

**International Softball Tournament
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Softball Venues

The games are played on a turf field. The players are not allowed to wear cleats.

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Softball Regulations

The United World Games Softball Fastpitch Tournament will be played in accordance with the official rules of the WBSC, with the addition/exception of the following specifications and adaptations.

Most Important Rule - FAIR PLAY

It should be needless to say but we expect fair play from all teams. Please respect your opponents as well as your teammates, the umpires and fans.

1. Age Groups & Playing Time

Girls:

Category	Cut-off Date	Playing Time
U 21 Girls	Born 01.01.2003 or younger	7 innings or 1:15h
U 17 Girls	Born 01.01.2007 or younger	7 innings or 1:15h

Exception permits:

Due to different cut-off dates of the various **National Softball Federations**, exceptions may be issued in accordance with our statutory exception rule. As per this rule, a **maximum of 2 players per team** is allowed to **exceed** the **respective age limit** by up to but **no more than 6 months**. These players must be announced to the Organizing Committee and marked on the corresponding Squad List accordingly.

2. Squad List & ID Checks

For **each participating team a squad list has to be submitted** to the Organizing Committee (via email to office@unitedworldgames.com), which will be checked, signed and handed out to the respective team representatives upon checking in in Klagenfurt. The coaches are requested to carry the signed squad list, as well as **player's licences or IDs of all athletes with them to all games**. Upon request, every player must be able to verify his or her identity by showing a valid photo ID card. In case of a suspected violation of a cut-off date or the use of an ineligible player, squad list and ID have to be checked in coordination with the umpire/venue supervisor. A **violation results in an automatic defeat** for the concerned team.

Generally it is allowed for athletes to play in 2 separate teams, as long as they are not playing in the same age category, yet they also have to appear on the respective squad lists of both teams (a player of the U17 tournament may for example also be a member of a team participating in the U21 competition and compete for both teams, provided the tournament schedule allows it).

Should a club enter more than one team in one age category, they are forbidden to move players between these teams, **athletes may only appear on the squad list of ONE team per competition/age category**.

3. Substitution of Players

Pitchers and catchers can be substituted out of the game and back on once. When they are substituted off for the second time in the game, they cannot return.

Courtesy runners:

The pitcher and catcher can get a courtesy runner, which does not count as a substitution. The courtesy runner has to come off the bench, but can be subbed on after courtesy running for someone else. Once the player has played on the field, she cannot be a courtesy runner again.

4. Tournament Mode

Group phase with Round Robin followed by Play Offs.

The ranking in the group stage will be decided by points:

Win	3 Points
Draw	1 Point
Loss	0 Points

Teams will be ranked according to the following criteria:

- a) Number of points in the group stage
- b) Direct duel - In case of two or more teams on equal points, only the matches between these teams will count to determine their ranking, in case of equal points from the games played against each other, the goal difference from these games will be taken into account
- c) If teams have the same run difference from games played against each other, the number of scored runs in these games will be taken into account
- d) Run difference in all games
- e) Number of runs scored in all games
- f) Number of wins in all games
- g) The last resort is a decision by drawing lots (computerised random generator)

In case best ranked 2nd, 3rd, 4th etc. have to be determined, the ranking of said teams will be made by the following criteria:

- Total number of points/Number of games
- Run difference
- Higher number of runs scored
- Decision by drawing lots (computerised random generator)

In case of a tie in the KO stage:

The game continues with extra innings until one team has scored more runs than the other team. will be played. At the start of the inning a runner (last out) is placed on second base.

5. Match Regulations

- The home-playing teams take place in the first base-dugout and have to ensure that there are enough game balls. 3 game balls are provided by the Tournament Board and have to be returned after the game.
- The scorer picks up the score card fifteen minutes before the start of the match at the game management. The coaches of the teams are requested to inform the scorer of their batting order and field arrangement no later than 5 minutes before the start of the match. The score card must be returned immediately after the game to the game management.
- If a match is stopped due to weather conditions, the game will be valid if 4 innings have been played. If the game is canceled after 4 innings at the top of an inning, the score after the last full inning is the final score. If the game is canceled in the bottom inning and the home club is in front at that time, that is the final result. If the home club is behind, the score after the last full inning is the final score.
- In the event of major delays, the tournament director (after consultation with the coaches) can determine new starting times. The competition duration can be adjusted if necessary.
- Protests are inadmissible. In cases where the tournament rules do not provide, the tournament management decides.
- The coaches are expected to be present at the coaches meeting on Thursday June 25th.

6. Insurance & Disclaimer

The participants are not insured through the organizers. It is up to the coach of each team to make sure that their players and all the participants of the team are insured during the event. The organizers do not assume any kind of liability in case of illness, accidents or loss/theft of personal belongings.

With their participation the athletes accept the disclaimer of warranty for any kind of damage. No claims can be asserted against the organizing committee, the event sponsors, the city of Klagenfurt and the province of Carinthia regarding damage or injuries.

Every athlete has to make sure that they are fully physically capable of participating without any medical objections.

For all players: Do not leave any valuable things and/or expensive clothing and/or shoes in the locker rooms.

7. Disciplinary Remark

Severe offenses and may result in an automatic ban for the next game. In addition, the Tournament Board may speak out a further suspension according to the severity of the offense. In case of a sending-off because of a brawl or insulting the umpire, the concerned player will be disqualified for the whole remainder of the tournament.

Furthermore, the Tournament Board reserves the right to suspend entire teams from the tournament if they act disrespectful towards umpires, officials, coaches, spectators or opponents, or misbehave themselves.

8. Final Remark

The organizers of the United World Games are at the understanding that each participant and team leader knows all the items as mentioned in these regulations.

IMPORTANT: In emergencies the emergency number 144 must be called. Please also note that if an injured athlete has to be transported to the hospital with an ambulance, a coach, manager or parent/guardian of the affected team must always accompany them.