



## OFFICIAL INVITATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL INDOOR TOURNAMENT

### " INDOOR TROPHY OF NOVI SAD 2017."

It gives me great pleasure to officially announce that the baseball & softball club Alligators, will be hosting the international youth indoor baseball and softball tournament entitled the " Indoor Trophy of Novi Sad ". It will take place from January 4<sup>th</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup>, in Novi Sad, Serbia.

We would like to invite your club to become a part of our idea to promote and develop baseball and softball in this part of Europe.

The goal of the tournament is to provide young players with the opportunity to increase their offensive and defensive skills of the game during wintertime, introduce them to our town and culture and make new friendships. We would like to teach them what is the meaning of teamwork and how important is to behave as a team player. Beside that we would also like to establish new and improve current cooperation between baseball and softball clubs in this region, which will help all of us to play more games and tournaments in all age categories in the future.

We are proud to offer you our great facility



which includes everything that all of us need to enjoy in this event. All games will go live on [sportuzivo.net](http://sportuzivo.net), players and spectators will enjoy great music and dance programme between games, and the youngest players and spectators will have a chance to participate in a virtual home run derby game on the big screen, which will be set up in the middle of the stands.



### ACCOMODATION

There are many beautiful hostels in Novi Sad. You can find a cheap hostel for the whole team online on [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com). If you need any assistance please feel free to contact me and I will be glad to help you.

We can offer you a great and cheap place for lunch in Novi Sad as well, and there is also a possibility to order pizza, hamburgers, pancakes, gyros and other food directly to the field or to the hostel.

My advice for all the teams from other countries is to arrive in Novi Sad on January the 3<sup>rd</sup> to rest and prepare for the tournament because the games will start early in the morning on January the 4<sup>th</sup>.



## THE RULES OF THE " INDOOR TROPHY OF NOVI SAD 2017. "

( The tournament fee per one team is 30 euros or a box of baseballs/softballs instead )

- 1) We will use a pitch machine instead of real pitchers
- 2) All players must be U16 ( born in 2000. and younger )  
You can apply more than one team for the tournament and every team can be a boys team, a girls team or a mix team ( boys and girls together in one team )
- 3) Every game will last 25 min, or 5 innings. A new inning can't start after 20 minutes of the game.
- 4) A Foulball at 3<sup>rd</sup> strike is OUT for the batter
- 5) If the batter hits the pitch machine with the ball he will be OUT
- 6) The teams will change in offense and defense after they make 3 OUT-s, or after they score 6 points in one inning ( mercy rule )
- 7) All teams will have 1 minute to change from offense to defense ( because we want to give more speed to the game and to play more innings )
- 8) The distance between bases is 20m
- 9) No LEAD OFF or BASE STEALING....A runner can tag off the base after the bat hits the ball (players can try to get an extra base after overthrow, or after an error in defense )
- 10) If the batter hits the roof in the fair territory of the gym he is OUT.
- 11) We will split all teams into groups, and first 2 teams from every group will advance into the quarter finals where we will play cup system until the final game of the tournament. ( We will send you the full timetable of the tournament after we receive applications from all teams who are going to participate in the tournament )
- 12) Other ground rules ( giving extra bases.....coaches will get the information from the umpires before the start of the tournament when they see the field )



Please confirm your participation by December 20th at the latest by calling on the following number or sending an e-mail on the following address:

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For more information about our youth baseball & softball programme please visit our facebook page: Alligators Srbija

We are looking forward to seeing you this winter in Novi Sad and we hope that your team will have a great time in our town. Please help us to make this baseball & softball tournament " Indoor Trophy of Novi Sad " become a nice tradition.

Best regards,

Manager of the Baseball and Softball Club Alligators

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