

Brian Walshe Cup Tournament

2017



ALSAA Dublin Airport

Saturday 8th April

Welcome

Softball Ireland and the Irish National Slowpitch Squad would like to welcome you to the 2017 Brian Walshe Cup, formerly the Start of Season Blitz, held in ALSAA, Dublin Airport Sports Grounds.

Hopefully you will find all the information you need over the day in this pack. If you have any questions then please come over to the control tent and we'll try to sort you out. The tournament will be split into two groups of 6 teams each. There are 2 groups of 7 teams. You will play all the other 6 teams in your group. Each team will then go into a Semi-final, teams ranked 1 & 2 in each group go into the Cup final, teams ranked 3 & 4 the plate final and teams ranked 5 & 6 the Bowl final.

This year's Tournament is being run as a fund raiser for the National Softball Squad as they prepare for the ESF Coed Slowpitch Championships in Sofia Bulgaria. For more information please see <http://www.europeansoftball.org/competitions/detail/120>

Team Registration

A delegate from each team must come register the team at the control tent prior to your first game. Here you can collect your Tournament Pack and leave a mobile number on which your team WILL BE CONTACTABLE during the day. There will be NO Captains Meeting.

Snacks

There will be a tuck shop open during the day and if possible it will be making its way around the grounds throughout the day with snacks and drinks on sale for all.

Raffle

Tickets for the 50/50 raffle will be on sale throughout the day with the draw taking place before the final

First Aid

First Aid is available at the tent on pitch 1 all day (Melanie Cunningham is the designated first aider on the day)

Toilets, showers and changing Rooms

There are showers, changing rooms and toilets at the grounds and these are available all day.

Game Results

Tournament Controller ("TC") will be on +353 87 2312673. Your Captain on the day must provide a contact number and Results **must be posted in the tournament WhatsApp Group** in to the TC by the winning team after the game. If no result is received 15 mins after the game has ended then a draw will be recorded as the official result.

Tournament Rules

1. Full **ISF** rules subject to specific co-ed slowpitch softball adjustments as set out in the rules schedule below.
2. The current ASA banned bat list will be enforced during the tournament.
3. All teams must have a minimum of three NOCSAE compliant helmets present and available to batters/base runners at all times - should a team not have three helmets available the game may not commence or continue
4. All players must be registered with their regional softball association or register with Softball Ireland on the day
5. All games will see batters start with a 1-1.
6. Teams may play 5&5 or **6&4**. If a team opts to play with 6 men and 4 women (or batting 7 men and 5 women), then there must be two females in the outfield and two in the infield, the catcher must be male, a male batter who is walked will be awarded 1 base if he is followed in the batting order by another male.
7. Teams must complete the game with the gender split that it started the game with.
8. Home team decided by toss of a coin at beginning of each game during both round robin and final stages.
9. Games will be timed. Please encourage your players to change over as quickly as possible. Hustling means more innings!! **No new Inning after 45min, games to finish by 50min.** Start time will be the scheduled start time and not the ACTUAL start time.
10. Ball game must be called prior to the official start time of the next game on the pitch. Score reverts to the last complete inning.
11. Teams not ready to play by 5 minutes after the official start time will lose 5 runs and will lose a run every subsequent minute.
12. There is no need to bat out if the home team is ahead.
13. Draws are permitted in Round Robin stages (3 points for win, 1 point for draw).
14. The ISF **runs ahead rule** holds since the BWC is a National Tournament as adjusted as follows. The rule for co-ed slowpitch is 20 runs after four innings, 15 after five innings or 10 after six innings. Complete innings must be played unless the home team scores the run head limit while at bat. When the visiting team reaches the limit in the top half of the inning, the home team must have the opportunity to bat in the bottom half of the inning.
15. The final will be a full 7 inning games.
16. Blood Rule - any player with a bleeding or open wound should leave the field and have wound dressed correctly.
17. If bad weather affects the tournament the TC and SI Council reserve the right to reformat the tournament.

18. No protests will be heard, until €75 is lodged with TC. Disputes will be heard by TC and Secretary of Softball Ireland and their decision will be final. If the protest is rejected the €75 will not be returned. Please try to resolve any incidents at the time, as protests can have implications beyond the initial incident.
19. Game protests **MUST** be made prior to the next pitch, **ALL** information should be recorded, scores, positions, count etc. The Protest should be lodged immediately after the game with the TC.
20. Efforts will be made to provide umpires, however if there is no Umpire provided, teams should Umpire themselves.
21. Drones are not permitted to be used in ALSAA <https://www.dublinairport.com/latest-news/detail/dublin-airport-launches-no-drone-zone-awareness-campaign>

Rules Schedule

A. Where there is a contradiction between the ISF rules or these Regulations, these Regulations have precedence. The Regulations supersede the ISF rules Regional bylaws. Some rules that counter the ISF rules are:

B. **The Shorthanded Rule**

Teams can begin games and complete games shorthanded with 9 players. If an additional player arrives after the start of the game they can enter as long as they conform to the necessary gender split as indicated below.

C. **Continued play Rule**

Games are considered complete once 5 full innings have been played, or $4\frac{1}{2}$ if the home team has the lead. If a game is stopped prior to the fifth inning being completed by the umpire due to weather or another valid reason, the game will resume from the point which the game was stopped and continue as normal through the completion of 7 innings or more if extra innings are necessary. No penalty will be given to teams for substitutions, but returning players should bat in the same order they appeared previously. The same gender split should also be maintained.

D. **Ball**

The standard softball for all SI official Slowpitch tournaments and competitions for 2017 is any brand specifying a COR of .50 and a compression of .300lbs and 12" in size for male batters, and 11" softballs of a COR of .44 and a compression of .375lbs will be used for female batters only. **Both white and yellow balls are permissible.**

E. In all SI Tournaments a courtesy runner is allowed for an injured batter-runner or runner on any base after time has been called. It is at the discretion of the Umpire who may consult with both captains as to whether a courtesy runner is warranted. In the absence of an umpire, both team captains must agree that a courtesy runner is allowed.

F. Where there is a contradiction between the ISF rules and Tournament Rules, these Tournament Rules have precedence.

G. In cases of doubt about the applicability or interpretation of any Regulation, the decision rests with the umpire. Where no umpire is present, the two captains will record any disputed interpretation on the match report and record the position of play (i.e. position of runners, next batting position, outs, runs and score) at the time of dispute. Wherever possible games should be completed but should an appeal be forthcoming no prejudice shall exist on any side.

H. SI will adopt the ASA's banned bat list and ASA approved bat list. Refer to www.softball.org/about/certified_equipment.asp or the Downloads page on the SI website.

I. An umpire, has the right on the grounds of safety, to stop a player or team from using a specific bat that he/she feels is an altered or banned bat. In such a case the bat shall be removed from play by the umpire and returned to the player after the game. The player or team can appeal this decision to SI. The SI Council will then determine if the bat is in fact a banned bat and therefore the bat will not be allowed to be used in any SI organised event or if the bat is not a banned bat and therefore will be allowed to be used in future matches. The team will not be allowed to appeal the result of the game.

J. The maximum pitch arc will be 12 foot for all Softball Ireland competition or tournament play.

K. **Re-Entry Rule**

A starter may be withdrawn from the game and re-entered in the same spot in the batting order once. Players may not re-enter a second time, and the starter and the substitute may not be in the game at the same time.

Schedule

There are 2 groups of 7 teams. You will play all the other 6 teams in your group. After the round robin stage of the competition we go straight to the finals which will be:

Cup Group A No, 1 V Group B No. 1

Plate Group A No, 2 V Group B No. 2

Bowl Group A No, 3 V Group B No. 3

Tied Standings in Round Robin Stages

When two or more teams are tied on points in a round robin stage of the tournament, the teams will be ranked in the following order

1. By head-to-head results, i.e. the result(s) of the game(s) played amongst the tied teams in the given round robin stage.
2. By least head-to-head runs conceded, i.e. by least runs conceded in the game(s) played amongst the tied teams in the given round robin stage.
3. By least total runs conceded, i.e. by least runs conceded in all games played in the given round robin stage.
4. By coin toss.

The decision of the TC in resolving tied standings is final.

Group A

Marlay Martyrs
UCDrinkers
Kegs
Renegade Titans
Sauce Monsters
Renegade Beachers
Dynamites

Group B

Dynamoes
Suspects
Castleknock
Renegade Reapers
Thunderbolts
Chuggers
2Pak

Time	Diamond 1	
10.00	Marlay Martyrs	UCDrinkers
11.00	Marlay Martyrs	Kegs
12.00	Marlay Martyrs	Renegade Titans
13.00	Lunch	
14.00	Marlay Martyrs	Sauce Monsters
15.00	Marlay Martyrs	Renegade Beachers
16.00	Marlay Martyrs	Dynamites
17.00	UCDrinkers	Dynamites

Diamond 2	
Kegs	Renegade Titans
UCDrinkers	Renegade Titans
UCDrinkers	Renegade Beachers
Lunch	
UCDrinkers	Kegs
UCDrinkers	Sauce Monsters
Kegs	Renegade Beachers
Kegs	Sauce Monsters

Diamond 3	
Sauce Monsters	Renegade Beachers
Sauce Monsters	Dynamites
Kegs	Dynamites
Lunch	
Renegade Beachers	Dynamites
Renegade Titans	Dynamites
Renegade Titans	Sauce Monsters
Renegade Titans	Renegade Beachers

Not playing
Dynamites
Renegade Beachers
Sauce Monsters
Lunch
Renegade Titans
Kegs
UCDrinkers
Marlay Martyrs

Time	Diamond 4	
10.00	Dynamoes	Suspects
11.00	Dynamoes	Castleknock
12.00	Dynamoes	Renegade Reapers
13.00	Lunch	
14.00	Dynamoes	Thunderbolts
15.00	Dynamoes	Chuggers
16.00	Dynamoes	2Pak
17.00	Suspects	2Pak

Diamond 5	
Castleknock	Renegade Reapers
Suspects	Renegade Reapers
Suspects	Chuggers
Lunch	
Suspects	Castleknock
Suspects	Thunderbolts
Castleknock	Chuggers
Castleknock	Thunderbolts

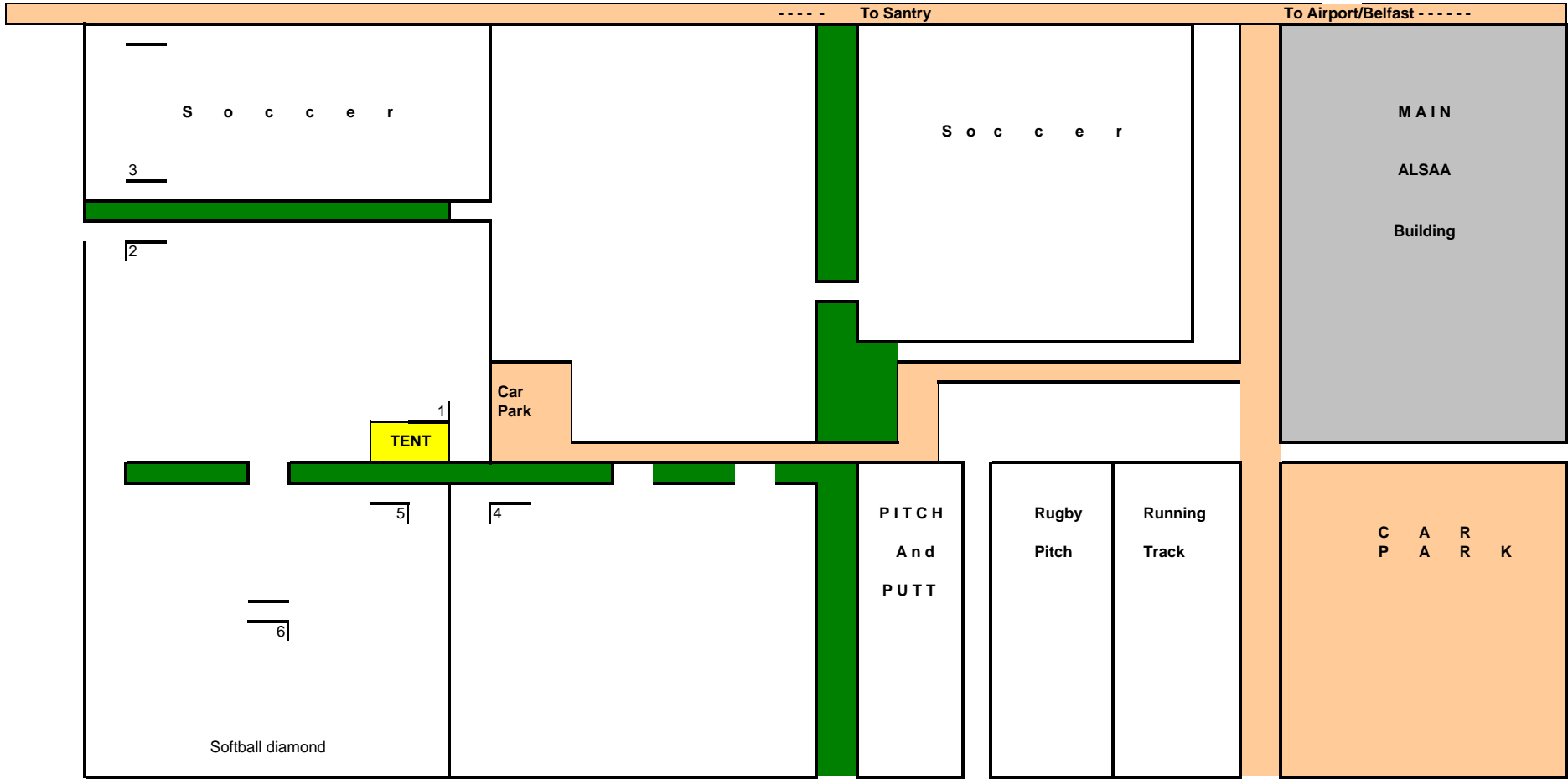
Diamond 6	
Thunderbolts	Chuggers
Thunderbolts	2Pak
Castleknock	2Pak
Lunch	
Chuggers	2Pak
Renegade Reapers	2Pak
Renegade Reapers	Thunderbolts
Renegade Reapers	Chuggers

Not playing
2Pak
Chuggers
Thunderbolts
Lunch
Renegade Reapers
Castleknock
Suspects
Dynamoes

18:00	Cup Final	
	Group A No	Group B 1

Plate Final	
Group A No	Group B

Bowl final	
Group A No	Group B





Supporting The Growth of Softball in Ireland

The graphic features a green background with a faint circular pattern. At the top center, it says 'IRELAND SOFTBALL' with a shamrock logo and 'PRESENTS' below it. In the top right corner, there is a yellow circular badge that says 'JOIN TODAY' and '€20'. The main text in the center is 'GRANDSLAM SUPPORTERS CLUB 2017' in large, bold, white letters, framed by two horizontal white lines.

Softball Ireland have launched the GRANDSLAM Supporters Club – the Mission of the GRANDSLAM Club is to foster and promote softball in Ireland. This includes providing greatly appreciated financial support to Ireland's National Team programmes competing in international competitions. The Softball Ireland GRANDSLAM Club consists of the following 4 membership levels:



Team Ireland Slowpitch and Fastpitch Softball Programmes are fully self-funded by Players.

To Celebrate the launch of the GRANDSLAM Club we are offering any Player who joins up during the Brian Walshe Cup a discounted 2017 Single Membership for €20. Why not sign up now and support the continued growth of Softball in Ireland!!

Senior Supporter Package

The Softball Ireland GRANDSLAM Club Single Membership gets you ...

- Softball Ireland T-Shirt
- Membership Certificate
- Six Softball Ireland E-Zine Annually
- Softball Ireland Button Badge
- Softball Ireland Car-Sticker
- Access to Members Only Area on <http://www.softball.ie/>
- Exclusive member Competitions

We can accept all major credit / debit cards on the day!

SOFTBALL IRELAND GRANDSLAM Club

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP/BENEFIT ITEMS

		Single €20	Double €45/US\$48	Triple €80/US\$85	Home Run €200/US\$215
Certificate of Membership		1	1	1	1
Softball Ireland T-Shirt		1	2	2	2
Softball Ireland Car Sticker		1	1	1	1
Softball Ireland Button Badge		1	1	1	1
Six Softball Ireland E-Letters Annually		1	1	1	1
Softball Ireland Magnet			1	1	1
Softball Ireland Tote Bag			1	2	1
Softball Ireland Polo Shirt (Golf Shirt)				1	2
Recognition on Softball Ireland Website				1	1
Softball Ireland Limited Edition Pin				1	1
Softball Ireland On-Line Store 5% Discount				1	1
Softball Ireland On-Line Store 10% Discount					1
National Squad Player Sponsor Recognition					1
Official Ireland Game Jersey					1

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Triple €XX	€.....
Home Run €XX	€.....
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Extra Shirts optional	€.....
GRAND TOTAL	€.....

T-SHIRT SIZES

S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

QTY SIZE

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EXTRA T-SHIRTS

S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

As a Grand Slam Club Member you can order additional Softball Ireland T-Shirts at €17.50 ea.

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Irish National Team Spiritwear



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Team Roster



Team name

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