



## SOFTBALL SPORT INFORMATION GUIDE

### 1. COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Competition schedule and times are provisional. The schedule could be subject to change according to the requirements of the Organizing Committee and may be modified according to the total number of entries.

The Softball competition schedule is as follows:

29/7 - Mon	30/7 - Tue	31/7 - Wed	1/8 - Thu	2/8 - Fri	3/8 - Sat
09:00/20:00	09:00/20:00	09:00/20:00	09:00/20:00	09:00/20:00	09:00/20:00

**Please Note:** All information contained in this Sport Information Guide is current at time of publication and may be subject to change.

### 2. COMPETITION VENUES

Venue	Address	City
Impianto "Passo Buole"	Via Passo Buole, 96	Torino
Impianto "Fanton"	Via Don Luigi Sturzo, 40	La Loggia (TO)
Impianto Giovanni Paolo II	Via Monte Pirchiriano	Avigliana (TO) *

\*If necessary, due to the number of the team

### 3. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

EMG TORINO 2019 ORGANISING COMMITTEE	SPORT FEDERATION	SPORT ASSOCIATIONS
<b>Project Management</b> Bernardino Chiavola	<b>Federazione Italiana Baseball Softball (FIBS)</b> Andrea Marcon  <b>Comitato Regionale Federazione Italiana Baseball Softball (FIBS)</b> Mario Pinardi	

### 4. SPORT REGULATIONS

Competitions will be conducted under the auspices, rules and regulations of World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) and or as specified in the sport guide. The competition will be also conform to any special requirements of the International Masters Games Association.

#### 4.1 Age Categories

**Women:** 35+

**Men:** 35+

**Slowpitch Coed:** 35+

- **Age determined at 31 December 2019**

- The age of the youngest player on the team will determine the team's age category.
- Competitors may play for only one team.

### 5. COMPETITION FORMAT

- The competition will consist of preliminary, relegation and medal games.
- Teams can expect to play approximately one game per day.

### 6. COMPETITION RULES

#### 6.1 Team Details

Teams must register a minimum of 12 players. There is no upper limit (maximum) to the number of players you can register; however a maximum of 18 players and 4 team personnel can be rostered for each game.

#### 6.2 Match Length

- All preliminary and relegation games are to be 90 minutes, or seven innings. Batting innings will cease on 3 outs or on the play in which the seventh run scores.
- Finals are to be of seven innings and if the score is tied continue to extra innings. If still tied after 7 innings and at the beginning of the 8th innings, a batting innings will commence with runners on the 1st and 2nd base with none out. Prior to commencing the 8th innings only, each team may

recommence their batting order from any point in their line-up that will provide their best opportunity of scoring.

- The 'Run Differential Rule' applies after five innings.
- The top half of an inning will not commence 10 minutes or less before the scheduled finishing time, however where an inning is not completed at the scheduled finishing time, play shall continue until the bottom half of the inning is completed or the side batting in the bottom half has scored the winning run or a further 15 minutes of play has occurred.
- The result will be the score at the end of the last completed innings or where the team batting in the bottom has the lead, the score when the game is called. A drawn game will be accepted as a result. A minimum of three innings or sixty minutes will constitute a game.
- Each pitcher is restricted to pitching a maximum of 4 innings per game, including medal games.

### **6.3 Team Scorer**

Each team is required to provide a team scorer for the duration of the competition. For uniformity and consistency the Softball Organising Committee will provide an accredited scorer to assist team scorers and officiate during the competition.

### **6.4. Umpires**

In case teams have a suitably qualified umpire (at least current FIBS level 1 accreditation or equivalent) who would like to officiate during the competition, the Softball Organising Committee will schedule him to officiate a game/s in the same venue as their team. This includes being scheduled to a game/s before or after the game of their team.

Team umpires would officiate in at least one other game on each day of play.

### **6.5 Protests**

Tribunal, protests and disputes procedures will be adopted and be available at the officials pre-competition meeting.

## **7. EQUIPMENT**

- All teams are to supply their own equipment.
- Teams are advised to bring their own water bottles and strapping tape.
- Individuals are responsible for the safekeeping and storage of their own equipment.
- Batters, runners and batboys/batgirls are to wear two-eared helmets at all times whilst on the field.

### **7.1 Bats**

Will be allowed any bats WBSC approved.

### **7.2 Balls**

- A minimum of four game balls will be allocated for each game.
- Game balls are to be returned to the umpires at the completion of each game. Game balls are not to be removed from venues.
- It is the responsibility of each team to bring training/ warm up balls.

### **7.3 Uniforms**

Whilst on the field all players and managers must wear their team's uniform and colours. Uniform tops are to show a distinguishing player number. Uniforms are to be of a baseball nature, including caps.

## **8. TECHNICAL MEETING**

A Technical Meeting will take place before the start of the competition in order to introduce the competitions, remind those involved of the regulations and the behaviour that is expected.

## **9. MEDALS**

In European Masters Games, the athletes do not represent their country of origin, therefore the prize-awarding ceremonies will be carried out without hoisting of flags. No National Anthem of the winning team will be played. The medals will be provided by the Organizing Committee.

## **10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **10.1 Practice and warm-up facilities**

All information about practice and warm up will be available at a later stage.

### **10.2 Doping Control**

During the European Masters Games Torino 2019 anti-doping controls will be carried out according to the principles and rules established by WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency).

### **10.3 Disabled**

No competition for disabled athletes will be held in this discipline.

## **11. PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE AND MEDICAL CERTIFICATE**

All participants have to organize their personal accident insurance. The competitor registration fee does not cover personal accident insurance.

Personal accident insurance is available to purchase through the Organizing Committee for registered Competitors at the Accreditation Centre.

All participants must have a currently valid medical certificate of fitness for competitive sports.

The medical examinations required (ex D.M. 18 February 1982) to obtain a medical certificate of fitness for competitive sports are:

- medical check-up;
- regular urine test;
- electrocardiogram both at rest and under effort;
- spirometry (breathing test).

For any further information please visit our website (Registration & Terms and Condition).

## **12. FURTHER INFORMATION**

Planning for the EMG To 2019 Softball competition will continue throughout 2018 and early 2019. Additional sport specific operational information will be communicated to registered participants and updated in future additions of this Sports Information Guide.

All participants are encouraged to monitor the EMG To2019 website at [www.torino2019emg.org](http://www.torino2019emg.org) and other Games communication channels to find out all of the latest information.

If you have any further sport specific questions, please send an email to [info@torino2019emg.org](mailto:info@torino2019emg.org)