



**ASD DESPERADOS BSC
TORINO**

DESPERADOS WORLD INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

7th, 8th and 9th SEPTEMBER 2018

TURIN INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL STADIUM "PASCHETTO"

1. APPLICANT TEAMS

Baseball and softball non-professional teams may apply to join the Desperados World International Baseball and Softball Tournament.

6 baseball and 6 softball teams will be selected to join this event.

2. APPLICANTS REQUIREMENTS

Applicant teams must be NON – professional baseball and softball teams, recognized by national baseball and softball federations/organizations. During 2018, applicant teams should not have been participating national 1st or 2nd division championships (similar to Italian IBL/ISL or A serie). Players who participated to national 1st or 2nd division championships can join the tournament without limitations, except for what stated in the ROSTER RULES below.

3. TOURNAMENT ORGANISATION

Tournament will be organized in 3 phases:

- Group phase matches
- Final fours
- Finals

- GROUP PHASE

Participants teams will be split in 2 groups (A and B) of 3 teams each with direct matches among group teams. Group phase will end up with 2 group separate rankings.

- FINAL FOURS

Teams ranked at 1st and 2nd positions in each group will enter the Final four phase

- FINALS PHASE

Final four winning teams will play 1st and 2nd place tournament final match. The other two teams which participated to the final four phase will play 3rd and 4th place tournament final match.

Teams ranked at 3rd position in groups phase will dispute the "Wooden spoon final" for the 6th place ranking.



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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Group A

1A
2A
3A

Group B

1B
2B
3B

time	Friday 7 th	Saturday 8 th	Sunday 9 th
8.00-10.00			1 st A-2 nd B
10.00-12.00		2A-3A	1 st B-2 nd A
13.00-15.00		2B-3B	Wooden spoon Final
15.00-17.00	1A-2A	3A-1A	3 rd – 4 th Final
17.00-19.00	1B-2B	1B-3B	1 st – 2 nd Final
21.00	WELCOME PARTY	FAREWELL PARTY	PRICES CERIMONY

4. ROSTER RULES

Participants players should be 18 years old at least.

In the rosters can be unlimited number of “non-national players” “Non-national players” are players with different passport team nationality.

Teams can include only 2 “Non-national players” in the line-up in each match, no matter in which field position.

Applicant teams must give to the organization prior notice and motivate all requested exceptions.

Exceptions to the roster rules can be considered and accepted by the tournament technical committee.

Definitive roster must be sent to the organization within the final deadline of 31st August, 2018. Rosters must be sent together with player passport copies which will be verified by umpires before 1st group phase match.

In the roster, teams must include a “match scorer”. In each match, teams will exchange the “match scorer” as a fair-play rule (scorers exchange).

Also, the roster must include a team manager which will be responsible for the communications with the tournament organization.

Match scorer forms must be given to the organization responsible within 5 min. from the end of the match.

Blank scorer forms will be provided by the tournament organization.

Organization will provide “match scorer” to team which did not include in the roster, at the cost of € 50/day.



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For this reason, each participant teams must pay a € 150 refundable scorer fee. This amount will be refunded at tournament starting, if team "match scorer" will be present.

5. PLAY RULES

International baseball and softball rules accepted by European federation will be applied with following exceptions:

5a. MATCH TIME

In the group phase, each match can last 7 innings max with a limiting time of 2 hours at most. 2 extra-inning more can be played if needed. At the beginning of each extra-inning, the hitting team will place two runners on the 1st and 2nd base. Those runners will be the last and hitter before the last, relatively, who were eliminated in the previous inning. If teams have same points after 2 extra-innings, umpires will proceed with a "coin draw" and find match winner by lot.

5b. FINALS

1st and 2nd place tournament final match will last 9 innings, with standard rules (no limit extra innings) in case of draw result.

6. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Technical committee will check applicant team requirements and decide for every tournament exceptions admission. Committee will also assign players special prices.

Technical committee will have by 3 participants:

- 1 from the organization
- 1 from the Italian baseball and Softball federation (FIBS)
- 1 external (press, professional former player etc).

7. TOURNAMENT PRIZES

- 1st place : € 1500 and Cup
- 2nd place: € 800 and Cup
- 3rd place: € 400 and cup
- 4th place : € 200 eur and cup
- 5th place: cup
- 6th place: finisher price and wooden spoon

Money prizes will be credit by T/T on the same bank account from which participation fee was payed, within 90 days after tournament end.



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7a. SPECIAL PRIZES

Technical committee will assign following prizes:

Best player: best hitting and defense average.

In case of draw result, best home runner will win, and/or the player with the highest number of eliminating throws.

Best pitcher: Best AVG and highest strikeout number. In case of draw result, pitcher who played highest number of innings will win.

Best hitter: best hitting average. In case of draw result, best home runner will win.

Best young player (YOUNG DESPE price) : technical committee will assign on their judgment a price to the best player among the youngest participants (< 21 YO).

Best old player (OLD DESPE price): technical committee will assign on their judgment a price to the best player among the oldest participants (>40 YO).

No claims about special prizes will be accepted.

DEADLINES AND PARTICIPATION FEE

Applicant teams must send application forms to the organization within 31st March 2018.

Technical committee will consider and choose 6 baseball and softball participating teams within 15th April 2018.

Each participant team will be informed by mail and must confirm participation paying a € 1500 contribution + € 150 as refundable scorer fee, to be payed:

€ 750 by T/T within 30th April, 2018;

€ 750 + € 150 by T/T within 30th June, 2018.

Teams can withdraw within 30th June, 2018 and 50% of the contribution will be refunded (€ 325). After this deadline, no refund will be possible. The contribution will be considered for the participation to the next World International Desperados Tournament. Scorer fee will be refunded anyway.

LIABILITIES

Organization committee will not be responsible for tournament cancellation due to force majeure (bad weather, accidents etc) and no fee refund will be possible. If not refunded, tournament fee will be considered valid as participation fee to the next World International Desperados Tournament.

For these, no refund claims will be considered.

Participants will be requested to sign a release statement to the organization committee who will not be responsible for any penalties request consequent to tournament cancellation and for any damage to people and/or things consequent to playing actions.



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ACCOMODATION

Participants can ask organization for accommodation booking (hotel, youth hostel etc) at a promotional price.

4/ stars Hotel or youth hostel rooms can be provided, more details about will be provided on request.

Welcome and farewell party will be free for participant athletes.