

Baseball team targets World Cup

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Some of the U15 baseball players who travelled to Nairobi

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After the national women softball team qualified for the second round of the 2027 World Championship, the Under-15 boys' team is also determined to win the continental world cup qualification in Kenya this weekend.

For the boy's team, it will be a direct qualification where the winner of the four-nation tournament will automatically represent Africa at the under 15 years world cup in Italy next year.

Team captain, Eustance Ssegujja has appealed to the government to prepare in advance to support the team financially should they secure qualification, recalling the disappointment of 2023 when he and his teammates could not travel when they qualified to represent Africa in the under 12 years category.

"Some of us were in the under 12 years team that qualified for the world cup in China Tai Pei in 2023 but failed to get funding," Ssegujja noted.

The delegation, consisting of 16 players and five officials, led by Uganda Baseball and Softball Association (UBSA) president John Bosco Sempa left the country by road on Wednesday and will embark on the qualification campaign starting today at Jomo Kenyatta University in Nairobi till Sunday.

The National Council of Sports (NCS) assistant general secretary in charge of technical matters, Milton Chebet, officially handed over the national flag to the team at Copper Chimney, Lugogo, on Wednesday. He urged the youngsters to observe discipline, focus, resilience and fair play as they chase for qualification.