

U16 NATIONAL BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Event Information Pack – Inaugural Edition

Event Overview

Dates: Saturday 31 October – Sunday 1 November 2026 (2 days)

Venue: 2 fields, running in parallel. Field 1 has lights and can run into the evening; Field 2 is daylight-only

Teams: Target of 6 teams

Target Participants: Local secondary schools (softball programmes), Baseball Club Singapore, Elite Baseball, Singapore American School

Daily Cut-off: All base games finish by 1:30pm daily, well clear of the 4:00pm Field 2 cut-off – a generous ~2.5-hour rain/delay buffer. Field 1 (lit) can extend into the evening if still needed for delays or the Final

Estimated Cost: \$500 per team

Format

- Game length: 1.5 hours or 7 innings maximum, whichever comes first
- Every team is guaranteed a minimum of 3 games; most teams play 4
- No team plays more than 2 games in a single day
- A genuine head-to-head Final always decides the champion – never standings alone (6-team format).

Rules & Playing Conditions

- Governing ruleset: WBSC (World Baseball Softball Confederation) rules apply
- Leads: Live – runners may lead off bases
- Pick-offs: Permitted – pitchers may pick off baserunners
- Bats: BBCOR certified bats only – no USA Bat, USSSA, or wood-bat substitutions
- Tiebreaks: Win-loss record → head-to-head result → live 1-inning sudden-death decider. Run differential is never used as a tiebreaker

Primary Plan: 6 Teams (11 Games)

Two pools of 3, round robin within each pool on Day 1, then a knockout stage on Day 2 that guarantees a genuine Final.

Day 1 – Pool Play

Time Slot	Field 1 (Lit)	Field 2
8:00 – 9:30	Pool A: A1 vs A2	Pool B: B1 vs B2
10:00 – 11:30	Pool A: A1 vs A3	Pool B: B1 vs B3
12:00 – 1:30	Pool A: A2 vs A3	Pool B: B2 vs B3

Rank each pool 1st–3rd by win-loss, then head-to-head.

Day 2 – Semis, Final & Placings

Time Slot	Field 1 (Lit)	Field 2
8:00 – 9:30	Semi 1: A1 vs B2	Semi 2: B1 vs A2
10:00 – 11:30	FINAL (semi winners)	3rd Place (semi losers)
12:00 – 1:30	5th Place: A3 vs B3	Open / rain buffer

Games per team – 6-Team Format

Team Result	Games Played	Notes
Finalists (2 teams)	4	2 pool + semi + Final
Semi-final losers (2 teams)	4	2 pool + semi + 3rd Place Game
Pool 3rd place (2 teams)	3	2 pool + 5th Place Game

Placings & Prizes

- Champion – Trophy + Gold medals
- Runner-up – Trophy + Silver medals
- 3rd Place – Bronze medals

Notes for Participating Teams

- Roster cap assumed at 18 players per team for medal/prize planning purposes
- Teams should confirm all bats meet BBCOR certification ahead of Day 1 – this may be a change from current USA Bat/USSSA equipment for school softball programmes transitioning to baseball
- Pitch-count and player rest guidance will follow standard youth safety practice given the multi-game schedule – details to be confirmed with team coaches ahead of the event
- Team count (5 vs 6) and the exact format used will be confirmed once registrations close