

Jim Goff Memorial Caribbean Classic Goodwill Tournament

January 13-18, 2027

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Remembering Jim Goff

Jim Goff was the founder and co-director of the annual Caribbean Classic Goodwill Tournament, which started in 2020. He was inducted into the Senior Softball USA Hall of Fame in 2024 in the International Director category for his sterling work building the international tournament on the Dominican Republic. He and his wife, Jane, had traveled to 75+ countries.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2027

All players and guests should plan to arrive on this day. You do have an option to arrive earlier, at additional cost to cover the extra hotel night(s).



Transfer via private van (included), Punta Cana International Airport to Barcelo Bavaro Palace (approx. 20 minutes enroute).

After hotel check-in, the rest of the day is at your leisure to take advantage of this all-inclusive resort, including main buffet, 11 specialty restaurants, 4 pools, bars including a sports bar, 24-hour casino, disco, fitness center and spa, business center, 18-hole mini golf (free until 6 pm), Pete Dye-designed 18-hole championship golf course (extra charge), tennis courts, multi-

sports courts, paddle tennis courts, ping pong, beach volleyball, beach exercise/yoga sessions, free non-motorized water sports such as windsurfing and snorkeling, free nightly entertainment shows, plus nominal-fee activities such as billiard tables, a 4-lane bowling alley, arcade games, and a wave pool.

A Welcome Get-Together will be hosted that night on the resort grounds for players and guests.

SSUSA is asking that all its players bring new or used equipment, still in good condition, for either adult or youth baseball or softball. There is a charity in the Dominican Republic that specializes in distributing such equipment to the places where it will do the most good. After arrival, we will inform you of a central drop-off location for gathering your donations.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY, JANUARY 14-15, 2027

Softball practice for all SSUSA players, 10 am - 12 noon, on the softball field located on site, with batting practice available on the adjacent soccer field. Note: The ball field is located less than a 3-minute walk from your accommodations and the half-mile long beach.

Afternoon is at your leisure to enjoy the resort. Optional off-site excursions are also available at additional cost and can be booked through our on-site travel agent/tournament co-director Tulio Ontiveros.

A guided beach walk along the shore with the sunset will be on the night of the 15th. More details will be provided once at the resort.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026

First day of the 2-day tournament. Opening Ceremony will honor Jim Goff. This is a 5-game tournament, with all teams playing two or three games on both Saturday and Sunday. Depending on the number of teams, the format will either be pool play followed by bracket play, or a full round robin. All games will be played on fields at the resort located within easy walking distance of our rooms. SSUSA players and their guests may have lunch in the resort buffet or at any of the bars or specialty restaurants that are open for lunch. In addition, a lunchtime picnic buffet will be available at the field from 12 noon until 2 pm for all SSUSA and international players and their guests.



Earliest game start times will be at 9:00 or 10:00 am, and the last game of the day will start at 4:15 or 4:30 pm. Time limits will be either 1 hour or 1:15 depending on the number of teams.

Evening is at your leisure to enjoy the amenities of the resort, including the free nightly entertainment show.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2027

Second day of the 2-day tournament. This is a 5-game tournament, with all teams playing two or three games each on Saturday and Sunday. Depending on the number of teams, the format will either be pool play followed by bracket play, or a full round robin. All games will be played on fields at the resort located within easy walking distance of our rooms. SSUSA players and their guests may have lunch in the resort buffet or at any of the bars or specialty restaurants that are open for lunch. In addition, a

lunchtime picnic buffet will be available at the field from 12 noon until 2 pm for all SSUSA and international players and their guests.



Earliest game start times will be at 9:00 or 10:00 am, and the last game of the day will start at 4:15 or 4:30 pm. Time limits will be either 1 hour or 1:15 depending on the number of teams entered.

After the tournament has concluded, there will be an award ceremony and a chance to exchange gifts and/or contacts with the foreign teams.

Evening is at your leisure to enjoy the amenities of the resort, including the free nightly entertainment show.

A Farewell Get-Together will be hosted that night on the resort grounds for players and guests.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2027

Transfer via private van (included), Barcelo Bavaro Palace to Punta Cana International Airport. There is an option to leave a later day, at additional cost to cover the extra hotel night(s).



2026 Caribbean Classic players and guests deliver thousands of dollars in donated bats, balls and gloves to impoverished kids in the Dominican Republic, including \$3,250 donated in Jim Caterbone's name, who passed away during the 2024 Northeast Championships in Syracuse, New York.