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      - 2. Deputy UIC - 2
    - ii. Jury of Appeal**
      - 1. Chairman - 1
      - 2. Members - 4
    - iii. Officiating Committee**
      - 1. Local Umpires - 8
      - 2. Foreign Umpires - 8
    - iv. Statistician (1) / Scorekeeper (4)** - 5
    - v. Rosario Sports Arena**
      - 1. Venue Manager - 1
      - 2. Field Attendants (4)  
 /Ball Retrievers (4) - 8
      - 3. Board Scorers - 3
      - 4. Electrician - 1
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## COMPETITION INFORMATION

### 1. Dates and Venues

The 23<sup>rd</sup> SEA Games Softball Competition will be held from November 30 to December 4, 2005 at the Rosario Sports Arena, Pasig City. The Training Venue for this competition will be at the same location.

### 2. Events

The 23<sup>rd</sup> SEA Games Softball Competition will be contested in the following events:

**Men**

**Women**

### 3. Participating Teams

**Women's**

Philippines

Indonesia

Singapore

Thailand

Malaysia

**Men's**

Philippines

Indonesia

Singapore

Malaysia

### 4. Competition Schedule

**Preliminary Round** ; (Team mentioned in the right side of the schedule will be considered the **HOME TEAM**).

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Game #</u></b>	<b><u>Competing Teams</u></b>		<b><u>Division</u></b>
			<b><u>Visitor</u></b>	<b><u>Home</u></b>	
Nov. 30 (Wed)	8:00 am	1	Philippines	vs. Thailand	W
	10:00 am	2	Indonesia	vs. Singapore	W
	12:00 am	3	Philippines	vs. Malaysia	M
	2:00 pm	4	Indonesia	vs. Singapore	M
	4:00 pm	5	Malaysia	vs. Singapore	W
Dec. 01 (Thu)	8:00 am	6	Philippines	vs. Indonesia	W
	10:00 am	7	Philippines	vs. Singapore	M
	12:00 am	8	Malaysia	vs. Indonesia	M
	2:00 pm	9	Thailand	vs. Indonesia	W
	4:00 pm	10	Malaysia	vs. Philippines	W
Dec. 02 (Fri)	7:30 am	11	Singapore	vs. Philippines	W
	9:30 am	12	Thailand	vs. Malaysia	W
	11:30 am	13	Indonesia	vs. Philippines	M
	1:30 am	14	Singapore	vs. Malaysia	M
	3:30 am	15	Indonesia	vs. Malaysia	W

Dec. 03	5:30 am	16	Singapore	vs.	Thailand	W
	<b><u>PAGE SYSTEM</u></b>					
	9:00 am	17	Rank 3	vs.	Rank 4	M
	11:00 am	18	Rank 1	vs.	Rank 2	M
	1:00 am	19	Rank 3	vs.	Rank 4	W
	3:00 am	20	Rank 1	vs.	Rank 2	W
Dec. 04	9:00 am	21	Winner 17	vs.	Loser 18	M
	11:00 am	22	Winner 19	vs.	Loser 20	W
	<b><u>CHAMPIONSHIP GAME</u></b>					
	1:00 pm	23	Winner 18		Winner 21	M
	3:00 pm	24	Winner 20		Winner 22	W

Legend:

M – Men's  
W – Women's

## **GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS**

### **1. Rules**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> SEA Games Softball Competition will be conducted in accordance with the ISF Rules. In case of a disagreement in the interpretation of rules from versions in different languages, the English text will prevail. Any unforeseen incident not covered by the ISF Rules shall be dealt with accordingly in the following manner:

- 1.1. Technical questions shall be resolved in accordance with the ISF Rules.
- 1.2. Cases of general nature shall be resolved in accordance with the SEA Games Federation (SEAGF) Statutes and Rules (2005). Particularly, the following rules shall have precedence:

#### **SEAGF Rule 31 – Eligibility Code**

To be eligible for participation in the SEA Games, a competitor must comply with the SEA Games Federation Statutes and Rules as well as Rule 45 and the By-Laws to Rule 45 of the Olympic Charter.

#### **SEAGF Rule 32 – Nationality of Competitor**

Only nationals of the country of the NOC shall be qualified to represent the NOC in the Games. All disputes relating to the determination of the country which competitor may represent in the SEA Games shall be resolved by the Executive Committee in accordance with the By-Laws to Rule 46 of the Olympic Charter.

#### **SEAGF Rule 34 – Medical Code:**

- a. Doping violation as defined by the WADA Code is forbidden.
- b. All competitors are liable to medical control and examination carried out in conformity with the rules of the International Olympic Committee Medical Commission, the WADA Anti-Doping Code and Explanatory documents.

- c. Competitors in sports restricted to women must comply with the prescribed tests for femininity, when needed.
- d. Any competitor refusing to submit for a medical control or examination or is found guilty of an Anti-doping violation shall be excluded from the SEA games. The principles of exclusion for teams and individuals shall be in accordance with the WADA Code.
- e. A medal may be withdrawn by order of the Executive Committee on the proposal of the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.
- f. A Medical Commission as approved by the Medical Committee of the SEAG Federation will be set up to implement these rules. Members of which be nominated by their respective NOC as approved by the Medical Commission of the SEAG Federation.
- g. The above regulations shall in no way affect further sanctions by the International Federation.

**SEAGF Rule 38 – Number of Entries:**

The maximum number of entries from each nation in each event is fixed by the Federation in consultation with the Host NOC. However, the following numbers cannot be exceeded:

- a. For team events, one (1) team per nation, the number of reserves shall not exceed the number of players allowed by the International Federation.

**SEAGF Rule 41 – International Federation:**

- a. The Organizing Committee shall write to the International Federation or the Asian Sports Federation concerned for their permission to hold their sport in the Games. The Organizing Committee may invite a representative who shall arrive at least three (3) days before the beginning of the first event of their sport in order to check the facilities and equipment and arrange the entries, which conform to its rules and the rules of the SEAGF.
- b. The Organizing Committee shall pay the accommodation, meals and local expenses of its representative at the established rate of the Organizing Committee until two (2) days after the closing of their competition.
- c. In exceptional cases, if for technical reasons the presence of additional delegates is necessary, the appropriate arrangements shall be made with the Organizing Committee; the Executive Committee must be previously informed. In case of disagreement, the Executive Committee shall decide.

**SEAGF Rule 42 – Technical Officials and Jury of Appeal:**

- a. The necessary Technical Officials (referees, judges, umpires, timekeepers, inspectors, etc.) and a Jury of Appeal for each sport shall be appointed by the appropriate National Federation of the Host Country, which shall direct their work in conjunction with the Organizing Committee.
- b. If technical officials are needed from the other Member Organizations, to be invited to the Games, the Organizing Committee shall seek approval from the Executive Committee. Should the Executive Committee approve the request, the Organizing Committee shall pay their expenses for accommodation, meals, and local transport for the whole period of the Games.

- c. The technical officials and the members of the Jury of Appeal must have never been professionals in sport.
- d. No official who has participated in a decision may serve in the Jury of Appeal that reviews it. The findings of the Jury shall be communicated as soon as possible to the Organizing Committee and the Executive Committee.
- e. Technical officials may not live in the Games Villages, but the Organizing Committee shall ensure and bear the cost of their living accommodation, including board and local transport facilities.
- f. The Jury of Appeal's decision on all technical questions concerning its respective disciplinary nature is final. They shall, however, be without prejudice to any further penalty, which may be imposed by the Executive Committee.
- g. The Jury of Appeal shall be composed of a Chairman/ woman, which position shall be filled up by the Host Country of the Games with a representative of each member country as members.
- h. The International Technical delegates to the Games may be appointed ex-officio members of the body and shall act only in an advisory capacity, unless their respective International Federation requires otherwise
- i. In the event of a dispute or protest relative to technical questions concerning its respective sporting event, representatives of countries in the Jury of Appeal whose countries are involved in the dispute or protest may be allowed to participate in the deliberations, but cannot vote in the resolution of the protest or dispute.

#### **SEAGF Rule 43 – Court of Appeal**

The Executive Committee on behalf of the Federation is the Court of Appeal, which will decide finally on all questions concerning the Games. NOCs or the Organizing Committee may submit questions to the Court of Appeal. In addition the Court of Appeal may intervene in all questions of non-technical nature outside the Jurisdiction of the Juries of Appeal set up for each sport in the programme.

#### **SEAGF Rule 44 – Claims and Protests**

- a. Claims and protests made to the judges on the grounds concerning matters of fact are decided by them without appeal. Appeals against other decisions of the Judges or with regard to any other matter must be addressed to the Chairman of the Jury of Appeal for the sport concerned by a representative of the NOC of the country making the appeal.
- b. For exceptional circumstances, any claim must be made within thirty (30) minutes of the decision giving rise to the claim. The Jury of Appeal after an investigation shall then give a decision and this decision shall be irrevocable, except for the case of a disqualification of a team or of a competitor for infraction of the Southeast Asian Games Federation, which shall be decided by the Court of Appeal. All claims and appeals must be made in writing.

#### **SEAGF Rule 45 – Penalties in Case of Fraud:**

A competitor proved fraudulently to have transgressed the Rules and Regulations of the Southeast Asian Games Federation, shall be disqualified and

lose any position he/she may have gained. If this competitor's NOC is proved to have been a party to the fraud, his/her country shall be disqualified in the sport involved.

## **2. Participants**

- 2.1.** The 23<sup>rd</sup> SEA Games Softball Competition is reserved for teams representing National Federations affiliated to the SEA Games Federation.
- 2.2.** Only competitors who comply with the conditions laid down in the SEAGF Statutes and Rules (2005) and the ISF Rules are entitled to participate.
- 2.3.** Each participating NOC may enter one (1) team of up to seventeen (17) playing members plus five (5) officials (inclusive of umpire/s).
- 2.4.** Each player may only compete in one (1) event.

## **3. Entries**

- 3.1.** Entries in each participating country must be submitted in accordance with the regulation laid down by the Organizing Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> SEA Games.
- 3.2.** Preliminary Deadline for "Entry by Number"  
Preliminary entry forms by number from each participating country, forwarded through the respective National Olympic Committee (NOC), must be completed and should be received by PhilSOC not later than 31 May 2005 at 2400 hours Philippine time (GMT +8).
- 3.3.** Final Deadline for "Entry by Name"  
The entry forms by name must be received by PhilSOC not later than 27 October 2005 at 2400 hours Philippine time (GMT +8).
- 3.4.** Both entries by number and name may be sent by fax or e-mail, but must subsequently be confirmed with the original documents, by mailing them to the following address:

PhilSOC Secretariat Office  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor Room 358  
Philippine International Convention Center  
CCP Complex, Roxas Blvd., Pasay City  
Tel no.: (632) 8342432/36  
Fax: (632) 8342434  
Website: [www.2005seagames.com.ph](http://www.2005seagames.com.ph)

## **4. Technical Meeting**

The Technical Meeting will be held one (1) day before the commencement of the competition. The time and venue of the meeting will be announced later.

## **5. Training and Practice**

All competitors will be given a chance to train two (2) days before competition as designated by PhilSOC. Training will not be allowed to all participating countries one (1) day before the start of competition to enable the green keeper to prepare the green.

# **COMPETITION GENERAL RULES & REGULATIONS**

## **1. Technical Organization**

The Amateur Softball Association of the Philippines is responsible for and has full control of the technical organization of the Softball competition, in collaboration with the International Softball Federation (ISF).

## **2. Competition Rules**

2.1 The competitions will be played in a single round robin system for both men's and women's events, whose top 4 teams will compete in the finals in "page system play-off".

2.2 All games will play at least seven (7) innings except for the case of "called rule game" that one team wins a game by 20 runs in 3<sup>rd</sup> inning, 15 runs in 4<sup>th</sup> inning and 10 runs in 5<sup>th</sup> inning. In case of a tie, the following tie-breaker will be played to determine the winner:

Starting with the top of the eighth inning, and each half inning thereafter, the offensive team shall begin its turn at bat with the player who is scheduled to bat ninth (tenth in SP, or eleventh in SP with an EP) in that respective half inning being placed on second base.

2.3 If the game is interrupted by rain or other circumstances before the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, it will be considered a suspended game by the chief-umpire. It will be resumed at the point where the game was halted, and the time of new game will be arranged by PhilSOC.

2.4 Dugout Choice – In the Preliminary Round-robin competition, the home team will be the second-named team as fixed according to the competition schedule. In the Final Page System Play-off, the respective team managers or coaches of the playing teams will report to the Umpire-in-Chief (UIC) on the field, before the playoff, to decide on the dugout and uniform by a flip of a coin.

2.5 Reporting to Playing Site – Competing teams must report to the chief-umpire at least 30 minutes before their competition schedule, and submit a line-up (list of team players). The representative will be given one game ball at this time.

2.6 Team Practice – Competing teams will be allowed to warm up on the diamond for 5 minutes before they are scheduled to play. Home team will take their warming up first. No one other than team players in uniforms, coaches, and managers may enter the playing site. No smoking in the playing site and dugout at all times. Permission to enter the playing site other than players, coaches and managers, will be given by the chief-umpire.

## **System of Competition**

2.1. The general competition will be conducted in accordance with the ISF and the 23<sup>rd</sup> SEA Games Rules.

2.2. The competitions are to be conducted on a single Round Robin basis, with each team playing against each other team.

2.3. Top four (4) teams will play on a page system for the Championship.

2.4. To determine the ranking in the preliminary round, the following will be applied:

- a. Head to head play.
- b. Win over the other, in case of double tie.
- c. In case of three (3) or more ties, Runs Against will be applied where team with the lowest number of runs placed higher.
- d. In case there are still three (3) or more ties, Runs For will be used where team with the highest number of runs is placed higher.

### **3. Stoppage due to Unsuitable Weather**

Due to the severity of rainfall during the wet season in this country, rules governing play stoppages will be discussed in detail during the Team Managers' Meeting prior to the tournament. The Jury of Appeal is given specific power to decide fair means of awarding points for abandoned games and events.

## ***PRIZES AND COMMENDATION***

### **1. Victory Ceremonies**

The Victory Ceremonies shall normally be held after the completion of each event. Participants receiving awards must wear official NOC uniform.

### **2. Prizes**

- First Prize: Gold Medal and Diploma to each member of the winning team.
- Second Prize: Silver Medal and Diploma to each member of the team placed second.
- Third Prize: Bronze Medal and Diploma to each member of the team placed third.