



TORNEO DEL PORCO AMATEUR SEPTEMBER 28th/29th 2019 CASTIONS DELLE MURA

Rule book

The Organizing Committee of “Torneo del Porco 2019” presents a mixed Softball Fastpitch tournament for amateurs.

The tournament will be held at Castions delle Mura (Udine) fields on September 28th and 29th weekend.

Sixteen teams will be present and play on four fields.

Everyone older than 18 years (at games starting day) can play at the tournament.

Every player will take (by signing an authorization) complete responsibility for himself/herself, exempting the Organizing Committee from responsibilities regarding accidents, injuries, etc.

Every playing team will pay €150,00 (onehundredandfifty) fee, which includes spaghetti on Saturday dinner. At the same time of the payment, and before first game of the tournament, every team has to provide a final roster including players name and jerseys number. Payment can be made according to the following bank details: Credifriuli Credito Cooperativo filiale di Sevegiano (UD): Iban code IT08Y0708588400003010069677.

Tournament will be ruled by Softball Rulebook 2019 edition.

Special rules

1. Tournament is open to amateur players only. Maximum two players that are playing in official championships (FIBS) can play at the same time, but not as pitcher, catcher or interbase.
2. On field there have to be every time at least **three** female players per inning (both in defense and offense). Violation of this rule involves 1 penalization point (for each missing female player) against the guilty team per each inning that the rule is violated, even if the rule is violated on part of the inning or for the complete inning.
3. 55 years old (and older) male players are considered as female players for the above rule.
4. **Bunt is not allowed.** In that situation, ball is dead, batter is out, and runners will run back to the base they were on at the time of the bunt.
5. Pitching distance is 14mt.
6. It is mandatory for the pitcher to wear a protective mask.
7. Metal cleats shoes are forbidden.
8. Male players have to wear groin protectors.
9. Allowed bats (ASA or ISF approved) weight has not to exceed 24 oz. Composite bats can be used only by female players, or by male players older than 54.
10. Pitchers can pitch no more than 2 (two) innings per game, no matter how may outs.



Violation (of at least one) of rules 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 will lead to loss of the game (7-0 score).

Game duration

- Games will last 5 innings or 1hour and 15minutes of play; at 1hour and 10minutes no other inning will start. After that time, next offense will not start if home team is leading and has to go at bat.
- No more than four (4) runs per inning can be scored (by each team). Every exceeding run will not be counted.
- Final match 1st/2nd place will last 5 innings without time limit, but with the 4 runs limit. In case of equality, it will be utilized Tie-break according to 2019 Softball rules.
- If games cannot be played due to field(s) unavailability, duration rules will be modified in order to allow teams to play as much games as possible, even by shortening games duration. If this will not be possible, games results will be decided by draw.

The Organizing Committee can modify (if necessary) the tournament formula, as its own incontestable discretion.

Tournament formula

First phase

There will be four four-teams pools and every team will face all other teams in the same pool in the preliminary games. Standings will be defined by following rules:

- win: 2 points,
- tie: 1 point,
- loss: 0 points.

In case of tie between two or more teams, following priorities will be used:

- result of face-off games between teams at same standings points;
- best difference score;
- draw.

At the end of this phase, there will be a position for second phase.

Second phase

First teams of each pool will play versus second teams of each pool, third teams of each pool will play versus fourth teams of each pool, according to following board:

1A-2C	1B-2D	1C-2A	1D-2B
3A-4C	3B-4D	3C-4A	3D-4B

These matches will have following points:

- win: 2x0,75 points for first/second teams of each pool– 2x0,5 for third/fourth teams of each pool;
- tie: 1x0,75 points for first/second teams of each pool – 1x0,5 for third/fourth teams of each pool;
- loss: 0 points;

which will be added to the points of the first position, thus defining an only position for the final matches.



Finals

According to this position, first two teams will play 1st/2nd place final, the following teams will play 3rd/4th place final and so on.

The Organizing Committee will decide qualified people that will umpire games. No complains about umpire decisions will be permitted.

At the end of the tournament, teams will be awarded according to final position.

The Organizing Committee can modify (if necessary) the tournament formula, according to number of participating teams by publishing, as soon as they will be available, schedule and rules on internet page www.europabaseball.eu.

The Organizing Committee