



ASAPHIL

(Amateur Softball Association of the Philippines)

BATANG PINOY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tournament Guidelines

1. **NAME OF COMPETITION-** The Batang Pinoy National Championships is organized by the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) in cooperation with the Amateur Softball Association of the Philippines (ASAPHIL). It aims to discover potential athletes for our national team that will represent our country in the different international competition.
2. **DATE AND VENUE-** the tournament will be held in Baguio City on 15-21 September 2018.
3. **ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS-** We will only have one category which is the 15 and under category. Players should be born 2002 or younger. Youngest to play will be 12 years old. Documents to be submitted will be the NSO Birth Certificate and the Voter's ID of the parents.
4. **COMPOSITION OF TEAM-** Each participating team shall consist of a maximum of 17 players and 3 officials.
5. **RULES THAT WILL GOVERN THE TOURNAMENT-** The rules and regulations that will govern the tournament will be the 2014-2017 International Softball Federation (ISF) Rule Book. There might be some special ground rules which will be taken during the official meeting. The Manager's/Coaches meeting of the different legs will be announced soon.
6. **MODE OF COMPETITION-** The mode of competition shall be determined upon the submission of all entries. The playoff format will be announced during the official meeting. Should there be 8 or more teams, it will be divided into two (2) groups- Group A & Group B. Teams in each group shall play a single round robin elimination with two (2) teams to qualify per group in the page system. All games will have seven (7) innings except when the "run ahead" (Mercy Rule) and the tie breaker rule is applied. A run ahead "Mercy Rule" shall be used in the tournament: 15 Runs after the 3 innings, 10 after the 4 innings and 7 after 5 innings.
7. **INTENTIONAL WALK-** If the pitcher desires to walk a batter intentionally it is sufficient to notify the plate umpire of the intent so as not to go through the motion of pitching. In this case, the ball is dead and runners cannot advance unless forced.
8. **WARM-UP PITCHES.** In the first inning or when the pitcher relieves another, not more than one minute may be used to deliver not more than five (5) warm up pitches. In each subsequent inning, pitchers will be given three (3) warm up pitches.
9. **RULE OF SUCCESSION APPLIES IN THE ELIMINATION ROUND.**
10. **RESOLUTION OF TIES**
 - a. Two-way tie - win over the other- same group.
 - b. Three-way tie - refer to the rule book (Article 3.2)

11. **TEAM PRACTICE**- teams scheduled to play will be given five minutes practice on the diamond before the game prior to the team's first game.
12. **PROTEST**- All protest must be settled on the on the playing field. No protest will be considered following the completion of the game or on the judgment call.
13. **ENTRY FEES**. Waived
14. **OFFICIAL MEETING**- the official meeting of the team manager / officials and coaches will be announced soon.
15. **PRIZES** – Medals will be awarded to the winners
16. **BILLETING** – TBA
17. **MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR**- The ASAPHIL and the organizing Committee reserves the right to decide on any matters not specifically provided in these guidelines of the tournament.
18. **OFFICIAL BATS**. The bats that can be used by the teams shall only be the ISF/ASA certified bats and will be inspected and tagged by the organizing committee.
19. **FOOD AND TRANSPORTATION**. To be shouldered by the teams entered in the tournament.

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