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GENERAL REGULATIONS

01. The "Officials" of the ESF, as referred to hereafter, shall consist of the Members of the Executive Council, the Members of the Technical Commission, the appointed Umpires, Scorers and Members of other ESF Commissions and Committees.

02. All correspondence to and from the European Softball Federation shall be written in the English and/or French language(s).

03. 01. After the assignment of the European Competition, the Organizers shall conform to the requirements, duties and obligations as described in the ESF Statutes and Regulations,.

03. 02. When such requirements, duties and obligations expected of the Organizers have not been met or carried out at any time, even partially, the Executive Council of the ESF shall determine the appropriate penalty to which the Organizers are subject, after receiving a proposal of the Technical Commission.

04. If requested by the Organizers, one or more Officials may visit the venue of the Competition for the purposes of Public Relations with Local Authorities and/or Sponsors.
The costs of such visit will be charged to the Organizers.

ACCOMMODATION OF OFFICIALS

- 05. 01. 01.** The Organizers are responsible for the reservation and payment of hotel rooms for the Officials.
- 05. 01. 02.** Hotels shall be at a reasonable distance, max. 25 km, from the playing fields, and shall be of three-stars, or of comparable or equivalent, category.
- 05. 01. 03.** Unless otherwise agreed, hotel rooms must be reserved from 24 hours before the T.C. Meeting (at the earliest) until 24 hours after the Closing Ceremony (at the latest). However, in case of application of article 27.04 of the Competitions Regulations, the room for the Chief Technical Commissioner shall be reserved 48 hours before the TC Meeting.
- 05. 01. 04.** All Officials shall be lodged in the same hotel.
Organizers who want to deviate from this rule will have to request this to the ESF before March 1st, mentioning their specific reasons and situations.
- 05. 02. 01.** Rooms for Officials shall be equipped with appropriate facilities (private bathroom, etc.).
- 05. 02. 02.** One (1) room per person will be required for the Executive Council, the Technical Committee and other members on duty of the ESF
- 05. 02. 03.** One room for a maximum of two (2) persons, with individual beds, will be required for the Umpires.
- 05. 03. 01.** Meals for the Officials (breakfast, lunch, dinner) shall be served at the locations and times requested. They shall be available according to the games' schedule and not be restricted to public opening times.
- 05. 03. 02.** Meals for the Officials shall be of acceptable quality and quantity.
- 05. 03. 03.** If Officials have their meals in the same location as the Teams, there must be a clear separation between spaces allocated to the Officials and to the Teams.
- 05. 03. 04.** A beverage and/or cafeteria service shall be available for the Officials on the field.

TRANSPORTATION OF OFFICIALS

- 06. 01.** A pick-up service shall be available for all Officials from the airport/railway station to their hotel(s) on their arrival and from the hotel(s)/field(s) to the airport/railway station at their departure.
- 07. 01.** The transportation of Officials shall be separate from the transportation of the Teams.
- 07. 02.** Transportation of Umpires and Scorers shall be available at all times. Umpires and Scorers shall have the possibility to travel from their hotel(s) to the playing fields and vice versa according to their duties. When not on duty, Umpires and Scorers shall not be obliged to stay on the playing fields as a consequence of transportation schedules.
- 07. 03.** Members of the Executive Council and Technical Committee shall have a proper means of transportation (car or mini-van) at their disposal at all times for the duration of the Competition.

PLAYING FIELD FACILITIES FOR OFFICIALS

- 08. 01. 01.** A meeting room, named the "ESF Officials Office", shall be available for the sole use of the Executive Council and the Technical Committee at the field of the Competition and for the entire duration of the Competition.
- 08. 01. 02.** The "ESF Officials Office" shall be equipped with phone, computer with internet connection and printer, in addition to a photocopy machine.
- 08. 02.** A suitable room shall be available for the ID. control and other meetings.
- 08. 03. 01.** Separate facilities for the Umpires and Scorers shall be available at each playing field of the Competition.
- 08. 03. 02.** The facilities for the Umpires shall consist of a changing-room with lockers, rest- room, and sanitary equipment (WC, showers).
- 08. 04. 01.** An area , named the "ESF Officials Area", reserved for the sole use of the Executive Council and the Technical Committee of the ESF, shall be available at each field of the Competition and for the entire duration of the Competition.
- 08. 04. 02.** The "ESF Officials Area" shall be located as close as possible to the playing field, between first base and third

base dugouts, and shall be cordoned off from areas open to the general public. A sign " Reserved for ESF Officials " shall be clearly displayed.

08. 04. 03. The "ESF Officials Area" shall be equipped with sufficient seats and shall be protected from the weather.

08. 04. 04. Access to the "ESF Officials Area" shall be restricted to ESF Executive Council and Technical Committee and their possible Honorary Guests. No other visitors shall be admitted in the "ESF Officials Area" without permission of the ESF. Access control to the "ESF Officials Area" shall be under the entire responsibility of the Organizer.

08. 04. 05. Failure by the Organizer to comply to the requirements of article 08.04 shall be subject to a specific financial penalty for each game where such failure occurred.

08. 05. 01. An area, named the "Scoring House", reserved for the sole use of the Scorers, shall be available at each field of the Competition and for the entire duration of the Competition.

08. 05. 02. The "Scoring House" shall be located at the most appropriate place for scoring purposes, between first base and third base dugouts, and separate from areas open to the general public. Ease of communication between the Scorers and the Umpires shall be an essential criteria .

08. 05. 03. The "Scoring House" shall be equipped with tables and chairs, and shall be protected from the weather. The Scoring House shall be large enough for at least two persons.

08. 05. 04. Access to the "Scoring House" shall be restricted to the Scorers on duty, Technical Commissioners, Members of the Executive Council and authorized staff of the Organizers. Members of the general public shall not be admitted to the "Scoring House".

08. 06. 01. An area , named the "ESF Umpires Area", shall be reserved either in the public stands or separately for the sole use of the ESF Umpires and shall be available at each field of the Competition and for the entire duration of the Competition.

08. 06. 02. The "ESF Umpires Area" shall have sufficient room for the Umpires and shall be cordoned off from areas open to the general public. A sign " Reserved for ESF Umpires " shall be clearly displayed.

08. 06. 03. Access to the "ESF Umpires Area" shall be restricted to ESF Umpires

08. 07. A score board shall be present at the main field and shall be kept up-to-date for the game being played there. Score boards are recommended at other fields.

08.08.01 An area designated for Press and Media use shall be available at each field of competition and for the entire duration of the competition, and located so as to provide a good and unobstructed view of the field of play.

08.08.02 Copies of line-up sheets for each game in the competition shall be made available to press and media representatives in the Press and Media area or at a location designated by the Technical Commissioner not less than 15 minutes before the designated start time of each game.

PLAYING FIELD REQUIREMENTS

09.01 All Playing fields must conform to ISF and ESF Rules **and will be divided into three (3) Levels of Competition ratings as follows:**

> Level A – Elite ESF Competitions

Competitions: EECW Elite Women, EChWA, ECWA, EChM

Necessary conditions for potential organizers:

two regular size diamonds

both fields have clay sand infield and grass outfield

both fields have complete fences

both fields have roofed dugouts

main field have electronic scoreboard

main field has adequate lights

main field have stand for minimum 400 spectators

venue have special space for warming and batting

venue have infrastructure for spectators

> Level B – High ESF Competitions

Competitions: EChWB, EChGU22, EChJG, EChCG, ECWCWA, ECWB, ECM, ECWCM

Necessary conditions for potential organizers:

two regular size diamonds

main field have clay sand infield and grass outfield

main field have complete fences

both fields have roofed dugouts

main field have electronic scoreboard

main field have stand for minimum 200 spectators

venue have infrastructure for spectators

> Level C – Development ESF Competitions

Competitions: EChJB, EChMG, ECWCWB

Necessary conditions for potential organizers:

one regular size diamond

space for second field at disposal

field have complete fences

field have roofed dugouts

stand for spectators

10.01. The OUTFIELD FENCE is mandatory for each playing field.

11.01. The LATERAL FENCE is mandatory for the main field and optional for other fields. Where the lateral fence does not exist, it shall be designated by a white line.

12.01. The BACK-STOP shall be at least 4.00 metres high.

13.01. The DUGOUTS shall be designed to seat twenty five (25) team members. They shall be protected from the weather.

13.02. The DUGOUTS shall be separated off from areas open to the general public, and their access shall be restricted to team members, Officials on duty and Organizers.

13.03. The DUGOUTS shall be provided with fresh drinking-water and a dust-bin.

FIELD MAINTENANCE

14.01. Field maintenance crew(s) shall be present and available on call for each field for the entire duration of the Competition. The playing surface and playing lines shall be the subject of special attention.

FIRST AID ASSISTANCE

15.01. First Aid Assistance shall be present and available on call for each field for the entire duration of the Competition.

15.02. First Aid Assistance shall be located in the immediate vicinity of the field and in a position to intervene without delay in case of need.

15.03. First Aid Assistance shall be able to take charge and provide for evacuation in case of emergency.

15.04. No game will be allowed to start and/or continue without the presence of qualified First Aid assistance

COMPILATION OF RESULTS AND STATISTICS

16.01. After each game, the Chief Technical Commissioner shall collect the Game Report made by the Technical Commissioner of the game. At the end of each day, the Chief Technical Commissioner shall send by fax, under care of the Organizers, the Games Reports to the ESF Secretary General.

16.02. Each morning the results and statistics of the previous day's games shall be communicated to the Officials and the Teams.

16.03. Within fourteen (14) days after the end of the Competition the Organizers shall send a comprehensive booklet with all results and statistics to the ESF Secretary General, the Technical Commission and the Teams.

16.04. Originals of the Official Competitions Rosters, Line-up Sheets and Score Cards shall be also sent to the ESF Secretary General

16.05. All results and statistics shall conform to the ISF and ESF Rules.

PROTOCOL

17.01. The programs for Opening and Closing Ceremonies shall be submitted in advance by the Organizers to the Official Executive Delegate and the Technical Commission who may make changes and/or adjustments.

17.02. The programs for Opening and Closing Ceremonies shall comply with the provisions of the ESF Protocol Regulations.

INSURANCE COVER AND RESPONSIBILITIES / LIABILITIES

18. The Organizers shall arrange for insurance to cover their responsibilities and liabilities within the framework of the organization of the Competition.

MISCELLANEOUS

19. 01. If requested by the Technical Committee or Executive Council, communications regarding the Competition shall be transmitted through the Organizers in the English and/or French language(s).

19. 02. The Organizers shall provide the means and assistance to ensure the efficient flow of correct information about the Competition to participating Teams.