



# 2025 Pacific Mini-Games Baseball

Pre-Tournament Technical Meeting

Sunday 29th June 2025 @ 10am

# AGENDA

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# 1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

## Competition Management

Palau Baseball & Softball President Mlib Tmetuchl (PLW)

Tournament Director

Reagan Sidoi (PLW)

Technical Director

Matt Carter (AUS)

Umpire Director

Warren Van Rooyen (NZL)

Scoring Director

Kaylene Pengelly (AUS)

# 1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

## Venue (Stadium)

Palau Nippon Baseball Stadium

(Nippon Baseball Stadium)

8FRF+5JR, Koror, Palau

## 2. CONTACT INFO

- Official Communication via e-mail.
- Each team must provide their home and away colours.
  - Reagan Sidoi (Tournament Director) – [sidoireagan@gmail.com](mailto:sidoireagan@gmail.com)
  - Matt Carter (Technical Director) – [matt.carter@abu.org.au](mailto:matt.carter@abu.org.au)

## 3. INFO FROM LOC

Welcome and information from the Local Organising Committee.

- Transportation
- Food/Snacks
- Water/Ice
- Medical
- Changerooms/Toilets
- Ceremonies

## 4. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

### Tournament Format

- **Round Robin:**
  - Single round-robin all vs all
  
- **Determination of Teams to qualified for Finals (Page System)**
  - Top 4 teams after Round Robin to advance to play in 'Page system' Finals.
  - Teams finishing 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> after Round Robin will play on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

## 4. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

### Home & Away

- **Opening Round Robin games:**
  - Round Robin pre-determined as per game schedule
  - Home team in 3B dugout, Visitor team in 1B dugout
- **Finals Round**
  - Higher seeded team from Opening Round standings is Home Team.
- **Medal Games:**
  - Higher seeded team from Super Round standings is Home Team

## 4. COMPETITION

### ➤ Tournament Regulations

- 2025-2026 WBSC Official Rules of Baseball.
- All gameplay regulations, technical rules, and competition formats will follow the U-23 World Cup standards.
- 2025 WBSC Baseball World Cups Tournament Regulations (Version revised 29 May 2025)
- Official Approved Wooden Baseball Bats List for WBSC Competitions (16 April 2025)
- WBSC Website for Documents  
<https://www.wbsc.org/en/documents/search?type=&keyword=&category=213>

### ➤ Age Eligibility

- Age eligibility restrictions will not apply. Players over 23 years old will be allowed to participate.
- **Pitchers** born in 2007, 2008 & 2009 (18U & under) must adhere to the WBSC pitching restrictions applicable to their respective age group.

## 4. COMPETITION

### ➤ Official Competition Balls

TBA (Palau to Advise)

### ➤ Approved Bats (Rule 1.7.1.3 2025-2026 WBSC Official Rules of Baseball )

WBSC Oceania [strongly recommends](#) that the Pacific Mini Games Baseball competition adopt the current WBSC Baseball Bat regulations.

Recognizing that many baseball programs across the Pacific are still transitioning to wooden bats, we will permit the use of Baum Bats as an approved alternative for this tournament.

## 4. COMPETITION

- **Protective Equipment (Rule A1.3 of 2025-2026 WBSC Official Rules of Baseball)**
  - Single Ear-Flap helmets are acceptable for players
  - For players U-18 & below, double ear-flap helmets is mandatory
  - Warm-up and bullpen catchers must use protective gear
  - Base coaches recommended to wear helmets

## 4. COMPETITION

- **Innings (Rule A1.2 of 2025-2026 WBSC Official Rules of Baseball)**
  - 7 innings games (*NOT 9 innings*)
  
- **Run Difference Rule (Rule A1.4 of 2025-2026 WBSC Official Rules of Baseball)**
  - Losing by 10 or more runs after 5 innings
  - If a home team is losing, then they shall bat in the same innings as a visitor team before a game is ended.

## 4. COMPETITION

### ➤ **Uniforms**

No changes will be allowed to the established uniforms without prior approval from the Tournament Committee.

If any team requests a change to uniform colour, the request must be submitted in writing to the Tournament Committee, which will communicate its decision in writing to the team (whether approved or disapproved).

## 4. COMPETITION

- **DH Rule (Rule 9.3 of 2025-2026 WBSC Official Rules of Baseball)**
  - The designated hitter is accepted

# 4. COMPETITION

## ➤ Pitch Count Rule (Rule A1.8.3 of 2025-2026 WBSC Official Rules of Baseball)

Pitchers born in **2007, 2008 & 2009 (Under 18 & under)** must adhere to the WBSC pitching restrictions applicable to their age group (U18).

No. of Pitches                      Rest Days Required

- 1 - 40                      No Rest
- 41 – 55                      1-Day Rest
- 56 – 75                      2-day Rest
- 76 – 90                      3-day Rest
- 91 – 105                      4-day Rest

Example of Pitch count Rule:

PITCHER	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
PITCHER 1	25	16	X				
PITCHER 2	50	X					
PITCHER 3	65	X	X				
PITCHER 4	80	X	X	X			
PITCHER 5	95	X	X	X	X		
PITCHER 6	15	20	4	X			
PITCHER 7	15	20	20	X			
PITCHER 8	15	20	21	X	X		
PITCHER 9	15	20	41	X	X	X	
PITCHER 10	15	20	70 (max)	X	X	X	X

- Pitcher availability
- 55 Sample number of pitches
- X Mandatory rest day pursuant to WBSC U-18 BWC Regulations

# 4. COMPETITION

## ➤ Pitch Count Rule (Rule A1.8.3 of 2025-2026 WBSC Official Rules of Baseball)

### A1.8.3 U-18 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

Each pitcher must observe a day(s) rest as follows:

NUMBER OF PITCHES	1 - 40	41 - 55	56 - 75	76 - 90	91 - 105
REST DAYS	No rest	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days

The Technical Commissioner will ultimately determine the accurate pitch count by using all the information gathered from the Official Scorers plus his own work and render any final decisions on protests.

#### Note:

- Pitch count is to be accurately recorded by Official Scorers, and pitchers who are not available to pitch will be listed in a daily report;
- Pitch count thrown by the same pitchers in games on the same day will be added to determine availability of pitchers;
- A pitcher can only pitch on three (3) consecutive days if pitch count on the two previous days does not exceed forty (40) pitches. It should be noted when a pitcher pitches on consecutive days, their pitch count from the previous day(s) will be used to determine the number of pitches allowed for the day. For example, if a pitcher throws 39 pitches over two days, they are allowed to throw the third day because the pitch count total was under 40, but they can only throw a maximum of 66 pitches

on the third day (maximum of 105 minus the 39). Whatever the amount of pitches thrown on the three consecutive days will determine the days rest needed. In the above example, the pitcher would require the full 4 days of rest;

- If pitch count is forty-one (41) or above on those two days, the said pitcher will require one (1) day of rest;
- Pitcher cannot pitch four (4) consecutive days. At least one (1) day-rest is needed;
- When a pitcher reaches any of the thresholds, he may not play as a pitcher according to the corresponding rest day(s), however the pitcher is allowed to play as a position player during such rest.

# 5. GAME CONDUCT

## ➤ Lineup Cards

- **MUST** be submitted to Technical Director and/or Scorer's Director 2 hours before the start of the game.
- All players, including substitutes must be properly listed with full names and uniform number.
- A player injured during warm-up may be replaced in the starting line-up by the manager at the plate conference without incurring a substitution.

# 5. GAME CONDUCT

## ➤ Pre-Game Practice

- 40 minutes for batting practice (Batting Tunnels).
- 10 minutes for infield practice. Home team first
- 10 minutes before game time, the pre-game ceremony starts, and the delegation leader and team manager are requested to have starting lineup (one by one) and reserve members (all together) ready to come onto the field based on public announcement

Note: Technical Director will divide equal time to both teams if no sufficient time is left for pre-game practice

PRE-GAME PRACTICE TIMES		
2hr 10mins		
TIME	DURATION	Activity
8:20 – 9:00	0:40:00	Batting Practice <b>Home Team</b> (Tunnels)
<b>8:30am</b>	-	<b>Tentative Line-Up (TD and/or Scorer)</b>
9:00 – 9:40	0:40:00	Batting Practice <b>Away Team</b> (Tunnels)
9:40 – 9:50	0:10:00	Infield Practice <b>Home Team</b>
9:50 – 10:00	0:10:00	Infield Practice <b>Away Team</b>
10:00 – 10:20	0:20:00	<i>Field Maintenance</i>
10:20 – 10:27	0:07:00	<b>Pre-Game Ceremony</b>
		<i>Away Team</i>
		<i>Home Team</i>
		<i>Umpires</i>
10:27 – 10:30	0:03:00	Pitcher's Warm-Up
<b>10:30am</b>		<b>PLAY BALL</b>

PRE-GAME PRACTICE TIMES		
2hr 10mins		
TIME	DURATION	Activity
11:20 – 12:00	0:40:00	Batting Practice <b>Home Team</b> (Tunnels)
<b>11:30am</b>	-	<b>Tentative Line-Up (TD and/or Scorer)</b>
12:00 – 11:40	0:40:00	Batting Practice <b>Away Team</b> (Tunnels)
12:40 – 12:50	0:10:00	Infield Practice <b>Home Team</b>
12:50 – 1:00	0:10:00	Infield Practice <b>Away Team</b>
1:00 – 1:20	0:20:00	<i>Field Maintenance</i>
1:20 – 1:27	0:07:00	<b>Pre-Game Ceremony</b>
		<i>Away Team</i>
		<i>Home Team</i>
		<i>Umpires</i>
1:27 – 1:30	0:03:00	Pitcher's Warm-Up
<b>1:30pm</b>		<b>PLAY BALL</b>

PRE-GAME PRACTICE TIMES		
2hr 10mins		
TIME	DURATION	Activity
2:50 – 3:30	0:40:00	Batting Practice <b>Home Team</b> (Tunnels)
<b>3:00pm</b>	-	<b>Tentative Line-Up (TD and/or Scorer)</b>
3:30 – 4:10	0:40:00	Batting Practice <b>Away Team</b> (Tunnels)
4:10 – 4:20	0:10:00	Infield Practice <b>Home Team</b>
4:20 – 4:30	0:10:00	Infield Practice <b>Away Team</b>
4:30 – 4:50	0:20:00	<i>Field Maintenance</i>
4:50 – 4:57	0:07:00	<b>Pre-Game Ceremony</b>
		<i>Away Team</i>
		<i>Home Team</i>
		<i>Umpires</i>
4:57 – 5:00	0:03:00	Pitcher's Warm-Up
<b>5:00pm</b>		<b>PLAY BALL</b>

HOME TEAM - 3RD BASE BENCH

AWAY TEAM - 1ST BASE BENCH

# 5. GAME CONDUCT

## ➤ **Suspended Games**

- After the completion of 4 innings, the game is ruled a complete game.
- When it is tied or when the visiting team takes the lead in an uncompleted inning, and after it has become a regulation game, it is a suspended game and will be resumed at the exact point of suspension and played to a completion.
- Before a game becomes a regulation game, it is not an official game and shall be resumed at the exact point of suspension.

## 5. GAME CONDUCT

- Players and coaches **must be** in the dugout
- Only one on-deck hitter allowed
- All equipment must be inside the dugout
- No players are allowed to warm up in the playing area during the game (Note: Pitchers are allowed to warm up only in the bullpen)

# 5. GAME CONDUCT

## ➤ Visits & Changes (Pace of Play Rules (T.R. C7.)

- Three (3) FREE defensive trips to the mound per game. One (1) additional visit for each three (3) extra innings
- Two (2) trips to the mound in the same inning to the same pitcher must result in the removal of the pitcher from the game
- Coaches going to make multiple changes involving pitcher after three free trips or due to second visit in an inning, must go to HP umpire to state their changes prior to going to the mound or their moves are invalid and the pitcher must be removed from the game
- Three (3) offensive meetings per game. One (1) additional meeting for each three (3) extra innings

## 6. GROUND RULES

- **Ground Rules**
  - Ground Rules shared in a separate document

## 7. EXTRA INNING RULES

- When tied after 7 innings, 8<sup>th</sup> inning start with 2 runners on bases (First and Second)
- 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 hitter at bat and 2B runner is the #7 hitter, and 1B runner is the #8 hitter in the lineup.

## 8. PROTESTS

### ➤ **Protests:**

- Protest is to be made to the home plate umpire
- The Manager must tell the home plate umpire what rule he is protesting
- The home plate umpire will discuss with other game umpires & when required Technical & Umpires Directors.
- All decisions are final and cannot be protested.

## 9. FTR & PASSPORT CONTROL

### ➤ Final Team Roster (FTR)

- 20 players (Full Names; Uniform number/Bats & Throws (R/L)/Position/s
- 4 Delegation Officials
- Once the FTR is submitted, **NO substitutions or player changes are permitted**

## 10. WEBSITES FOR RESULTS

➤ Palau

- <https://www.palau2025pmg.com>

➤ WBSC Oceania

- <https://www.wbscoceania.org/en/events/2025-2025-pacific-mini-games-baseball-palau-/schedule-and-results>

# 11. Q & A

Questions and Answers



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TOURNAMENT