournaments, Inc. with financial support to grow the event in scope and reach. The sporting goods retailer also provides access to equipment, resources, ideas, and strategies to implement this world-class event.

The Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency has been a foundational piece of the support structure for the PONY League World Series since 2013. The agency's commitment to grow and enhance the World Series includes promotional and funding assistance. That support helps Tournaments, Inc. showcase the World Series via regional broadcasts and web stream presentations around the world.

The Observer-Reporter has renewed its Presenting Sponsorship of the DICK'S Sporting Goods PONY League World Series. The O-R's ties to PONY Baseball reach back to the very founding of the baseball organization in 1951. Most of the meetings for the fledgling organization were held in the Observer-Reporter's conference room.

"The Observer-Reporter has been a part of the PONY Baseball from the very beginning. We're grateful to Observer Reporter organization for all they have done to help us get where we are today," Voytek said.

Tournaments, Inc. also announced that corporate sponsorship and community support have continued to grow, enabling facility improvements, field upgrades, the return of the video board at Lew Hays PONY Field and fan-experience offerings before and during the World Series.

Every aspect of this year's DICK'S Sporting Goods PONY League World Series has benefitted from the increased financial and logistical support from Fan Fest at DICK'S Sporting Goods Washington store and expanded selections at the concession and souvenir stands, to broadcast of as many as seven games regionally on AT&T SPORTSNET and Pittsburgh's CW, plus online video coverage of every game on PLWS.TV via the Trib High School Sports Network.

"Our goal is to present a great experience--for the players and their fans, our visitors and spectators, and our community," Voytek said. "We want people to enjoy and cherish their time around this event. We want them to experience all of the thrills that make the DICK'S Sporting Goods PONY League World Series the special event that it is."

This year's DICK'S Sporting Goods PONY League World Series will crown PONY Baseball's 71<sup>st</sup> champion in the 14 & under age bracket. It will mark the 60<sup>th</sup> time for the World Series to be played in Washington PA since the founding of PONY Baseball and Softball here in the winter of 1951. This year's championship tournament will be held at Lew Hays PONY Field in Washington Park for the 39<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

World Series Tournaments, Inc. would like to recognize the following sponsors and partners who have already committed to the DICK'S Sporting Goods PONY League World Series and encourage others to come on board to support the effort:

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