



**A.S.D. Baseball Club
SALA BAGANZA**

Via G. di Vittorio, 15
43038 Sala Baganza
(Parma-Italy)
Partita IVA 00627510340
Cod. F.I.B.S. 08031



www.salabaganzabc.com
www.torneobaseballsalabaganza.com

Official Rules 34th Youth International Tournament “Ermete Fontana Trophy” “Mattia Bertoni Trophy” 1-2-3-4-5 August 2018

1) FORMALITIES FOR PARTECIPATION

The Committee Promoter has invited the Societies which are able to take part to the Tournament. The Italian athletes are obliged to be registered to the F.I.B.S. for the present year. The athletes of foreign teams are obliged to be registered to the respective Baseball National Federations for the present year.

The Tournament is confined to MINIBASEBALL, UNDER12 BASEBALL, UNDER15 BASEBALL and UNDER16 SOFTBALL.

- In the MINIBASEBALL Category will be play athletes born in 2009-2010-2011-2012;
- In the U12 BASEBALL Category will be play athletes born in 2006-2007-2008-2009;
- In the U16 SOFTBALL Category will be play athletes born in 2002-2003-2004-2005;
- In the U15 BASEBALL Category will be play athletes born in 2003-2004-2005-2006;

Each single athlete will be able to play in one only Category. Athletes who will play in Minibaseball and was born in 2009 should not have been part of the U12 Baseball or U13 Softball 2018 Roster for the Federal Regular Season Championships.

In the MINIBASEBALL can play also teams composed by boys and girl without containments.

In the U12 BASEBALL can play teams composed by boys and girls, however no more than 4 girls are allowed playing contemporarily.

In the U16 SOFTBALL can play only girls.

In the U15 BASEBALL can play teams composed by boys and girls, however no more than 4 girls are allowed playing contemporarily.

The participating teams must give the list of athletes, divided in Categories, and the same can't be changed during the all Tournament.

The Committee Promoter invites all teams to produce athlete's identity papers before the beginning of the Tournament; identity papers will be examined and age limit will be controlled.

All participating teams must leave to Committee Promoter, before the beginning of the games, 12 baseball or softball balls, and the said Committee will supply the necessary balls for the unwinding of the games.



**A.S.D. Baseball Club
SALA BAGANZA**

Via G. di Vittorio, 15
43038 Sala Baganza
(Parma-Italy)
Partita IVA 00627510340
Cod. F.I.B.S. 08031



www.salabaganzabc.com
www.torneobaseballsalabaganza.com

2) GAMES

Rules for play are in accordance with FIBS "Technical Regulation" for Young Categories, with the exception of:

- a) Duration:
 - o MINIBASEBALL: 5 innings or 75 minutes with complete inning.
 - o U12 BASEBALL: 6 innings or 75 minutes with complete inning.
 - o U16 SOFTBALL: 6 innings or 75 minutes with complete inning.
 - o U15 BASEBALL: 6 innings or 75 minutes with complete inning.
- b) During the attack of every inning cannot be scored more than 4 runs both for all the Categories. Every time the 4th run has been scored, the attack of the inning ends immediately, for all the Categories.
- c) The semifinals should end with the complete inning.
- d) In the final games from 11°-12° to the 3°-4°, in case that at the last inning the home team has more than 4 runs handicap and so it can not take the lead (in view of the rule present in the point B precedent) the game will be considered finished for organization reasons.
- e) MINIBASEBALL: the final game for 1st and 2nd score will be disputed in 5 innings limit or it will have a duration of 90 minutes at most.
- f) U12 BASEBALL and U16 SOFTBALL: the final game for 1st and 2nd place will be disputed in 6 innings limit or it will have a duration of 120 minutes at most, without complete inning if the home team is winning.
- g) U15 BASEBALL: the final game for 1st and 2nd will be disputed in 7 innings limit or it will have a duration of 120 minutes at most, without complete inning if the home team is winning.
- h) The team that will arrive on the playing field with more than 10 minutes of delay after the official beginning time of the game, without any justified reason, will be given lost game with the result of 10-0 for all the categories.
- i) Baseball: a player, once substituted during the game or when he is gone out of the field, will not be allowed to enter again during the same game (not valid for Minibaseball).
- j) Softball: a starting player, once substituted during the game or when he is gone out of the field, can enter again during the same game. A bench player, who enter in the game, once substituted during the game or when he is gone out of the field, will not be allowed to enter again during the same game.
- k) The players substitutions must be communicated to the official scorer, while the inner changes must be communicated only if they regard the pitcher.
- l) MINIBASEBALL, U12 BASEBALL, U16 SOFTBALL: is absolutely forbidden the use of shoes with metal spikes.
- m) U12 Baseball and U15 Baseball will use hard balls 9". U16 Softball will use hard balls 12". Minibaseball will use balls like Incrediball.
- n) The draw is allowed in all categories and in all qualifying matches. In the semi-finals matches and in the Final match for the 1st/2nd place in case of tie the teams will play the necessary tie-break. In the others finals (from 11th/12th to 3rd/4th) max 2 tie-break will be played.
 - o If the match remains tied, the winning team will be one who have more lost on base in 3rd base, then in 2nd base and then in 1st base.



**A.S.D. Baseball Club
SALA BAGANZA**

Via G. di Vittorio, 15
43038 Sala Baganza
(Parma-Italy)
Partita IVA 00627510340
Cod. F.I.B.S. 08031



www.salabaganzabc.com
www.torneobaseballsalabaganza.com

- o If case of a further tie, victory will be assigned by draw.
- o) It's obligatory wear the helmet with protection of both ears, for to the hitter and all the runners, even the coach on base U18 and the hitter on deck. Helmets without ear protection, or protection of one ear are accepted only for the adult coach.

3) PITCHERS AND CATCHERS

MINIBASEBALL: the pitches will do by the Manager/Coach of the hitting team.

U12 BASEBALL: 9 innings/Tournament. 3 innings/day/game. 1 pitch=1 inning.

U16 SOFTBALL: 12 innings/Tournament. 4 innings/day/game. 1 pitch=1 inning.

U15 BASEBALL: 10 innings/Tournament. 4 innings/day/game. 1 pitch=1 inning.

For all the Categories the catchers have no limits of innings.

If a pitcher exceeds the maximum number of innings/day or innings/Tournament will be given lost game with the result of 10-0.

The statistics of the pitchers, for the innings played irregularly, will be valid until the maximum number of innings/Tournament.

BASEBALL MOUND VISIT: 1 mound visit/inning for each pitcher used in the inning. With the second mound visit in the same inning on the same pitcher the pitcher can't pitch more but he can play in all the others positions.

SOFTBALL MOUND VISIT: 3 mound visit/game. With the tie-break 1 more mound visit for every extra inning. During the defensive situation the replacement of the pitcher is not calculated as visit. After the mound visit limit, the pitcher can play in all the others positions.

4) HOME TEAM

The Committee Promoter, before the beginning of the Tournament will prepare the game list and designes the "home teams" (which will begin the game in defensive position) for the qualification phase and phase of semifinal. In the final games will be drawn the lots to design the "home team". The "home team" shall enter the 1st base dug-out.

5) RANKING

- a) In the qualification phase, if, at expired time, the teams are on parity, will be given one point to each team (2 points to winning team, 0 points to beaten team).
- b) At the end of qualification phase, if two or more teams of the same Tournament group will be at the same score, the classification will be determined as follows:
 - 1. It will be given advantage to the team that won the larger number of direct games



**A.S.D. Baseball Club
SALA BAGANZA**

Via G. di Vittorio, 15
43038 Sala Baganza
(Parma-Italy)
Partita IVA 00627510340
Cod. F.I.B.S. 08031



www.salabaganzabc.com
www.torneobaseballsalabaganza.com

2. In case of persisting draw, it will be considered the total number of points suffered during all previous games, giving advantage to the team who will have less suffered points.
 3. In case of persisting draw, it will be considered the total number of points realized during all previous games, giving advantage to the team who will have more realized points.
 4. In case of persisting draw the classification will be determined considering the number of players left in 3rd base, 2nd base and 1st base, referring to all games of the qualification phase.
 5. In the case of persisting draw, the drawing of lots will be performed.
- c) In the phase of semifinal there can't be parity, but, in the case of draw, will played maximum two extra-innings.
1. in the case of persisting draw the team who have more athletes in 3rd base, 2nd base and 1st base, will win the game.
 2. In the case of persisting draw, the drawing of lots will be performed.

6) UMPIRES

All games will be directed by federal referees. In case the official referees of the FIBS will not be present at the beginning of the game, the Committee Promoter will supply other competent person. Every decision and or judgement of the referees is irrevocable: referees have the complete control of games. It will not be admitted any technical protest. Only the violation of rules concerning pitchers will give the victory of the game to the opposing team.

7) PEOPLE WHO ARE ALLOWED IN THE FIELD

People allowed in the field are:

- 2 companions
- 2 managers/coaches (uniforms is obligatory)
- the players
- the Bat Boy

In case one of the persons allowed in the field has been sent off because of a referees decision, he is automatically sent off for the next game which directly regards him.

Additional penalties could be taken and communicated by GUS (sports judge) of the Tournament.

8) PHOTOGRAPHERS

Only the photographers with the PASS "PHOTO" can stay on the field during the matches. The team's photographers can stay only inside the dugout.

9) STATISTICS



**A.S.D. Baseball Club
SALA BAGANZA**

Via G. di Vittorio, 15
43038 Sala Baganza
(Parma-Italy)
Partita IVA 00627510340
Cod. F.I.B.S. 08031



www.salabaganzabc.com
www.torneobaseballsalabaganza.com

During the Tournament, the team can be able to view only their own statistics. The request must be verbally formalized by a coach or a team manager.

10) INTERRUPTION DUE TO MAJOR FORCE REASON

The interruption of games due to rain or other reasons, will be examined and considered at the moment by the Committee Promoter who will take decisions on spot.

11) RESPONSABILITIES

The Committee Promoter declines any responsibilities for eventual incident that could happen before, during and after the unwinding of the Tournament.

12) CHANGES AND INTERPRETATION OF THE REGULATION

The Committee Promoter reserves the right to make changes at the present Regulation, if it will be necessary for major force reason. The Committee Promoter's President has the exclusive right to interpret this Regulation, if there will be contestations referred to this.



**A.S.D. Baseball Club
SALA BAGANZA**

Via G. di Vittorio, 15
43038 Sala Baganza
(Parma-Italy)
Partita IVA 00627510340
Cod. F.I.B.S. 08031



www.salabaganzabc.com
www.torneobaseballsalabaganza.com

13) MINIBASEBALL

Mattia Bertoni Trophy

The distance of the bases will be 15,39 m.

Equipment

- a) Will be used bases fixed to the field.
- b) The bats admitted will be rubber bats or bats like "SET 6601-24"
- c) Will be used soft ball called Incrediball.
- d) The hitter and the runner must wear the helmet.
- e) The catcher must wear the catcher's mask.
- f) All the players must wear the jock strap.

Particular technical rules

- a) The line up can be limitless. All the roster can try to hit.
- b) Are allowed exchanges of players between teams if a team does not have the minimum number of players (9).
The team will lose the game 6-0 but they have to play the game.
- c) During the defensive a team can use 10 players with max 4 outfielders.
- d) The pitcher will be a coach of the hitting team, flanked for the defensive action by a player of the opposing team.
- e) The mound will be placed 10 m far from the home plate.
- f) When the hitter will have 5 strikes (foulball=always strike), he can try to hit with a t-ball.
- g) If the catcher don't catch the ball, the runners can't run. The runners can advance only 1 base when the hitter hit the ball. If the flyball surpassed the outfielders players will be considered double by rule.
- h) An half inning will end with: 3 out or after 4 runs.
- i) For the defensive team, Is recommended to use 2 coach in the field: 1 for the infield and 1 for the outfield.
- j) Is not allowed warm the next hitter.

14) AWARD CEREMONY

The entrance into the soccer field, where the Award Ceremony will be held on Sunday evening, is restricted only to:

- coaches and team managers with pass
- players with pass
- bat boy with pass
- people with pass "photo", "press" or "guest"

Food and beverages are prohibited.