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Cleveland State  
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## Pairings Announced for 2008 Horizon League Softball Championship

*Tournament begins on Thursday in Chicago*

University of  
Detroit Mercy

**INDIANAPOLIS – Cleveland State University** earned the No. 1 seed for the 2008 Horizon League Softball Championship after it claimed its first-ever regular-season League title with a 14-4 conference record (29-16 overall).

University of  
Illinois at Chicago

The three-day tournament is scheduled to begin on at 9 a.m. (Central) on Thursday (May 8) at Loyola Softball Park in Chicago, Ill.

Loyola  
University Chicago

As the top seed in this year's tournament, Cleveland State will receive a first-round bye. In addition, No. 2 seed **Valparaiso University** (12-5 Horizon League; 30-17 overall) and No. 3 seed **Wright State University** (13-7; 29-24) will also earn opening round byes. In 2007, the Raiders won the League tournament as the No. 7 seed.

Valparaiso  
University

Game one of the championship will place No. 6 seed **University of Wisconsin-Green Bay** (4-9; 10-23) against No. 7 seed **Butler University** (5-12; 16-27). The winner of game one will face Cleveland State in game four at 4 p.m.

University of  
Wisconsin-Green Bay

Number-five seed **University of Illinois at Chicago** (12-9; 22-31) will play No. 8 seed **Youngstown State University** (6-16; 12-35) in game two at 11 a.m. with the victor moving on to face Valparaiso in game five at 6 p.m.

University of  
Wisconsin-Milwaukee

The final game of the first round will feature No. 4 seed **Loyola University Chicago** (12-7; 18-23) versus No. 9 seed **University of Detroit Mercy** (4-13; 11-26) at 1 p.m. The winner of that matchup will face Wright State at 8 p.m. in game six.

Wright State  
University

Live stats of all tournament games will be available via the Horizon League website at [www.horizonleague.org](http://www.horizonleague.org). Also, free live video webcasts of Saturday's action will be shown on the Horizon League Network at [www.horizonleaguenetwork.tv](http://www.horizonleaguenetwork.tv).

Youngstown State  
University

### 2008 Horizon League Championship - Loyola University Chicago - Host Chicago - Loyola Softball Park

#### Thursday, May 8

Game 1: No. 6 Green Bay vs. No. 7 Butler..... 9:00 a.m.  
Game 2: No. 5 UIC vs. No. 8 Youngstown State..... 11:00 a.m.  
Game 3: No. 4 Loyola vs. No. 9 Detroit..... 1:00 p.m.  
Game 4: No. 1 Cleveland State vs. Game 1 Winner..... 4:00 p.m.  
Game 5: No. 2 Valparaiso vs. Game 2 Winner..... 6:00 p.m.  
Game 6: No. 3 Wright State vs. Game 3 Winner..... 8:00 p.m.

#### Friday, May 9

Game 7: Game 1 Loser vs. Game 2 Loser..... 9:00 a.m.  
Game 8: Game 3 Loser vs. Game 4 Loser..... 11:00 a.m.  
Game 9: Game 5 Winner vs. Game 6 Winner..... 1:00 p.m.  
Game 10: Game 6 Loser vs. Game 7 Winner..... 4:00 p.m.  
Game 11: Game 8 Winner vs. Game 5 Loser..... 6:00 p.m.  
Game 12: Game 4 Winner vs. Game 9 Loser..... 8:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, May 10

Game 13: Game 10 Winner vs. G11 Winner..... 9:00 a.m.  
Game 14: Game 9 Loser vs. G13 Winner..... 11:00 a.m.  
Game 15: Game 14 Winner vs. G12 Loser..... 2:00 p.m.  
Game 16: Game 12 Winner vs. G15 Winner..... 4:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, May 11

Game 17: Game 16 Winner vs. Game 16 Loser\*.. 9:00 a.m.

\* - If necessary  
- All times Central

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Comprised of ten public and private institutions of higher learning, the Horizon League is an NCAA Division I athletics conference that sponsors 19 intercollegiate championship sports and is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. The League and its member institutions aspire to teach young people, through athletic competition, the value of learning, service to others and personal responsibility.

# 2008 Horizon League Softball Championship

Hosted by Loyola University Chicago \* May 8-11

Loyola Softball Park \* Chicago, Ill.

Games 1-6: Thurs., May 8  
 Games 7-12: Fri., May 9  
 Games 13-16: Sat., May 10  
 Game 17: Sun., May 11 (if necessary)  
 - All Times Central -

