



Fast-Pitch Softball Competition Manual

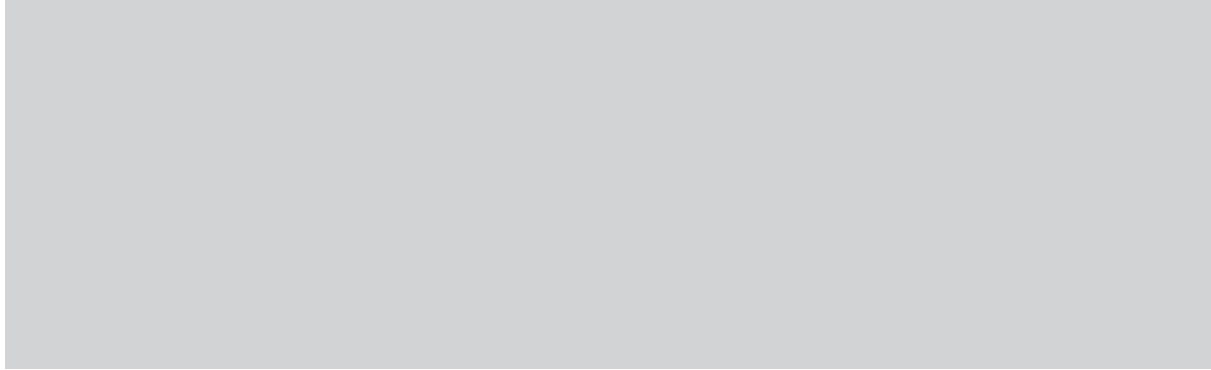
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1 FAST-PITCH SOFTBALL

1.1 General Information

Dates	17-24 June 2024 (Pending submission of numerical entry forms)
Venue	Majuro Track Facility (MTF)
Technical Meeting	TBD
Competition Manager	Joy Kawakami +692 4571548 jkawakami.99@gmail.com
Technical Delegate	Bob Steffy gnocsgt@ite.net

2 COMPETITION DETAILS

2.1 Technical Committee

Technical Delegate	Bob Steffy
Competition Manager	Joy Kawakami (MHL)

One representative from each participating member association.

2.1 Officials

- 2.1.1 Officials for the tournaments will be drawn from accredited referees nominated by the participating MGAs. All MGAs entering teams are expected to send one suitable referee per team. Referees will be assigned to games and evaluated under the supervision of World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Oceania. Table officials will be supplied and assigned by the host country, in consultation with WBSC Oceania. All officials must attend the official clinics to be presented by the Representative of WBSC Oceania.

3 CONDUCT OF THE TOURNAMENT

3.1 Dates & Venues

- 3.1.1 The MAJOL2024 Fast Pitch Softball Tournaments for men and women will be held at the Softball Field in the Majuro Track Facility (MTF) compound, Majuro RMI from 17-24 June 2024 (pending submission of numerical entry forms).

3.2 Technical Committee

- 3.2.1 Two (2) Representatives from each Team may attend the Technical Meeting. The Competition Manager will welcome and preside over the meeting. All matters pertaining to the competition will be covered at this Meeting.
- 3.2.2 The Technical Committee shall be chaired by the Technical Delegate or the chair will be appointed by the Technical Delegate.
- 3.2.3 Key Competition Officials including Sport Information Center (SIC) Manager, Competition Manager, IF Technical Delegate, and Umpires/Referees will be present to answer any questions.
- 3.2.4 The Majol2024 Technical Committee shall consist of two representatives from the host country and one representative from each of the competing islands all with voting rights..
- 3.2.5 The Technical Committee shall elect its own chairperson and a Competition Manager at least one (1) year prior to the opening ceremony of the Game's year.
- 3.2.6 The Technical Delegate is responsible to ensure that the MAJOL2024 Fast Pitch Softball competition is conducted in accordance with the technical rules and regulations of WBSC as established by the MAJOL2024 OC in conjunction with the Technical Committee, as well as to oversee the competition schedule and rule on any and all protests brought to its attention.

3.3 Technical Meeting

- 3.3.1 The Technical Meeting will be held no more than 48 hours prior to the commencement of the competition. Schedule will be communicated prior to your arrival. Visit Sport Information Center (SIC), located in the Athletes' Village, for technical meeting schedules.

3.4 Technical Meeting Agenda

1	Welcome remarks by the Competition Manager
2	Introduction of Relevant Key Competition Technical Officials
3	Final Timetable
4	Confirmation of the Jury of Appeal
5	Protests and Appeals to the Jury

6	Confirmation of Entries
8	Failure to Participate
11	Medal Ceremonies and Procedures
12	Other Concerns

3.5 Practice Schedule

3.5.1 This will be determined at a later date and distributed to all teams when they arrive.

3.6 Competition Schedule

3.6.1 To be finalized during technical meeting, following final registration through Accreditation and Sport Entry System May 15 deadline and consultation with the technical delegate.

4 COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

4.1 Conduct

4.1.1 The Tournament will be conducted under the official playing rules of the World Baseball Softball Confederation.

4.2 Final Roster

4.2.1 The final roster for each team must be submitted to the Competition Manager at the Technical Meeting.

4.3 Home/Visiting Teams – Coin Toss

4.3.1 At the completion of the Technical Meeting, the Home and Visiting teams will be decided for all games by coin toss. The Competition Manager or his appointed will toss a coin for all the game at this time.

4.4 Practice

4.4.1 There will be five (5) minutes for each team to practice on playing field before each game.

4.5 Mercy Rules

4.5.1 Mercy Rules Will Apply.

4.6 Equipment

4.6.1 Approved WBSC bats and balls will be used at this tournament.

4.7 Training

4.7.1 Training times may be booked with the Competition Manager depending on availability of the field.

4.8 Schedule

4.8.1 The schedule will be determined once the final entries have been submitted.

5 FORMAT

5.1 Seeding

5.1.1 The seeding will be conducted in accordance with the International Federation Rules and Regulations. If there are 7 or fewer teams, a round – robin format will be used. If there are 8 teams or more, a pool play format will be utilized.

5.2 Competition System

5.2.1 The MAJOL2024 Fast-Pitch tournament comprises of two stages: Preliminary and Page System playoff.

5.3 Preliminary

5.3.1 The format is a round-robin competition, with each team playing five games in the preliminary phase. The top four teams will then play in the Page System playoff.

5.4 Page System Playoff

5.4.1 The Page System shall comprise of two semi-finals, one final, and one grand final.

5.4.2 The Page System will take place over competition days.

5.5 Semifinals

5.5.1 The two semi-finals and the final will play on the second to the last day and the grand final will be played on the last day.

5.5.2 First semi-final: The teams ranked third and fourth in the round robin shall play for a place in the final; the loser is the fourth.

5.5.3 Second semi-final: The teams ranked first and second in the round robin will play for a place in the grand final; the loser will play in the final.

5.6 Final

5.6.1 The winner of the first semi-final and the loser of the second semi-final shall play for the second place in the grand final; the loser is the third.

5.7 Grand final

5.7.1 The winner of the second semi-final and the winner of the final will play for the first place; the loser is the second.

6 ELIGIBILITY

6.1 Athlete Eligibility

6.1.1 In order to be eligible to compete at the Micronesian Games, an athlete must comply with one of the following criteria:

(1) The athlete must have been born in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council -- that is, Palau, Guam, CNMI, Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, Marshall Islands, Nauru, or Kiribati -- and must have lived in any of those states, countries, or territories for a period of three years up to and including the start of the Games; OR

(2) The athlete must be the child of at least one parent, or two grandparents, who were born in any state, country, or territory which is a member of the Micronesian Games Council (see above), without regard to residence; OR

(3) The athlete must have resided in any state, country, or territory which is

a member of the Micronesian Games Council (see above) for a period of seven years up to and including the start of the Games, AND, resides in the state, country, or territory for which the athlete will compete, as of the start of the Games, without regard to ancestry.

The temporary absence of an athlete from the territory of a member of the Micronesian Games Council for purposes such as education, sports, training, military service, and health care, or other legitimate absences of a similar kind, are not considered as interrupting a previously established residency.

In addition, athletes must:

- (a) Complete all necessary entry and participation forms;
- (b) Not be currently under disqualification or suspension by any relevant authority;
- (c) Comply with all relevant rules and regulations of the Micronesian Games Council, the MGC Constitution, and the World Anti-Doping Code.

It is the responsibility of each participating state, country, or territory to ensure that all competitors comply with these requirements.

These requirements apply only to athletes. There are no eligibility requirements for coaches or technical officials.

Entries by name must be submitted at least 30 days prior to the start of the Games. Late entries will not be accepted. At the close of entries, the MAJOL2024 OC will communicate a list of all named competitors to each competing state, country, or territory. Each competing state, country, or territory will have 10 days to challenge the eligibility of a competitor. A \$50 bond is required for each challenge. The bond is refundable if the challenge is successful but is forfeited if the challenge is unsuccessful.

The burden of proof of eligibility is on the sponsoring state, country, or territory, rather than the challenging state, country, or territory. In the event of a challenge, the sponsoring state, country, or territory must submit documents proving eligibility.

Challenges to athlete eligibility are made to the Micronesia Games Council Executive Board, not to the MAJOL2024 OC, which will refer them for decision by a Disputes Tribunal, consisting of three persons appointed by the Micro-

nesia Games Council Executive Board. All challenges to eligibility shall be decided at least 10 days prior to the start of the Games. The decisions of the Disputes Tribunal are final and may not be appealed.

A state, country, or territory whose athlete is successfully challenged and is deemed ineligible to compete will be liable for a penalty in the amount of USD\$100. Failure to pay the penalty means that the state, country, or territory will not be allowed to compete in the sport in which the ineligible athlete was registered.

The contents of this section are a summary of the relevant provisions of the Micronesia Games Council Constitution. While every attempt has been made to assure the accuracy of this summary, in the event of any inconsistencies between this summary and the provisions of the Micronesia Games Council Constitution, the provisions of the Constitution shall be controlling.

7 PROTESTS TO THE JURY OF APPEAL

7.1 PROTESTS

7.1.1 Any protest must be lodged with the Competition Manager in writing in English and signed by the leader of the delegation. A check or cash in the amount of \$100.00 must be included with each protest.

7.2 JURY OF APPEAL

7.2.1 The Jury of Appeal shall consult, all relevant person, including the Referee and Judges. If the Jury of Appeal is in doubt, other available evidence may be considered. If such evidence, including video evidence, is not conclusive, the decision of the Referee shall be upheld. The Jury Chairman gives the jury's decision to the Competition Manager, who institutes preparation of an Amended Result, if required.

8 ATHLETES' VILLAGE

8.1 Accommodations

8.1.1 Athletes and coaches will be housed at the Marshall Islands High School campus.

8.2 Meals

- 8.2.1 Meals will be provided at each Athlete's Village cafeteria upon presentation of an accreditation card and meal voucher. Only accredited persons will be provided meals.
- 8.2.2 If the sports competition schedule conflicts with the dining hall hours, teams may request takeout meals. It's the responsibility of the Chef de Mission to request takeout meals during the CdM meeting at least 24 hours in advance and to pick up the takeout meals in the dining hall; takeout meals will not be delivered.

8.3 Medical

- 8.3.1 Primary care medical facilities (first aid) will be available, without charge, at the sports venue. More advanced care will be on call. Care other than primary care is the sole responsibility of the individual, and will be made available on the same basis (including cost) as it is to the general public.

8.4 Sport Information Center (SIC)

- 8.4.1 The SIC located at the Athletes' Village, will be open and manned during regular business hours.
- 8.4.2 The SIC is the formal communication center for the receipt and distribution of all sports information and results.
- 8.4.3 A set of daily results will be prepared, and will be distributed to each Chef de Mission at a daily morning meeting.

8.5 Transportation

- 8.5.1 Transportation will be provided for teams by the MAJOL2024 OC. Games transportation schedule will be disseminated at a later date.

8.6 Security

- 8.6.1 Security will be provided at all MAJOL2024 venues.

9 DOPING CONTROL

9.1 Random Testing

9.1.1 Athletes are advised that random drug testing will be conducted for the duration of the 2024 Micronesian Games.

9.2 Prohibited Substances

9.2.1 It is the responsibility of the athlete to check the status of all medications and refrain from using prohibited substances. Athletes who test positive for a prohibited substance will be disqualified from, including but not limited to, the 2024 Micronesian Games.

9.2.2 Complete listing of prohibited substances can be found on WADA website.

10 CODE OF CONDUCT

10.1 Conduct

10.1.1 The conduct of athletes, coaches, managers, and team officials are expected to adhere to the highest standards reflective of national pride and the spirit of the 2024 Micronesian Games. All participants shall appreciate the goodwill and regional unity that are the objectives of these Games.

10.2 Tobacco, Betel-nut, Vape, Alcohol and Drugs

10.2.1 The use and consumption of Tobacco, Betel-nut, Vape, Alcohol and Drugs in or around any Games facility is prohibited.

Good Luck to all the Teams!!!!