

## WBSC SOFTBALL WORLD CUPS HOST BIDDING PROCESS - SUMMARY

### 1. Intro

This WBSC Softball World Cups Hosting Bid Outline is intended for any organisation seeking to host a WBSC Softball World Cup.

### 2. WBSC Softball World Cups Overview

The following editions of WBSC Softball World Cups are now open for hosting proposal:

WBSC Event	Available Editions	Number of Participating Teams
U-12 Mixed Softball World Cup	2025	8
U-15 Women's Softball World Cup	2023	12
U-18 Women's Softball World Cup	<b>GROUP STAGE</b>	
	2024	6 teams per Group (3 Groups)
	<b>FINALS</b>	
	2025	8
Women's Softball World Cup	<b>GROUP STAGE</b>	
	2023	6 teams per Group (3 Groups)
	<b>FINALS</b>	
	2024	8
U-18 Men's Softball World Cup	2023	12

U-23 Men's Softball World Cup	2026	12
Men's Softball World Cup	<b>GROUP STAGE</b>	
	2024	6 teams per Group (3 Groups)
	<b>FINALS</b>	
	2025	8

Format, venue options, number of games and duration of the Tournament:

Number of Teams	Event Format	Venues	Practice Fields	Number of games per day	Duration of the Tournament
6	1 group single round robin	1 competition venues (with lights)	2 practice / warm up venues	6	4 days
8	2 groups single round robin + super round	1 competition venues (with lights)	2 practice / warm up venues	4	5 days
		2 competition venues (with lights)		6	4 days
12	2 groups single round robin + super round	2 competition venues (with lights)	2 practice / warm up venues	6	9 days
		3 competition venues (2 with lights)		8/10	8 days



### 3. Bidding Process

- 1.- The WBSC opens calls to express interest in hosting a WBSC Softball World Cup;
- 2.- Bidders must submit their interest in a WBSC Event by returning an “Expression of interest to host a WBSC Softball World Cup” and an “Official bid candidate form” to the WBSC Events Department;
- 3.- The WBSC evaluates the submitted hosting proposals (the WBSC reserves the right to schedule a visit to evaluate the proposal if deemed necessary);
- 4.- The WBSC identifies and selects the most suitable candidate for approval by the WBSC Executive Board; and
- 5.- The WBSC announces the successful host for the WBSC Softball World Cup.

#### 3.1. Advantages of hosting a WBSC Softball World Cup

Organising a WBSC Tournament provides the opportunity to establish a legacy that will help develop the game locally, while also providing worldwide exposure for the hosts sport's programme and the local region.

Among other things, some of the potential benefits of hosting a WBSC Softball World Cup are:

- Support in the construction of new or renovation of existing facilities to help the development of the game at all levels;
- Increase the number of high-quality softball development programmes at the professional, amateur, youth and grassroots levels;
- Improve cooperation between host cities, sponsors, media and the local community;
- Enhance partnerships and greater commercial activity and investment from new sponsors, media and broadcasters;
- Help in breaking down social barriers for participation and provide better opportunities for people of ages and genders;
- Use of well-known softball players, coaches or local VIPs as role models to encourage kids and emerging players and to promote health and other social benefits;
- Use of multi-venue / location to maximise host city and tourism impact;
- Multiple brand activations, campaigning and merchandising opportunities;
- Extensive host city / host country programme (dressing and branding) including fan zones; and
- Promotional support on the WBSC's dedicated webpages and social media channels.

## 4. Softball World Cups Global Calendar

<b>SOFTBALL EVENTS</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>	<b>2030</b>	<b>2031</b>	<b>2032</b>
U12 Mixed WC Continental Qualifiers	O			O				O				O
U12 Mixed WC	X				X				X			
U 15 Women's Continental Qualifiers		O				O				O		
U 15 Women's WC			X				X				X	
U18 Women's Continental Qualifiers			O				O				O	
U18 Women's WC - GROUP STAGE				XXX				XXX				XXX
U18 Women's WC - FINALS	X				X				X			
Women's Continental Qualifiers		O			O				O			
Women's WC - GROUP STAGE			XXX			XXX				XXX		
Women's WC - FINALS				X			X				X	
U18 Men's Continental Qualifiers		O				O				O		
U18 Men's WC			X				X				X	
U23 Men's WC Continental Qualifiers	O				O				O			
U23 Men's WC		X				X				X		
Men's Continental Qualifiers	O		O				O				O	
Men's WC - GROUP STAGE				XXX				XXX				XXX
Men's WC - FINALS		X			X				X			