



SPECIFIC COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS - EMRYT

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1. PARTICIPATION

- 1.1. There is no limit to the number of teams allowed from each Affiliated Federation.
- 1.2. In exceptional cases and as approved by the Executive Council (EC), there may be only three teams in total in the competition.
- 1.3. Teams may be formed as a national team, club team or regional team. Players must be between 9 and 13 years old as at 31 December in the year of competition. There is no restriction on players with respect to nationality or residence. To be eligible for the EMRYT, teams must complete the relevant Entry Form and fulfill all requirements of WBSC Europe, including submission of Preliminary and Final Team rosters (PTR & FTR), according to the deadlines announced each year.
- 1.4. The EMRYT shall be played each year during the summer school holidays. Dates are proposed by the organizers and the hosting Federation then approved and published by the WBSC Europe Softball Commission. The tournament will last four (4) to five (5) days, starting on a Tuesday / Wednesday and ending on a Saturday. The Technical Meeting will take place the evening before the start of the play.
- 1.5. The organizer will be appointed by the WBSC Europe Softball Commission in consultation with the host Federation. Locations with an option of inexpensive, affordable accommodation (including the availability of hostels and tents) are preferred.
- 1.6. The format depends upon the number of participating teams.
- 1.7. DIVISIONS: U-13 Teams may request to enter the 'Sports' Division or the 'Futures' Division. These requests will be honored as much as is possible given the number requesting each. A player may not play in both Divisions except by application

in advance to the EC for a special dispensation (which if granted shall be disclosed at the TC Meeting), or by the Chair, Technical Commission (CTC) and EC present in response to issues arising at the event.

2. PLAYING CONSIDERATIONS.

- 2.1. **FORMAT OF GAMES** Games shall be played in FIVE (5) innings. Ties are allowed in Pool play. Pool games shall be umpired with the 2-man system and Playoff games with the 3-man system.
In case of inclement weather, a regulation game can be 3 innings.
- 2.2. **IN POOL PLAY ONLY:**
 - 2.2.1. If, before one hour and thirty minutes of play, five innings have been played (which includes the home team being ahead at the beginning of, or drawing ahead during, the bottom of the last inning, or a tie), the game shall be complete.
 - 2.2.2. If five innings have not finished at one hour and thirty minutes, the Plate umpire shall call 'No New Inning'. If the home team is at bat and is already ahead, the game is complete. If not, the inning in progress will be played to completion or until the home team draws ahead.

3. SPORT DIVISION – U13

- 3.1. **PARTICIPATION**
Only female players may participate
- 3.2. **GAME BALLS & PITCHING DISTANCE**
12" standard specification ball will be used, pitched from 12.19m.
- 3.3. **Mercy rule at 3rd with 10 runs and at 4th with 7 runs.**

4. FUTURE DIVISION – U13

- 4.1. **PARTICIPATION**
Boys of the specified ages may participate, but there must always be a majority of female players on the field, so up to four boys may field: Only female players may pitch and catch
- 4.2. **GAME BALLS & PITCHING DISTANCE**
11" 'Softie' specification ball will be used pitched from 10.67m.
- 4.3. **PROVISIONS FOR PITCHERS and BATTERS**
 - 4.3.1. **Pitchers:** The following limitations apply to Pitchers except for medal games.:
No more than SEVEN (7) innings in a day; No more than TEN (10) innings in TWO (2) consecutive days. An inning is charged to a Pitcher as soon as the Player throws one pitch. At this point an inning is charged to the player.
The sanction for not respecting these limitations is an automatic game loss (0-5) for the offending team. The Official Scorekeepers will be in charge of recording and controlling the innings accounted to each Pitcher under the responsibility of the Technical Committee.
 - 4.3.2. **Batters:** A maximum of four runs are allowed in each inning. The game must be completed even if it results in the final innings that the team behind cannot catch up. Exception: In the case of an out of the park (over the fence) home run, all runs count even if it results in having more than four runs in that inning.
- 4.4. **COACH'S SOFT-TOSS**
 - 4.4.1. Batters who receive four balls shall not be awarded a Base on balls, but will bat against their own Coach's soft-toss pitch(es) at the plate for two 'strikes'. They will swing, not bunt or chop.

- 4.4.2. If the first swing results in a miss or a foul ball, the pitch is repeated; if the second swing results in a miss or a foul ball, the batter is out.
- 4.4.3. Soft-toss is a ball that the coach, positioned in the batter's box opposite the batter, throws directly upwards above home plate, not from the side. The plate umpire stands behind the catcher.
- 4.4.4. If coach interference occurs on a hit, the batter is OUT.
- 4.4.5. Runners may only leave bases on a batted ball.
- 4.4.6. Coaches may then help base runners from foul territory, but if they enter the infield on a play, the runner closest to home is OUT.

5. PROTECTION FOR PLAYERS

- 5.1. In addition to equipment, requirements stipulated in WBSC Playing Rules, all EMRYT players must comply with the following:
 - 5.1.1. Batters: All double-ear batting helmets must have a full faceguard attached and must remain worn whilst running bases.
 - 5.1.2. Fielders: Pitchers and Infielders at first and third bases should wear at least a protective facemask.

6. RESPONSIBILITIES AND FINANCE

- 6.1. Participant teams are responsible for their own accommodation, meals and transportation to, from the venue, and during the competition. Additional contribution to the organizer is not due for this tournament. Upon request of participant teams, the organizer shall provide contact names and special rates for local transportation companies.
 - 6.1.1. No Entry Fee is required. When the team is not present or cancels participation less than 30 days prior start of the competition the penalty of 350 Euros will be applied.
 - 6.1.2. Teams may choose to bring a qualified umpire and bear the organizers' costs of their accommodation and food.
- 6.2. The venue organizer is responsible for organizing and paying for the accommodation, meals and local transportation for umpires and officials to and from the venue during the competition, and for airport transportation of officials on arrival and departure. If they request that officials travel by direct train from / to the designated airport to facilitate local pick up, the cost of those transfers is for the account of the organizer.
- 6.3. The host Federation will provide any additional umpires required per 6.4.2.
- 6.4. WBSC Europe Softball Commission is responsible for:
 - 6.4.1. Providing game balls, line up cards, trophies and medals as per **TR 10.2, 10.5 and 10.7**
 - 6.4.2. Assigning WBSC Europe officials and paying their international travel to and from the event as follows: One member of the Softball Commission, one Chair Technical Commissioner, one Scorer in Chief (SiC), one Umpire in Chief (UiC) and four Umpires. Taking into account, any umpires provided by teams under 6.1.2, any additional umpires then required by WBSC Europe Softball will be provided by the host Federation.

7. APPENDIX: AFFIDAVIT for PROTECTION OF UNDERAGE PLAYERS

7.1 The duly signed and dated Competition Entry Form for each Team with underage players shall have the following declaration:

7.1.1. Each Player is in compliance with WBSC Europe Competitions Regulations regarding age and nationality.

7.1.2. Each Player has received full, unconditional written authorization by their Parent(s) or Legal Representative or Guardian to participate in the Competition. The Team's Management has been invested with complete legal authority to handle all matters arising concerning each Player during the Competition. This authorization shall be shown on request to the TC.

7.1.3. Each Player conforms to the Rules of our National Federation with respect to qualification and participation in this Competition.

7.1.4. Each Player is medically able to participate in this Competition. Any condition has been duly notified to the Team's Management, which shall keep the SE TC Chair fully informed of any such matter.

7.1.5. We assume full and complete responsibility for any matter arising directly or indirectly from any misrepresentation of any fact in this Affidavit and agree to hold SE, SE TC Chair and any other party involved with the Competition harmless in connection with any matter arising from this Affidavit."

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