



# **SPECIFIC COMPETITIONS REGULATIONS - MASTERS**

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# Specific Competitions Regulations – European Softball Masters Cups

Women’s Softball European Masters Cup and Men’s Softball European Masters Cup, 40+ fastpitch European club competition.

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## 1. PARTICIPATION

**1.1** Affiliated Federations of WBSC Europe (‘SE’) may enter maximum 2 teams into the ESMC in each Division. All teams must be nominated and approved by their respective Affiliated Federation.

**1.2** The ESMC shall be played every year, preferably in the last full week of October, and the duration will be a maximum of four playing days, both subject to modification by SE if deemed necessary.

**1.3** The ESMC is open to both Men’s and Women’s teams. Players must be 40+ years of age, as measured on 31 December of the year of competition.

**1.4** For either Division (Men’s or Women’s) to be played, a minimum of 4 participating teams must subscribe to that competition. A maximum of 17 players are allowed on each team.

**1.5** Other than determined in these Specific Regulations, the event is subject to the requirements of the SE Competitions and Technical Regulations currently in force.

## 2. TEAM REQUIREMENTS & COMPETITION FORMAT

**2.1** Teams may be formed as a national team, club team or open team. There is no restriction on players with respect to nationality or residence. To be eligible for the ESMC, teams must complete the relevant Entry Form and pay the current Entry Fee and the Contribution for Organizers per the Financial Appendix (2023 €200).

**2.2** All teams must comply with the administrative requirements of the WBSC Scoring and Reporting system, as applied to all WBSC Europe competitions.

**2.3** Participant teams are responsible for their own accommodation, meals and transportation to and from the venue and fields before and during the competition. Upon request from participating teams, the organizer is responsible for providing contact information and special rates for local transportation companies when possible.

**2.4** Starting from 10 teams: competing teams will be seeded and divided into Pools. Seeding will be done based on the ranking of the previously completed ESMC. Teams, which did not play in a previous ESMC competition, will receive consideration with regard to seeding. Pools shall be structured to avoid, if possible, teams from the same Affiliated Federation playing against each other.

**2.5** All games shall be umpired based on the number of umpires available and at the discretion of the UIC. *It may not be possible to provide normal umpire-neutral assignments.*

**2.6** Competition structure:

**2.6.1** All games in initial Pool round robins will be played with the intention of providing teams with a minimum of 90 minutes playing time. To assist adherence to the schedule, *at 90 minutes* the plate umpire, informed by the scorer, shall declare ‘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. A tie is allowed in pool play and in any non-Medal Final.

**2.6.2** Final Medal games shall be played to seven innings, with extra inning(s) if tied after seven.

### **3. ORGANIZER AND SE RESPONSIBILITIES SPECIFIC TO ESMC**

**3.1** Organizers:

**3.1.1** The organizer is responsible for arrangement of 2 (two) fields (Sant Boi and Viladecans) with the understanding that they should comply with SE field requirements (**Technical Regulations – Fields and Playing Facilities, Level B**).

**3.1.2** The organizer is responsible for organizing scorekeepers for the tournament. *Electronic scorekeeping is mandatory.*

**3.1.3** The organizer is responsible for organizing 4 (four) local umpires.

**3.1.4** The organizer will provide accommodation, meals and local transportation for all officials assigned under this Section 3.2.2 and airport transfers for SE-assigned officials.

**3.2** Softball Europe:

**3.2.1** Providing game balls, line up cards, trophies and medals as per **TR 10.2, 10.4 and 10.7**

**3.2.2** 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 6 (six) Umpires.

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