



7TH INTERNATIONAL YOUTH BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

“CITTA’ DI FIRENZE” 2009

**Ragazzi (born between 1/1/1997 and 31/12/2000)
and Cadetti (born between 1/1/1993 and 31/12/1996)**

October 2nd – 4th, 2009

1. TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1.1. All the operational and organizational decisions pertaining to the tournament will be made by the Organization Committee, herein called OC, which takes all responsibility for the management of the tournament.
- 1.2. The 2009 edition of the tournament is open to the following categories only:

**CADETTI/CADETS, players born between January 1, 1993 and December 31, 1996
RAGAZZI/JUVENILE, players born between January 1, 1997 and December 31, 2000**
- 1.3. The cost of registration is **120.00 Euro + a box of baseballs + a refundable deposit of 200,00 Euros**, which will be refunded at the end of the tournament.
- 1.4. Each team will consist of maximum 13 players + 2 coaches. All participating clubs must provide the OC with a complete list of their team members, including their birth dates (as well as their players' uniform numbers if possible). **This list may not be changed after the start of the tournament.**
- 1.5. By including the players on their team list, each participating club certifies that all of its players are registered as members of the corresponding national baseball federation for the current year and that they comply with the health requirements for the participation in competitive sport activities. For each player, the participating team must carry a copy of his/her document certifying health compliance and his/her membership card issued by the competent Baseball Federation.
- 1.6. False declarations will be punished by the OC and all legal responsibilities will be placed entirely on the club that has listed a non-registered athlete.
- 1.7. For organizational reasons, the OC requires the participating clubs to send their list of players as indicated above at least ten days prior to the beginning of the tournament either by e-mail **cf2009@juniorfirenzebc.it** or **info@juniorfirenzebc.it** or by fax (+39 055 607473).
- 1.8. **This competition offers young players not only the opportunity of playing baseball but also of interacting in a professional and sportsmanlike manner with their peers. This is the main objective of the tournament and the OC sincerely hopes that tournament participants will behave civilly. It is in this spirit that the Tournament Judge and the OC will assign a special Fair Play Award to the team that distinguishes themselves for their citizenship.**



2. GAME REGULATIONS

2.1. As indicated in the tournament schedule, the games will be played on the following baseball field:

- Stadio del Baseball Cerreti (Main field) located in Viale Manfredo Fanti, 18

2.2. The CO retains the right to move the games to other baseball facilities if necessary.

2.3. The "home team" will be the one listed first in the schedule and will occupy the first base dugout. In the playoffs the "home team" will be decided by drawing lots.

2.4. The OC will supply the balls and designate the umpires for each game.

2.5. If one of the teams arrives at the field more than ten minutes later than the scheduled arrival time they will automatically lose the game by a score of 0-6. The OC will allocate pre-game time as the schedule permits. The OC retains the right to shorten or eliminate pre-time game for organizational reasons.

2.6. In case of suspension of a game due to rain or darkness the final score will be determined by the score at the end of the last complete inning played, as long as at least two innings have been played, or 1.5 innings if the home team is winning.

2.7. In case of rain the game will be suspended for a maximum of 30 min. After such a suspension the game will be regular as long as the conditions listed in rule 2.6 are met; otherwise the game will be rescheduled. A game resumed after a suspension may be extended only up to 20 minutes after the original scheduled end.

2.8. To speed up the game it has been decided that the pitcher should be allowed five (5) warm-up pitches at the beginning of the game and three warm-up pitches (3) at the beginning of each half inning. Coaches may call a time-out only once per inning and no other interruptions will be tolerated—except in the event of injuries.

2.9. All other eventualities and situations not specifically indicated herewith will be deferred to the CAA 2009 regulations related to the "Little League" championship for Ragazzi and Cadetti. The provision therein that all players on the roster must play in all games is made null.

3. SPECIAL REGULATIONS

Cadetti/Cadets

3.1. Games will be played up to 6 (six) innings with a maximum play time of **1:30** hours; each half inning will end when either 3 outs are made or 5 runs scored. After **1 hour and 25 min.** of play, the game will be declared finished at the completion of the current inning.

3.2. The final play-off game of the tournament will be played over 7 innings with a maximum time of 2 hours and with only 1 supplementary inning to break a tie (if necessary).

3.3. Pitchers can pitch up to 4 innings per game, 6 innings per day with a limit of 9 innings during the whole tournament, including the finals but excluding extra innings.

3.4. Even a single pitch will be counted as an inning pitched.

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3.5. Once a pitcher has been replaced he will not be allowed to pitch again in the same game.

Ragazzi/Juvenile

3.6. The measurements of the baseball field will be as follows: the distance between bases is 18.29 m. and the pitching rubber will be at 14.02 m. from home plate.

3.7. 'KENKO C' will be our official game balls.

3.8. The games will be played up to 5 innings with a maximum play time of **1:30** hours; each half inning will end when either 3 outs are made or 4 runs are scored. After **1 hour and 25 min.** of play the game will be declared finished at the completion of the current inning.

3.9. The final game of the tournament will be played over 6 innings with a maximum time of 2 hours and with only 1 supplementary inning to break a tie (if necessary).

3.10. Pitchers can pitch up to 3 innings per game, 4 innings per day with a limit of 6 innings during the whole tournament, including the finals but excluding extra innings.

3.11. Even a single pitch will be counted as an inning pitched.

3.12. Once a pitcher has been replaced he will not be allowed to pitch again in the same game.

4. RULES FOR THE FIRST PHASE OF THE TOURNAMENT

4.1. In the first phase of the tournament each of the 4 teams in each category will play each other once in round-robin fashion.

4.2. If a team forfeits a game they will be assigned a loss with a score of 0 to 6 and be penalized 1 point in the final standings.

4.3. **Games may end in a draw**, in which case each team will be assigned 1 point; for each win the teams will earn 2 points.

4.4. In case of a tie at the end of the first phase of the tournament the following criteria will apply to designate which team proceeds to the play-off phase:

- I. The winner of the game that the tied teams played against each other in the round-robin phase.
- II. A lower ratio of runs given up per inning played during the round-robin phase.
- III. A higher ratio of runs scored per inning played during the round-robin phase.
- IV. By drawing lots.

4.5. In the **Ragazzi Category/Juvenile** the first two teams of the standings will play each other once for the championship, the loser receiving second place while the last team of the standings will receive third place.

In the **Cadetti Category** the first two teams of the standings will play each other once for the championship, the loser receiving second place. The third and the fourth teams will play each other for third place.



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5. UMPIRES AND TOURNAMENT JUDGE

- 5.1. The tournament will be conducted under the aegis of the Federazione Italiana Baseball e Softball (FIBS).
- 5.2. The umpires are designated by the OC in agreement with the CNA-TO.
- 5.3. Any protests pertaining to the conducting of the games will be taken into consideration only in case of a violation of the rules pertaining to the irregular use of a player under the restrictions mentioned above. In any case, all protests should be submitted in writing to the Tournament Judge at the end of the game in question.
- 5.4. The Tournament Judge will validate each game with respect to the above regulations and, if applicable, will be responsible for any disciplinary sanctions—which will be communicated to the team concerned prior to the beginning of the following game.
- 5.5. The OC will communicate the official results and standings at the end of each day.

6. PRIZES

- 6.1. Each Team will receive a prize according to their final ranking in the standings. In addition, individual prizes will be awarded to the best pitcher, the best hitter, and to the overall Most Valuable Player of the tournament for each category.
- 6.2. A player will be excluded from receiving an individual prize owing to disciplinary measures or unbecoming behavior pointed out by the umpires, the scorekeepers, or the managing staff.
- 6.3. The team that displays the best behavior and citizenship both on and outside the baseball field will be awarded the Fair Play prize (see 1.8).

7. GENERAL RULES

- 7.1. The OC retains the right to modify the present rules at any time. In case of inclement weather the game schedule will be changed to adapt it to the circumstances.
- 7.2. The tournament rules and the Official Game Schedule will be provided to the teams upon their arrival and they will be discussed during the rules meeting.
- 7.3. For all situations not explicitly mentioned in these rules general FIBS rules will apply.
- 7.4. The OC declines any responsibility arising from accidents that may take place before, during, or after the playing of the tournament.

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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