



# **SOFTBALL SPECIFIC COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS – YOUTH**

2023

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## YOUTH – U15 Women's and U16 Men's 2023

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### 1. PARTICIPATION

- 1.1. Each Affiliated Federation may enter one team.

### 2. GAME BALLS

- 2.1. The 12-inch game ball shall be used.

### 3. PITCHING DISTANCE

- 3.1. The pitching distance shall be 12,19m (W) and 13,11m (M).

### 4. FOOTWEAR

- 4.1. Metal cleats are not allowed.

### 5. DURATION OF THE GAME

- 5.1. Games shall be played in SIX (6) innings and shall not exceed TWO (2) hours.
- 5.2. If, before one hour and forty-five minutes of play, the said number of 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), with a result other than a draw, the game shall be complete.
- 5.3. If the said number of innings have not been played by one hour and forty-five 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 then be played to completion or until the home team draws ahead. If the inning in progress ends in a draw, extra inning(s) will be played until a result other than a draw is obtained.
- 5.4. All extra innings will be played under 'tie-break' rules.
- 5.5. The time limit of two hours does not apply to the Final (3 vs 4 & 1 vs 2) games.

## 6. PROTECTION OF UNDERAGE PLAYERS

- 6.1. *Face masks are now required for defensive positions 1st, 3rd and Pitcher, and Batter's helmets must have a protective mask across the face.*
- 6.2. The duly signed and dated Competition Entry Form for each Team with underage players shall have the following declaration:
- 6.2.1. Each Player complies with SE Competitions Regulations regarding age and nationality.
  - 6.2.2. All players have 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 will be shown on request to the TC.
  - 6.2.3. Each Player conforms to the Rules of our National Federation with respect to qualification and participation in this Competition.
  - 6.2.4. 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 Technical Commission Chair fully informed of any such matter.
  - 6.2.5. We assume full responsibility for any matter arising directly or indirectly from any misrepresentation of any fact in this Affidavit and agree to hold the SE, the SE Chief Technical Commissioner and any other party involved with the Competition harmless in connection with any matter arising from this Affidavit."

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