



WORLD  
CHILDREN'S  
BASEBALL  
FAIR

Information Summary  
25<sup>th</sup> annual  
World Children's Baseball Fair 2015  
in Chiba, Japan

2015 - Chiba

**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, Chiba Prefectural Government, Narita City, and The Japan Amateur Baseball Association.
- (2) Associated with: World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC)
- (3) Date: Sunday, August 2 – Monday, August 10, 2015
- (4) Location: Baseball clinics are to be held in Narita city, Chiba.  
(International Exchange Games are to be held in Narita city as well.  
Children participating in the baseball clinics will not be attending the games.)
- (5) Children's Dormitory: Chiba Prefectural Teganooka Youth Nature Center
- (6) Participating Countries/Regions: sixteen (16)

## **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 2, 2015. That is, their birth date **must be between August 3, 2003 and August 2, 2005.**
- (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 at least one of the five children be female. Children who have attended the WCBF in the past are not eligible to participate in the 2015 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.**

## 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.