

WPFG ABRIDGED RULES - SOFTBALL - Slow Pitch -- Page 1

GUIDING BODIES

World Police and Fire Games Federation (WPFGF)
8304 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., # 107, San Diego, CA 92111 USA
Tele. (858) 571-9919 FAX: (858) 571-1641
E-MAIL: 4info@cpaf.org

ASA/USA Softball- National Headquarters
ASA Hall of Fame Stadium Complex
2801 NE 50th St.
Oklahoma City, OK 73111
Phone: (405) 424-5266

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball/About/Contact-Us.aspx>

Note: Rule changes by ASA made prior to the Games will be followed and addressed at the Team Captains/Coaches meeting. Therefore, if ASA changes rules a few months prior to the Games, those rules will be utilized at the Games.

EVENTS

MEN: OPEN (18+): Division A
Division B
Division C

MEN: (35 & over)

MEN: (45 & over)

WOMEN: OPEN (18+)
Pooling will be allowed in the women's softball only.

CO-ED: OPEN (18+): 6 males and 4 females on field.

POSITIONING REQUIREMENTS: 2 males and 2 females in both the infield and the outfield and 1 male and 1 female as pitcher and/or catcher.

OPTIONAL: Co-Ed with extra players (EP), 12 players, 7 males and 5 females; plus, two EPs (1 male, 1 female).

MEN'S 35+, 45+ AND WOMEN'S COMPETITORS MAY ENTER THE CO-ED EVENT. MEN'S (18+) COMPETITORS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO COMPETE IN OTHER EVENTS WITHIN THIS SPORT.

In all events, rosters are limited to a maximum of 20 players plus 1 Non-Playing Coach (or manager). This coach may be sworn or non-sworn (within WPFG guidelines). Sworn officers

WPFGB ABRIDGED RULES - SOFTBALL - Slow Pitch -- Page 2

acting as Non-Playing Coaches have the option of paying the sport entry fees when submitting their entry form; thus becoming eligible to receive a medal should their team place.

EQUIPMENT

Softballs - 2 new ASA-approved balls per game will be supplied by the Host.

Women: (18+) batters shall use an 11 inch softball when batting. Balls to be used: Spalding 44 Core (leather cover) or Worth 44 Core

Men: 18+, 35+ & 45+ batters shall use a 12 inch softball when batting. Balls to be used: Spalding 40 Core (leather cover) or Worth 40 Core.

Coed: Men batters shall use a 12 inch softball when batting and women use 11 inch softball. Balls to be used: Spalding 40 Core (leather cover) or Worth 40 Core

BRACKETING

Women, Co-Ed and Men (35+ & 45+) tournaments will be played in Group Play format, followed by a Double Elimination Play-Off. If 7 or fewer teams enter, the tournament will be a single Group Play with no additional playoffs.

Men's (18+):

Placement in Divisions A, B, and C will be determined by the result of Group Play.

When placing teams into groups, top seeds from previous games will be placed in separate groups (6 teams per group).

After Group Play, the teams will be divided into 3 divisions. The top 2 teams from each group will be placed in Division A, third and fourth place teams will be placed in Division B, fifth and sixth place teams will be placed in Division C.

A Double Elimination playoff in each division will follow to determine medal winners.

MEN'S (18+) TEAMS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE TO CONTINUE IN THE COMPETITION ARE "GUARANTEED" A MINIMUM OF 5 OR 6 GAMES IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

The WPFGB Director for Softball may change the Bracketing if appropriate.

In determining standings within each group, the following criteria will be used:

1. Won-loss record
2. Head to head

WPFG ABRIDGED RULES - SOFTBALL - Slow Pitch -- Page 3

3. Runs allowed
4. Tie breaker game
5. Blind Draw (Men's 18+ A, B, C only)

A forfeited game will be considered a 12 runs to 0 runs game, with the forfeiting team receiving a minus 12 score for the purpose of run differential.

SCHEDULING

All games, except those games which determine a medal winner, will be played with the following limits:

Time limits: All games 1 hour 10 minutes (no new inning will start after 1 hour 10 minutes). Exception: After 5 innings, if one team is 12 runs ahead the game will be called.

There will be no time limits for medal games and the game leading to the medal round.

Ties: All games will be played out to determine a winner. International Tie Breaker – the last official out of the inning will be placed on second base. Play will continue until a winner is determined. Refer to ASA Rulebook.

GENERAL SPORT RULES

Mat - The mat/home plate combination will be used to define strikes. If the ball lands on the mat or home plate the umpire will call a strike. The mat is not home plate. A scoring runner must touch home plate.

Batting: Batters will begin their turn at bat with a 0 strike and 0 ball count.

Foul Balls - A foul ball after two strikes is an out.

Courtesy runner [Men's 35+ & 45+ only] - If a batter is unable to run the bases due to injury or infirmity, a courtesy runner is permitted. The courtesy runner will be the player on the same team as the batter, who made the last out for that team. This substitute does not affect the playing status of the batter. Only one (1) courtesy runner is allowed per team per inning.

Uniforms - All players shall wear similar color and style shirts with an Arabic number of contrasting color at least 6 inches in height on the back. No players on the same team may wear identical numbers (Numbers 03 and 3 are examples of identical numbers.) Players without numbers will not be permitted to play.

Only rubber cleats are permitted. No metal cleats or spikes will be allowed.

Home Run Rule (WPFG Rules)

Men's 18+ A, B, C 9 home runs per game (any additional – automatic out)

WPFG ABRIDGED RULES - SOFTBALL - Slow Pitch -- Page 4

Women's 18+	Unlimited home runs per game
Men's 35+ & 45+	3 home runs per game (any additional – automatic out)
Coed	Men 3 home runs per game (any additional – automatic out) Women unlimited home runs per game

Home runs hit in excess of the limits above are automatic outs.

Protests will not be received or considered if they are based solely on a decision involving the accuracy of judgment on the part of an umpire.

Players, coaches, managers or other team members will not make disparaging or insulting remarks to or about opposing players, officials or spectators; or, commit other acts that could be considered unsportsmanlike conduct. This includes behavior on and off the field at the softball venue. The penalty for violations by a player is, at minimum, prompt ejection of the offender from the game/venue, and may include suspension from future WPFG. If a player is ejected from the last game of the tournament, the player may be suspended from future WPFG. The offender must leave the field.

A MANDATORY MEETING WILL BE HELD THE DAY PRIOR TO THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT. A coach or representative from each team must be present at this meeting. The Sport Coordinator, WPFGF Director for Softball, and the Umpire-in-Chief for the tournament will discuss the tournament rules and answer any questions.