

Big win for Softball NZ

Softball NZ has struck a partnership with WBSC and New Zealand broadcaster SKY Sport to showcase the Golden Homes Black Sox games from the 2019 Men's Softball World Championship.

The deal gives SKY Sport exclusive rights to broadcast the Golden Homes Black Sox games live from Prague, Czech Republic, June 13-23 (schedule of games on SKY below).

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the New Zealand sporting public to see its most successful field based sporting team in action", Softball NZ CEO, Tony Giles, says.

"Our new partnership with SKY allows our fans to support the Golden Homes Black Sox like never before with the games live on SKY Sport, and select matches live on SKY Go. It is unprecedented coverage," Giles says.

SKY Director of Sport, Tex Teixeira says: "It's exciting to have secured select matches of the Softball World Championships for our New Zealand fans on the home of sport in New Zealand, SKY Sport. Best wishes to the Black Sox! Bring it home team!"

SKY Sport will show 14 games live including all Golden Homes Black Sox round robin matches as well as the tournament's playoff games, semi-finals, and final.

The 72 game tournament commences June 13 with hosts Czech Republic hosting the reigning world champion Black Sox at 7:30pm local time (5:30am NZT, Friday June 14).

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OPENING ROUNDS	
NZ v Czech Republic	June 14th, 5.30am - SKY Sport 1
NZ v Cuba	June 16th, 2.30am - Sport Pop-Up 2
NZ v Mexico	June 17th, 2.30am - Sport Pop-Up 5
Botswana v NZ	June 17th, 11.30pm - SKY Sport 1
NZ v Japan	June 19th, 2.30am - SKY Sport 3
Philippines v NZ	June 19th, 11.30pm - SKY Sport 3
Argentina v NZ	June 21st, 2.30am - Sport Pop-Up 1
PLAYOFFS	
B4 v A1	June 21st, 8.30pm - Sport Pop-Up 8

B3 v A2	June 21st, 11.30pm - Sport Pop-Up 8
A3 v B2	June 22nd, 2.30am - Sport Pop-Up 8
A4 v B1	June 22nd, 5.30am - Sport Pop-Up 8
SEMI-FINALS	
Winner PO1 v Winner P03	June 23rd, 2.30am - Sport Pop-Up 8
Winner PO4 v Winner P02	June 23rd, 5.30am - Sport Pop-Up 8
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL	
Winner SPO1 v Winner SPO2	June 24th, 5.30am - Sport Pop-Up 1