

## Game by game

That is the approach Junior Black Sox coach John Love is taking with his side at next month's junior world championships in Parana, Argentina.

"They just have to play each day as it comes," Love said.

"They know what they are up against.

"Most of our games are late in the afternoon so it is going to be long days, but we just have to make sure we are well prepared and that we are not fatigued for the games."

The side has a handful of games before their world championship opening game against Denmark on November 2 and during those games Love wants to see improvement from his players.

"That will give us time to improve and work on our defence in particular."

"The hitting side of things isn't too bad, the boys are making a lot of contact.

"If we can get the defence right all the time that will be good."

Love has also sought out plenty of advice of what to expect from their surroundings with former Black Sox manager Jayden Moore and current Black Sox coach Eddie Kohlase among those to have passed on their experiences of being in Argentina.

"It is going to be a decent culture shock that is for sure," Love said.

For Love's team their biggest test will come on day **four** of the tournament when they face winner of the last four world championships Australia.

Also in the Junior Black Sox section are competition newcomers India and Singapore. The Black Sox play India in their second game while Singapore will be their final outing before the play-offs.

The play-offs will involve the top four teams from the two sections and the Junior Black Sox along with Australia are the frontrunners to take the first two placings there with the United States and Venezuela expected to make up the final four.

The other section which includes championship newcomers the British Virgin Islands and Croatia is expected to see Canada, Japan, Czech Republic and hosts Argentina qualify for the play-offs.

Injury has also robbed the side of pitcher Brad Worsley who withdrew from the team earlier this month. His place has been taken by Auckland's Campbell Gibson.

"He [Gibson] has fitted in without any problems," Love said.

"It's sad for Brad.."

The side will be captained by Jerome Raemaki with Pita Rona the vice-captain.

The draw is:

Nov 2:	Junior Black Sox v Denmark
Nov 3:	Junior Black Sox v India
Nov 4:	Junior Black Sox v Venezuela
Nov 5:	Junior Black Sox v Australia
Nov 6:	Junior Black Sox v United States
Nov 7:	Junior Black Sox v Singapore
Nov 8:	Play-offs
Nov 9:	Semifinals
Nov 10:	Final