

# TOURNAMENTS RULES 2009

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## 1. PARTICIPATING CONDITIONS

### 1.1. Preliminaries

Only the teams that have successfully completed the registration procedures are allowed to participate in the tournament.

Those procedures will be completed the day before the start of the tournament.

At that time, and anyway before the technical meeting, the teams should hand over the final roster of the players showing:

- Name of the player
- Date of birth
- Jersey number
- I.D. number provided by the national baseball/softball board
- Original Club (if different from the participating team)

**Copy of the rosters of the teams will be kept by the official scorekeepers of the tournament, and shown under everyone's request.**

All the players must be registered for the year **2007** with the Federazione Italiana Baseball e Softball (F.I.B.S.) or similar national Board. They must provide the photocopies of the Identification Card and a the medical certificate which entitles to participate in sport events.

### 1.2 Categories Identification:

#### 1.2.1. "Ragazzi" Baseball

Ages: years 1997-1998-1999-2000 (age 12-11-10-9)

**Exceptions:** N. 1 player 13 y.o. (1996).

#### 1.2.2. "Under" 13 Softball

Ages: years 1996-1997-1998-1999-2000 (age 13-12-11-10-9)

**Exceptions:** N. 1 player 14 y.o. (1995).

#### 1.2.3. "Allievi" Baseball

Ages: years 1995-1996-1997 (age 14-13-12)

**Exceptions:** n. 1 player 15 y.o. (1994) and n. 2 players 11 y.o (1998).

#### 1.2.4. "Cadetti" Baseball

Ages: years 1993-1994-1995 (age 16-15-14)

**Exceptions:** n. 1 player 17 y.o. (1992) and n. 2 players 13 y.o (1996).

#### 1.2.5. "Under 16" Softball

Ages: years 1993-1994-1995-1996-1997 (age 16-15-14-13-12)

**Exceptions:** n. 2 players 11 y.o (1998) and n. 1 player 17 y.o. (1992).

#### 1.2.5. "Under 21" Baseball

Ages: years from 1988 to 1993 (age from 21 to 16)

**Exceptions:** n. 2 players 15 y.o. (1994) and n. 1 player older than 1988

#### 1.2.7. Senior Softball

Ages: years from 1995 (age from 14 and up)

### 1.2.8 Categories-general rules

1.2.8.1 - The player's age is considered by the year of birth.

1.2.8.2 **Exceptions:** specified in every category

1.2.8.3 - The number of exceptions is referred to the players at the same time in the line up, not to those ones lined in the roster.

1.2.8.4 - The exceptions players at the upper limit cannot play as pitcher, catcher, shortstop.

1.2.8.5 - The exceptions players at the lower limit can play in all position

1.2.8.6 - The exceptions players must be marked in the line up with a star (\*)

1.2.8.7 - In case of violation of the category rules, the game will be considered lost 0-10

## 2. TOURNAMENT RULES

2.1 Each "round robin" phase the games can end as a draw.

2.2 At the end of the "round robin" phase, if more teams have the same ranking the following criteria will be applied in order to draw the ranking:

1. Outcome of the direct confrontation.
2. Less runs suffered X innings played between the teams at the same ranking
3. Most runs scored X innings played between the teams at the same ranking
4. Less runs suffered X innings played in the whole tournament
5. Most runs scored X innings played in the whole tournament
6. Most runners arrived in third base X innings played
7. Most runners arrived in second base X innings played
8. Most runners arrived in first base X innings played
9. Drawing

2.3 The games for qualification, semifinal or final cannot end as a draw. In that case one more extra inning will be played (tie-break for softball game). If the outcome has not yet been obtained, the following criteria will be applied:

1. Most runners arrived in third base
2. Most runners arrived in second base
3. Most runners arrived in first base
4. Drawing

## 3. GAMES RULES

3.1 Game balls

In the "Ragazzi" Tournament the KENKOO balls will be used, according to the Italian Federation (FIBS).

### 3.2 Length of the games

- The limit regarding the time and innings is specified in the schedule of the tournaments.
- At the limit time's end we will complete the inning's phase and if the outcome has been obtained the game is over.
- 10 minutes before the limit time's end the next inning cannot start and the game is over.

### 3.3 Score limits

The batting team ends up his turn when:

- The defending team has got 3 outs
- The batting team has scored the number of runs pointed as "**score limits**" for that category (see below)

### 3.4 Specific rules

#### 3.4.1. Category Ragazzi Baseball

**Pitching rules:** max 75 pitches x day

**Score limits:** the batting turn is over at the fourth run scored.

**DH:** the DH is not permitted

**Catcher rules:** Max 3 innings for game

#### 3.4.2. Category Under 13 Softball

**Pitching rules:** max 6 innings x day, 3 innings x game

**Score limits:** the batting turn is over at the fourth run scored.

**DP:** the DP is permitted

**Catcher rules:** Max 3 innings for game

#### 3.4.3. Category Allievi Baseball

**Pitching rules:** max 85 pitches x day

**Score limits:** the batting turn is over at the fifth run scored.

**DH:** the DH is not permitted

**Catcher rules:** max 4 innings x game

#### 3.4.4. Category Cadetti Baseball

**Pitching rules:** max 95 pitches x day

**Score limits:** the batting turn is over at the sixth run scored.

**DH:** the DH is not permitted

#### 3.4.5. Category Under 16 Softball

**Pitching rules:** max 5 innings X day , 3 innings X game

**Score limits:** the batting turn is over at the fourth run scored

**DP:** the DP is permitted

**EXCEPTIONS rule 1.2.8.4:** the 1992's player can play as catcher or shortstop

#### 3.4.6 Category Under 21 Baseball

**Pitching rules:** max 7 innings X day, 4 innings X game.

**Mercy ending:** 20 runs difference between the scores at the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, 15 runs difference at the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, 10 runs difference at the 5<sup>th</sup> inning.

**DH:** the DH is permitted only for the pitcher

**BATS:** the aluminium bats are legal

#### 3.4.3. Category Senior Softball

**Pitching rules:** max 7 innings X day , 5 innings X game.

**Mercy ending:** 20 runs difference between the scores at the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, 15 runs difference at the 4<sup>th</sup> inning, 7 runs difference at the 5<sup>th</sup> inning.

**DP:** the DP is permitted

### 3.5 Further general rules

#### 3.5.1 Pitching Rules:

- a) In Category **Ragazzi, Allievi, Cadetti** the scorekeeper (or other member of the organization) will be count the pitches for each pitcher. The scorekeeper will report with acoustics alarm when the pitcher will reach 30-50-65-75-85-95 pitches and he will know in every moment the pitches situation after request. N.B.: *if the acoustics alarm sound when the pitcher at facing a batter, he may continue to pitch until that batter reaches base or is put out and if after this the pitcher is changed the count of the pitches will be stopped at the sound. The pitcher removed can play in other defensive position.*
  - b) A player of Category **Ragazzi, Allievi, Cadetti** may not pitch in more than one game in a day
  - c) Category **Ragazzi, Allievi, Cadetti**: if a player pitches 31 to 50 pitches in a day one calendar day of rest must be observed; if a player pitches 51 to 65 pitches in a day two calendar days of rest must be observed; if a player pitches 66 pitches or more in a day three calendar days of rest must be observed;
  - d) Category **Ragazzi, Allievi, Cadetti, Under 13, Under 16, Senior Softball**: the "intentional walk" is permitted without pitches
  - e) Category **Ragazzi, Allievi, Cadetti, Under 13, Under 16**: the player removed from pitching cannot pitch again in the same game
  - f) **Under 13, Under 16**: a single pitch weights for the entire inning.
- In case of violation of the pitching rules the game will be considered lost 0-10

3.5.2 After ten minutes of delay on the official time of the game, the team latecomer will loose the game, with a score 0-10.

3.5.3 At the beginning of the game each team has hands over the players **line-up in 2 copies**: one for the scorekeeper, and one for the opposing team.

3.5.4 The jersey number must be clearly shown. The change of the number, as regards what signed in the official roster, has to be reported to the scorekeeper and the manager of the opposite team.

3.5.5 Every substitution, included the inside changes, must be communicated to the scorekeeper

3.5.6 Excepted the "ragazzi" and the softball categories, the **removed players** cannot play once again in the same game. Unless, owing to an accident, it would'nt be possible to line up the 9 players.

3.5.7 In case of **heavy rain**, the game can be cut off by the umpire. In that case the final outcome is determined by the score at the end of the last complete inning played . As long as at least 2 innings have been played (or 1,5 if the home team is winning). Otherwise the game has to be completed according to the schedule set up by the organizers. For the pitching rules, the game should be considered, as played according the official schedule.

3.5.8 In case of **darkness** the game will be suspended by the umpire. The game will be continued the next day according to the schedule set up by the organizers. For the pitching rules, the game should be considered, as played according the official schedule.

3.5.9 For all the games, excluding the game signed on the schedule to select by drawing, the home team will be the first team listed on the Official Game Schedule. The home team is taking the first base dugout.

3.6.0 The manager and the coaches are not allowed to stay in the field without dressing the team uniform (only for **Allievi, Cadetti, Under 21 baseball**).

#### **4. DISCIPLINE**

4.1 The tournament is under the aegis of the Federazione Italiana Baseball e Softball (FIBS).

4.2 The Managing Committee will provide the Umpires and the scorekeepers for every game.

4.3 The tournaments will be validated by the **National Judge** (Giudice Unico Nazionale).

He will designate the **Tournament Judge** having the duty of:

- To examine the regularity of the rosters
- To check the umpire's reports, eventually inflicting the penalties and the disqualifications, (that cannot last over the period of the tournament).
- To examine the claims presented.

4.4 The claims on the violations of these tournament rules must be produced to the Tournament Judge.

4.5 The decision taken by the umpires cannot be claimed.

#### **5 – PRIZES**

5.1 All teams will receive the prizes according to the final ranking in the tournaments.

5.2 In addition individual prizes will be given to:

- The Best Pitcher in the tournament
- The Best Batter in the tournament
- The Most Valuable Player in the tournament

5.3 A player can be excluded from the individual prize, owing to disciplinary measures or bad behaviour pointed out by the umpires, the scorekeepers or the managing staff.

#### **6. CONCLUSIONS**

- The Managing Committee has the right of modifying the Tournament rules before the start of the Tournament.

- The tournament rules and the Official Game Schedule will be provided to the teams upon their arrival. It will be illustrated, discussed and approved during the technical meeting before the start of the tournament.

- If necessary, the managing Committee can modify the schedule and the length of the games in order to carry out the tournaments.

- Regarding any regulation not expressly stated in these Tournament Rules, it has to refer to the regulation of the Italian Federation (F.I.B.S.)

**The Managing Committee declines the responsibility for accidents  
occurred during the tournament.**