

## **WBSC U-15 Baseball World Cup**

### **Media Guide**

Name of the Event: WBSC U-15 Baseball World Cup

Venues: Estadio Sonora and Hector Espino in Hermosillo, State of Sonora, Mexico

Dates: August 26 -September 4

### **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

#### **U-15 Baseball World Cup history:**

This is the fifth edition of the U-15 Baseball World Cup. Before thirteen editions of the World Youth Baseball Championship were played.

- I U-15 Baseball World Cup  
2012 Chihuahua - Mexico  
Venezuela defeated Cuba 10-2 in the World Championship Game and Chinese Taipei defeated Mexico 6-1 to win the Bronze.

Gold Medal - Venezuela  
Silver Medal - Cuba  
Bronze Medal - Chinese Taipei

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- II U-15 Baseball World Cup  
2014 Sinaloa - Mexico  
Cuba defeated USA 6-3 in the World Championship Game and Venezuela defeated Chinese Taipei 13-3 to win the Bronze.

Gold Medal - Cuba  
Silver Medal - USA  
Bronze Medal - Venezuela

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- III U-15 Baseball World Cup  
2016 Iwaki - Japan  
Cuba defeated Japan 9-4 in the World Championship Game and USA defeated Panama 8-3 to win the Bronze.

Gold Medal - Cuba  
Silver Medal - Japan  
Bronze Medal - USA

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- IV U-15 Baseball World Cup  
2018 David & Chitré - Panamá  
USA defeated Panama 7-1 in the World Championship Game and Chinese Taipei defeated Japan 6-3 to win the Bronze.

Gold Medal - USA  
Silver Medal - Panama  
Bronze Medal - Chinese Taipei

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More on historic results [here](#).

#### Participating teams (by group and ranking):

The global/continental representation will be as follows:

- **Africa (1):** South Africa
- **Americas (7):** Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, Puerto Rico, USA & Venezuela.
- **Asia (2):** Chinese Taipei & Japan.
- **Europe (3):** Czech Republic and France.
- **Oceania (1):** Guam

The 13 participating teams will be split into three groups:

**Group A:** No.2 Chinese Taipei, No.9 Cuba, No. 14 Czech Republic and No. 4 Mexico.

**Group B:** No. 11 Colombia, No. 22 France, No. 1 Japan and No. 13 Panama

**Group C:** No. 38 Guam, No. 16 Puerto Rico, No. 26 South Africa, No. 5 USA and No. 6 Venezuela.

Last update to Male Baseball Rankings: 31/12/2021.

Details about Men's Baseball Ranking [here](#).

### **COMPETITION SYSTEM**

The 13-team tournament will open with three round-robins (August 26 to 30). The top two teams of each group will compete in the super round. The other seven national teams will compete for placement. This phase will run from August 31 to September 3. The bronze medal game and the World Championship final are scheduled for September 4. All the games will be played between Hector Espino and Sonora stadiums in Hermosillo.

#### **Run difference rule:**

For seven-inning games, if a team is losing by ten (10) or more runs after having batted at least in five (5) innings, the game is ended at that point. However, run difference rules will not apply to the World Championship game while it is enforced for the Bronze medal game.

#### **Extra innings Rules:**

If the game remains tied after the completion of seven (7) innings, the following procedures will be implemented during extra innings:

- Each team will begin the 8th inning (and any subsequent necessary extra innings) with a player on first and second, no outs;
- The lineup will continue as in any other inning. For example, if the 7th inning ends with the #8 hitter having the last plate appearance (PA), the 8th inning begins with the #9 at bat and 2B runner is the #7, and 1B runner is the #8 in the lineup, or any pinch runners for these players;
- With the exception of beginning the inning with runners on 1B and 2B with no one out, all other “Official Baseball Rules” and “WBSC Tournament Regulations” will remain in effect during extra innings required to determine a winner; and
- The traditional system of the visiting team hitting in the top of the inning and the home team hitting in the bottom of the inning (if needed) will remain in effect until a winner is determined.

#### TIE BREAKING:

1. The team that won the game(s) between the teams tied shall be given the higher position.
2. Team's Quality Balance (TQB, see examples on the tournament regulations) and win-loss records in games between the teams tied.

**Note: If three or more teams are tied and when criterion 1 does not break a tie, a team or teams with the higher TQB will be placed in the highest spot(s). The TQB is calculated as follows: (runs scored / innings played at bat) – (runs allowed / innings playing on defence). (s) For a three- way tie and when the TQB is needed to break the tie, the TQB will place all three teams from highest to lowest placing.**

3. The team that has the best-Earned Runs Team's Quality Balance (ER-TQB).
4. Highest batting average in games between the teams tied.
5. A coin flip

Tournament regulations in English and Spanish [here](#).

#### **OTHER WBSC EVENTS**

For a complete overview [here](#).

The World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) announced the 2021-2029 Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 World Cup calendars, including a series of modifications to the competition format of some Baseball and Softball World Cups.

The Women's Baseball World Cup and all Softball World Cups will shift to a four-year cycle, similar to the WBSC's flagship event the Premier12, setting up a more balanced and efficient competition calendar for these categories. The U-12, U-15, U-18 and U-23 Baseball World Cups will then continue on a two-year cycle until 2029 and will keep the same format.

As part of the review process, the WBSC Executive Board also approved a new, innovative competition system for the Women's Baseball World Cup, the Women's Softball World Cup, the Men's Softball World Cup and the U-18 Women's Softball World Cup, named the “Two-Stage World Cup”.

## 2022 WBSC schedule:

The V U-15 Baseball World Cup is the fourth [WBSC event of the year](#).

WBSC Events already celebrated:

- Softball tournament at The World Games  
Birmingham, Alabama  
July 9 to July 13  
Gold Medal - USA  
Silver Medal - Japan  
Bronze Medal - Chinese Taipei
- VI U-12 Baseball World Cup  
Tainan, Taipei  
July 29 to August 7  
Gold Medal - USA  
Silver Medal - Venezuela  
Bronze Medal - Chinese Taipei
- Blind Baseball International Cup  
Beek, Netherlands  
August 20 and 21

After the V U-15 Baseball World Cup the tournaments that will take place are:

- XXX U-18 Baseball World Cup  
Sarasota and Bradenton, USA  
September 9 to 18
- IV U-23 Baseball World Cup  
Chinese Taipei  
October 14 to 23
- U-23 Softball World Cup  
Paraná, Argentina  
October 22 to 30
- I Baseball5 World Cup  
CDMX, Mexico  
November 7 to 13
- XVII Men's Softball World Cup  
Rosedale, New Zealand  
November 26 to December 4
- II U-12 Mixed Softball World Cup  
Chinese Taipei  
December 7 to 11

#### BASEBALL5:

- The World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) confirmed the dates of the first WBSC Baseball5 World Cup. The inaugural competition will be played from 7-13 November in Mexico City, Mexico.
- The maiden edition of the WBSC Baseball5 World Cup -- a mixed gender competition -- will be held at El Zocalo, one of the most iconic, historic and visited places in Mexico City.
- Africa: 2 teams (South Africa and Kenya)
- Americas: 3 teams (Cuba, Mexico, and Venezuela)
- Asia: 3 teams (Chinese Taipei, Japan, and Korea)
- Europe: 2 teams (France and Lithuania)
- Oceania: 1 team (Australia)
- TBC: Wild Card
- The number of players per team is eight, equally divided between men and women with five players with a minimum of two players per gender -- on the field at one time
- The international calendar includes the WBSC Baseball5 World Cup on even years and the WBSC Youth Baseball5 World Cup (14-18 age bracket) on odd years. The events will happen on a two-year cycle.
- The 2025 edition of the Baseball5 World Cup will serve as a qualifier to the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, where the discipline will make its debut as an official medal sport.
- The inclusion of Baseball5 as a medal event on the Dakar 2026 Sports programme is an unprecedented development opportunity for baseball-softball in Africa.