



SOFTBALL ASIA



Report

1st U23 MEN SOFTBALL ASIA CUP PLAY-OFF

VENUE: Shimanto Stadium, Shimanto city, Kochi Prefecture, Japan

DATES: 01 – 02 September 2022

Participating Teams



INDIA (IND)



JAPAN (JPN)



SINGAPORE (SGP)



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1. ORGANISATION OF EVENT

1.1 Organising Committee

- 1.1.1 **Organising Leader:** Tomoaki OKAMOTO (JPN – JSA)
 1.1.2 **Tournament Director:** Beng Choo LOW (Softball Asia – SA)

1.2 Tournament Officials

- 1.2.1 **Chief of Secretariat:** Sally LIM Swee Gaik (SA)
 1.2.2 **Technical Commission Chair:** SEE Kok Wooi (SA)
 1.2.3 **Technical Commission Member:** Shuro TSUKIOKA (JPN – JSA)
 1.2.4 **Technical Commission Member:** Sumio UBUKATA (JPN – JSA)
 1.2.5 **Chief Umpire:** Paulo TABIRARA (SA-PHI)
 1.2.6 **Deputy Chief Umpire:** Kazuhiro MITANI (JPN)
 1.2.7 **Assistant Chief Umpire:** Hideko OKANO (JPN)
 1.2.8 **Umpires:** Katsuhiro TANAKA (JPN)
 1.2.9 Koji OGAWA (JPN)
 1.2.10 Masashi ITOH (JPN)
 1.2.11 Mitsunori KUSAMOTO (JPN)
 1.2.12 Naoya MATSUDA (JPN)
 1.2.13 Norikazu HAMAZAKI (JPN)
 1.2.14 Takaharu MIYAKE (JPN)
 1.2.15 Takashi HASHIMOTO (JPN)
 1.2.16 Ahmad Masran bIN HASSAN (SGP)
 1.2.17 CHUNG Curtis Syn Hang (HKG)
 1.2.18 Ramesh SUBRAMANIAM (MAS)
 1.2.19 **Chief Scorer:** Junko MAEDA (JPN – JSA)
 1.2.20 **Scorers:** Hiroko HIGASHITANI (JPN)
 1.2.21 Nobuaki NAKATANI (JPN)
 1.2.22 Naomi TSUTSUMI (JPN)
 1.2.23 Seiji SHIMOMURA
 1.2.24 **Competition Manager:** Tomohori HISAKA (JPN – JSA)
 1.2.25 **Venue Manager:** Ryosuke IKEZAWA (JPN – Shimanto)
 1.2.26 **Chief Media Officer:** Tony MARIADASS (SA)

2. 1st U23 MEN SOFTBALL ASIA CUP 2022

2.1 Accommodation, Meals & Local Transport

2.1.1 Accommodation & Meals

- (i) The 3 participating teams were accommodated at the official hotel, Royal Shimanto Hotel in Shimanto city, Kochi Prefecture, Japan. The LOC also provided 3 meals per day (breakfast and dinner, whilst lunch was lunch boxes).
- (ii) The “foreign” tournament officials also stayed at the Royal Shimanto Hotel whilst those from Japan stayed in another hotel.



2.1.2 Local Transport

The LOC provided buses for airport pick-up and send-off at the Kanzai and Kochi airports as well as local transport from the official hotel to the competition-training venue and back) for the participating teams, and the tournament officials, as well as the Softball Asia officials.

2.2 Courtesy Visit to Kochi Prefecture Governor

2.2.1 On 30 August 2022, SA President Beng Choo Low, together with SA Secretary General Sally Lim and SA Technical & Competitions Committee Chair See Kok Wooi, accompanied by JSA Executive Director Tomoaki Okamoto (with JSA staff Taeko Ono), made a courtesy visit to the Governor of Kochi Prefecture, His Excellency Hamada Seiji.

2.2.2 She conveyed the gratitude to him for his and his Kochi Prefecture and Shimanto city's local support in resources, logistics and financial grant, in the hosting and organisation of both the U23 Men Softball Asia Cup and Men Softball Asia Cup in Shimanto city, Kochi Prefecture.



2.3 Pre-Tournament Team Leaders Meeting

2.3.1 A Pre-tournament Team Leaders Meeting was held as follows for the Team Leaders/Team Managers/Head Coaches of the teams for a briefing:

Date: 31 August 2022

Time: 06.00 pm

Venue: 4th Floor, Royal Shimanto Hotel, Shimanto City, Kochi Prefecture, Japan

2.3.2 All the participating teams were present through its/their respective Team Leaders/ Team Manager/Head coaches/Coaches. They were also able to clarify matters raised in relation to the tournament.

2.4 Competition Format

2.4.1 The competition format was a double round robin amongst the 3 participating teams over the 2 days of play-off competition.

2.4.2 Besides playing for the title of "Asia Champion", this 1st U23 Men Softball Asia



Cup Play-off tournament also served as a qualifier to qualify the **top 2 teams to represent Asia in the WBSC U23 Men Softball World Cup 2022** to be held in Argentina.

2.5 Training and Competition Venues

- 2.5.1 The training and competition venue was the Shimanto Stadium in Shimanto City, Kochi Prefecture, Japan.
- 2.5.2 The participating teams each had 1 training session (about 1 hour each) on 31 August 2022 (the day before the start of the tournament) at the competition venue.

2.6 Training and Competition Schedules

The original competition schedule was as follows but due to heavy rain and thunderstorms on the first day of competition (01 September 2020), there was delay in the start and continuation of games, changes were made to the schedule accordingly.

ORIGINAL Training Schedule: Date: 31 August 2022 (Wednesday)

(All Training at Shimanto Stadium)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Team</u>
11.30 – 12.50	IND
13:00 – 14:20	JPN
14:30 – 15:50	SGP

ORIGINAL Competition Schedule (All games to be played at Shimanto Stadium)

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Competition</u>			<u>Game #</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Day 1: 01 September 2022 ((Thursday) (Double Round-robin)					
09:00	IND	v	JPN	UG1	
11:30	SGP	v	IND	UG2	
14:00	SGP	v	JPN	UG3	
Day 2: 02 September 2022 (Friday) (Double Round-robin)					
09.00	JPN	v	IND	UG4	
11:30	IND	v	SGP	UG5	
14:00	JPN	v	SGP	UG6	
16:00	Medal awards ceremony				





2.7 Live Streaming of Games

In cooperation with the Japan Softball Association and WBSC, all the games were live streamed on the JSA YouTube and Facebook as well as WBSC's GameTime OTT platforms, with a good following.

3. PARTICIPATING TEAMS – TEAM ROSTERS (3 Teams)

3.1 India (IND)

	INDIA		IND
	<u>Name of Athlete-Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Uniform #</u>
1.	Chaudhary Gaurav Kiran	Pitcher	11
2.	Gadade Swapnil Ashok	Infielder / Pitcher	16
3.	Baviskar Dhiraj Dilip	Catcher	84
4.	Phate Rutik Haridas	Infielder	12
5.	Sangwan Chirag	Infielder	7
6.	Yadav Sourabh	Infielder	18
7.	Tamrakar Aryan	Outfielder	15
8.	Thakur Mohit	Outfielder	1
9.	Gupta Sonu Kumar	Outfielder	9
10.	Borage Pranav Mahindra	Outfielder	6
11.	Sahoo Pravat	Infielder	2
12.	Valakkottu Regi Riju	Outfielder	10
13.	Solanki Varun	Infielder	8
14.	Bulagonda Prudvi Raj	Outfielder	3
15.	Sharma Nitesh	Outfielder	14
16.	Baliza Bharathchandra	Outfielder	5
	<u>Name of Team Official</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Position</u>
1.	Manash Sarkar	Male	Team Leader
2.	Mishra Subodh	Male	Coach
3.	Varu Amit Kumar	Male	Coach



3.2 Japan (JPN)

	JAPAN	JPN
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	<u>Name of Athlete-Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Uniform #</u>
1.	Umibe Kazuya	Pitcher	17
2.	Onishi Taiga	Pitcher	16
3.	Onodera Shota	Pitcher	19
4.	Yagi Koki	Pitcher	11
5.	Nishimori Ayumu	Catcher	22
6.	Motozuka Yuta	Catcher	04
7.	Inoue Yutaro	Infielder	20
8.	Okawa Ryuji	Infielder	3
9.	Kuroiwa Haruto	Infielder	5
10.	Nagayoshi Hitto	Infielder	6
11.	Hamada Shin	Infielder	10
12.	Matsuo Shoki	Infielder	1
13.	Miyamoto Kaito	Infielder	18
14.	Kikukawa Tomoki	Outfielder	9
15.	Sato Kouki	Outfielder	7
16.	Matsumoto Yoshinari	Outfielder	8

	<u>Name of Team Official</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Position</u>
1.	Ishimura Hiroshi	Male	Team Manager / Head Coach
2.	Yokota Masakazu	Male	Coach
3.	Yanagita Shinya	Male	Coach
4.	Yoshida Tomoyuki	Male	Staff /Team Official
5.	Taoka Koichi	Male	Staff / Team Official



3.3 Singapore (SGP)



	<u>Name of Athlete-Player</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Uniform #</u>
1.	Jason Cheng Yew Hui	Pitcher	56
2.	Mathew Tan Li Heng	Pitcher	90
3.	Ong Jun Heng Aloysius	Pitcher	8
4.	Teo Bobby	Infielder	32
5.	Mohammad Huzaifie bin Mohammad Noorham	Pitcher / Infielder	10
6.	Joshua Tan Ri Ming	Catcher	13
7.	Andre Chia Shaw Jin	Catcher	2
8.	Low Zu Ray	Infielder	5
9.	Mohammad Huzaifah bin Mohammad Noorham	Infielder	88
10.	Ean Eu An	Infielder	31
11.	Audric Chia Shaw Han	Infielder	3
12.	Matthew Lim Jing Xiang	Infielder	19
13.	Askari bin Imran	Infielder	11
14.	Tien Yu	Infielder	27
15.	Oh Ziglar	Outfielder	28
16.	Chow Rui Yan	Outfielder	99
17.	Elliot Tan Ri Sheng	Outfielder	14

	<u>Name of Team Official</u>	<u>Gender</u>	<u>Position</u>
1.	Chaw Wee Teck	Male	Team Manager
2.	Mohammad Farhan Harahap bin Amirudin	Male	Head Coach
3.	Koh Ruoh Jie	Male	Coach
4.	Mendoza William Jess Sarmiento	Male	Coach
5.	Lim Cheng Kuan	Female	Physiotherapist



4. COMPETITION RESULTS

4.1 Overall Competition Results

The overall Competition Results were as follows:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Competition</u>					<u>Game #</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Day 1: 01 September 2022 ((Thursday)(Double Round-robin Play-off)							
12:30	IND	1	v	7	JPN	UG1	Shimanto Stadium (Rain delay from 09:00)
15:00	SGP	13	v	0	IND	UG2	Shimanto Stadium (Rain delay from 11:30)
18:45	SGP	0	v	7	JPN	UG3	Rain delay from 14:00 - Played at Yasunami Field (with lights) as Shimanto Stadium had insufficient lighting
Day 2: 02 September 2022 (Friday) (Double Round-robin Play-off)							
09:00	JPN	9	v	0	IND	UG4	Shimanto Stadium
11:30	IND	2	v	3	SGP	UG5	Shimanto Stadium
14:00	JPN	6	v	0	SGP	UG6	Shimanto Stadium
16:30	Medal awards ceremony						

Overall Results:

1. Japan: 4 wins – 0 loss
2. Singapore: 2 wins – 2 losses
3. India: 4 losses

4.2 Final Team Standings

The FINAL Team Standings are as follows:

Asia Champion – Gold:	Japan	JPN	Qualified for World Cup 2022
Second – Silver:	Singapore	SGP	Qualified for World Cup 2022
Third – Bronze:	India	IND	





4.3 Box Score for ALL Games Played

Day 1 of Competition: 01 September 2022

4.3.1 GAME #1: IND (Visitor) v JPN (Home) – JPN won 7 – 1 (Shimanto Stadium)

Team	I-1	I-2	I-3	I-4	I-5	I-6	I-7	Total
IND	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
JPN	0	0	1	4	0	2	X	7

Technical Commissioners: Shuro Tsukioka (JPN), Sumio Ubukata (JPN)

Umpires: HP Ahmad Masran bin Hassan (SGP), 1B Paulo Tabirara (PHI),
2B --, 3B Ramesh Subramaniam (MAS)

Scorer: Nobuaki Nakatani (JPN)

4.3.2 GAME #2: SGP (Visitor) v IND (Home) – SGP won 13 – 0 (Shimanto Stadium)

Team	I-1	I-2	I-3	I-4	I-5	I-6	I-7	Total
SGP	0	1	5	0	0	7	--	13
IND	0	0	0	0	0	0	--	0

Technical Commissioners: Shuro Tsukioka (JPN), Sumio Ubukata (JPN)

Umpires: HP Koji Ogawa (JPN), 1B Takashi Hashimoto (JPN),
2B Masashi Itoh (JPN), 3B Takaharu Miyake (JPN)

Scorer: Seiji Shimomura (JPN)

4.3.3 GAME #3: SGP (Visitor) v JPN (Home) – JPN won 7 – 0 (Played at Yasunami Field, with lights, starting at 18:45 due to rain delay as Shimanto Stadium had insufficient lighting)

Team	I-1	I-2	I-3	I-4	I-5	I-6	I-7	Total
SGP	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	0
JPN	1	3	1	0	2X	--	--	7

Technical Commissioners: Shuro Tsukioka (JPN), Sumio Ubukata (JPN)

Umpires: HP Paulo Tabirara (PHI), 1B Ramesh Subramaniam (MAS),
2B Ahmad Masran bin Hassan (SGP), 3B Norikazu Hamasaki (JPN)

Scorer: Hiroko Higashitani (JPN)

Day 2 of Competition: 02 September 2022

4.3.4 GAME #4: JPN (Visitor) v IND (Home) – JPN won 9 – 0 (Shimanto Stadium)

Team	I-1	I-2	I-3	I-4	I-5	I-6	I-7	Total
JPN	6	2	0	0	1	--	--	9
IND	0	0	0	0	0	--	--	0

Technical Commissioners: Shuro Tsukioka (JPN), Sumio Ubukata (JPN)

Umpires: HP Ramesh Subramaniam (MAS), 1B Ahmad Masran bin Hassan (SGP),
2B Chung Curtis Syn Hang (HKG), 3B Paulo Tabirara (PHI)

Scorer: Hiroko Higashitani (JPN)



4.3.5 GAME #5: IND (Visitor) v SGP (Home) – SGP won 3 – 2 (Shimanto Stadium)

Team	I-1	I-2	I-3	I-4	I-5	I-6	I-7	Total
IND	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
SGP	0	0	0	3	0	0	X	3

Technical Commissioners: Shuro Tsukioka (JPN), Sumio Ubukata (JPN)

Umpires: HP Naoya Matsuda (JPN), 1B Katsuhiko Tanaka (JPN),
2B Takaharu Miyake (JPN), 3B Koji Ogawa (JPN)

Scorer: Nobuaki Nakatani (JPN)

4.3.6 GAME #6: JPN (Visitor) v SGP (Home) – JPN won 6 – 0 (Shimanto Stadium)

Team	I-1	I-2	I-3	I-4	I-5	I-6	I-7	Total
JPN	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	6
SGP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Technical Commissioners: Shuro Tsukioka (JPN), Sumio Ubukata (JPN)

Umpires: HP Paulo Tabirara (PHI), 1B Ramesh Subramaniam (MAS),
2B Mitsunori Kusamoto (JPN), 3B Ahmad Masran bin Hassan (SGP)

Scorer: Naomi Tsutsumi (JPN)

5. WBSC 1st U23 MEN SOFTBALL WORLD CUP 2022 QUALIFIED ASIA TEAMS

The WBSC 1st U23 Men Softball World Cup is scheduled to be held in Parana, Argentina in November 2022. The 2 Asia teams that have qualified for the World Cup are **Japan and Singapore**.

ARGENTINA, HERE THEY COME !



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