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General Information

Guiding Bodies

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Venue

Buhler Recreation Park

Entry Deadline

June 15, 2023

Event Information

MEN (18+):

Division A

Division B

MEN (35 & over)

MEN (45 & over)

WOMEN (18+):

Pooling will be allowed in the women's softball only.

COED (18+):

Six (6) males and four (4) females must be on field.



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Active competitors from police, fire and eligible first responder agencies may combine to form a team regardless of agency size **WITHIN A COUNTRY**

Retired competitors may combine to form a team in any manner they wish with other eligible competitors whether police or fire. This includes cross country lines.

Officials

2 ASA umpires will be present per game during group play & 3 during finals.

Medical

Basic medical supplies will be available at the venue.

Communications shall be available at each venue and preparations made in case it is necessary to summon emergency services.

Sporting Equipment

Each team is responsible for bringing their own practice balls.

All competitors must wear a team uniform. Uniform shirts must be numbered and identical in color. Each team must have two different colored uniform shirts available.

Competition Format

Bracketing

Note: Round Robin, Pool Play (pools), & Group Play (groups) are three common terms to describe the SAME formats of play. In these rules, Group Play (groups) will be used.

Women, CoEd and Men (35+ and 45+) tournaments will be played in Group Play, followed by a Double Elimination Playoff. If 7 or fewer teams enter, the tournament will be a single Group Play with no additional playoffs.

Men's 18+:

- Placement in Divisions A and B will be determined by the result of Group Play.
- When placing teams into groups, top seeds from previous games will be placed in separate groups (6 teams per group).



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- After Group Play, the teams will be divided into 2 divisions. The top two teams from each group will be placed in Division A, and third and fourth place teams will be placed in Division B.
- A Double Elimination playoff in each division will follow to determine medal winners.
- Men's 18+ teams that are eligible to continue in the competition are "Guaranteed" a minimum of 5 or 6 games if at all possible.

The WPFGE Director for Softball may change the Bracketing if appropriate.

In determining standings within each group, the following criteria will be used:

1. Won-loss record
2. Head to head
3. Runs allowed
4. Tie breaker game
5. Blind Draw (Men's A, B, D only)

A forfeited game will be considered a 12 runs to 0 runs game, with the forfeiting team receiving a minus 12 score for the purpose of run differential.

Scheduling

Scheduled for 6 days of competition. See [Sport Schedule](#) for details.

Day 1 Men & Women

Day 2: Men & Women

Day 3: Men & Women

Day 4: Men & Women

Day 5: CoEd

Day 6: CoEd

Awards

Medals are awarded First through Third Place (1st-3rd).



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Sport Rules

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 a 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 ~~on~~ giving the accuracy of judgment on the part of an umpire.



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

A mandatory 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, WPFPG 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.

*[*WPFPG follows ASA/USA Official Softball Rules](#)*

Pre Competition Meeting

Prior to the start of competition, a meeting will be held between the referees and the captain or coach from each participating team to clarify rules and conduct of play. Details of this meeting will be shared in the Sport Confirmation Letter.

Players Conduct

Any serious violation of conduct, such as fighting or violence toward players or officials will result in the player(s) immediate ejection from that game and his/her automatic suspension from his/her team's next scheduled game. The sport coordinator shall immediately notify the WPFPG, who will investigate each incident to determine if additional discipline will be imposed.