



WORLD
CHILDREN'S
BASEBALL
FAIR

Information Summary
27th annual
World Children's Baseball Fair 2017
in Yokohama, Japan

2017 - Yokohama

I. OBJECTIVE:

- (1) The World Children's Baseball Fair (WCBF) is held every year to promote worldwide baseball expansion, and at the same time, to provide a tool for international exchange among people from different nations around the world.
- (2) During the WCBF event, children will have opportunity to learn the BASIC SKILLS of baseball, with emphasis on fun, participation, teamwork and friendship. This is a time for the children to enjoy and share their love of baseball and learn worldwide cultures.
- (3) The participants will attend morning baseball clinics instructed by coaches who are selected by the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC).
- (4) Each afternoon and evening, participants partake in cultural and recreational activities to further enhance cultural understanding and appreciation.
- (5) Participants will be asked to perform something to introduce their respective country to the fair, such as singing, dancing or playing musical instruments at the goodwill party. There will also be formal Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

II. EVENT OUTLINE:

- (1) Hosted by: The World Children's Baseball Foundation of Japan, Yokohama City and the Japan Amateur Baseball Association.
- (2) Associated with: World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC)
- (3) Date: Tuesday, August 8 – Wednesday, August 16, 2017
- (4) Location: Baseball clinics are to be held in Yokohama, Kanagawa
- (5) Children's Dormitory: Nojima Youth Training Center
- (6) Participating Countries/Regions: Eleven (11) including Japan (We will inform you the names of countries/regions after confirming attendance of every country.)

III. PARTICIPANTS' (CHILDREN) QUALIFICATIONS:

- (1) Passport: Participants must have valid passport with nationality of the country invited.
- (2) Children's Age Requirement: Child participants MUST be 10 or 11 years old as of August 8, 2017. That is, their birth date must be between August 9, 2005 and August 8, 2007.
- (3) The WCBF event week lasts nine days which requires stamina and endurance. Thus, all participants must be in good health.
- (4) Number of participants: Each federation will send five children, unless otherwise specified. It is recommended that one or two of the five children be female. Children who have attended the WCBF in the past are not eligible to participate in the 2017 event.
When you select children, please bear in mind that the WCBF is similar to a summer camp (shared accommodation, getting up early, attending baseball clinics, field trips, etc.). For many children, this will be the first or perhaps the longest trip being apart from their parents for so long. While Japan is a friendly country, this will still be a new cultural experience to most of the children. All children will be expected to follow strict rules and must treat their respective chaperones and hosts with the respect of their own parents/guardians. Please be selective of

participants, ones who are adaptable to this type of environment and who have a positive character to learn baseball.

IV. SELECTION OF CHAPERONE :

A chaperone (not a parent of participating children) must be chosen to accompany the children on behalf of your federation.

It would be highly appreciated if you could select a chaperone among the past fair's participating players.

The chaperone **MUST** be an adult (over 21 years of age), and **MUST BE FLUENT IN ENGLISH**. He/she should have experience in dealing with groups of children of this age and be able to properly discipline children when necessary. Also, he/she should have good knowledge of baseball.

Each chaperone will be expected to provide child supervision at all times. They eat and sleep together with the children (children of a different gender from that of the chaperone will actually sleep in a different room, and will be supervised by a chaperone or a host of the same gender as the child who is approved by your chaperone) and must enforce the rules and regulations set by the Host Committee. Each chaperone will be assigned to a group at the baseball clinics to help out in translation and to help the coaches instruct the children.

Although the gender of the chaperone does not matter, we recommend that the chaperone be male if your federation sends 4 or more male children. We also ask that the chaperone **NOT** be a parent or relative of the child participant(s).

Please read the attachment entitled "**PREREQUISITES FOR CHOOSING A CHAPERONE**" before making your selection.

***Chaperone is required to submit a RESUME (in any form) which briefly tells their baseball career and job history to WCBF upon being selected.**

V. EXPENSES :

- (1) All costs associated with children and chaperones participating in the 2017 WCBF event will be paid for by WCBF, unless otherwise stipulated. These expenses include airfares, airport taxes, accommodation, meals, local transportations, equipment, uniforms, recreational activities, travel insurance, etc.
- (2) WCBF is NOT responsible for travel to and from the participants' homes and their local airport.
- (3) WCBF is NOT responsible for any fees regarding the acquisition of passports and visas for the participants.

VI. REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

FORM A/B/C/D/E/F: Fill out CLEARLY or type out all forms accurately & completely. Contact the following person if you have any questions.

FORM	TITLE	DUE DATE:
A	Confirmation of Participation	Feb. 24, 2017
B	Name of Participants	Apr. 21, 2017
C	Participants' Information	Apr. 21, 2017
D, E	Medical Consent	Apr. 21, 2017
F	Ticket & Airport Information	Apr. 21, 2017
	Passport copy	Apr. 28, 2017
	Essay & Photo (Passport Size)	Apr. 28, 2017

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NOTES : *Failure to meet the deadlines will be interpreted as declining to participate in the WCBF 2017, and another country on the waiting list will be contacted immediately.*

Medical Consent Forms (D/E) :

Travel/health and liability insurance for the children and chaperone will be supplied by WCBF.

Each child's parent or guardian must sign the Medical Consent Form that will allow the child to receive treatment in Japan if the need arises. The medical history of each participant must be completed (at the second half of Form D & E). If your children require medication, please ensure that they bring a sufficient quantity for the duration of WCBF. The chaperone will be responsible for administering any medicine that is needed for the children.

Each chaperone must sign the Medical Consent Form E in order to receive medical treatment in Japan if required.

Passports / Visas :

A copy of each participant's passport must be sent for ticket booking. If you require more time than the deadline, be sure to send in the above forms on time, and contact the WCBF office regarding permission for an extension (for passports only).

Your federation must make all the necessary arrangements for passport / visa processing. In the case that you require an official letter of invitation and other supporting document to obtain the necessary visa (Japanese or transit) for the participants, we will prepare and address it to you in June.

Essay and Photo :

All the participants and the chaperone are required to submit a photograph of their own (passport size) to be used for the photo-book that they receive during the fair, and an essay prior to attending the fair. The essay should tell what they would like to experience during the fair in Japan. The chaperone must write it in English. If children write it in another language besides English, it will have to be translated to English by the chaperone. Also, the children will be asked to write an essay after the fair and the chaperone a report of the fair.

VII. PERSONAL BELONGINGS:

- (1) In addition to their travel clothes, each participant should bring 1 pair of running shoes (sneakers), leisure clothes, a light jacket, underwear, socks, towels, and toiletries. (Free laundry service will be provided during the fair.)
- (2) All clothing and belongings should be marked with the participant's name.
- (3) Use a large suitcase for these items. Any extra room will be helpful when the participants return home, as they will be leaving with much more than what they brought. It is strongly recommended that each participant check-in only one piece of luggage on their trip to Japan.
- (4) The children will receive baseball equipment and a big bag to carry them as gifts. The bag must be checked at the airport on their trip home, which will count as their second allowed piece of checked luggage. **WCBF will not be responsible for the cost of excess baggage or shipping of goods.**

*** More detailed information will be provided later.**

VIII. EQUIPMENT:

- (1) WCBF will provide each child participant the following items as gifts:

Baseball uniform	
Baseball undershirt	Baseball bat
Baseball belt	Baseball glove
Baseball stockings/stirrups	Baseball cap
Baseball socks	Baseball helmet
Baseball cleats	Baseball bag
WCBF T-shirts	Shorts

In order to provide proper sizing, etc., it is extremely important that the Form C be sent in on time!

VX. OTHERS:

- (1) Airline tickets will be arranged and sent to the address on Form F at least a few weeks before the actual departure date for the Fair.
Please use Form F to let us know where you would like the tickets to be sent.
(Normally, **e-ticket**, instead of printed tickets, will be sent via e-mail.)

- (2) If the participants have dietary restrictions because of the religious reasons, please so describe in detail in writing. (Form D/E)

PREREQUISITES FOR CHOOSING A CHAPERONE

A chaperone should:

- Be an adult (over 21 years of age).
- Has experience dealing with groups of children of this age.
- NOT be a parent or relative of a participating child.
- Be able to discipline a child when necessary.
- **SPEAK ENGLISH FLUENTLY**
(He / She will be requested to submit a report in English to us after the fair.)
- Have good knowledge and interest in baseball.
- While gender does not matter, it is recommended that the chaperone be male if your federation is planning on sending 4 or more male children.

Duties and responsibilities of all chaperones:

- Ensure that the children behave and follow all instructions.
- Ensure that the children are never left alone to wander around unsupervised.
- Ensure that the children get enough rest/sleep.
- Be aware of each child's medical history and be able to administer any medicine that is required.
- Ensure that the children's personal items (passports, money, etc.) are safe.
- Ensure that there is a name tag on each item that the child has brought with him/her, or received.
- Beware that they will be working with WBSC coaches during the clinics and will be asked to teach children from countries other than their own.