



European Softball Federation
Fédération Européenne Softball

EUROPEAN MASSIMO ROMEO YOUTH TROPHY

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We are writing to provide you with the details of the European Massimo Romeo Youth Trophy, which was approved at this year's ESF Congress in Antwerp. This event will take place annually, starting in 2012. The Competition Regulations will be amended to include this event.

Name: European Massimo Romeo Youth Trophy (EMRYT)

The tournament is named after Massimo Romeo, founder of the Minime Girls Competition. His idea was to establish a development tournament conducted as a youth festival.

Participants:

All ESF Affiliated Federations may enter teams. Teams can be formed as a national team, club team or regional team. There is no limit to the number of participant teams. More than one team from each Affiliated Federation may participate.

Player eligibility:

This is a Minime competition, which means that players, youth girls, must be between 10 and 13 years old (CR 14.07.01 and 14.07.03). There is no restriction on players with respect to nationality or residence.

Competition format:

The competition is designed to encourage as many players as possible to enter and participate. The format depends upon number of participating teams: four¹ to 11 teams, > 2 pools; 12 to 24 teams, > 4 pools; and 25 or more teams, > 6 pools. Draws (ties) are allowed in pool games and no games will go into extra innings.

There will be playoffs after the preliminary round pool games. Playoff games shall be played without a time limit and extra innings will be played under "tie-break" rules as provided for in CR 40.03.05 and 40.03.06.

Duration of games:

Games are limited to no more than five (5) innings and shall not exceed two (2) hours in length. If five innings have not been completed after one hour and thirty minutes, no new inning may begin and the inning in progress will be completed.

Provisions for pitchers:

The number of innings that any one player can pitch in a game and in a day are governed by CR 40.04.02.

¹ In exceptional circumstances and as declared by the ESF Executive Council, there may be only three teams.

Responsibilities and finance:

Participant teams are responsible for their own accommodation, meals and transportation to and from the venue and during the competition. Extra-contribution to the organizer is not due for this tournament (like for the other Cups).

Upon request of participant teams, the organizer is responsible to provide contact names and special rates for local transportation companies.

The organizer is responsible for organizing and paying for the accommodation, meals and transportation for umpires and ESF officials to and from the venue and during the competition.

To be eligible for the EMRYT, teams must complete the relevant Entry Form and pay the Entry Fee of EUR 300 as required by Financial Appendix and according to CR 8, "Entries of Competitions". The ESF is responsible for game balls, line up cards and other items.

Officials and Umpires:

Three ESF officials shall attend the tournament: one member of the Executive Council; one Technical Commissioner; and one Umpire in Chief.

Umpires are selected by the organizer, not by the ESF. As such, there is no relationship between an Affiliated Federation and the umpires selected for and working this tournament. Pool games shall be umpired with the 2-man system. Play-off games shall be umpired with the 3-man system.

Trophies:

The organizer is responsible for trophies for the top three teams (CR 39.03.01) and personal awards for Best Pitcher, Best Hitter and MVP (CR 39.03.03).

The ESF provides medals for the first, second and third place teams (gold, silver and bronze).

Date, Duration and Frequency:

The competition shall be played each year during summer school holidays.

Dates are proposed by the candidate organizers and will be published by the ESF as soon as possible.

The tournament will last five (5) days, starting on a Tuesday and ending on a Saturday. The technical meeting will take place the Monday evening before the start of play.

Organizer and location:

The organizer will be appointed according to requirements in the Competition Regulations (CR 24.01.01, 24.01.02, 24.01.03 and 24.01.04). Locations with an option of inexpensive, affordable accommodation (including the availability of hostels and tents) are preferred.

Date of effect:

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