



Softball



COMPETITION MANUAL

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International rules will be followed unless specified in WPFG Futsal Guidelines

EVENTS

MEN: (18+): Limited to 12 teams
Division A
Division B

MEN: (35 & over): Limited to 8 teams
MEN: (45 & over): Limited to 6 teams

WOMEN: (18+): Limited to 8 teams
Pooling will be allowed in the women's softball only.

CO-ED: (18+): Limited to 8 teams
Six (6) males and four (4) females on field.

Age as of Date: 12/31/2027

Entry Deadline: 1/22/2027

POSITIONING REQUIREMENTS: Two males and two females in both the infield and the outfield and one male and one female as pitcher and/or catcher.

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

MEN 35+, 45+ AND WOMEN 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 one (1) Non-Playing Coach (or manager). This coach may be sworn or non-sworn (within WPFPG guidelines). Sworn officers 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. See the *WPFPG General Rules* for Non-Playing Coaches' requirements.

Team Composition:

Active-duty competitors from police and fire agencies may combine to form a team regardless of agency size **WITHIN A COUNTRY OF EMPLOYMENT**. Each team can be a combination of police agencies and fire agencies or just police/or just fire.

Retired competitors may combine to form a team in any manner they wish including across country lines with other eligible competitors regardless of police or fire agency.

GENERAL SPORT RULES for Softball

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+ and 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 (WPFPG Rules)

Men's 18+ A, B, C 5 home runs per game (any additional – automatic out)



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 WPFGE. If a player is ejected from the last game of the tournament, the player may be suspended from future WPFGE. The offender must leave the field.

A MANDATORY (EACH TEAM SHALL HAVE A REPRESENTATIVE) 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, WPFGE Director for Softball, and the Umpire-in-Chief for the tournament will discuss the tournament rules and answer any questions. It is recommended that all Assistant Coordinators attend this meeting. Information about this meeting will be printed in both the Entry Book and Confirmation Letter.

Softballs - Two new WBSF-approved balls per game will be supplied by the Host. **The type of ball selected must be approved by the WPFGE Director for Softball.**

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

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



Co-Ed: 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

AWARDING OF MEDALS TO ATHLETES AND COACHES

One Non-playing coaches can **ONLY** receive a medal if they are eligible to participate in the games. This means that the coach would have to meet the same eligibility requirements of an athlete to receive a medal. This coach will receive an Athlete's Credential when they register at the Accreditation Center and should do so at the Special Handling booth to receive the Athlete's Credential.

Coaches who do not meet the requirements to participate in the Games **will not** receive a medal. **Technical Support Personnel SHALL NOT** receive medals.

During the medal presentation, only athletes and eligible coaches are allowed to participate in this ceremony. Each athlete and one eligible coach **SHALL** present their Athlete's Credential. If the athlete or coach does not present their Athlete's Credential, they **SHALL NOT** receive a medal. This is a mandatory requirement to receive a medal.

Technical Support Personnel and children are not allowed on the podium with the teams during the medal presentation.

The sport coordinator **SHALL** have in their possession a copy of the CSE Report and the team's final roster that was submitted at the team captains meeting to verify the athletes being awarded medals.