

# AMATEUR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION of the PHILIPPINES

*Rizal Memorial Sports Complex*

## **PNG 2018**

### Tournament Guidelines

1. **NAME OF COMPETITION-** The PSC-POC Philippine National Games. It will be organized by the Philippine sports Commission and managed by the Amateur Softball Association of the Philippines (ASAPHIL). It aims to discover potential athletes for our national team that will represent our country in the different international competition.
2. **DATE AND VENUE-** the tournament will be held from May 19 to 28, 2018 which will be hosted by the Cebu City/Province.
3. **ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS-** The tournament is open to all male and female players 16 years old and above. For Fil-Foreign Athletes-Must Present any of the following. Birth Certificate (Preferably NSO Copy), Proof of nationality like the Philippine Passport, or at least Birth Certificate of any of the Parent.
4. **COMPOSITION OF TEAM-** Each participating team shall consist of 17 players and 3 officials for the women's division and 17 players and 3 officials for the Men's division (Batted Sports).
5. Maximum Number of national team players will be limited to 3 players with 1 pitcher only for the Women's Division and 3 players with 1 pitcher for the Men's Division.( Batted Sports )
6. **RULES THAT WILL GOVERN THE TOURNAMENT-** The rules and regulation that will govern the tournament will be the 2018-2021 International Softball Federation (ISF) Rule Book. There might be some special ground rules which will be taken during the official meeting.
7. **MODE OF COMPETION-** The mode of competition shall be determined upon the submission of all entries. The playoff format will be announced during the official meeting. Should there be 8 or more team will be divided into two (2) groups- Group A & Group B. Teams in each group shall play a single round robin elimination with two (2) teams to qualify per group in the page system. All games will have seven (7) innings except when the "run ahead" ( Mercy Rule ) and the tie breaker rule is applied. A run ahead " Mercy Rule" shall be used in the tournament: 15 Runs after 3 innings,10 after 4 innings and 7 after 5 innings.
8. **INTENTIONAL WALK-** If the pitcher desires to walk a batter intentionally it is sufficient to notify the plate umpire of the intent so as not to go through the motion of pitching. In this case, the ball is dead and runners can't advance unless forced.
9. **WARM-UP PITCHES-** in the first inning or when the pitcher relieves another, not more than one minute may uses to deliver not more than 5 warm up pitches. In each subsequent innings, pitchers will be given 3 warm up pitches.
10. **RULE OF SUCCESSION APPLIES IN THE ELIMINATION ROUND.**
11. **RESOLUTION OF TIES-**
  - a. Two way tie- winner over the other- same group.
  - b. Three way tie- refer to the rule book ( Article 3.2 )
12. **TEAM PRACTICE-** teams scheduled to play will be given five minutes practice on the diamond before the game prior to the team's first game.
13. **PROTEST-** All protest must be settled on the on the playing field. No protest will be considered following the completion of the game or on the judgment call.

14. **OFFICIAL MEETING-** TBA
15. **PRIZES-** Medals will be given to the champion, 1<sup>st</sup> runner up, 2<sup>nd</sup> runner up teams.
16. **BILLETING** – To be announced upon arrival of the participants (to be arrange by the Phil. Sports Commission).
17. **MATTERS NOT PROVIDE FOR-** The ASAPHIL and the organizing Committee reserves the right to decide on any matters not specifically provided in these guidelines of the tournament.
18. **BATS-** The bats that can be used by the teams shall be only the ISF/ASA certified bats and will be inspected and tagged by the organizing committee.
19. Food and Transportation will be shouldered by the teams entered in the tournament.

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