

BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

1. GENERAL TERMS

The Baseball and Softball tournaments shall be organised in accordance with the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Tournament Regulations ('U23' for Baseball and 'Seniors' for Softball) where applicable. All the games will be played under the event year of the Official Baseball Softball Rules and Umpire Manual Procedures unless noted in the Baseball or Softball Tournament Regulations. In any dispute the English text shall be regarded as authoritative.

The programme and duration of competitions are fixed by the FISU Executive Committee in agreement with the Organising Committee and the CTI. The competitions shall last a maximum of ten (10) days and include the following events:

- One (1) men's tournament with a maximum of twelve (12) teams.
- One (1) women's tournament with a maximum of twelve (12) teams

Each country is authorised to enter one (1) team in each tournament.

Each country is authorised to enter:

- Baseball: a maximum of twenty-seven (27) persons - twenty-two (22) competitors and five (5) officials.
- Softball: a maximum of twenty-two (22) persons - seventeen (17) competitors and five (5) officials.

At the first General Technical Meeting, the Head of Delegation or his/her representative shall confirm and sign the official list of competitors accredited by the CIC.

2. PRE-COMPETITION PROCEDURE

The countries participating in the Championship shall pay a deposit of 5000 EUR per team per sport to guarantee registration (Art. 5.4.4).

This deposit shall be paid to FISU at the latest five (5) months prior to the start of the Championship; failing this, the entries shall not be taken into consideration.

Baseball

The registered teams shall be seeded according to the previous FISU event results (WUC and/or Universiade), the WBSC ranking and continental representation.

After the closing of entries, FISU and the Organising Committee shall organise a draw in accordance with the WBSC rules. Participating teams shall be divided into two groups, with a maximum of 6 teams in each group.

The competition format implies round robin games within each of the two groups: when there are twelve (12) effective entries the three best teams from each group will play the Super Round and then the finals for Gold and Bronze. Teams ranked from the 4th place and lower in each group will play the Consolation Round.

Softball

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3. TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

3.1 Nomination and costs

International referees shall be appointed jointly by WBSC and FISU. The participating delegations shall bear their costs of travel, board and lodging in proportion to the number of teams registered (from two (2) days before the opening ceremony to one (1) day after the closing ceremony).

Other costs are referenced in the FISU – WBSC partnership agreement.

The Organising Committee shall announce the exact sum shortly after the closing date for nominative entries (one (1) month before the beginning of the World University Championship).

3.2 Number of technical officials needed

The total number will depend on the number of participating teams.