



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Schedule Released for 2017 WBSC Men's Softball World Championship**

**June 7, 2017 (Whitehorse, YT)** – More than 80 games will be played at the Pepsi Softball Centre July 7<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, as Whitehorse welcomes the 2017 WBSC Men's Softball World Championship.

The full game schedule was released by the WBSC today and opening day will feature all participating teams in action, starting at 9:00 am PDT when Great Britain faces Botswana. Team Canada begins defence of their title against South Africa, at 7:30 pm, immediately following the opening ceremony.

Seventeen teams from five continents will be divided into two pools and compete in a challenging 64-game round robin, with the top four finishers from each pool advancing to the double page playoff round. The remaining teams will compete in the placement round.

**Pool A:** No. 3 Argentina, No. 5 Australia, No. 4 Canada, No. 11 Dominican Republic, Hong Kong, India, No. 14 South Africa, and No. 6 USA

**Pool B:** No. 19 Botswana, No. 8 Czech Republic, No. 13 Denmark, No. 10 Great Britain, No. 20 Indonesia, No. 2 Japan, No. 1 New Zealand, Turkey, and No. 7 Venezuela

Both India and Turkey will be making their men's world championship debuts. India's first action will be versus Australia while Turkey's first opponent will be Indonesia.

A key contest in the round robin will be the rematch of the 2015 bronze medal game between New Zealand and Venezuela, when they face each other on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. The 2017 gold medal game will take centre stage on July 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm PDT, and will be preceded by the bronze medal match at 1:00 pm.

Canada is aiming to repeat as world champions following their gold medal performance on home turf in 2015, when they defeated New Zealand 10-5; Venezuela earned the bronze medal.

The full game schedule is available here:  
[www.2017mensworldsoftball.com/schedule/](http://www.2017mensworldsoftball.com/schedule/)

Tournament passes for the 2017 WBSC Men's Softball World Championship are now on sale at Sport Yukon. Passes are \$200 for adults and \$150 for youth and seniors, and they are good for all games – including medal rounds. Day passes will be available at the gate during the event.

For all the latest news and information on the championship, visit [www.2017mensworldsoftball.com](http://www.2017mensworldsoftball.com), or follow us on social media:

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