



THE 4TH WORLD UNIVERSITY BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Czech Republic
July 17th – 27th, 2008



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GENERAL INFORMATION & TECHNICAL REGULATIONS ON THE 4TH WORLD UNIVERSITY BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Name

The 4th World University Baseball Championship (herein after referred to as the Championship).

2. Organizer

The Championship is organized under the auspices of the International University Sports Federation (FISU). The organizer of the Championship is the Czech University Sport Association, which appointed the Organizing Committee.

3. Contact

The Organizing Committee

4th University World Baseball Championship

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5. Co-organizers

Brno City

Masaryk University Brno

South Moravia region

Ostrava City

6. Dates

July 17 (opening) – July 27 (closing), 2008

7. Arrival and Departure Dates

- 7.1. Arrival Dates: July 16, 2008 and earlier
7.2. Departure Dates: July 28, 2008

8.1. Competition Venues

Brno City Stadium
Ostrava Stadium
Olomouc University Stadium
Blansko Stadium

8.2. Other Venues

Prague – Krč Altron Stadium
Brno – Kraví hora Field
Ostrava University Field
Choceň Stadium

9. Emblem of the Championship



10. Design of the Medal

(To be supplied)

11. International Supervision, Control and Arbitration Committee (CISCA)

Set up by the Executive Committee of FISU, the CISCA will have the final decision during the Championship on all questions of policy or dispute. The Committee is composed of:

- a) Chairman: the delegate of the FISU Executive Committee;
- b) Delegate of the FISU International Control Committee (CIC);
- c) Chairman of the FISU Technical Committee;
- d) Delegate of the Medical Commission;
- e) Delegate of the FNSU;
- f) Representative of the Organizing Committee.

12. Technical Committee (CT)

12.1. According to the FISU regulations, there shall be a CT which shall consist of:

- a) the chairman, technical delegate of FISU. In the case of equality vote, the chairman shall have a casting vote;
- b) the representative of the FSI (International Baseball Federation IBAF), in his absence the representative of the FSN of the organising country (Czech Baseball Association);
- c) the technical representative of the Organising Committee;
- d) three (3) experts nominated by the participants to the meeting under Art. 3.2.6 (the chairman of the CISCA, at least one day prior to the start of the championship shall convene a general meeting to which he shall invite the members of the CISCA; the members enumerated in a, b and c; a representative of each country competing in the championship) proposed by the members designated in a, b and c;
- e) the president of the CMI,

12.2. No country, except the organising country, may have more than one (1) member on the CT. The organising country may not have more than two (2) representatives.

12.3. The CT will carry out such tasks as technical rules for competitions, checking of equipment and facilities, assignment of umpires, scheduling the programmes etc.

13. Technical Rules

According to the FISU regulations, The Baseball Tournaments shall be organised in accordance with the most recent technical rules of the International Baseball Federation (IBAF). In any dispute the English text shall be authoritative.

14. Composition of Each Participating Delegation

14.1. Each country is authorised to enter a maximum of twenty seven (27) persons of whom twenty two (22) may be competitors and five (5) officials. The number of teams is fixed at twelve (12). The selection of the teams will be fixed by the Executive Committee. Further accompanying persons (scorers, observers etc.) can be included in the delegation with the approval of the Organizing Committee.

14.2. The countries participating in the Baseball tournament must bring with their delegation and at their own cost: one (1) international IBAF umpire. Any country failing to fulfil this obligation will pay a penalty of 2500 USD per referee to the Organising Committee.

15. Competition system

The following competition system is waiting to be approved by the FISU.

15.1. Preliminary:

The 12 participating teams shall be divided into 2 groups of 6 teams each – Group A, Group B. Each group will play a full league preliminary round. The top 4 teams in each group, totalling 8 teams, shall compete for the semi-final and final. The rest 4 teams shall play the games for 9th to 12th place.

15.2. Quarter-final:

A Game:	Group A 1 st	×	Group B 4 th
B Game:	Group A 2 nd	×	Group B 3 rd
C Game:	Group A 3 rd	×	Group B 2 nd
D Game:	Group A 4 th	×	Group B 1 st

15.3. Semi-final:

E Game:	A Game loser	×	C Game loser
F Game:	B Game loser	×	D Game loser
G Game:	A Game winner	×	C Game winner
H Game:	B Game winner	×	D Game winner

15.4. Consolation games:

I Game:	Group A 5 th	×	Group B 6 th
J Game:	Group A 6 th	×	Group B 5 th
K Game:	Group A 5 th	×	Group A 6 th
L Game:	Group B 5 th	×	Group B 6 th
M Game:	Group A 5 th	×	Group B 5 th
K Game:	Group A 6 th	×	Group B 6 th

15.5. Final:

7 th -8 th :	E Game loser	×	F Game loser
5 th -6 th :	E Game winner	×	F Game winner
3 rd -4 th :	G Game loser	×	H Game loser
1 st -2 nd :	G Game winner	×	H Game winner

16. Competition Rules

16.1. Round-robin system is adopted for preliminary games.

16.2. Crossover matches are adopted for quarter-final, semi-final and final games.

16.3. Each game consists of 9 innings. However, the game shall be ended earlier at the 7th inning or beyond when the scores of two teams different from each other exceed 10 points (inclusive).

16.4. Classification of teams after preliminary round:

- a) 2 points for each game won. 1 point for each game tied. 0 point for each game lost. A team which wins the most points will be the winner.
- b) If at the end of preliminary round, two or more than two teams have the same number of points, the following criteria (in order) shall be applied to determine the classification of the teams:
 - i. The team that won the game(s) between the teams tied shall be given the higher position.
 - ii. Fewest runs allowed in the games played between teams, tied innings played.
 - iii. Fewest earned runs allowed in games between the teams, tied innings played.
 - iv. Highest batting average in games between teams, tied innings played.
 - v. A coin flip.
- c) When two games have the same points at the end of the 9th inning, no overtime game will be held during the preliminary round, and overtime game will be held to determine the winning and losing during the semi-final and final match.
- d) In case of raining, it shall wait until after 30 minutes or if necessary, after another 30 minutes following the raining to decide whether the game shall be continued or the game shall be completely terminated, the conditions being as follows:
 - i. If the first inning is not completed, the game shall be re-started; the scores already achieved being cancelled.
 - ii. If the first inning completed, the 2nd until the 5th innings which are not completed, the game will be continued the same day or on a later day, decided by the Organizing Committee, the scores originally secured being retained.
 - iii. If the 5th inning and beyond is completed, the game is wholly ended, despite the fact that the scores of the offensive team is less than its opponent's at the first half of the 5th inning and beyond when the attack is over.
- e) Each team will have 8 minutes for defensive practice prior to the starting of the game (defending team first, attacking afterward).
- f) If necessary, 2 games of a team will be held in one day.

17. Balls

The following competition system is waiting to be approved by the FISU.
The ball adopted during this Championship is Diamond D1-iX3.

18. Bats

The Championship is using the bat of which the brand is officially sanctioned by the IBAF. – **upřesnit!**

19. Prizes

Prizes shall be given for team prizes and individual awards:

- *Team:*
 - First Prize: Trophy inscribed with "FIRST PLACE" for the winning team, each player being awarded gold medal.
 - Second Prize: Trophy inscribed with "SECOND PLACE" for the team placed second, each player being awarded silver medal.
 - Third Prize: Trophy inscribed with "THIRD PLACE" for the team placed third, each player being awarded bronze medal.
- *Individual awards:*
 - First Prize: Trophy inscribed with "FIRST PLACE" for the winning team, each player being awarded gold medal.
 - Leading Hitter
 - Pitcher with best ERA
 - Pitcher with best won-loss average
 - Most Runs Batted In
 - Most Home Runs
 - Most Stolen Bases
 - Most Runs Scored
 - Outstanding Defensive Player
 - Most Valuable Player

The trophies will be supplied by a company "TOV Productions s.r.o.".

20. Participants

All competitors must satisfy the following conditions:

- a) be a national of the country they represent;
- b) be at least 17 and less than 28 on January 1st, 2008, the year of the Championship (be born between January 1st, 1980 and December 31st, 1990);
- c) satisfy FISU regulation 5.2.1.: Only the following may participate as competitors in a FISU sporting event:
 - i. students who are currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at a university or similar institute whose status is recognised by the appropriate national academic authority of their country;
 - ii. former students of the institutions mentioned in i) who have obtained their academic degree or diploma in the year preceding the event;

21.

At the first General Technical Meeting, the Head of delegation or his representative shall confirm and sign the official list of the accredited competitors prepared by the CISCA.

22. Deadline for entries

General Entries:	January 17th, 2008
Deposit of 2500 USD	February 17th, 2008
Quantitative Entries:	April 17 th , 2008
Nominative Judges Entries:	April 17 th , 2008
Nominative Entries:	June 17 th , 2008

The general and nominative entries may be sent by any electronic ways of communication or fax in order to meet the required entry deadlines, but they must be confirmed as soon as possible in writing, on the official forms.

Entries arriving after the expiration of the required deadlines will not be taken into consideration, except in the case of circumstances outside one's control, with the agreement of the Executive Committee and on the advice of the Organising Committee.

23. Accreditation

All participants of the Championship shall obtain accreditation from FISU (athletes and officials) and from the Organizing Committee (other persons) for the Championship. The accreditation card with such data as bearer's name, sex, function, passport number, country code and with card holder's photograph will be issued to card holder according to his/her capacity.

24. Athletes Village

During the Championship, all the participants will be accommodated in the campus of Masaryk University in Brno. The competitors will be accommodated in double rooms, officials in single rooms. All the rooms have their own bathroom and toilet. All the rooms are of a Central European standard. (Participants of the World Junior Athletic Championship were accommodated in the campus). In the campus is free internet connection.

25. Arrival airport

Participating delegations to take Prague International Airport as airport of destination, which is about 200 km drive to Brno.

26. Transportation

The Organizing Committee will provide transportation between the Prague International Airport and the Athletes Village upon arrival and departure of the delegations. The organizer is able to arrange transport for delegations coming to different airport than Prague International Airport (Vienna – Austria, Bratislava – Slovakia etc.), which will be paid by the delegation itself. The Organizing Committee will also provide transportation between the Athletes Village and the baseball fields

before and after the competitions. Separate transportation will be provided for VIPs and technical officials. For all the travels, there will be escorts going along with the transportation to render necessary assistance.

27. Financial Conditions

27.1. FISU registration fees

FISU shall receive from each competing country the following FISU registration fees:

- a) effective member-associations of FISU: USD 20 per competitor and official;
- b) other associations: USD 40 per competitor and official;

FISU registration fees will be collected by the CISCA before the issue of the competitors' identity cards.

27.2. Participation fee

In accordance with the FISU regulations, participation fee should be paid 60 USD per person per day, which covers the costs of accommodation, meals and local transportation. The shortfall, if any, will be made good by the organizer.

27.3. All the participating countries must confirm their entry with the payment of a deposit of 2500 USD, by team registered, on February 17th, 2008 at the latest. The deposit, which guarantees entry into the selection process, shall be directly collected by FISU:

Account FISU n° 310-0690660-09
ING Bank
Avenue de la Couronne, 449
B-1050 Brussels

IBAN BE 52 3100 6906 6009
Code BIC/Swift BBRUBEBB

If a team is not selected their deposit will be reimbursed.

28. Hospitality

28.1. During the Championship the Organizing Committee will be responsible for the costs of participating teams' accommodation, food, local transportation, laundry (sport jersey only). All the domestic and international long distance telephone calls and fax, beverages in mini bar and pay-services in the Athletes Village shall be at the expense of users.

28.2. Meals will be served in the Athletes Village. However, orders that are not included in the menu of the cafeteria and/or orders of beverages or liquors shall be paid by the consumers.

28.3. Each team will be all the time of the Championship accompanied by a responsible person, which will talk English or their language.

29. Delegation's Flag

For the purpose of opening and victory ceremonies, the participating delegations are requested to bring with them 2 national/regional flags (96×144 cm) as officially registered with the FISU.

30. Jerseys

Each team must possess two sets of sport jersey: one set in light colour and the other in dark colour.

31. Some practical remarks

Climate: The Czech Republic has a temperate, continental climate with relatively hot summers. Most rains are during the summer. The warmest month of the year is July, followed by August and June. On average, the summer temperatures are about 20°C higher than during winter. Especially in the last decade, temperatures above 30°C are not unusual. Summer is also characterized by rains and storms.

Currency: Czech unit of currency is the Czech crown (CZK). The exchange rate is around 28 CZK / 1 EUR and 21,5 CZK / 1 USD.

Electricity: Czech Republic electric sockets are mostly 220V and take 2 round pin plugs.

32. Prague

If someone is interested in sightseeing of Prague, the Organizing Committee recommends arriving earlier or leaving later. The Organizing Committee is able to assure accommodation in Prague of the same level and price as in the Athletic Village. There is also a possibility of reserving a training field in Krč Altron Stadium.

To get more information see the official websites of Prague: www.praha-mesto.cz.

