

2025® XII BFA U15 ASIAN BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TAINAN, CHINESE TAIPEI

17 AUGUST - 23 AUGUST 2025

WELCOME GUIDE



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MEDIA

National Teams are required to cooperate on BFA or its partners' requests for media or other promotional opportunities, such as interviews.

ADVISORY: All members of the media, both local/national and international, who intends to cover the BFA U18 Asian Baseball Championship must apply through the official BFA Media Accreditation online platform at https://my.wbsc.org/mediareq/index. Please note that travelling to Taiwan may require VISA, depending on nationality.

Media registration for this event closes on August 26th, 2024. Media accreditation pick up points will be announced later.

Team Media (Press and Photographers) must apply for this accreditation.

Please keep in mind that the media bibs must be always worn together with the accreditation badge for security reason.

Please note that BFA will have official photographers at all games. Their photos will be made available to all teams at the end of each day and at the end of the event.

Please note that <u>taking photos or making social media posts from the dugout is NOT allowed</u>. If photos or social media posts have been taken/made from the dugout, the accreditation of the person concerned will be <u>immediately</u> withdrawn. For additional information about Media, please contact BFA staff.



GENERAL INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT GROUPS & GAME SCHEDULE

The official Groups are:

Group A		Group B	
South Korea	Pakistan	Japan	Philippines
Thailand	© Chinese Taipei	Hong Kong	Palestine

The Official Game schedule will be announced at a later time

OFFICIAL EVENT TITLE

2025 XII BFA U15 Asian Baseball Championship

TOURNAMENT DATES

17 August - 23 August, 2025

COMPETITION VENUES

Two venues will be used for this tournament:

1. Tainan: - Tainan Asia-Pacific Baseball Center Main Stadium (Main Venue)

2. Tainan: - Tainan Asia-Pacific Baseball Center Secondary Stadium (Alternate Venue)

REPORTING DATE

All National Team Delegations shall arrive in Tainan City, Chinese Taipei, on August 15th, 2025.

The Local Organizing Committee will organize dedicated transportation for all participating teams from and to the Taoyuan International Airport (IATA code: **TPE**) or Kaohsiung International airport (IATA code: **KHH**).

DEPARTURE DATE

All National Team Delegations should make flight reservations to depart **on August 24th, 2025** (one day after the final game).

TECHNICAL COMMISSIONERS, UMPIRES & SCORERS MEETING

The following technical meetings will be held on August 16th, 2025 at the BFA Family Hotel (Evergreen Plaza Hotel):

Tainan City:

Scorer's Meeting:

▶ Technical Commissioner's Meeting: August 16th, 09:00AM @ Evergreen Plaza Hotel Tainan.
 ▶ Umpire's Meeting: August 16th, 10:00AM @ Evergreen Plaza Hotel Tainan

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PRE-TOURNAMENT TECHNICAL & ORGANISATIONAL MEETING

A Pre-tournament Technical & Organizational Meeting will be held on August 16th, 2025, the meeting will be held in person at a meeting room in the Evergreen Plaza Hotel, Meeting room will be informed upon arrival.

► Pre-tournament Technical & Organizational Meeting: August 16th, 2025 @ 20:00PM.

*Team Managers and coaches of all the participating teams must participate in the meeting.

Passport checks will be conducted by Technical Commissioners at the end of the Technical Meeting.

PRE-TOURNAMENT PRESS CONFERENCE

A press conference will be held at 15:30PM on August 16th, 2025, at the Evergreen Plaza Hotel (2F Evergreen Banquet room). Any related logistic information will be shared separately.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony will take place at 17:50PM at Tainan Asia-Pacific Baseball Center Main Stadium on August 17th, 2025, prior to the Opening game. All teams are required to participate in team uniforms.

CLOSING/AWARDS CEREMONY

To be held immediately after the final game on August 23rd, 2025 at Tainan Asia-Pacific Baseball Center Main Stadium.

The 3 medalist National Teams are required to participate in the Ceremony and all participants shall be present <u>in official</u> <u>game uniform</u> (jersey, pants and cap; NO polo shirts/shorts, warm up suits, travel suits allowed). BFA takes the dress code seriously, and any team violating the code will be subject to penalty.

HEALTH & SAFETY PLAN – COVID PREVENTION MEASURES & PROTOCOL

The BFA U15 Asian Championship will be played under the COVID-19 prevention measures and protocols that apply according to local regulations during the tournament dates.

If applicable, the document will be shared with all participating national teams and officials.



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

COMPETITION RULES

The tournament will be played according to the BFA 2025 Official Rules of Baseball and the Tournament Regulations for BFA U15 Asian Championship 2025. In the event of discrepancy between multiple languages, the English language will prevail.

BASEBALL BATS

Bats that are allowed for use at U15 Baseball Championships must be "Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution" (BBCOR) certified:

- > A bat is BBCOR certified and so clearly indicated on the bat.
- ➤ Entire bat must be round with a constant radius at any point and the finish of the hitting area must be smooth.
- > There must be a direct line from the center of the knob to the center of the large end. The knob and end plug (if applicable) must be firmly attached.
- \succ The maximum length is 34 inches (86,4 cm) and the maximum diameter is 2-5/8 inches (6,67 cm). \succ A bat may not weigh, numerically, more than three units less than the length of the bat (e.g. a 34-inch-long (86.4 cm) bat cannot be less than 31 ounces (878.8 grams) in weight).
- ➤ Use of wooden bats is also authorized, as long as they are included in the current year official approved list published by the WBSC Baseball Division.

OFFICIAL BALL

The official competition ball will be the Brett - 100 (regular hard baseball), provided by BFA. Two dozen of game balls will be provided to each participating team prior to their practice session.

UNIFORM

Uniform guidelines will be followed as stipulated in the BFA Competition norms and Regulation. <u>NOTE:</u> BFA will apply BFA sponsor patches on the right sleeve of all jerseys of all National Teams. Details for jerseys pick-up will be informed later.

SPONSORS

National Federation Sponsors can be displayed on the uniform as per Competition norms and Regulations.

DELEGATION SIZE

The participating National Team's official Delegation will be composed of:

- Players 18 (Minimum 15 players)

- Delegation/Staff (including the Delegation Leader and the team Manager) 5

Max. Total: 23

<u>NOTE:</u> For extra personnel in addition to 23 members per delegation, National Team delegations are responsible to cover all the associated costs (i.e., accommodation, meals, etc.). Furthermore, the Delegation Leader must stay with the Delegation during the entire period of the National Team's participation in the tournament.

Only credentialed personnel (staff, delegation members, translators, uniformed players, and uniformed coaches) will be allowed to stay in the dugout. It shall be the responsibility of the Technical Commissioners assigned to the game to make sure that unauthorized persons do not occupy the dugout and that all the authorized persons stay inside the dugout during the game. More than this number of people in the dugout will not be permitted, and National Teams in violation of this rule subject themselves to fines from the Technical Commission.

Player's passport will be controlled during the Pre-Tournament Technical Organizational Meeting to ensure player's age and nationality. To be eligible for the 2024 BFA U18 Asian Championship, players should be 16~18 years of age.



PRACTICE SCHEDULE

One pre-tournament practice session for all National Teams will be scheduled prior to the start of the tournament. Detailed practice schedules will be set in accordance with the arrival date and time of each National Team and will be communicated at a later stage.

INSURANCE

Medical assistance and accident insurance coverage will be provided for all delegation's members and tournament officials during the tournament period and will cover all official events and games. All participants must comply with the official insurance policy.

All National Federations participating in the event will ensure general liability and medical insurance for all members of the delegation. National Federations will be solely responsible for obtaining and costing such insurance. General liability insurance will name BFA as an additional third party insured, and a certificate of such designation will be provided to BFA no later than the National Team Roster submission date. The BFA, including its related entities, will not be responsible or make any payment on account of the injury or death of any player or other member of the delegation.

IMPORTANT

All National Teams will be requested to upload their Provisional Team Roster (PTR) NO LATER THAN 17 JULY, 2025

(1 month prior to the beginning of the competition), as per Tournament Regulations. and shall upload their Final Team Roster (FTR) NO LATER THAN 7 AUGUST, 2025 (10 days prior to the beginning of the competition).

In order to facilitate the preparation of the Tournament Programme and the Accreditations, we kindly request participating National Federations to upload their Team Roster as soon as possible.

WBSC Data Management System website link: http://my.wbsc.org/. Please contact the BFA office if you need assistance.

- ▶ Instructions to upload roster into the WBSC Data Management System:
 - Link WBSC management system: https://my.wbsc.org/
 - 2. Login Process

Please use your federation's WBSC account to login to this system and upload the roster, if you do not remember your account and password, please contact Ms. Aki aki.huang@wbsc.org and C.C to me tim.tseng@baseballasia.org & yoyo.dai@baseballasia.org.

- 3. Roster upload Once you log in to WBSC system,
- a. Please select the <u>WBSC Asia</u> and <u>Event</u>, you will see BFA XIII U18 Asian Baseball Championship. When you see that please click the "VIEW" button



ACCOMMODATION & TRAVEL INFORMATION

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Taoyuan International Airport (IATA code: TPE) or Kaohsiung International airport (IATA code: KHH).

AIRPORT PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

The LOC will be waiting for you at the airport and the LOC provides airport pick-up and drop-off for all National Teams.

OFFICIAL HOTELS – NATIONAL TEAMS & BFA OFFICIALS

Accommodation will be provided by LOC; the following hotel will be used for the 8 participating teams:

Tainan City:

FU-SHIN HOTEL - TAINAN

No. 336, Chenggong Road, North District, Tainan 70433, Taiwan R.O.C Tel: (+886-6) 222 7373 Fax: (+886-6) 222 9802 www.fushin-hotel.com.tw

Hotel for BFA Officials & Staff:

Tainan City:

EVERGREEN PLAZA HOTEL - TAINAN

No. 1, Lane 336, Sec. 3, Chung-Hua E. Road, Tainan 70167, Taiwan R.O.C Tel: (+886-6) 289 9988 Fax: (+886-6) 335 6768

www.evergreen-hotels.com/branch/tainan

EXTRA TEAM STAFF ROOM REQUEST

If your National Team delegation has a plan to bring extra staff (personnel that has a function or role within the National Team only). LOC will be able to reserve extra rooms at the Team Hotel or a nearby hotel at your own expense. Please fill-in the name in the "Extra Personnel room request" in the bottom of the "Rooming List Form" and shall be submitted to LOC and BFA at your earliest convenience to have rooms guaranteed. The rates are as follows:

- US \$ 160.00 per SINGLE room/per day (3 meals per day included).
- US \$ 130.00 per person in a double occupancy TWIN room/per day (3 meals per day Included).



SERVICE INFORMATION

TEAM LIAISONS

Team liaisons will be available per each team throughout your stay in Taiwan. This liaison will assist you and make sure that the tournament is running as smooth as possible for your National Team. The liaison will be the go-to person for any questions in regard to the tournament or the city.

MEALS

All expenses related to food and beverage will be borne by LOC. All required extra meals and extra services should be provided and charged to the team in question.

LAUNDRY SERVICE

There will be laundry service for official team delegation members (game jersey, game pants, undershirts, underpants/sliding pants and a pair of socks) at the hotel, provided by the Local Organizing Committee free of charge. No personal items shall be included.

Laundry pick-up and drop-off schedule will be provided upon check-in at the hotel. Laundry service for Officials (Umpires) shall be communicated on site.

GENERAL INFORMATION ON TAIWAN

THE CITY

Tainan, officially Tainan City is a special municipality of Taiwan, facing the Taiwan Strait in the west and south. Tainan is the oldest city on the island of Taiwan and also commonly known as the "Capital City" (府城; Fǔchéng; Hú-siâ¹) for its over 200 years of history as the capital of Taiwan under Koxinga and later Qing dynasty rule. Tainan's complex history of comebacks, redefinitions and renewals inspired its popular nickname "the Phoenix City".

Tainan was initially established by the Dutch East India Company as a ruling and trading base called Fort Zeelandia during the period of Dutch rule on Taiwan. After Dutch colonists were defeated by Koxinga in 1661, Tainan remained as the capital of the Tungning Kingdom until 1683 and afterwards the capital of Taiwan Prefecture under Qing Dynasty rule until 1887, when the new provincial capital was moved to Taipei. Tainan has been historically regarded as one of the oldest cities in Taiwan, and its former name, Tayouan, has been claimed to be the origin of the name "Taiwan". It is also one of Taiwan's cultural capitals, for its rich folk cultures including the famous local snack food, extensively preserved Taoist rites and other living local traditions covering everything from child birth to funerals. The city houses the first Confucian school–temple, built in 1665, the remains of the Eastern and Southern gates of the old city, and countless other historical monuments. Tainan claims more Buddhist and Taoist temples than any other city in Taiwan.

CURRENCY

The local currency in TAIWAN is the New Taiwan Dollar (TWD, abbreviated in NT\$) available in the following denominations:

Banknotes: \$100, \$200, \$500, \$1.000, \$2.000 / Coins: \$1, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50. / Exchange rate: 1 USD = 30.50 TWD



LOCAL CASH MACHINES

ATM/cash machine are available in the city and at the airport.

CREDIT CARDS

Credit cards are accepted at major hotels and larger restaurants. Small business hotels and small restaurants might not accept credit cards. The credit card company will charge a fee on your bill for foreign exchange (usually 1-3%), and there may be a surcharge from the retailer/hotel to pay by credit card — ask first.

PLUG ADAPTOR

The main voltage for electricity in Taiwan is 100V and 60 Hz and type A power socket is requested (see photo):



TIME DIFFERENCE

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

UTC-8

WEATHER

In August the weather is humid and pretty warm, with temperatures from 32,9°C / 91,2°F (average high) to 26,4°C / 79,5°F (average low) and with average precipitation of 395,1 mm / 15,555 inches.

Taiwan lies on the Tropic of Cancer, and its general climate is marine tropical. The northern and central regions are subtropical, whereas the south is tropical, and the mountainous regions are temperate. The average rainfall is 2,600 millimeters (100 inches) per year for the island proper; the rainy season is concurrent with the onset of the summer East Asian Monsoon in May and June. The entire island experiences hot, humid weather from June through September. During the winter (November to March), the northeast experiences steady rain, while the central and southern parts of the island are mostly sunny.

Fire: 119 / Ambulance: 119 / Police: 110 DEADLINES Team Rooming List Form ASAP Flight Information Form ASAP

Team Roster (18 Players on FTR) – 10 days prior to Pre-Tournament Meeting ·······················August 7, 2025

Preliminary Team's Roster (PTR)-----------July 17, 2025



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