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**Inaugural PONY Summer Super Series: International
Tournament of Champions to Kick Off in July**
Elite youth athletes from the U.S. and Mexico compete for championship titles

In partnership with PONY Baseball, McAllen is proud to host the inaugural 2026 PONY Summer Super Series: International Tournament of Champions, a premier international youth baseball event that will bring together elite athletes, coaches, and families from across the United States and Mexico for four days of championship competition.

The tournament will take place July 23-26, 2026, at the McAllen Youth Baseball Complex and will feature teams competing for championship titles in divisions 5U through 12U. Participating teams will travel from throughout the Rio Grande Valley, across Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and multiple cities in Mexico, creating an exciting atmosphere of competition, sportsmanship, and international camaraderie.

Prior to tournament play, the community is invited to attend the official Opening Ceremony on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Oval Park outside the McAllen Convention Center. The ceremony will recognize participating teams and celebrate the dedication, teamwork, and character demonstrated by these young athletes both on and off the field.

"McAllen is honored to serve as the host city for the inaugural PONY Summer Super Series: International Tournament of Champions," said Mayor Javier Villalobos. "We are excited to welcome athletes and families from across the United States and Mexico and to showcase the hospitality, community spirit, and first-class facilities that make McAllen a premier destination for youth sports."

"The impact of an event like this reaches far beyond the tournament itself," said City Manager Isaac J. Tawil. "From supporting local businesses and generating visitor activity to creating memorable experiences for families and athletes, the PONY Summer Super Series demonstrates how sports can strengthen communities and contribute to McAllen's continued growth and success."

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Beyond the competition, the tournament is expected to generate a meaningful economic impact for the region by attracting hundreds of visiting athletes, coaches, and families who will support local hotels, restaurants, retailers, and attractions throughout their stay. The event further strengthens McAllen's reputation as a leading destination for regional, national, and international sporting events.

The inaugural PONY Summer Super Series: International Tournament of Champions represents more than a baseball tournament. It is a celebration of youth achievement, community pride, and the power of sports to bring people together across cities, states, and international borders.

McAllen invites residents and visitors alike to attend the Opening Ceremony, support the competing teams, and be part of this historic inaugural event.

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About the City of McAllen

Founded in 1904 and incorporated in 1911, the City of McAllen has grown from a small agricultural community into one of the most vibrant and fastest-growing cities along the U.S.–Mexico border. Known as the “City of Palms,” McAllen serves as a hub for international trade, retail, tourism, and culture in the Rio Grande Valley. Today, the city employs more than 2,600 dedicated public servants across 41 departments, delivering essential services to a community of more than 150,000 residents. McAllen city leaders remain committed to transparent governance, fiscal responsibility, and enhancing quality of life through innovation, infrastructure, and community engagement. For more information, visit www.mcallen.net and follow us on social media @cityofmcallen