



**A.S.D. Baseball Club  
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# **Official Rules 35<sup>th</sup> Youth International Tournament “Ermete Fontana Trophy” “Mattia Bertoni Trophy” 31 July 1-2-3-4 August 2019**

## **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 UNDER15 SOFTBALL.

- In the MINIBASEBALL Category will be play athletes born in 2010-2011-2012-2013;
- In the U12 BASEBALL Category will be play athletes born in 2007-2008-2009-2010;
- In the U15 SOFTBALL Category will be play athletes born in 2004-2005-2006-2007;
- In the U15 BASEBALL Category will be play athletes born in 2004-2005-2006-2007;

Each single athlete will be able to play in one only Category. Athletes who will play in Minibaseball and was born in 2010 should not have been part of the U12 Baseball or U15 Softball 2019 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 U15 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 minibaseball or baseball or softball balls, and the said Committee will supply the necessary balls for the unwinding of the games.



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## **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 U15 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, without complete inning if the home team is winning.
- f) U12 BASEBALL and U15 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- l) MINIBASEBALL, U12 BASEBALL, U15 SOFTBALL: is absolutely forbidden use metal spikes.
- m) U12 Baseball and U15 Baseball will use hard balls 9". U15 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 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> place in case of tie the teams will play the necessary tie-break. In the others finals (from 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>) if the match remains tied:
  - o the winning team will be one who have more lost on base in 3<sup>rd</sup> base, then in 2<sup>nd</sup> base and then in 1<sup>st</sup> base.
  - o If case of a further tie, victory will be assigned by draw.



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- 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.

U15 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. In the same game is possible invert pitcher with catcher (also catcher with pitcher).**

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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



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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.



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## **9) STATISTICS**

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.



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### **13) MINIBASEBALL**

#### ***Mattia Bertoni Trophy***

##### **Equipment**

- a) Will be used bases fixed to the field.
- b) The bats admitted will be rubber, soft plastic or sponge bats
- c) Will be used soft ball like Incrediball.
- d) The hitters and the runners must wear the helmet.
- e) The catchers must wear the catcher's mask and chest protector.

##### **Particular technical rules**

- a) The lineup must include all the present players.
- b) Are allowed exchanges of players between teams if a team does not have the minimum number of players (8).  
The team will lose the game 10-0 but they have to play the game.
- c) On the field a team can use 10 players with max 4 outfielders.
- d) The pitcher will be a coach of the hitting team, helped for the defensive action by a player of the opposing team.
- e) Every player can play just 1 inning/game in the same infielder role (roles: 1,2,3,4,5,6): otherwise the team will play the attack having 4 automatic points (which will not be added to any other points scored in that attack).
- f) Minimum pitching distance: 7 m far from the home plate. Pitcher (player): 10 m far from the home plate.
- g) When the hitter will have 7 strikes (foulball=always strike). Then he can try to hit with a t-ball.
- h) Catcher's lost ball: the runners can't run. The runners can advance only 1 base when the hitter hit the ball. If the flyball surpassed 25 m line will be considered double by unquestionable judgment from the Umpire. If the flyball surpassed 35 m line will be considered homerun by unquestionable judgment from the Umpire.
- i) An half inning will end with: 3 out or after 4 runs.
- j) For the defensive team, Is recommended to use 2 coach in the field: 1 for the infield and 1 for the outfield.



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## **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.

### **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

#### **BEST HITTER**

*Under12 Baseball, Under15 Baseball, Under15 Softball*

Will be taken in consideration only those players with a minimum of 9 (nine) round hitten.

#### **BEST PITCHER**

*Under12 Baseball, Under15 Softball*

Will be taken in consideration only those players with a minimum of 7 (seven) innings pitched.

*Under15 Baseball*

Will be taken in consideration only those players with a minimum of 8 (eight) innings pitched.

#### **SYMPATHY AWARD**

*Under12 Baseball, Under15 Baseball, Under15 Softball*

Will be assign from the Umpires and the Committes Promoter.

#### **MVP MATTIA BERTONI**

*Under15 Baseball*

For the best player of Under15 Baseball Final Match. Will be assign from the Scorers and the Committes Promoter.



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***ERMES FONTANA TROPHY ASSIGNMENT***

Reserved to U12 Baseball and U15 Baseball. The "Ermes Fontana" Trophy is definitively assigned to the team which wins for 3 (three) times, even if not consecutives, the Youth International Baseball Tournament of Sala Baganza. The " Ermes Fontana " Trophy is assigned in provisional way to the team winner of a single edition of the Tournament. Said team will have to return the Trophy, according to the terms and modalities required by the Committee Promoter, so that the Trophy will be available for the next edition of the Tournament, until the final assignment. To the assignment of the " Ermes Fontana" Trophy participate the teams invited by the Committee Promoter of the Tournament and, by right, except for the voluntary release, the team last winner of the same Trophy. Defection will determine the loss of the rights.

***MATTIA BERTONI TROPHY ASSIGNMENT***

Reserved to Minibaseball. The "Mattia Bertoni" Trophy is definitively assigned to the team which wins for 3 (three) times, even if not consecutives, the Youth International Baseball Tournament of Sala Baganza. The " Mattia Bertoni" Trophy is assigned in provisional way to the team winner of a single edition of the Tournament. Said team will have to return the Trophy, according to the terms and modalities required by the Committee Promoter, so that the Trophy will be available for the next edition of the Tournament, until the final assignment. To the assignment of the " Mattia Bertoni" Trophy participate the teams invited by the Committee Promoter of the Tournament and, by right, except for the voluntary release, the team last winner of the same Trophy. Defection will determine the loss of the rights.

***BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER***

BREAKFAST: from 06.30 a.m. to 09.00 a.m. reserved only for visiting teams

LUNCH: check the meals timetable

DINNER: check the meals timetable

**GOLDEN BRACELET:** the team holder of golden bracelet will have all the meals from Wednesday dinner to Sunday dinner. The bracelet must be shown to the operator at the end of self-service.

**BLUE BRACELET:** the team holder of blue bracelet to have lunch or dinner must buy the ticket meals at the Info Point of the Tournament and give it to the operator at the end of self-service.

Lunch: must be booked by h 10.00 of the same day

Cena: must be booked by h 16.00 of the same day

Each team will have **to strictly follow** the timetable. The team will eat together, an adult opens the group, and another will close. Delays like "I was in the swimming pool" are not allowed. Who arriving late, must use the fans menu and will have to pay.





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**BALLPARKS**

The Youth International Tournament of Sala Baganza it's played on 3 sporting centers near Sala Baganza. **The teams will have to play in Cipressi or Collecchio Field, will be transferred from and to Sala Baganza by a free private bus.**

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**CIPRESSI** The field is a property of Guido Merusi, famous Sala Baganza's citizen and baseball lover. The field is in the big garden in the Merusi's house and only for the Tournament this field is open. The field is surround by cypresses and is far 1 minute by car from the Sports' Center. This is the first unique private field sanctioned by FIBS (Italian baseball & softball federation).

**Address:** Strada del Beneficio - Sala Baganza (Parma)

**COLLECCHIO** They are the Baseball and Softball Club Collecchio plants. On this fields will be play only some Tournament games, in the rest of the year they come used by Collecchio.

**Address:** Via Montessori, 5/A - Collecchio (Parma)