



# **FAST- PITCH SOFTBALL COMPETITION MANUAL**

**8<sup>TH</sup> MICRONESIAN GAMES**

July 20-29, 2014

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## **FASTPITCH**

Dates: 21-29 July 2014  
Venues: Spanish Wall Field  
Technical Meeting 11:00am, Sunday 20 July 2014 at the Spanish Wall Field

### *Tournament Director's Details*

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## **COMPETITION DETAILS**

### **1. Competition Venues**

- 1.1 The Men's Fast-Pitch games will be conducted at the Spanish Wall Field
- 1.2 The Women's Fast-Pitch games will be conducted at the Spanish Wall Field

### **2. Amenities**

- 500 plus seating capacity
- Home and Visitors dugout
- Manual Scoreboard
- Hollywood bases
- Skinned (Dirt) Infield

### **3. Tournament Rules and Guidelines**

- 3.1 The Tournament will be conducted under the official playing rules of the International Softball Federation.
- 3.2 There will be a Technical Meeting on Sunday, July 20, 2014, at 11:00 am at Spanish Wall Field grandstand. Team Manager and up to two coaches from each team must attend the meeting.

- 3.3 The final roster for each team must be submitted to the Tournament Director at the Technical Meeting.
- 3.4 At the completion of the Technical Meeting, the Home and Visiting teams will be decided for all game by coin toss. The Tournament Director or his designee will toss a coin for all the game at this time.
- 3.5 There will be five (5) minutes for each team to practice on playing field before each game.
- 3.6 Mercy Rules Will Apply.

**4. Tournament Equipment:**

- 4.1 Approved ISF bats and balls will be used at this tournament.

**PROTESTS AND COMMITTEES**

**5. Technical committee:**

- 5.1 The Technical Committee decides all technical matters relating to the tournament.
- 5.2 Decision of the Technical Committee may be appealed to the Jury of Appeal are final as to matters within its jurisdiction.

**6. Jury of Appeal**

- 6.1 The Jury of Appeals lodged against a decision of the Technical committee, and arising from the conduct of the competition in accordance with the International Federation Rules and Regulation.
- 6.2 Each sport shall appoint members to serve on the Jury of the Appeal at its first Technical Meeting. The committee shall be comprised of a Chairperson and four persons from the different countries plus four additional members as alternates. The alternates shall take the place of any member whose team who is involved in the disputes. The decision of the Jury of Appeal is final as to all matters within its jurisdiction.

## **7. Appeal Committee**

- 7.1 The Appeals Committee appointed by the Micronesian Games Council shall decide on all matters of a non-technical nature outside the jurisdiction of the Jury of appeal.
- 7.1 Regarding eligibility matters, the court of Appeals shall meet regularly throughout the Games. All protests must be submitted in writing, and must be received no later than 48 hours after the first Technical Committee Meeting. Protests submitted after that time will not be addressed.

## **TOURNAMENT FORMAT**

### **8. Tournament Format**

- 8.1 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.

### **9. Tournament Schedule**

- 9.1 M-FP = Men Fast-pitch
- 9.2 W-FP = Women Fast-pitch

### **10. Competition System**

- 10.1 The 2014 Micronesia Games Fast-Pitch tournament comprises of two stages: preliminary and Page System playoff.

### **11. Preliminary**

- 11.1 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.

## 12. Tentative Schedule

Game #	Time	Team	Division	Venue
Monday, July 21				
1	8:00 am	1vs 2	M-FP	Spanish Wall Field
1	10:00 am	1vs 2	W-FP	
2	12:00 am	3vs 4	M-FP	
2	2:30 am	3vs 4	W-FP	
3	5:00 pm	5vs 6	M-FP	
3	7:00 pm	5vs 6	W-FP	
Tuesday, July 22				
4	8:00am	1vs 4	W-FP	Spanish Wall Field
4	10:00am	1vs 4	M-FP	
5	12:00pm	2vs5	W-FP	
5	2:30pm	2vs5	M-FP	
6	5:00pm	3vs6	W-FP	
6	7:00pm	3vs6	M-FP	
Wednesday, July 23				
7	8:00am	5vs 3	M-FP	Spanish Wall Field
7	10:00am	5vs 3	W-FP	
8	12:00pm	6vs 1	M-FP	
8	12:30pm	6vs 1	W-FP	
9	2:30pm	4vs 2	M-FP	
9	5:00pm	4vs 2	W-FP	
Thursday, July 24				
10	8:00am	6vs 2	W-FP	Spanish Wall Field
10	10:00am	6vs 2	M-FP	
11	12:00pm	3vs 1	W-FP	
11	2:30pm	3vs 1	M-FP	
12	5:00pm	4vs 5	W-FP	
12	7:00pm	4vs 5	M-FP	
Friday, July 25				
13	8:00am	4vs 6	M-FP	Spanish Wall Field
13	10:00pm	4vs 6	W-FP	
14	12:00pm	1vs 5	M-FP	
14	2:30pm	1vs 5	W-FP	
15	5:00pm	2vs 3	M-FP	
15	7:00pm	2vs 3	W-FP	

### 13. Page system Playoff

- 13.1 The page system shall comprise of two semi-finals, one final and final and one grand final.
- 13.2 The Page system will take place over competition days. 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.
- 13.3 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.
- 13.4 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.
- 13.5 Final: 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.
- 13.6 Grand final: The winner of the second semi-final and the winner of the final will play for the first place; the loser is the second.

#### Saturday, July 26

16	9:00am	1 <sup>st</sup> vs. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	M-FP	Spanish Wall Field
16	11:30am	1 <sup>st</sup> vs. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	W-FP	
17	2:00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> vs. 4 <sup>th</sup>	M-FP	
17	4:00pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> vs. 4 <sup>th</sup>	W-FP	

#### Monday, July 27

18	9:00am	L - 32 Vs W- 34	W-FP	(Loser: Bronze)
18	11:30am	L - 31 Vs W- 33	M-FP	(Loser: Bronze)
19	1:30pm	W- 32 vs. W- 35	W-FP	(Gold & Silver)
19	3:30pm	W- 31 vs. W- 36	M-FP	(Gold & Silver)

*\* Medal ceremonies will follow last Game.*

- 13.7 Note: this schedule is based on six each MEN and Women Fast-Pitch teams. IF THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF TEAMS IS DIFFERENT, A NEW SCHEDULE WILL BE PREPARED. An amended schedule will be distributed as soon as we have information.
- 13.8 The assignment of schedule numbers to teams will be made at the Technical Committee meeting.

## 14. Eligibility Requirements

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, the CNMI, Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae, the 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 Pohnpei Organizing

Committee will communicate a list of all named competitors to each competing state, country, or territory. Each competing state, country, or territory will have ten 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 Pohnpei Organizing Committee, which will refer them for decision by a Disputes Tribunal, consisting of three persons appointed by the Micronesia 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 \$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.

## **15. Roster Composition**

- 15.1 The maximum number of players per team that may enter in the Micronesian Games Fast-Pitch Tournament is 18 players, 2 coaches and 1 team Manager.

## **16. Individual Entries**

- 16.1 Fully complete entry by name forms for each potential competitor must be received from all participating countries by June 20, 2014..



## **17. Final Entries**

- 17.1 The names of competitors finally entered for each event shall be confirmed to the Organizing committee within 12 hours of arrival for the Games or at the Delegation Registration meeting but before the first Technical committee meeting of each sport in which there are entries. Only those competitors whose names appear in the entry by name forms shall be eligible for final nominations.
- 17.2 When a competitor is injured after being included in the final entry by name form, a substitute may be nominated on production of a medical certificate approved by a doctor designated by the Games organizing committee, provided this nomination is entered before midnight preceding the opening event of the tournament in which the injured competitor would have taken part.
- 17.3 The substitute's names must have been entered in the entry by name form of that particular sport.

## **18. Competition Rules and Regulations**

- 18.1 The Micronesian Games Council shall have complete control of the direction and control of the Games as stated in the Micronesian Games Charter Article II.A.6. However, the International Federations of all sports on the Games Program, in association with the Technical Committee shall have technical control of the organization of their respective sports in accordance with the IF Rules.
- 18.2 In cases of disputes the Micronesian Games Council's decision shall be final.

## **19. Training**

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

## **20. Technical Officials**

- 20.1 Technical officials who will be officiating during the Micronesian Games will be provided with suitable accommodation and meals from two days prior to the commencement of the Games and two days after the conclusion of the respective sports competitions.

- 20.2 All Technical officials will be provided with a Micronesian Games uniform to be worn throughout the Games.

## **21. Medical**

- 21.1 Medical mobile will be at Spanish Wall Field at every time of the Games. An appropriate level of medical service will be provided at each competition venue for athletes, teams and technical officials.

## **22. Doping Control**

- 22.1 Athletes are advised that random drug testing will be conducted for the duration of the 2014 Micronesian Games.
- 22.2 It is the responsibility of the athlete to check the status of all medications and refrain from using prohibited substances. Any athlete that tests positive for a prohibited substance will be disqualified from the 2014 Micronesian Games.

## **23. Media**

- 23.1 The media, to include personnel from the various newspaper outlets, television and radio stations, will be seeking audience with athletes and team officials during the Games and we encourage everyone to cooperate with the media.