

INVITATION



BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

ATTNANG-PUCHHEIM

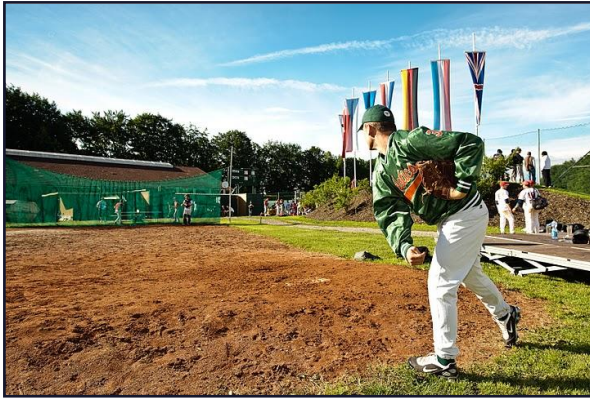
AUSTRIA

May 26th – 28th 2012

ATTNANG-PUCHHEIM
ATHLETICS BASEBALL
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GENERAL

From May 26th till May 28th, the Athletics Baseballclub will organize the 15th edition of FINKSTONBALL. The tournament is open to a maximum of 12 senior baseball teams and will be played on two fields.



The preliminary round games will be played on Saturday and Sunday morning. Semifinals will be on Sunday afternoon, on Monday (bank holiday) the finals and the homerun-derby will take place on the main field.

Over 2100 players from 78 teams from 18 different nations have participated in the past fourteen years. The FINKSTONBALL Baseball tournament is Austria's biggest Baseball event and hundreds of visitors watch the games throughout the weekend.



This tournament is combined with an outstanding music festival. Each night, top Austrian and International bands will perform live on the main stage. All events will take place in a multi purpose event hall, located directly next to the baseball fields. For more information about the festival check out our festival website at

www.pfingstspektakel.com

For those, who don't like the crowd, there will also be players parties at the field with live music.



HOW TO GET THERE

by CAR

Attnang-Puchheim (<http://www.attnang-puchheim.at>) is located between Linz (75 km) and Salzburg (65 km). Attnang-Puchheim can be reached by car via Highway A1 (Vienna – Salzburg – Munich). From the exit "Regau" distance to the baseball field is approximately 10 km.

by RAILWAY

Attnang-Puchheim is a major Railway-Hub on the Westbahn. Most Eurocity and all Intercity speed trains stop in Attnang-Puchheim. The baseball field can be reached within 8 minutes walking distance. A shuttle service will be provided for teams arriving by train.

by PLANE

The nearest airports (appr. 65 km) are Salzburg (SZG) and Linz (LNZ). Munich International airport (MUC) is located 250 km west of Attnang-Puchheim. The major airport-hub Vienna (VIE) is located 280 km east of Attnang-Puchheim. Teams arriving at Munich or Vienna International Airport can use hourly departing speed trains to Attnang-Puchheim (apr. 2,5 hours).



LODGING

A nearby gym will be adapted for mass lodging of participating teams. This service is included in the tournament entry fee. (Reservation necessary)
Camping is also possible directly next to the field at no extra charge. Further, affordable rooms in nearby hotels or pensions are also available.

**You will find all hotels in the region at our homepage
-> Tournament Information -> Lodging**

(Please be aware that Hotel Bäckerbrunnen is reserved for our officials)

If you need any help to find hotel rooms, do not hesitate to contact us.



BASEBALLFIELDS

The baseball field was completely renewed in 2006 and opened officially on May 19th 2007. Dugouts, full dirt, bullpen and a batting cage are available. The Clubhouse was finished 2009 . Maybe you pass by for a drink at our bar "Full dirt" where we serve drinks, snacks and MLB TV every night.

Dimensions of the main playing field are as follows:

Backstop	18 m
Leftfield	90 m
Centerfield	113 m
Right field	100 m

The second field will be an adapted soccer field, located next to the baseball field (200 meters walking distance).

For more information visit the ballpark section of our website www.athleticsbaseball.at



AREA PLAN



- C** CATERING & BAR
- P** FREE - PARKING LOT
- WC** TOILETS
- E** EVENT HALL & OUTDOOR PARTY AREA
- D** SHOWERS & RESTROOMS
- BUS STOP (Regional)
- FREE CAMPING AREA



COSTS

- **EUR 200,-** for registration & payment before Feb. 20th 2012
- **EUR 250,-** for registration & payment after Feb. 20th 2012

Lodging in the gym or at the camping area is for free.

An **“all you can eat” breakfast buffet** will be served for all players, coaches & fans next to the main field every day from 8:00 to 10.00 a.m. for a little price.

Payment details:

Please transfer the entry fee to the following account:

FINKSTONBALL XV

Attnang Athletics Baseballclub
Raiffeisenbank Attnang-Puchheim
IBAN: AT643471080102219400
BIC: RZOOAT2L710

SCHEDULE

Friday, 25.05.2012	
18.00	Arrival of teams
21.00	EVENING PROGRAM @ Event Hall
Saturday 26.05.2012	
09.00 – 17.00	Preliminary games
17:30	Opening ceremony
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21:00	PLAYERS PARTY at the field & EVENING PROGRAM @ Event Hall
Sunday, 27.05.2012	
09:00 – 14:30	Preliminary games
15:00	Semifinals and Games for 7 th /9 th & 11 th
21:00	PLAYERS PARTY at the field & EVENING PROGRAM @ Event Hall
Monday, 28.05.2012	
09:00	5 th -place Game
11:00	3 rd -place Game
13:00	Homerun-Derby
14:00	FINAL
16:00	Awards ceremony

All games will be called by independent umpires



TOURNAMENT RULES

Bats:

Only wood bats or composite bats are allowed during the whole tournament.

Preliminary round:

4 Groups at 3 teams each

- Time: 5 innings or 90 minutes. After 80 minutes, a new inning will NOT be started.

If a game is tied, every team starts with a baserunner on 2nd base (last out of previous inning).

If two or more teams have the same W-L record, the team with fewer runs allowed earns the higher ranking. If teams are still tied, the team with the most scored runs is ranked higher.

Semi-final:

The semi-finals will be drawn after the end of the preliminary round.

Time: 7 innings or 120 minutes. After 110 minutes, no new inning will be started. No tie-breaker rule.

Game for 3rd place:

Teams losing their semi-final game will play for 3rd place on Monday. 7 innings with no time limit. No tie-breaker rule.

Final:

7 innings with no time limit. No tie-breaker rule.

A DH may be used.

Semifinal groups will be drawn after the first game day.

All rules are subject to change by the tournament manager !

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*Please check our websites for news and updates concerning Finkstonball XV
You will find also a lot of pictures of recent Finkstonball tournaments there.*

<http://www.athleticsbaseball.at>

<http://www.finkstonball.com>

<http://picasaweb.google.com/Finkstonball>

