



SOFTBALL REGULATIONS

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1. Organization

- a. The Softball Committee of the 21st Maccabiah will be responsible for the Softball competitions of the 21st Maccabiah.
- b. The Softball competitions will be conducted according to the fast pitch rules of the **World Baseball and Softball Confederation (WBSC)**. The English text will be binding.
REMARK: Check Rule Book of **WBSC** for safety base Regulations: (1) Safety Base Regulations. (2) Blood Rule. (3) DP Rule. (4) Any changes in 1004-5, **WBSC** Rule Book.
- c. Participation in the competition is open to any athlete who is in possession of a Participant Card, issued by the Organizing Committee of the 21st Maccabiah and registered in the Softball competitions.
- d. Each country may enter one team for the upcoming Softball competitions:
 1. Open Male
 2. Open Female
 3. Masters Male 35+
- e. Each team may consist of a maximum of 17 players.

2. Venues and Times

The Sport department of the 21st Maccabiah will determine the venues and times of the Softball competitions and teams will be notified accordingly.

3. Game Ball

- a. The games will be played with balls as specified in the International Rules and Regulations.
- b. The Softball Committee is authorised to select the brand name of ball according to WBSC Regulations, and these decisions will be final.

4. System of Competition

SYSTEM A: with the participation of up to 6 teams:

- a. The competitions will be played on the basis of a double round robin. (except in the instance that there are only 3 teams and then the system will be a triple round robin)
- b. In the event of two or more than two teams tied, rank them as follows:
 - 1) Results of games among themselves in round robins.
 - 2) Runs against themselves in round robins. Team with lowest runs against ranked ahead of others.
 - 3) Random selection – first team picked is rated above others.
- c. Teams ranked 1st and 2nd in round robin, will play the Final. Winner is the Champion. Loser is the second.
- d. Teams ranked 3rd and 4th in round robin, will play for third place. Loser is 4th in the championship.

SYSTEM B: with the participation of 7 - 8 teams:

- a. The competitions will be played on a basis of a single round robin.
- b. In the event of two or more than two teams tied, rank them as follows:
 - 1) Results of games among themselves in round robin.
 - 2) Runs against themselves in round robin. Team with lowest runs against ranked ahead of others.
 - 3) Random selection – first team picked is rated above others.
- c. Teams ranked 1st and 2nd in round robin, will play the Final. Winner is the Champion. Loser is the second.
- d. Teams ranked 3rd and 4th in round robin, will play for third place. Loser is 4th in the championship.

SYSTEM C: with the participation of 9-11 teams:

- a. The teams will be divided into 2 groups.
- b. The first team in the 20th Maccabiah will head group A.
- c. The second team in the 20th Maccabiah will head group B.
- d. The teams placed third and fourth in the 20th Maccabiah will be drawn for second place in the groups. All the other teams will be placed in the groups by a draw.
- e. In the event that after the draw, one or more teams will not appear and a situation arises whereby a group is short of two teams, then the team drawn last will be moved from one group to another.
- f. Semi-Final and Final rounds will be played as in System A. Teams in each group that finish round robin in 1st and 2nd places will play as follows:
 - 1) First Semi-final – 2nd place teams will play for 3rd and 4th. Loser is 4th place.
 - 2) Second Semi-final – 1st place teams will play with the winner of the Grand Final and loser to play the winner of 1st Semi-Final. Loser of this game is 3rd place; the winner plays in the Grand Final.
- f. Teams who do not play Semi-Finals will play for 5th-8th positions.



5. Completion of Games

All games will be according to WBSC rules in regard to completion. NOTE: The run differential and tiebreaker rules will apply where necessary. Run Differential 20/15/7 tiebreaker after 7 innings.

6. Reporting to Playing Site

Teams preparing to play must report to the head scorekeeper one hour before the scheduled time to play and submit their line-up at that time. The line-up will be official when a copy is presented to H.P. umpire at pre-game meeting.

7. Umpires

The Softball Committee will select the Umpires Committee, which in turn will appoint the umpires of the competition.

8. General

- a. These regulations are but one part of the complete 21st Maccabiah regulations and must be read along with the instructions found in the Maccabiah Basic Regulations.
- b. In the event of a discrepancy between the regulations written here and those appearing in the Maccabiah Basic Regulations, the regulations written here will prevail, apply and be binding.

