



BSF TOURNAMENT CRITERIA

The BSF considers that the following general criteria should be met by softball tournaments in the UK in order for a tournament to be sanctioned by the BSF and appear in the Events List on the BSF website:

- Participating teams must be members of the BSF -- or have paid a one-off affiliation fee for the tournament in question and/or be able to prove adequate insurance cover.
- There must be an appointed and identified Tournament Control person and adequate volunteers to carry out tournament functions.
- There must be a qualified First-Aider on site, and information readily available on the location of the nearest hospital with A&E facilities and phone numbers for the local Ambulance Service.
- Teams must be guaranteed a minimum of four games for a one-day tournament and eight games over a two-day tournament.
- All games must be officiated by BASU umpires or relief umpires selected by BASU.
- Good-quality balls must be provided, with an adequate distribution system to get balls to umpires and/or pitches as required.
- Adequate playing surfaces and accurate pitch markings are required, along with adequate pitch separation.
- Bases must be in decent condition and properly pinned (two pins per base) where Hollywood bases are not in use.
- The following **BSF-required** information must be provided in your Tournament Pack:
 - Requirements for under-18 players in adult teams.

- A BSF/BASU statement on alcohol and drugs.
- A notice warning about parking in proximity to pitches, which is at participants' own risk.
- Adequate toilets and washing facilities must be provided.
- There must be adequate catering at reasonable prices, with provision for vegetarians.
- A BSF Tournament Report Form must be submitted to info@britishsoftball.org for a website article within 48 hours after the tournament.

The following criteria are not required for the BSF to sanction a tournament but are recommended:

- A clear and transparent schedule provided before the event.
- Provision of local hotel information to participating teams, especially for two-day tournaments.
- Timely collection of scores and public display of scores and tables during the tournament or online.
- Provision of drinks to pitches in hot weather.
- Adequate rubbish control, including provision of bins or other receptacles and plastic rubbish sacks.
- Materials and equipment available to repair batters' boxes and pitchers' areas in the event of sustained rain.
- Camping provided where the venue allows, at a reasonable charge.