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TAMIAMI PARK ALL-STARS ADVANCES TO THE PONY LEAGUE WORLD SERIES

MIAMI – The Miami-Dade Sports Commission (MDSC) is proud to announce that the Tamiami Park All-Stars have advanced to the Pony League World Series in Washington, Pennsylvania. The highly touted youth baseball event will take place August 9 – 16, 2008.

This year marks of the 50th anniversary of the last time a team representing Miami was in the tournament. The Tamiami Park All-Stars had to advance from the Zone tournament in Palm Beach to Tampa to Fort Worth and now on to Washington, PA.

“We are very happy for these young people and their parents and coaches, and we are honored to have them represent Miami-Dade County in this prestigious event,” said County Commissioner and MDSC Co-Chair Jose “Pepe” Diaz. “These are great kids, and win or lose; they will have a great deal to be proud of.”

Other teams that have qualified for the World Series this year are Taichung City (Taiwan), Davenport East (Iowa), Gurabo (Puerto Rico), Johnstown (PA), Long Beach (CA), Hagerstown (MD), and Washington (PA). Pony league athletes are aged 14 and under.

“This is a very exciting event and great honor for these young athletes,” states Mike Sophia, MDSC Executive Director, “These young men, their parents and the coaches are prime example of the outstanding athletic talent that resides right here in our community. The Miami-Dade Sports Commission couldn’t be more proud of their accomplishments and wish them nothing but the best as they continue on in the Series.”

The schedule for the Pony League World Series is as follows:

- **Saturday, August 9 @ 11:00 AM - Friends Game**
- **Saturday, August 9 @ 4:30 PM - Opening Ceremonies**
- **Sunday, August 10 @ 5:30 PM – Tamiami All-Stars vs. Long Beach (CA)**
- **Monday August 11 @ 1:00 PM - Home Run Derby**
- **Saturday August 16 @ 1:00 PM - CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

Game scores and schedule updates can be obtained by visiting either www.ponyworldseries.com or www.wjpa.com/ponyworldseries.htm.

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission was created by the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners in 2003, and opened for business in April of 2004. The Sports Commission promotes sports in Miami-Dade County, and works to secure sports events that will generate economic impact for the community. The Miami-Dade Sports Commission is a proud partner of the United State Olympic Committee’s Community Partner program.

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