

WBSC LEGACY CLUB

Annual Report 2025



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Mission

- To **bridge cultural gaps** and **enhance standards** of **education, health, and economic and social development** worldwide by using **baseball/softball** as a **powerful tool** for **humanitarian and legacy initiatives**.
- Our goal is to leave a **lasting impact on the world** by growing the sport and make it relevant in people's lives and communities. We aspire to leave a meaningful and positive legacy for the WBSC Family, event hosts, and future generations.

Values

- Team Spirit & Friendship
- Integrity & Respect
- Tradition & Innovation
- Diversity & Unity
- Excellence & Fun



January (1)

- In Azraq, the first month of the year was used to reinforce players' skill levels and assess their abilities in order to classify them into groups.



- In Kakuma and Kalobeyei, the team continues to train three (3) times per week. The first monthly briefing and debriefing of the year were held with the facilitator to address challenges and identify areas for improvement. First monthly check-ins with the head teachers of the schools attended by the athletes also took place. In addition, the first meeting of the year was held with parents and caregivers to track attendance and gather feedback.

February (1)

- In Azraq, the head coach reinforced team-building and group cohesion through the use of mixed-age training groups at the end of each training session. This approach helped raise the skill level and confidence of the younger players. To foster a supportive environment, the team also celebrated together their teammates' birthday.



February (2)

- In Kakuma and Kalobeyei, on 1-2 February the Baseball5 team participated in a [national tournament at Multimedia University](#), with a delegation of 16 members - 13 players and 3 officials - including 7 players from the Kakuma team and 6 from the Kalobeyei team. The team was led by Denis Mitei (Team Manager), Susan Nadai (Head Coach), and Issa Ramadhani (Assistant Coach). The team won one (1) game out of five (5).



- At the end of the month, English proficiency assessments were reconducted on the highest-level group tutored online by the baseball team of Durham University.

March (1)

- In Azraq, the trainings were adapted to the month of Ramadan. The Azraq refugee team participated in the third edition of the [Kingdom's Ramadan Baseball5 tournament](#) organised by the Jordan Baseball and Softball Federation. The team won first (1) place in the U17 and U11 age groups and second (2) place in the U15 and U13 age groups. In addition to the Azraq team, approximately 250 players from four local teams participated: Souf Camp Club, Samma Club, Balila Center, and Meqbeleh Center.



March (2)

- In Kakuma and Kalobeyei, players in the highest English-level group had the opportunity to participate in anti-doping training. The secondary school academic support program was also launched. The head coach and assistant coaches conducted player assessments. The Kakuma/Kalobeyei context is experiencing an increased number of violent encounters as a result of severe funding shortages since the beginning of the year, combined with increased competition among an ever-growing refugee population for already scarce resources. Baseball5, as a team sport, helps provide structure for youth, allowing them to enjoy playing and to set aside—at least for a while—the harsh realities of life.



April (1)

- The Legacy Club celebrated its second anniversary, as well as the [United Nations International Day of Sport for Development](#).
- A new version of the [Baseball5 Toolkit](#) was published, including the United Nations Refugee Agency's Sport for Protection approach. This approach uses sport and play to achieve positive social outcomes for displaced people and their host communities, improving psychosocial well-being, social inclusion, and social cohesion.



- In Azraq, the team increased the duration of training sessions and received Baseball5 game officials training from their head coach. The team also helped prepare the Baseball5 fields for the 2025 Hope & Dreams Festival.

April (2)

- In Kakuma, on 12 April, 28 players participated in the UNHCR–LWF Sport for Protection event, themed around advocating for a drug-free society through sport, during which they won an award. On 15 April, the Kakuma and Kalobeyei team held a friendly tournament at Kalobeyei Stadium involving sixty (60) players. Home visits to families demonstrated strong parental support and positive feedback.



May (1)

- For the third year, the Azraq Refugee Team and the local villages of Souf Camp, Balila, Summa, and Meqbeleh took part in the [Hope and Dreams Festival](#), a multi-sport event organised by the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation, with the presence of the WBSC President and the Chief Operating Officer. Azraq team players also had the opportunity to serve as game officials during matches involving other teams.



May (2)

- The festival was held from 30 April to 3 May. The Azraq refugee team achieved first place in all age groups. During the festival, new uniforms and Baseball5 balls were donated to the Azraq team by Teammate.



May (3)

- On 31 May, the Kakuma and Kalobeyei team organised a friendly tournament held at Kalobeyei Stadium. During school check-ins, academic reports were collected and performance was monitored. The Kakuma team used the award money provided through the UNHCR-LWF event to share a meal together.



June (1)

- In Azraq, the team increased its numbers to 140, with fifty (50) new players since the beginning of the year.



- Starting in June, the assistant coach Reem Hadroos became a full-time paid assistant. The head coach delivered an anti-doping awareness session covering testing procedures, the prohibited list, supplements, and the importance of speaking up in challenging situations, and also began training players to serve as game officials.

June (2)

- The elite team took part in a training camp from 18-21 June to enhance performance and skills. Thirteen (13) players—seven girls and six boys—participated in the camp, led by the head coach Amjad Alatoon and assistant coach Reem Hadroos, with support from local coach Qusai Al-Tweisi. During the camp, the team visited four towns in Jordan: Jerash, Balila, Souf, and Amman.



- They visited a gym, a church, a football academy, a swimming pool, and a scout camp in the forests of Dibeen for the first time. The team conducted daily morning and evening training sessions focused on physical, technical, and tactical preparation. During the World Refugee Day ceremony organised by UNHCR and CARE on 24 June 2025, a female Baseball5 player from the team delivered a speech highlighting the impact of Baseball5 on refugee children's lives, as well as on their health and sports development.

July (1)

- In Azraq, to encourage new trainees, the head coach organised a distribution of T-shirts. The team continued training, while some players left the camp with their families to return to Syria.



July (2)

- In Kakuma and Kalobeyei, players received their uniforms and shoes. On 12 July, thirty (30) Baseball5 players and two (2) coaches participated in a tree-planting activity at Kalobeyei Stadium. A total of 36 neem trees (*Azadirachta indica*) were successfully planted within the stadium grounds. The selected tree species, known for its resilience and environmental benefits, underscores the project's long-term sustainability goals. The designated planting area was named the "Baseball5 Forest".



July (2)

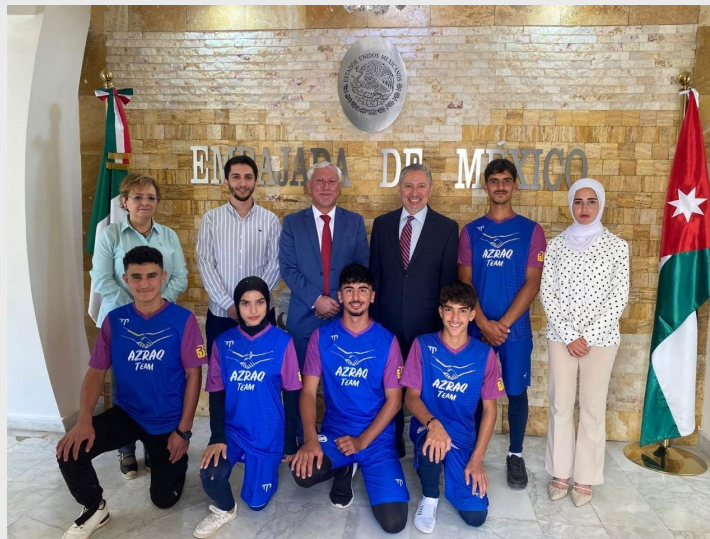
- On 19 July, a Baseball5 selection event was held to identify top athletes for upcoming national and continental competitions. The trials targeted players born in 2008 and 2009.
- A total of 23 boys and girls from Kakuma and Kalobeyei participated and were divided into four mixed teams to ensure balanced play. Each team played at least three full sets of five innings, allowing fair and consistent evaluation of all players in both offensive and defensive game situations.



- Eight (8) athletes (four boys and four girls) were selected to form the representative team, with five players from Kakuma and three from Kalobeyei. Selection was based on key performance indicators including game awareness, agility, hitting consistency, defensive skills, and teamwork.

August (2)

- In August, the preparation of the Azraq elite team for a training camp in Mexico started. Training has continued with a focus on maintaining physical fitness, strengthening teamwork, and applying both individual and team strategies, with particular emphasis on advanced technical and mental skills. In addition, team-building activities were organised to support elite players, alongside the implementation of a home-based individual training program that complements regular training sessions.



August (2)

- On 1 August, for the first anniversary of the partnership with AHEEN for the project in Kakuma/Kalobeyei the agreement was renewed. The programme will continue to focus on three core priorities: strengthening performance and capacity-building, providing education opportunities and expanding participation to include host community members.



September (1)

- In Azraq, the WBSC, in collaboration with Olympic Solidarity, the Syrian National Olympic Committee, and the Mexican Ministry of Sports (CONADE), provided eleven (11) athletes—five (5) girls and six (6) boys—along with their assistant coach and head coach, with the opportunity to take part in a training camp held in Mexico from 18-23 September, led by Cuban coach [Reinaldo Batista Fernandez](#). During the camp, the team trained twice per day and played friendly matches against the Mexican Youth B5 National Team.



September (1)

- Following this training camp, eight (8) of the eleven (11) athletes represented the Syrian National Team at the Youth Baseball5 World Cup in Tepic, Mexico, from 24-27 September 2025. This event marked a milestone, as it was the first time in WBSC history that a refugee team participated in a WBSC World Cup. From a sporting perspective, the team gained valuable experience, improved and assessed their performance against the best teams in the world, although they finished last in the competition. On a personal level, this opportunity allowed them to discover life beyond their camp, engage in cultural exchanges, build friendships, and gain motivation to improve both their English and their performance.



September (2)

- Testimonies of two athletes from the team:

“First and foremost, I would like to express our deep gratitude to the Confederation family at the World Baseball Softball Confederation, and to all supporters, sponsors, and organizing bodies of the training camp and the tournament for their trust and continuous support. The trip was more than simply taking part in a camp or a competition; it was a life-changing experience full of challenges, through which I grew both as a player and as a person. The training was intensive and demanding, and the competition was at a world-class level; we faced physical and mental fatigue, yet our determination never waned. Interacting with players from different countries and sharing their experiences and training methods added a tactical and human dimension that I had not expected. The human support from coaches and teammates and the warmth we felt made the experience more valuable and meaningful than any result on paper.”

“Representing Syria in Baseball5 was one of the greatest honors of my life. Even though I didn’t step on the field during the matches, I was more than just a spectator—I was the energy, the encouragement, and the heartbeat behind my team. This journey made me realize that true contribution is not always about holding the bat or making the play. Sometimes, it’s about lifting your teammates when their spirits are down and giving them the courage to fight again. Every cheer, every word of motivation, and every moment I shared with my team became part of the victory of experience, even if the scoreboard didn’t show it. I learned the art of patience and resilience—understanding that my time to shine will come, and until then, my role is still powerful and meaningful. I learned how to correct my own mistakes, to train harder, to hit stronger, and to react faster. Even without playing, I grew as both an athlete and a person. Most importantly, I learned that being a teammate means being a brother: standing beside them whether you play or not, because unity is the real victory. I loved watching the harmony between Coach Amjad and Coach Reinaldo; their leadership taught me more than any textbook ever could. I enjoyed every training session, the laughter, the discipline, and the joy of being part of something bigger than myself. The culture, the chants, the food, the hotel, and the warmth of Mexico will stay in my heart forever. The hardest part was watching my team lose while I couldn’t directly change the outcome. But even in that pain, I found strength. I felt regret for not proving myself on the field, but that regret became my motivation for the future. Sometimes, the language barrier made things difficult, but even that became a door to learning Spanish and connecting with people in new ways.”

October

- The impact of the Baseball5 Azraq refugee team's participation in the Youth Baseball5 World Cup was evident in the camp. Young players showed increased motivation to train, aspiring to gain opportunities to participate in international training camps and tournaments. At the same time, the elite team applied the strategies and training methods learned during the training camp and the World Cup to improve their skills and address the team's weaknesses. The elite team athletes also became role models for the younger players.



November (1)

- The training continued in Azraq. The Azraq team conducted an exhibition match at Jerash University during a workshop on 17 November, introducing Baseball5 to university sports and ninety (90) students.



November (2)

- On 6 and 14 November, at the end of the training sessions, the team conducted reading circles. Home check-ins were done in Kalobeyei to continuously monitor the situation and gather feedback from the parents/guardians.



December (2)

- On 6 December, the Kakuma/Kalobeyei team had their last friendly competition of the year.

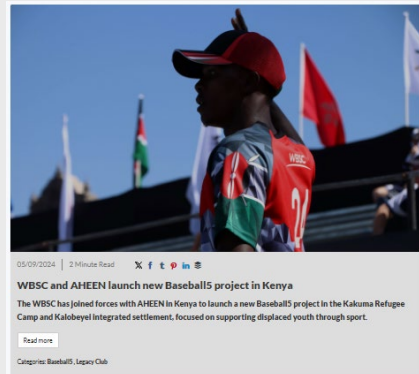


- In Azraq, the team reduced training during the last days of the month to prepare for their school exams.



WBSC Legacy Club Media

- To stay updated on the WBSC Legacy Club and the WBSC Baseball5 refugee teams in Jordan and Kenya, please visit our dedicated WBSC Legacy Club webpage, where we regularly publish relevant articles (click [HERE](#)).



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2025 Year in Review: WBSC Legacy Club delivering lasting impact through Baseball5

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23/09/2025 x f t p in

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Kakuma Refugee Team makes historic debut as Baseball5 continues to be a big hit in Kenya

The Kakuma Refugee Team was assembled at the Kakuma Refugee Camp in a project jointly run by the WBSC, the African Higher Education In Emergencies Network (AHEEN) and Olympic Solidarity.

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WBSC Legacy Club

- The WBSC Legacy Club and its projects support the following Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations in its General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/1 of 25 September 2015.





WBSC Legacy Club Finances

- The WBSC Legacy Club has its own bank account separate from that of the WBSC and expenditure is checked by an independent Swiss certified audit firm that applies rigorous international financial reporting standards.
- The WBSC Legacy Club also produces an annual financial report which is published online in the [legacy club finance's section](#) each year.
- 2025 Incomes: 77.393 USD
- 2025 Expenses: 106.659 USD
- If you wish to make a donation to our project, please consult our page [How to donate](#).

Acknowledgments

- The WBSC Legacy Club is truly grateful to all its Donors, Legacy Club Members and Partners who are helping to provide hope and opportunity for displaced people through Baseball/Softball.

Thank you!

