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# **Tournament Rules - Baseball**



# CAPITOLO 1

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## Tournament Rules - Baseball

### 1.1 Eligibility

1. Participation in the tournament is subject to a formal invitation by the Organizing Committee (O.C.).
2. All players have to be enrolled with their National Federation for the year 2024.
3. The registered Clubs must submit to the O.C., by June 30th, 2024, 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 altered (unless authorized by the O.C.) for the duration of the Tournament.
4. The participation of players registered with another Club is allowed, provided they have 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 the Clubs must make sure that the Athletes have 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).
5. **Age of players:**
  - **UNDER 12:** born in years 2012/13/14/15
  - **UNDER 15:** born in years 2009/10/11.
  - **UNDER 18:** born in years 2006/07/08.

Players belonging to the last year of each category are allowed to participate in the Upper Category

#### 6. Teams composition

No more than 18 athlete(s) may be presented within each team's roster.

### 1.2 Course of competitions

Category	# Inning	Duration (hrs)	Exceptions
Under 12	6	1:30	Championship game (1°/2° place): 6 Inning o 2 Ore
Under 15	7	1:45	Championship game (1°/2° place): 7 Inning o 2 Ore
Under 18	7	2:00	

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

- a) Should the time expire in the top of the inning, after the completion of the visiting team's offensive turn,
  - b) At time expiration, if it expires during the home team's offensive turn.
1. Tie is allowed during qualification round.

2. A team that will not be present on the field 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 a score of 0 to x (where the x stands for the number of innings foreseen by the game, based on category)
3. In case of bad weather, one or more interruptions are allowed within the span of the competition; in case of suspension, it will be within the authority of the tournament commissioner (Giudice Unico), in consultation with the O.C., to resume or homologate suspended matches and, in the most serious cases, redefine the structure of the tournament.
4. Half an 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.
5. If 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.
6. Mercy Rule is not foreseen. However, the moment a match should become unrecoverable as a result of the point difference, it will be terminated immediately.
7. In the case of a home run, only the points necessary to reach the set limit of points per inning will be counted.

### **1.3 Standings rules**

The standings will be determined by the percentage of victories over the games played. In the case of a game ending in a tie, half a game won and half a game lost will be counted.

**Categoria Under 12** 8 teams will be attending the tournament, teams will be divided into 2 groups (yellow and blue) which will play a series of single headers. After this first qualifier round, a ranking will be drawn up to define the schedule for the following stage.

In the second qualifier:

- The 1st and 2nd classified of the Blue group will meet the 3rd and 4th classified of the Yellow group.
- The 1st and 2nd classified of the Yellow group will meet the 3rd and 4th classified of the Blue group.

At the end of the second qualifier phase, the sum of the standings will determine the semifinal pairings:

- The team ranked 1st within the Yellow group will face the team ranked 2nd within the Blue group.
- The team ranked 1st within the Blue group will face the team ranked 2nd within the Yellow group.

The two winning teams will play in the final 1st/2nd place, while the losing teams will play in the final 3rd/4th place.

The pairings for the remaining positions will be:

- The team ranked 3rd within the Yellow group will face the team ranked 4th within the Blue group.
- The team ranked 3rd within the Blue group will face the team ranked 4th within the Yellow group.

The two winning teams will play in the final 5th/6th place, while the losing teams will play in the final 7th/8th place.



**Categoria Under 15** 6 teams will be attending the tournament. A series of single headers will be played. After the first qualifier round, a ranking will be 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 championship game (1st/2nd place).

**Categoria Under 18** 6 teams will be attending the tournament. A series of single headers will be played. After the first qualifier round, a ranking will be 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 championship game (1st/2nd place).

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

- The outcome of head-to-head matchups;
- International TQB  $\frac{R_{scored}}{IP_{Attack}} - \frac{R_{Allowed}}{IP_{Defense}}$  between the tied team;
- Number of the runners left on 3rd base in all the games;
- Number of runners left on 2nd base in all the games;
- Number of runners left on 1st base in all the games;
- Total number of hits;
- Drawing

## 1.4 Home team – Line-up

1. For the 1°/2° 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 Organizing Committee. The home team will occupy the 1st base dugout.
2. Each team must deliver a copy of their team line-up to the official Scorekeepers 20 minutes before the start of each game.

## 1.5 Pitchers - Catchers

**Each pitcher can pitch only one game a day.**

1. In the event of a team facing a third daily match, the third match is considered for the pitcher rules to be played the next day.
2. 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 pitches allowed by the regulation for their category.

**Example:** a U12 category pitcher who pitched in the first game of the day (under the 35-pitch limit) may return to pitch in the third game of the day; the sum of the pitches thrown in the two games must still not exceed the allowed limit (in U12 case 60 pitches) but may still finish pitching to the batter until the batter is made out or reaches base.

### Under 12

- The pitcher can pitch only one game a day and no more than 60 pitches per game (regardless of the innings pitched).

- If the pitcher has pitched 36 or more pitches during the game, he must observe a rest day. This limit of 35 pitches is mandatory, the pitcher cannot finish the at bat 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 positions (pitcher and catcher) must not exceed the number of 4 (four). It should be pointed out that, in case a pitcher in the same game also plays the role of catcher, an inning of presence on the mound will be counted even for a single pitch.
- Each catcher is allowed to catch no more than 3 innings per single game (even for two games on the same day). Even a single pitch is counted as an inning. After catching, the player can cover all the other positions, pitcher included. The sum of the innings played in the two positions (pitcher and catcher) must not exceed the number of 4 (four). It should be pointed out that if a catcher plays the role of pitcher in the same game, he will automatically have to comply with the rules on pitching in force for the category and the number of innings of presence on the mound will be counted as the sum of innings played in both roles.

### **Under 15**

- The pitcher can pitch only one game a day and no more than 75 pitches per game (regardless of the innings pitched).
- 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 (75 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 positions, pitcher excluded.

### **Under 18**

- The pitcher can pitch only one game a day and no more than 85 pitches per game (regardless of the innings pitched)
- 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 (85 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 positions, pitcher excluded.

**All Categories** The control of the pitches will be carried out by both teams. Each team will count the pitches through their responsibility and every half inning will compare the counts to verify their correspondence. In case of discrepancy, the official scorekeeper will decide. After each pitcher changes, the total of the pitches will be communicated to the official scorekeeper, who will record it in the scorebook.

**Failure to comply in a match with any of the rules contained in this Section 1.5 shall result in the loss of the match and disqualification of the Manager for the following match.**

A summary table is available within [Appendix A](#)

## **1.6 Umpires – Tournament Commissioner - Scorekeepers**

1. The Tournament Commissary (Giudice Unico), will be designated by the Italian Baseball Softball Federation - F.I.B.S.
2. Umpires shall be designated by the competent Federal Bodies. Any decision of the Umpires, who are in full control of the match, will be irrevocable.
3. The scorekeepers will be designated by the Organizing Committee. Their judgment shall be irrevocable. The designated scorekeepers will be responsible for completing the game scorebook, calculating and validating the official standings of each category and designating the individual prizes.
4. No protest of any technical nature will be allowed. Any violation of section 1.5 of tournament rules, shall result in defeat by 5-0 (UNDER 12), 6-0 (UNDER 15) 7-0 (UNDER 18). It should be noted that the control of the violation of Section 1.5, is left to the managers of the teams participating in the tournament, who may in any case consult the official scoreboards exposed outside the field (Field Notari). If the scorekeeper notices a non-compliance with the rules, on the part of either of the two teams in the field, he shall immediately notify the tournament commissioner (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.

## **1.7 Disciplinary Rules**

1. Players, Coaches 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.
2. 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.

## **1.8 Award 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. In the case of a tie in ERA, the award will be given to the pitcher who has the best K/Inning average (K – strikeouts made / Inning pitched). An award will also be given to the best hitter in each category, which will be the one who has reached the best batting average (AVG). In case of a tie, the award will be given to the player who has the most at-bats (AB). 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.

Statistical minimums will be established by the head of scorekeeping based on the WBSC Single Rulebook and the technical level of the tournament.

## **1.9 Allowed baseballs**

For all categories, balls must be compliant with Italian Baseball Softball Federation – FIBS regulations. Each game must be played, from beginning to end, with the same type of baseball.

## **1.10 Allowed Bats**

The typology of baseball bats (material and sizes) in the Under 12 and 15 categories refers to the 2024 Italian Baseball Softball Federation – FIBS regulations.

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

## **1.11 General Rules**

The tournament commissioner (Giudice Unico), should the need arise, has the authority to rule on all matters not explicitly provided for in these regulations. 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.

# **Tournament Rules - Softball**



# CAPITOLO 2

## Tournament Rules - Softball

### 2.1 Eligibility

1. Participation in the tournament is subject to a formal invitation by the Organizing Committee (O.C.).
2. All players have to be enrolled with their National Federation for the year 2024.
3. The registered Clubs must submit to the O.C., by June 30th, 2024, 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 altered (unless authorized by the O.C.) for the duration of the Tournament.
4. The participation of players registered with another Club is allowed, provided they have 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 the Clubs must make sure that the Athletes have 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).
5. **Age of players:**
  - **UNDER 13:** born in years 2011/12/13/14
  - **UNDER 15:** born in years 2009/10/11.

Players belonging to the last year of each category are allowed to participate in the Upper Category

### 6. Teams composition

- (a) It is authorized in the Under 13 category, the formation of mixed teams, it being understood that the male athletes (as an exception to the provisions of the F.I.B.S. registered exclusively for the participating team) on the line-up can be a maximum 2 simultaneously and can play in every role, except pitcher and shortstop.
- (b) No more than 18 athlete(s) may be presented within each team's roster.

### 2.2 Course of competitions

Category	# Inning	Duration (hrs)	Exceptions
Under 13	5	1:30	Championship game (1°/2° place): 5 inning o 1:45
Under 15	6	1:30	Championship game (1°/2° place): 6 inning o 2 ore

The lead 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 (cat. Under 13 1,20 hrs and 1,35 hrs for the championship game - 1°/2° place), (cat. Under 13 1,20 hrs and 1,50 hrs for the championship game - 1°/2° place). The matches that end for the time-limit rule will be considered valid even when the home team is ahead in runs:

- a) Should the time expire in the top of the inning, after the completion of the visiting team's offensive turn,

- b) At time expiration, if it expires during the home team's offensive turn.
1. If, at the expiration of the maximum time set for the game, the host team is on offence and in the situation of a tie or a disadvantage, the same shall continue until it takes the lead or until the end of the inning.
  2. If the score is tied at the end of the scheduled regulation innings, the International Tie-Break rule (WBSC - Official Rule of Softball Fast Pitch - Rule 1.2.4.) will be applied at the beginning of the first extra inning and, for each half inning thereafter.
  3. A team that will not be present on the field 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 a score of 0 to x (where the x stands for the number of innings foreseen by the game, based on category)
  4. In case of bad weather, one or more interruptions are allowed within the span of the competition; in case of suspension, it will be within the authority of the tournament commissioner (Giudice Unico), in consultation with the O.C., to resume or homologate suspended matches and, in the most serious cases, redefine the structure of the tournament.
  5. Half an inning will end when:
    - The defending team will have completed 3 (three) outs.
    - The offence team will have scored 4 (four) runs.
  6. If 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. There remains the option of using the replacement player as per the WBSC Softball Rules (WBSC - Official Rule of Softball Fast Pitch - Rule 3.2.6).
  7. Mercy Rule is not foreseen. However, the moment a match should become unrecoverable as a result of the point difference, it will be terminated immediately.
  8. In the case of a home run, only the points necessary to reach the set limit of points per inning will be counted.

## 2.3 Standings rules

The standings will be determined by the percentage of victories over the games played.

**Under 13:** 4 teams will be attending the tournament. The teams will play in a qualifier round where each team will play twice against the opponents. After the first qualifier stage, a standing will be drawn up. The teams placed in 4th/3rd positions will play the 3rd/4th final. The ones placed in 2nd/1st positions will play the championship game (1st/2nd place).

**Under 15:** 6 teams will participate and meet in one-way competitions. At the end, a standing will be drawn up: the 5th and 6th place finishers will advance to the 5th/6th place final; the 4th and 3rd place finishers will advance to the 3rd/4th place final; the 1st and 2nd place finishers will advance to the 1st/2nd place final.

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

- The outcome of head-to-head matchups;
- International TQB  $\frac{R_{scored}}{IP_{Attack}} - \frac{R_{Allowed}}{IP_{Defense}}$  between the tied team;
- Number of the runners left on 3rd base in all the games;
- Number of runners left on 2nd base in all the games;



- Number of runners left on 1st base in all the games;
- Total number of hits;
- Drawing

## 2.4 Home team – Line up

1. For the 1°/2° 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 Organizing Committee. The home team will occupy the 1st base dugout.
2. Each team must deliver a copy of their team line-up to the official Scorekeepers 20 minutes before the start of each game.

## 2.5 Pitchers - Catchers

### *Categoria Under 13*

- Each pitcher may pitch a maximum of 3 (three) innings per game; even one pitch will be counted as one inning.
- In the case of multiple games on the same day, she may pitch for no more than 5 (five) innings per day in any case.
- In the event of a tie in the semifinal and final games, she may pitch for an additional 2 (two) innings, unless she has already reached the daily limit provided (5 five innings) in which case she may NO longer pitch.
- Each pitcher may pitch a maximum of 16 (sixteen) innings in the **ENTIRE** tournament (Qualification Round and Finals).
- Each catcher may catch, at most, 3 (three) innings per game; even one pitch will be counted as one inning. At the end of the scheduled innings, such a catcher may play in any other position, including pitching.

### *Under 15*

- Each pitcher may pitch a maximum of 4 (four) innings per game; even one pitch will be counted as one inning.
- In the case of multiple games on the same day, she may pitch for no more than 6 (six) innings per day in any case.
- In the event of a tie in the final round, she may pitch for an additional 2 (two) innings, unless she has already reached the daily limit provided (6 - six innings) in which case she may NO longer pitch.
- Each pitcher may pitch a maximum of 16 (sixteen) innings in the **ENTIRE** tournament (Qualification Round and Finals).

**All Categories** Failure to comply in a match with any of the rules contained in this Section 1.5 shall result in the loss of the match and disqualification of the Manager for the following match.

A summary table is available within Appendix [A](#)

## 2.6 Umpires – Tournament Commissioner - Scorekeepers

1. The Tournament Commissary (Giudice Unico), will be designated by the Italian Baseball Softball Federation - F.I.B.S.

2. Umpires shall be designated by the competent Federal Bodies. Any decision of the Umpires, who are in full control of the match, will be irrevocable.
3. The scorekeepers will be designated by the Organizing Committee. Their judgment shall be irrevocable. The designated scorekeepers will be responsible for completing the game scorebook, calculating and validating the official standings of each category and designating the individual prizes.
4. No protest of any technical nature will be allowed; It should be noted that the control of the violation of Section 2.5 of tournament rules, shall result in defeat. It should be noted that the control of the violation of Section 2.5, is left to the managers of the teams participating in the tournament, who may in any case consult the official scoreboards exposed outside the field (Field Notari). If the scorekeeper notices a non-compliance with the rules, on the part of either of the two teams in the field, he shall immediately notify the Tournament commissioner (Giudice Unico). Said sanctions shall be communicated to the parties concerned before the beginning of the next match in which the team will participate, and in the meantime, a regular notice shall be issued.

## **2.7 Disciplinary Rules**

1. Players, coaches 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.
2. 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.
3. It is strictly forbidden to use shoes with cleats (spikes); players wearing shoes with cleats (spikes) will not be allowed to participate in matches.
4. All infielders (pitcher, first base, second base, third base and shortstop) must wear a protective face mask during the defensive phase of the inning.
5. All batters must wear a protective helmet equipped with a full grill or helmet extension on the side facing the pitcher.

## **2.8 Award Ceremony**

All teams will be awarded according to the position obtained. An award will be given to the best pitcher in each category who has scored the best E.R.A. In the case of a tie in ERA, the award will be given to the pitcher who has the best K/Inning average ( $K - \text{strikeouts made} / \text{Inning pitched}$ ). An award will also be given to the best hitter in each category, which will be the one who has reached the best batting average (AVG). In case of a tie, the award will be given to the player who has the most at-bats (AB). 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.

Statistical minimums will be established by the head of scorekeeping based on the WBSC Single Rulebook and the technical level of the tournament.

## **2.9 Allowed softballs**

For all categories, balls must be compliant with Italian Baseball Softball Federation – FIBS regulations.

## **2.10 General Rules**

The tournament commissioner (Giudice Unico), should the need arise, has the authority to rule on all matters not explicitly provided for in these regulations. 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.



# Appendix



**A.1 Course of competitions****A.1.1 Baseball**

Category	# Inning	Duration (hrs)	Exceptions
Under 12	6	1:30	Championship game (1°/2° place): 6 Inning o 2 Ore
Under 15	7	1:45	Championship game (1°/2° place): 7 Inning o 2 Ore
Under 18	7	2:00	

**A.1.2 Softball**

Category	# Inning	Duration (hrs)	Exceptions
Under 13	5	1:30	Championship game (1°/2° place): 5 inning o 1:45
Under 15	6	1:30	Championship game (1°/2° place): 6 inning o 2 ore

**A.2 Pitchers and Catchers****A.2.1 Baseball**

Category	Pitches limit to avoid rest day(s)	Pitches limit (per day)	Catcher's limit (IP)
Under 12	35	60	3.0
Under 15	40	75	//
Under 18	45	85	//

**A.2.2 Softball**

**IMPORTANT NOTE!** In all junior categories, the tournament sets a limit to innings pitched (IP) throughout the tournament to 16 (sixteen).

<b>Categoria</b>	<b>Per game limit (IP)</b>	<b>Per day limit (IP)</b>	<b>Catcher's limit(IP)</b>
Under 12	3.0	5.0	3.0
Under 13	4.0	6.0	//