



Memorandum for European Softball Competitions, 2019

The games of SE Competitions shall be played in accordance with WBSO Playing Rules and Technical Code (2018-2021 edition) unless otherwise stated in SE Competitions Regulations or in this Memorandum and Appendices: App 1: Bats / App 2: Disciplinary.

Particular attention is drawn to the following rules and regulations:

- **ID Control:** As soon as possible after the ID control, each team's Official Competition Rosters (containing full names and all uniform numbers) will be posted on the SE Competition website, with hard copy provided if requested.
- **Contact information:** Each team must provide comprehensive contact details so they can be contacted when necessary.
- **Schedule:** The Technical Committee reserves the right to change the game schedule during the Competition as appropriate, e.g. in case of problems concerning the weather, will publish such changes via the SE website and promptly refer affected teams to those changes.
- **Teams are expected to acknowledge receipt of any notification of schedule changes.**
- **Official batting order:** 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the game, the teams shall hand in the yellow copy of the "Official Line-up Form" (duly completed – for each player: name and surname, **printed legibly**, uniform number and playing position) to the official scorers. A game ball will be provided to the team at that time. During the pre-game meeting with the umpires at home plate before the game, each manager shall give the white to the plate umpire and the pink copy for the opposing manager. *Any change to this line-up at the plate meeting will be regarded as a substitution, unless necessitated by injury during the intervening warm-up period in which case an Injury Report Form will be provided by the TC for the manager to complete.*
- **Pitcher Warm Ups after entering field:** - when it is not possible outside the field, the pitcher and catcher (in FP, with mask) may warm up in foul territory, beyond the dugouts, throwing away from the Home Plate.
- During any **IN-GAME warm-ups in foul territory**, a safety player (spotter) with a glove must protect them from being hit by a ball.
- **Ejections:** An ejected player / coach will immediately be escorted away from the field by an official. They must remove at least the shirt of their uniform.
- **Disciplinary procedures following all ejections:** All managers and players should be familiar with the current policies. Previous ejections will be taken into account during TC consideration of any subsequent occurrence, and penalties not completed during this event will be carried forward to the next SE Competition which the player enters. (See Disciplinary Regulations at <http://www.europeansoftball.org/documents/?category=3> and Appendix 2 below.)
- **Protests (SE CR 12.01 et seq.):** Protests concerning a game, if not resolved at the field by the TC / UiC, must be handed to the T.C. in writing no later than 15 minutes post-game.
- **Tie-Break Resolution: See Competition Regulation 06.01.**

SE Competition and Technical Director

APPENDIX 1: Bats used in SE Competitions 2019:

Bats used in SE Fastpitch Competitions must have the 2005 ISF Certified Logo or the new WBSC Certified Logo, and appear on the WBSC Approved Bat list.



A bat used in SE Slowpitch Competitions may comply with the above or may, for 2019, alternatively have the ASA 2000 Certification Mark, ASA 2004 Certification Mark, must appear on the ASA Approved Bat list and must **not** be listed on the Non-Approved Bat List with 2000 or 2004 Certification Mark. **Please check the current lists carefully in advance of the event.**

In 2020 onward, only the ASA 2013 Certification Mark (Slow Pitch, Men's Adult Fast Pitch, Junior Olympic Boy's Fast Pitch and Men's Modified only) will be approved for SE play. **Slowpitch players are reminded that for WBSC competition, only ISF / WBSC-stamped bats will be approved.**

All participating teams must bring to the TC Meeting all the bats they desire to use, listed on a prenumbered Bat Control Form. Each bat should be marked with the number which corresponds to the list (A marker pen or simple paper sticker is sufficient to identify the bat's number) to facilitate an efficient Bat Control process, which will NOT commence until the completed list is available to the Bat Check group. All previous ESF labels should be removed, any dirt including pine-tar residue must be cleaned from the bat, and attention should be paid to the taping of the grip as failings here often delay the testing process..

The umpires of the tournament will examine all bats them for WBSC Rules legality and may, additionally, pressure-test them.

Bats that are deemed to be compliant with the requirements will have a current label affixed to the handle, just above the safety grip. The labels will clearly identify the bat as being "approved" for use.

If new bats are purchased during the competition or arrive AFTER the bat control held during the TC meeting, their owners will need to make an appointment with the UiC to have the bat examined and labeled as appropriate. ONLY the UiC will be empowered to check bats during the tournament, so teams are responsible to know where the UiC is and organize a meeting. A bat cannot be used, even if legal, without the new sticker.

Be aware that before ANY game, the umpires may come to dugouts to execute further bat and helmets checks.

TR 06.02.01: A bat not approved may be retained by the team but must not be brought into the Dugouts at any time throughout the Competition.

Any batter detected using an unlabeled bat will be will be called out and ejected.

A bat (other than a warm-up bat) found in the dugout without a label will be considered an *Altered Bat* and will be removed from the game and the Head Coach will be ejected.

APPENDIX 2: Disciplinary Procedures: SE Regulations extract:

7. Infractions during tournaments:

- a. By players, coaches, managers or other team members on the playing field during a game.

Only the umpire crew can take decisions for infractions on the field during a game.

In the case of any ejection of a team member the umpire will submit a completed SE Ejection Report to the game TC member, who will then determine what minimum sanction, if any, is required by SE Disciplinary Regulations (Appendix).

A technical ejection – for illegal re-entry etc – will not be grounds for further sanctions under para 7.a.

An ejection falling under the category 'Other Infractions' may not require further sanction.

The TC member will as soon as possible inform the Manager that the ejected player is subject to the minimum penalty as required by the Appendix and that the incident will be reported to the Technical Commission to determine whether any further sanction is to be applied.

The Report, with a note of the minimum sanction already applied, will then be promptly submitted to the Technical Commission to consider whether any further sanction should be imposed.

(The Commission will take into account the actions of the ejected player / manager following the incident, including reluctance or refusal to go to the specified area upon ejection, or returning to confront the umpire(s) after the game. They will also note whether this was the first or further such incident involving the individual(s) concerned).

If the Commission decide that no further sanction is required, the Manager of the ejected player's team will be so informed. If a further sanction has been determined, then a written Statement of that sanction will be provided to the manager and player involved.

Within two hours of receiving the Statement they may request a hearing to appeal against the further sanction applied. This hearing will be chaired by the EC member present or their substitute and may hear from the ejected player / manager (who may be accompanied by a representative), and Technical Commissioner(s).

There is no appeal against the decision of the EC.

Player, coach or team member to opponent: Number of games suspension:

	Minimum	Maximum
Verbal		
Indecent language	1	2
Insulting language	1	3
Threats	1	4
Inciting spectators to abuse another player	1	3
Physical		
Deliberate contact	1	2
Fights:	2	3
Fights: Actual injury	3	6
Throwing material	1	2
Spitting	2	4
NOTE:		Fights during bench clearing will be handled as fights mentioned above

Player, coach or team member to official

Verbal		
Indecent language	1	2
Insulting language	2	3
Threats	2	4
Inciting spectators to abuse officials	1	3
Physical		
Deliberate contact	1	2
Attempted injury	2	3
Actual injury	3	6
Throwing material at a person	2	4
Spitting	2	4
Other interfractions		
Disputing judgement calls, bad language, etc	0	2

If in the TC's judgement the Umpire's Report indicates that the ejection itself was sufficient, AND there are no previous incidents on record, the player may only be issued with an 'Official Warning'.

If an Individual's Sanction Record shows previous infringements, further incidents may result in penalties higher than the maximum mentioned above.