



## **PERSATUAN SOFBOL MALAYSIA (SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION OF MALAYSIA)**

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## **COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS** **SOFTBALL SLOW-PITCH**



### **1. Tournament**

4<sup>th</sup> National Softball Slow-Pitch (Mixed) Open 2025, Date: 4 – 6 Julai 2025, Venue: SMK Teknik Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu

### **2. Event Organizer/Owner**

Host : Softball Association of Malaysia (SAM)

Co-Host : Terengganu Softball Association (TSA)

### **3. Tournament Objectives**

- To make Softball (Fast Pitch, Slow Pitch) and Baseball5 (B5) accessible to all
- To ensure that the SAM Yearly National Level Softball and Baseball5 (B5) Tournament is conducted
- To select outstanding softball players for National Men's and Women's softball team and training
- To promote healthy lifestyle and community through Softball and Baseball5 sports

### **4. Tournament Dates**

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| - 03 Julai 2025          | : Teams Reporting       |
| - 03 Julai 2025 (8.30pm) | : Manager Meeting       |
| - 04 – 06 Julai 2025     | : Games                 |
| - 06 Julai 2025          | : Prize Giving Ceremony |

### **5. Competition Venue:**

SMK Teknik Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu

### **6. Category**

- Mixed Teams (Men + Women)

## **7. Competition Rules & Regulations**

7.1 Rules of WBSC OFFICIAL RULES OF SOFTBALL SLOW PITCH 2022-2025 or latest, and localized SAM SOFTBALL SLOW PITCH RULES will be applied.

7.2 Localized SAM rules shall be superseded the WBSC International Rules for all SAM sanctioned domestic tournaments.

## **8. Players Eligibility**

All players must be sixteen (16) years of age or older at the time of participation.

## **9. Team Composition – FTR (Full Team Roster)**

9.1 A Full Team Roster (FTR) for one (1) team is **26** people and is MIXED mode.

9.2 A MIXED TEAM registration shall consist of **Twenty-Three (23) ATHLETES and 3 OFFICIALS**, with a **Minimum of 2 females** or **Maximum of 6 females** in the team at any one time, with one manager and one / two coach.

9.3 For Athlete: Maximum FTR for a team athlete is **23 players** (20 Malaysian + 3 Foreigner **OR** 23 Malaysian)

9.4 For Official: Maximum FTR for a team official is **3 officials** (3 Malaysian **OR** 3 Foreigner)

9.5 An athlete can work as a team manager / coach, and vice-versa.

## **10. Team Line-Up**

10.1 Each team MUST have **TEN (10) Players** in the line-up at all times.

10.2 Ten Players consist of: pitcher (F1), catcher (F2), first baseman (F3), second baseman (F4), third baseman (F5), short stop (F6), left fielder (F7), left center fielder (F8), right fielder (F9) and right center fielder (F10).

10.3 A team line up may start a game with a **minimum of Six (6) male** players **OR maximum Eight (8) male** players are in the team at any one time.

10.4 The possible starting line up compositions are as following: Opt 1: Eight (8) Male and Two (2) Female players **OR** Opt 2: Seven (7) Male and Three (3) Female players **OR** Opt 3: Six (6) Male and Two (2) Female players.

## **11. Game Time**

11.1 Each game will be **60 minutes**.

11.2 Final Game will be **1 hour 30 minutes OR 7 innings**, whichever comes first.

11.3 Team to report and standby on the field **20 minutes before** the game.

11.4 Team manager to submit the athlete line-up and scoresheet to Umpire in Chief (UIC) **30 minutes before** the game.

11.5 **Delay to field: Only 5 minutes** will be given to the late team. After that, the opponent will be given a **FREE WIN of 7-0 runs**.

## **12. Tie Breaker**

12.1 A game that is tied at the end of One (1) hour or Seven (7) innings, the game will enter additional innings to begin with a baserunner (the so-called "designated runner") already on second base. The runner is the batter preceding the first batter of the inning in the batting order.

12.2 A game that is tied at the end of One (1) hour or Seven (7) innings, shall be continued by playing additional innings until one side has scored more runs than the other at the end of a complete inning, or until the team second at bat has scored more runs in their half of the inning before the third out is made.

**13. Run Ahead Rule (Previously known as Mercy Rule)**

- 13.1 The game shall end when one team leads another by: **20 runs after 4 innings;**  
or **15 runs after 5 innings.**

**14. Batting**

- 14.1 Additional of **3 EXTRA PLAYERS (EP)** are allowed.  
14.2 If the Extra Player is used, all 13 on the starting line up must bat, and any 10 of those 13 may play defense.  
14.3 **Minimum 2 female** must be in the first 10 players batting order line up.

**15. Infield fly**

- 15.1 A fair fly ball (not including a line drive) that can be caught by an infielder with ordinary effort when first and second, or first, second, and third bases are occupied, before two are out. The pitcher, catcher, and any outfielder who position themselves in the infield on the play will be considered infielders for the purpose of this rule.

**16. Transportation**

Each team has to manage and bear the cost of own transportation to the competition venue.

**17. Team Arrival Time**

All teams are required to inform the Organizing Committee of the planned arrival date and time.

**18. Accommodation**

Will not be provided by the Organizer or SAM, and all costs are borne by the State Association or the participating teams.

**19. Protection / Insurance**

SAM and the Organizing Committee or any officer appointed by SAM **shall NOT be liable** for any injury or death that occurs to any player or team official before, during and after participating in this Tournament. Each participating teams are responsible to buy their own insurance protection.

**20. Game Mode**

- 20.1 The mode of competition will be determined by the Softball Association of Malaysia (SAM) subject to the number of teams participating.
- 20.2 Standard game rules:
- **Legal Pitch:** The **minimum** height of the pitch shall be **6 feet above the ground, but not higher than 15 feet.**
  - **Batter on plate:** Each batter will start with **1 STRIKE** and **1 BALL** count.
  - **Sliding:** Sliding is **not permitted**. Penalty – Runner is out.
  - **Stealing Bases:** Stealing is **not permitted**. Runners may only advance to the next base when the ball is hit, or when forced by the batter. A runner may not leave a base before the ball is hit. Penalty – Runner is out.
  - **Strike Zone Mat:** The mat is **17 inches wide** and **40 inches long**, and includes the home plate marked on the mat. A strike is called when a legally pitched ball hits any part of the mat.
  - **Bases Distance:** Base distance will be **65 feet.**
  - **Pitching Distance (Co-Ed):** **50 feet (15.24 m)**

- **Outfield Fences (Co-Ed): 275 feet** (83.82 m)
- **Intentional Base On Balls or Intentional Walk:** When a male batter receives a base on balls or intentional walk, he will be awarded first and second base if the next batter is female. However, the female can choose to take a walk immediately or choose to bat as well.
- **Players above 60 years old:** Players above 60 years old are allowed a **Temporary Runner**, once the senior player reaches base safely. Any teammate in uniform can be a Temporary Runner.
- **Batting:** The batter must take his position in the batter's box **within 10 seconds** after the umpire has declared play ball. Penalty – The umpire will call a strike on the batter. It is not necessary for a pitch to be thrown.
- **Footwear:** Metals cleats are **not permitted**. Enclosed footwear must be worn by all players.
- **Uniform:** All players on a team shall wear tops alike in color and trim.
- **Equipment:** Only official softball bats may be used. No baseball bats are permitted. Penalty – Batter is out.
- **Helmets:** Helmets must be worn by batters and runners, and face masks must be worn by catchers.
- **Competition Balls:** “WBSC”, “SCA” or “PSM” (Yellow) game ball will be used.

20.3 A **STRIKE** is called:

- 20.3.1 For each legally pitched ball that hits any part of the strike zone mat.
- 20.3.2 For each pitched ball that is swung at and missed.
- 20.3.3 For each foul ball.

20.4 A **BALL** is called:

- 20.4.1 For each pitched ball not swung at that does not land on the strike zone mat.
- 20.4.2 For each pitched ball not swung at that is not the correct height.
- 20.4.3 For each pitched ball that hits the batter when not striking at the pitch.
- 20.4.4 When the pitcher fails to pitch the ball **within 10 seconds**.

20.5 The **BATTER IS OUT:**

- 20.5.1 When the ball is bunted or chopped downward.
- 20.5.2 When the third strike hits the strike zone mat.
- 20.5.3 When the third strike is struck at and missed.
- 20.5.4 When the ball is batted foul on the strike two.
- 20.5.5 When the ball is hit in the air and caught, in fair or foul territory.
- 20.5.6 When the ball is hit and the defensive team gets the ball to a fielder standing on first base, before the batter touches first base.
- 20.5.7 If he stands on home plate at the time he hits the ball.
- 20.5.8 If his full foot steps over the front line of the batter's box at the time he hits the ball.

## 21. Prizes

- 21.1 **26** individual prizes will be given to each category according to the number of entries:
- 21.2 5 teams and more: Champion; 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- 21.3 4 teams Only: Champion & Runner Up only

## 22. Competition Umpires, Official, Scorer and Technical Official

The appointment of umpires, official, scorer and technical official for this Tournament is under the jurisdiction of Softball Association of Malaysia (SAM).

### **23. Team Manager Meeting**

The Team Managers Meeting will be held on 03 Julai 2025 at 8.30 pm at the Tournament Secretariat.

### **24. Protests / Appeals**

24.1 All protest shall be resolved on the playing field. Protest will not be entertained after the end of the match or due to the umpire's decision on the "Judgment Call".

24.2 Each written protest must be accompanied by **RM500.00** and submitted not later than 1 hour after the end of the match. The money is **non-refundable**.

24.3 The Jury of Appeal will be appointed by SAM consisting of:

- Technical Delegate appointed by SAM
- Umpire In Chief
- Secretary of the Organizing Committee
- Two Independent team managers appointed by the Technical Delegate

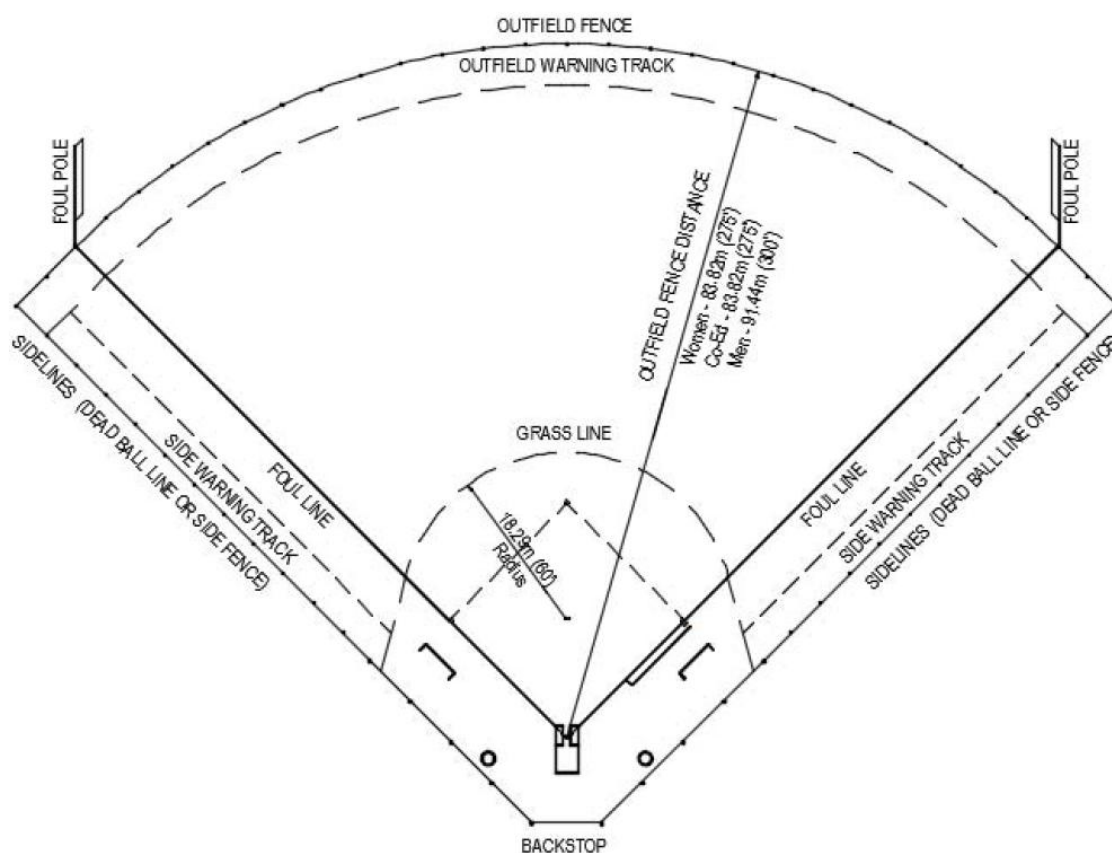
### **25. Others Matters Arising**

25.1 SAM reserves the right to decide on matters not specified in the Technical Code, Competition Rules and Regulations, and SAM's decision is final.

25.2 SAM reserves the right to amend, delete, vary and add to the rules contained in the SAM Technical Code and Regulations.

### **26. Technical Code and Regulations**

26.1 Official dimensions of the playing field

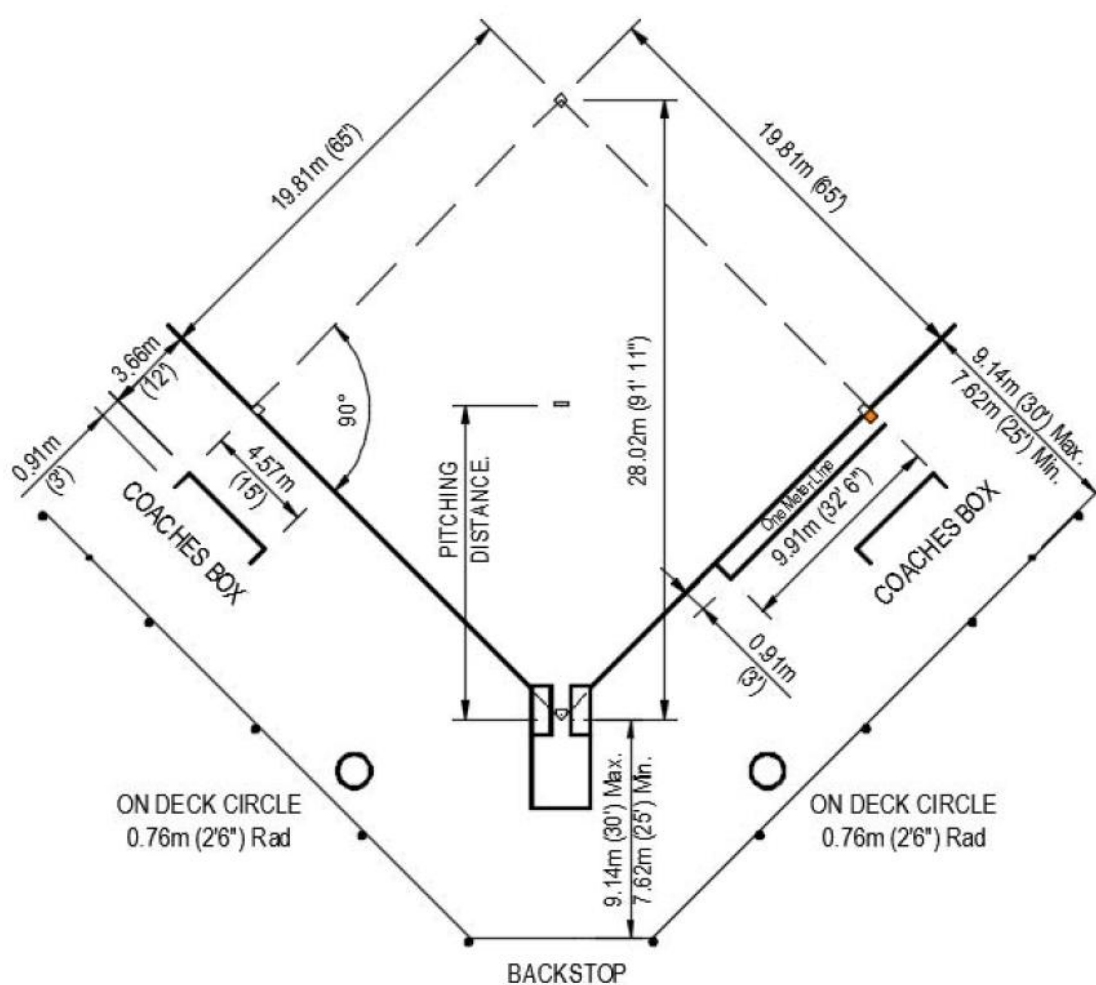


CATEGORY	PITCHING	Outfield Fences (minimums)
Junior Women's 16 and under	14.02 m (46 ft.)	80.77 m (265 ft.)
Junior Women's 19 and under	15.24 m (50 ft.)	80.77 m (265 ft.)
Junior Men's	14.02 m (46 ft.)	91.44 m (300 ft.)
Junior Men's 19 and under	15.24 m (50 ft.)	91.44 m (300 ft.)
Women's	15.24 m (50 ft.)	83.82 m (275 ft.)
Men's	15.24 m (50 ft.)	91.44 m (300 ft.)
Co-Ed	15.24 m (50 ft.)	83.82 m (275 ft.)

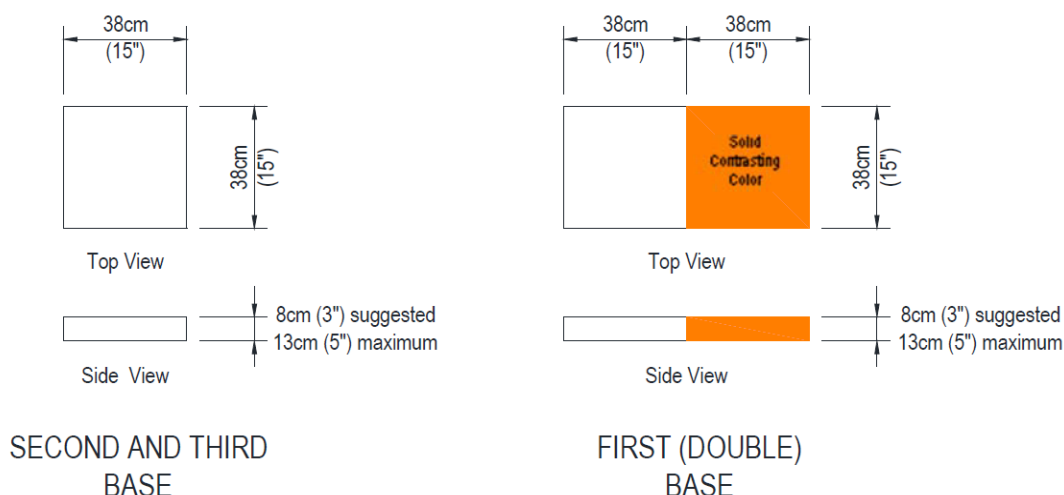
## 26.2 Official dimensions of the diamond layout

26.2.1 Home plate to first/third 19.81 m (65 ft.) from the back part of home plate to the back of the base.

26.2.2 Home plate to second 28.02 m (91 ft. 11 in) from back point of home plate to the middle of the base.



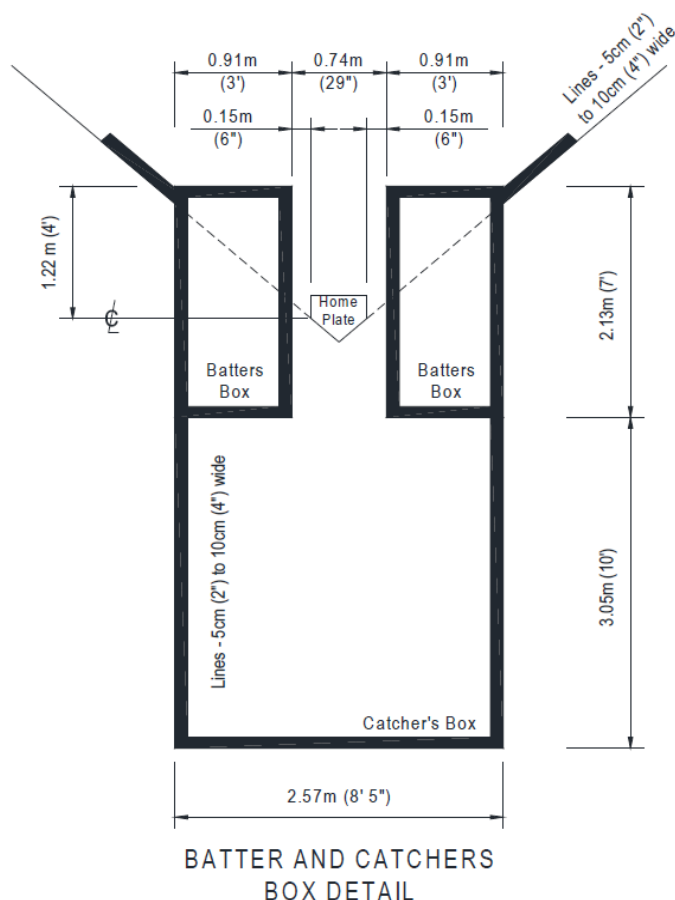
### 26.3 Official dimensions of the bases



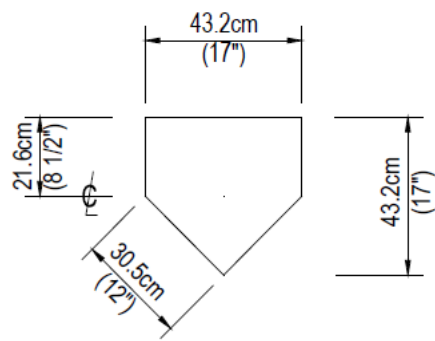
### 26.4 Official dimensions of the batter's and catcher's boxes

26.4.1 Batters Boxes - One on each side of home plate, will measure 0.91m (3 ft.) by 2.13m (7 ft.). The inside lines of the batter's box will be 15.2cm (6 in) from home plate. The front line of the box will be 1.22m (4 ft.) in front of a line drawn through the center of home plate. The lines are considered as being within the batter's box.

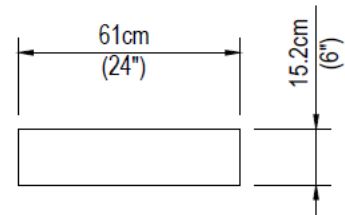
26.4.2 Cather's Box - 3.05m (10 ft.) in length from the rear outside corners of each batter's box and will be 2.57m (8 ft. 5 in) wide. The lines are considered as being within the catcher's box.



26.5 Official dimensions of home plate and pitchers plate



HOMEPLATE



PITCHER'S PLATE

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