

**36° "Due Torri" International
Baseball & Softball tournament
July, 26/27/28/29/30 2023
Cat: UNDER 12 - UNDER 14 – UNDER 18 BASEBALL**

TOURNAMENT RULES

Art. 1 – Eligibility

- a) The attendance to the tournament is subjected to the formal invitation by the Organizing Committee (O.C.).
- b) All players have to be enrolled with their National Softball Federation for the year 2023.
- c) The registered Clubs must submit to the O.C., by July 10th, 2023, the full list of athletes, which may not be changed for the duration of the Tournament, and must be accompanied by the Athlete's name, date of birth and jersey number, which may not be changed (unless authorized by the O.C.) for the duration of the Tournament.
- d) The participation of players registered with another club is allowed, provided they have the regular clearance from that club (nulla-osta). It will be the responsibility of the O.C. to check that the above regulations are complied with, so it is the obligation of the Clubs to make sure that the Athletes are in possession of a non-expired identification document, and provide them (the athletes) with the documentation of membership of the Club registered for the Tournament (F.I.B.S. card for Italian and equivalent for foreign ones).
- e) **Age of the players.**
 - UNDER 12: born in 2011/12/13/14
 - UNDER 15: born in 2008/09/10.
 - UNDER 18: born in 2005/06/07.Players belonging to the last year of the each category are allowed to participate in the Upper Category.
- f) **Teams composition**

Our club will host with food and accommodation a maximum number of 15 members per team, 13 athletes and 2 coaches or managers. It is permissible to bring more athletes, coaches and managers, but clubs will have to make their own arrangements for lodging and pay meals expenses for the excess members. **In any case, no more than 18 athlete(s) may be presented within each team's roster.**

Art. 2 - Games

- a) **Duration**
 - UNDER 12 – 6 (six) innings or 1 hour and 30 min - (Final 1st/2nd place - 6 (six) innings or 2 hours)
 - UNDER 15 – 7 (seven) innings or 1 hour and 45 min - (Final 1st/2nd place - 7 (seven) innings or 2 hours)
 - UNDER 18 – 7 (seven) innings or 2 (two) hoursLead umpire shall end a game and not allow the start of a new inning or the second half of it (if the home team is leading), if only 10 minutes are left before the reach of the maximum game time.

The matches which end for time-limit rule will be considered valid even when the home team is ahead in runs:

 - after the guest team has completed its turn at bat
 - and time limit turns up during the home team turn at bat.
- b) Tie is allowed. If, after the maximum scheduled time is elapsed, the home team will be in its turn of offence, either equalizing or losing, the game will be continued up to the end of the inning or up to when the home team will get over.
- c) A team that will not be present on the playground within 15 minutes from the official time scheduled for the game, or a team that will withdraw during a match, will be considered defeated with the score: UNDER 12 (5 - 0), UNDER 15 (6 - 0), UNDER 18 (7 - 0), and it will have a penalization of -1 point in the overall ranking of the tournament.
- d) In case of bad weather, one or more interruptions are allowed within the competition; in case of suspension, it will be the responsibility of the O.C. to assess the validity of the game.
- e) A half inning will end when:
 - The defending team will have completed 3 (three) outs.
 - Cat. UNDER 12 – the offence team will have scored 4 (four) runs
 - Cat. UNDER 15 – the offence team will have scored 5 (five) runs
 - Cat. UNDER 18 – the offence team will have scored 6 (six) runs.
- f) In case a team suffers an injury to an athlete and has no more substitutions available, an athlete already substituted, may play again to replace the injured athlete.

Art. 3 – Ranking Rules

In all qualifying stages, the following will be awarded: 2 (two) points for winning, 0 (zero) points for losing and 1 (one) point to each team in case of tie.

Cat. UNDER 12: 11 teams divided into 2 groups (yellow and blue) will attend the tournament. A series of single games will be played. After this first stage a ranking is drawn up:

The ranked 1st of each pool will get in the semifinal the 2nd ranked of the other pool. The two winners will play in the final 1st/2nd place, while the losers will play in the final 3rd/4th place.

The ranked 3rd from the two groups will directly play in the final 5th/6th place and the ranked 4th will directly play in the final 7th/8th

In order to determine the final ranking of the 9th, 10th and 11th place, there will be a mini group of 3 teams between the 5th classified of the yellow group and the 5th and 6th classified of the blue group. Matches will last 1 hour and 15 minutes. There will be no match between the 5th and 6th of the blue group but will be taken into account the result obtained in the direct match in the first round.

Cat. UNDER 15: 6 teams will attend the tournament. A series of single games will be played. After this first stage a ranking is drawn up. The teams placed in 5th/6th positions will play the 5th/6th final. The ones placed in 4th/3rd positions will play the 3rd/4th final. The ones placed in 2nd/1st positions will play the 1st/2nd final.

Cat. UNDER 18: 6 teams will attend the tournament. A series of single games will be played. After this first stage a ranking is drawn up. The teams placed in 5th/6th positions will play the 5th/6th final. The ones placed in 4th/3rd positions will play the 3rd/4th final. The ones placed in 2nd/1st positions will play the 1st/2nd final.

For all categories, in the event of a tie between two or more teams, the rules defining the exact position in the final ranking are:

- Outcome of head-to-head match ups
- the different between the ratio of run scored per inning in offense and the ratio of run allowed per inning in defense
- number of the runners arrived in the 3rd base in all the games
- number of runners arrived in 2nd base in all the games
- number of runners arrived in 1st base in all the games
- total number of hits
- drawing

Art. 4 - Home Team – Line Up

a) For the 1^o/2^o finals the home team will be determined by drawing lots. For all other games the home team will be the first mentioned in the Official Schedule of the Tournament, drawn up by the O.C.

The home team will occupy the dugout of the 1st base

b) Each team must deliver a copy of their team line-up to the official Scorekeepers 15 minutes before the start of the game

Art. 5 – Pitchers and Catchers

Each pitcher can pitch only one game a day.

In the event of a team facing a third daily match, the third match is considered to be played the next day. It is appropriate to use the pitchers of the first daily match (but the manager will have freedom of choice) In any case, the pitchers used in the third round must not exceed the limit of daily launches allowed by the regulation for their category.

Example: a pitcher of category U12 that pitched in the first game of the day can return to throw in the third daily game; the sum of the pitches made in the two matches must not exceed the allowed limit (in this case, 60 pitches) but can still finish throwing to the batter until the latter is made out or arrive safe on 1st base.

Cat. Under 12:

- The pitcher can pitch only **one game a day and no more than 60 throws per game.**
- If the pitcher has pitched **36 or more throws** during the game, **he must observe a rest day.** This limit of 35 pitches is mandatory, the pitcher **cannot finish** the turn of the batter he is facing without observing the rest day.

- If the pitcher reaches the permitted limit (60 pitches) as he is facing a hitter, he may continue to pitch until the hitter reaches the base or is eliminated.
- After pitching, the player can cover all the other roles, **catcher included**, but the sum of the innings played in the two roles (pitcher and catcher) should not exceed the number of **4 (four)**, without prejudice to the limit of **60 pitches** per game.
- Catchers; no more than **3 innings** in a single game. Even a single pitch is counted as an inning. After catching, the player can cover all the other roles, pitcher included. The sum of the innings played in the two roles (pitcher and catcher) should not exceed the number of **4 (four)**

Cat. Under 15:

- The pitcher can pitch only **one game a day and no more than 70 throws per game.**
- If the pitcher has pitched **41 or more throws** during the game, **he must observe a rest day.** This limit of 40 pitches is mandatory, the pitcher **cannot finish** the turn of the batter he is facing without observing the rest day.
- If the pitcher reaches the permitted limit (70 pitches) as he is facing a hitter, he may continue to pitch until the hitter reaches the base or is eliminated.
- After pitching, the player can cover all the other roles, **catcher excluded**.
- Catchers are not subject to limits of played innings. After catching, the player can cover all the other roles, **pitcher excluded**.

Cat. Under 18:

- The pitcher can pitch only **one game a day and no more than 80 throws per game.**
- If the pitcher has pitched **46 or more throws** during the game, **he must observe a rest day.** This limit of 45 pitches is mandatory, the pitcher **cannot finish** the turn of the batter he is facing without observing the rest day.
- If the pitcher reaches the permitted limit (80 pitches) as he is facing a hitter, he may continue to pitch until the hitter reaches the base or is eliminated.
- After pitching, the player can cover all the other roles, **catcher excluded**.
- Catchers are not subject to limits of played innings. After catching, the player can cover all the other roles, **pitcher excluded**.

Failure to comply in a match with any of the rules contained in this Article 5 shall result in the loss of the match and disqualification of the Manager for the following match (ejection).

All categories:

The control of the throws will be carried out by both teams. Each team will count the throws through their own manager and every half inning will compare the counts to verify their correspondence. In case of discrepancy the official scorekeeper will decide;

After each pitcher change, the total will be communicated to the official scorekeeper, which will record it on the roll.

Art. 6 – Umpires, Playground Commissary and Scorekeepers

- a) Referees shall be designated by the competent Federal Bodies. Any decision of the Referees, who are in full control of the match, will be irrevocable.
- b) The Playground Commissary of the Tournament (Giudice Unico), will be designated by the F.I.B.S.
- c) The scorekeepers will be designated by the Organizing Committee. Their judgment shall be irrevocable. The designated scorekeepers will be responsible for completing the game scorer board, to calculate and validate the official ranking of each category and to designate the individual prizes. Their judgment will not be open to appeal.

All decision of umpire **MUST** be accepted. No protests of technical nature are allowed.

Violation of Article 5 of these Regulations, shall result in defeat by 5-0 (UNDER 12), 6-0 (UNDER 15) 7-0 (UNDER 18), and a penalty of 1 (one) point in the ranking for the team incurring the said violation. It should be noted that the control of the violation of Article 5, is left to the managers of the teams participating in the tournament, who may in any case consult the official scorekeepers designated for the event. In the event that the score keeper notices a non-compliance with the rules, on the part of either of the two teams in the field, he shall immediately notify both managers of such non-compliance; then notify the Playground Commissary of the Tournament (Giudice Unico). Said sanctions shall be communicated to the parties concerned before the start of the next match in which the team will participate, and in the meantime a regular notice shall be issued.

Art. 7 – Disciplinary Rules

- a) Players, Technicians and Managers who are ejected from the field of play will be automatically disqualified for at least one match, therefore they will not be allowed to participate in the following match their team plays.
- b) Athletes are not allowed to wear uniforms with a number that does not conform to the roster delivered to the O.C. In case of non-compliance, disciplinary action will be taken against the Team Manager and the game will be declared forfeited.

Art. 8 – Awards Ceremony

All teams will be awarded according to the ranking obtained.

An award will be given to the **best pitcher** in each category who has scored the best E.R.A. with a minimum of 6 innings pitched.

In the case of a tie in ERA, the award will be given to the pitcher who has the best K/Inning average (K – strike outs made / Inning pitched).

An award will also be given to the **best batter** in each category, which will be the one who has made the best batting average (MB), with a minimum of 6 (six) batting appearances (AB).,

In case of a tie, the award will be given to the player who has the most at bats (PA).

In all cases, if a tie persists, the youngest player will be awarded.

An award will be given to the **most useful player (MVP)** for each category; the assignment will be made by reports from the Managers involved; each manager will report to the scorekeeper, who will make a note of it on the scorer, the name of an opposing athlete and a grade (from 1 to 5) expressing his quality.

For each category, a **FAIR PLAY award** will be given to the athlete/team, who will stand out for one or more acts of sportsmanship toward opponents. Reports for the awarding of this prize must be received by the O.C. from the referees, who will take care to indicate the Team to which they belong and the No. of jersey.

Art. 9 – Allowed Balls

For all categories, balls must be approved by "FIBS".

Each match must be played, from beginning to end, with the same type of balls.

Art. 10 – Allowed Bats

It is mandatory to use wooden bats in the category Under 18.

Art. 11 – General Rules

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to make changes to these Regulations.

For anything not provided for in the aforementioned Regulations, the provisions of the F.I.B.S. (Italian Baseball and Softball Federation) with its rules, circulars and federal charters shall apply.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right, after evaluating the reasons of the applicants, to accept entries in derogation of the provisions of Art.1.

The Organizing Committee **disclaims all liability** arising from any accidents that may occur before, during and after the Tournament is held.

**The Organizing Committee
Oltretorrente B.C. – A.S.D.**