

SBSA Men's Fastpitch Cup 2026 – Division 1 Rules and Regulations

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Part A: Tournament Information

1. Tournament Overview

The Men's Fastpitch (Division 1) Cup 2026 is an inaugural competition organised by the Singapore Baseball and Softball Association (SBSA), complementing the existing Men's Division 2 Series.

The introduction of Division 1 provides a platform for stronger and more experienced teams to compete at a higher level, while creating a clear pathway for teams to develop and progress within the domestic fastpitch softball competition structure.

Venue: Jurong Softball Field (21 Jurong East Street 31, Singapore 609517)

Dates: 20-22 November 2026. Games may be played from morning to night.

Number of teams: 6

No. of games per team: 6

2. Registration

Registration period: 7 - 12 October 2026

Registration link:

3. Fees

Participation fee: S\$800 per team

Fees are not inclusive of insurance coverage. Teams are advised to purchase their own insurance. The league organisers shall not be held liable for any injuries sustained during the course of the league.

4. Roster Submission

Rosters must be submitted to the organisers by 27 October 2026 in the prescribed format ([Men's Div 1 - Team Roster List.xlsx](#)). No new players may be registered after the deadline. Each team may register a maximum of 20 players.

Please email completed roster to events@sbsa.org.sg by 6 November 2026.

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5. Pre-League General Meeting

A general meeting for all participating teams will be held prior to the start of the league.

Date: 27 October 2026 (Tuesday)

Time: 7:00pm

Meeting link: Will be sent out via email upon successful registration.



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Part B: Rules and Regulations

1. Governing Rules

All games shall be played in accordance with the WBSC Softball Fastpitch Official Rules and Regulations Guidelines 2026–2029, except where modified by the rules below.

2. Game Format

- Each game shall consist of a maximum of 7 innings or 2 hours, whichever comes first.
- The third out marks the start of a new inning.
- No new inning shall start if fewer than 10 minutes remain to the scheduled finish time.
- Official scorers shall keep time, starting from the first warm-up pitch.
- Time lost due to injury shall not be made up.

3. Warm-Up Pitches

Teams are given one minute after the third out to begin warm-up pitches. If one minute is exceeded, the number of warm-up pitches may be reduced at the umpire's discretion.

If a pitcher is relieved or changed within the last 15 minutes of the game, only three (3) warm-up pitches shall be permitted.

4. Run-Ahead (Mercy) Rule

The game shall end when a team is losing by at least:

- 15 runs after 3 innings
- 10 runs after 4 innings
- 7 runs after 5 innings

5. Weather and Lightning

- In the event of lightning, the chief umpire shall suspend play immediately. All personnel must proceed under shelter until the alert is cancelled.
- An official game is established upon completion of 5 full innings or 1 hour 30 mins of elapsed play. Where the time factor has been reached, the official score shall be based on the last completed inning, unless the home team is leading in the bottom of the inning.

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- The organising committee reserves the right to halt or postpone games due to bad weather or unforeseen circumstances.
- The organising committee and the chief umpire shall confer with team managers to determine whether a game should start or be suspended due to unsuitable weather or field conditions.

6. Dugout Assignment

- The team listed first in the fixtures shall occupy the third-base dugout. A team playing back-to-back games on the same diamond may remain in its original dugout.
- In the Playoffs,, the higher-ranked team may choose its dugout.

7. Toss of Coin

- A coin toss shall be conducted before the start of play. The winner decides whether to bat or field first.
- In the Playoffs, the higher-ranked team chooses whether to bat or field first.

8. Umpiring

All games shall be officiated by two (2) umpires.

9. Points System

Result	Points
Win	3
Draw	1 (awarded to each team)
Loss	0
Walkover	-1

10. League Format

Preliminary Round: The 6 teams will play a single round robin (5 games per team).

Playoffs: Teams will be matched based on their final rankings, with 1st vs 2nd, 3rd vs 4th, and 5th vs 6th. (1 game per team)

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11. Tiebreaker Rules

Ladder position is determined by total accumulated points. In the event of a tie, the following criteria shall be applied in order until the tie is broken:

- 1. Head-to-head result between the tied teams
- 2. Team Quality Balance (TQB) – calculated as: (Runs Scored / Innings at Bat) – (Runs Allowed / Innings on Defence) between the tied teams
- 3. Earned Runs TQB (ER-TQB)
- 4. Highest batting average in games between the tied teams
- 5. Coin flip

12. Playoffs Tiebreaker

In the Playoffs, if the score is tied at the end of 2 hours, a tiebreaker shall be used: the last scheduled batter from the previous inning shall be placed on second base.

13. Player Eligibility

- Each team may register a maximum of 20 players.
- All team lineups must be submitted 15 minutes before the start of each game to the official scorer.
- Players may not switch teams during the league. No player transfers are permitted.
- Only registered players are eligible to play. Managers or coaches who are not registered as players may not participate in games.
- For safety, all registered players must be born before 1 January 2013 (i.e., minimum age of 14 in 2026).

14. National Carded Athletes

There is no restrictions on national carded athletes in the Men's Fastpitch Division 1 (2026).

15. Ground Rules

- A ball hit directly over the low fence is a home run. Fences are set between 240 and 250 feet from home plate.
- Any ball that contacts the hard fence or concrete along the 25-foot line is in play. Any ball that touches soft netting is dead.

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- All lightning alert protocols must be observed.

16. Attire and Equipment

- Teams must wear matching jerseys with numbers (at minimum, on the back). Non-compliance gives the opposing team the right to choose both the dugout and the outcome of the toss.
- Players without pants, without a numbered jersey, or wearing a jersey of a different base colour than the team shall not be permitted to play.
- Shirts must be tucked in at all times. Caps must be worn correctly.
- Only WBSC-approved bats are permitted. The approved bat list is available at: <https://www.wbsc.org/en/organisation/softball/bat-list>
- The official game ball is the Mizuno **M170 ball**.
- Safety gear (face masks, elbow guards, batting helmets with face shields, etc.) is optional and worn at the player's own discretion.

17. Foul Ball Recovery

Each team is responsible for collecting foul balls on its dugout side. The batting team is responsible for recovering balls hit foul behind and beyond the backstop area.

18. Substitutions

Team managers must communicate all substitutions to both the umpire and the official scorer. If the opposing team's scorer wishes to be informed, they must approach the plate umpire at the same time to receive the substitution details.

19. Player Ejection

Any player or team member ejected from a game must leave the field premises immediately.

20. Conduct

Abusive language directed at opponents or umpires may result in the ejection of the individual.

21. Protests

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Protests shall not be entertained. The umpire's decision is final in all cases.

22. Tardiness

Teams are expected to report to the tournament manager 15 minutes before their scheduled match. If a team cannot field at least 9 rostered players at the designated start time, the chief umpire reserves the right to declare the game forfeited and award a 7–0 result to the opposing team. **SBSA reserves the right to impose a fine of \$100 for each game a team forfeits.**

23. Organising Committee Authority

All decisions made by the SBSA Organising Committee (including the tournament Manager & Umpire in Chief) are final. We reserve the right to impose any sanction it deems appropriate upon any personnel associated with the tournament in the event of a breach of these rules.

