

**Ogaki International Women's Softball Game <Ogaki Cup>
in Ogaki-city, Gifu Japan 2014**

Technical Meeting

August 1st (Fri) 10:00 ~ 10:30/ Ogaki Forum Hotel 'KINSEI Room' (2nd Floor)

1. Ogaki Cup Schedule & Home-Visitor & Dugout

***Competition Venue : Ogaki City Kita Koen Baseball Stadium**

<August 1 (Fri)>

10:00 ~ 10:30 Technical Meeting (Ogaki Forum Hotel)

15:00 ~ China (Visiting -1st base dugout) vs. Australia (Home -3rd base dugout)

17:30 ~ China (Visiting -1st base dugout) vs. Japan (Home -3rd base dugout)

<August 2 (Sat)>

13:00 ~ Australia (Visiting -1st base dugout) vs. Japan (Home -3rd base dugout)

15:30 ~ Australia (Visiting -1st base dugout) vs. China (Home -3rd base dugout)

<August 3 (Sun)>

10:00 ~ Japan (Visiting -1st base dugout) vs. China (Home -3rd base dugout)

12:30 ~ Japan (Visiting -1st base dugout) vs. Australia (Home -3rd base dugout)

Followed by Awarding Ceremony

NOTE: **NO** Opening Ceremony

2. Playing Rules

Games are played basically according to the 2014-2017 ISF Rules.

3. Run Ahead Rules

Run ahead rules will be used in case of following::

15 runs after 3rd innings, 10 runs after 4th, 7 runs from the 5th.

(based on the ISF Rules)

4. Standings

a) Ogaki Cup format is a Double-Round-Robin competition will be played during the three days.

b) Games will not end in a tie. As a rule, it will fight to the finish. –From 8th innings it will apply tie-breaker rule.

c) Determining the rank will be based on winning percentage. A tie shall be resolved following in order to procedure set out below-

i. by their 'runs against' record in the games played among themselves.

ii. by their 'runs against' record in all the games played in single round robin games.

iii. by the results of their "runs and runs against of all their games".

*If Double-Round-Robin games cannot be completed caused by the weather condition, the final result should be decided by the result of Single-Round-Robin games, which will be adopted the last one.

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5. Awards

- a) Team: Winner-Champion Trophy
 2nd place-Trophy
 3rd place-Trophy

6. Register Confirmation

The players' registration will be confirmed by the official Team Roster distributed on the table. Described officials and maximum of 17 players are allowed in the dugout.

7. Official Ball

Yellow Optic MIZUNO 150

8. Uniform

Uniform colors of each team are determined according to the choice of innings, "Home: Dark color", "Visit: Light color" basically. Exceptionally if the team wishes to change, they shall discuss between relevant teams by the end of this technical meeting.

9. Starting Line-up Exchange

Starting Line-up must be confirmed 60 min. prior to each game at the Ogaki Cup organizer's office (Behind the home plate of Stadium). In case of games in succession, the roster list must be confirmed in 10 min. after the end of the former game.

10. Fielding

Each team will have 5 min. fielding only their first game on the first day. HOME team will start from 30 min. prior to the game followed by the Visiting team.

11. Field Maintenance

No maintenance during games.

12. Game Interval

There should be at least 30 min. interval from end of the previous game to next game.

13. Interviews

There will be interview session of Players and Head Coach after every game, so please respond as much as possible.

14. Protocol

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- (1) Please note that all players and coaches will be announced in an order of 1st base dugout, 3rd base dugout. Kindly line-up when your name has been called.
- (2) With plate umpire's calling out "close in! <in Japanese "Shu-go">", all players will line up in front of the home plate (face with opposite team in parallel), and greeting each other.
- (3) Gift exchange will not be held during the game.
- (4) The first-pitch ceremony will be held by a person appointed locally before several designated games. (2nd game of Aug.1 will hold the ceremony.)
- (5) Announcement will be done only in Japanese.

15. Notice

In case of bad weather, the game schedule will be changed. In principle, following decision will be made, but OC reserves the right to reschedule the games finally. The new schedule will be notified through your liaison staff.

If the whole game schedule cannot finalize, the final result should be decided by the result of Single-Round-Robin games, which will be adopted the last one.

16. Other

Please note that Gifu prefecture is one of most high temperature area in Japan, so please pay careful attention to the heatstroke.