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CHAPTER 1 – GENERAL PRINCIPLES

ARTICLE 1. NAME AND FOUNDING PURPOSE

1.1 Under Article 1 of the WBSC Statutes, the World Baseball Softball Confederation, hereinafter referred to as “WBSC” or the “Confederation”, is the only recognised International Governing Body for the Sport of Baseball/Softball and all disciplines thereof, legally established in accordance with its own Statutes as well as Swiss Civil Code and it shall be in charge of all Baseball/Softball activities in all categories thereof in all the countries and territories of the world which accept its Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

1.2 Pursuant to Article 12.1 of the WBSC Statutes, WBSC has created the WBSC Baseball Division (the “WBSC-BD” or “Baseball Division”) and the WBSC Softball Division (the “WBSC-SD” or “Softball Division”), hereinafter referred to as the “Divisions”, for the sole purpose of and to be responsible for the technical rules and competitions, the supervision and the organisation of Baseball and Softball respectively, and to manage the same under the authority of the WBSC.

1.3 The Divisions shall be governed by the WBSC Statutes, By Laws, Rules and Regulations, this Code of the Divisions and all categories thereof which shall be in full compliance with the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By Laws, Rules and Regulations and the International Olympic Committee Charter.

1.4 The Divisions are ruled by the Code of the Divisions, which is in full compliance with the WBSC Statutes and the International Olympic Committee Charter.

1.5 The WBSC membership is governed by Articles 6, 7, 8 and 10 of the WBSC Statutes and pursuant thereto, the Divisions are constituted by those WBSC Members which govern, organise, promote and/or develop Baseball and/or Softball in their respective country or territory.

ARTICLE 2. LOCATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONS

2.1 The Divisions may have their own management offices located in Lausanne, Switzerland or such other locations as may be proposed by the Divisions and approved by the WBSC Executive Board.

CHAPTER 2 – ORGANISATION OF THE DIVISIONS

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3.1 The Divisions shall be managed and administered in the following manner:

- a) their Biennial Meetings of the respective Members;
- b) their respective Division Boards;
- c) such Division Commissions as the Division Boards may deem appropriate.

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3.4 Each Division Board may employ such executive, management and administrative staff as it deems appropriate and all payments for such staff shall be the responsibility of and to the account of each respective Division. All such staff exercise such duties and responsibilities as delegated to it by the Division Boards and under its authority and shall be in compliance with the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By Laws, Rules and Regulations. All such staff shall report to the Division Boards, which shall report to the WBSC Executive Board.

ARTICLE 4. THE WBSC DIVISION BIENNIAL MEETINGS

4.1 The Division Biennial Meetings shall be the highest authority of the Divisions and shall have the power to decide upon any matters relating to this Code provided always that all such decisions shall be in compliance with and in harmony with the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By Laws, Rules and Regulations.

4.2 Each Division Biennial Meeting shall consist of the following:

a) one (1) delegate for each Division Member in Good Standing who has been accepted by the WBSC as an Accredited Delegate under Article 13.2 of the WBSC Statutes, which shall apply as applicable under this Code. Each such delegate shall have one (1) vote. Division Members not in Good Standing shall have the right to attend and speak but no right to vote.

All Accredited Delegates must be a Member of the Board of a Member Federation authorised in writing by that Member Federation; nevertheless, subject to the prior approval of the Executive Board, a diplomat from the corresponding country or territory of a member of the WBSC may be appointed as a Delegate for a Congress held in the country or territory in which he/she is accredited.

b) all officers of the Division Boards, who have the right to speak but no right to vote.

c) the WBSC President and all others whose attendance is authorised by the WBSC Executive Board who have the right to speak but no right to vote.

4.3 The Chairman of each Division shall control the conduct of the respective Biennial Meeting (“Chair”). Should the Chair, for any reason be unavailable, then the Vice Chairman shall preside and should the Vice Chairman for any reason be unavailable, one of the Members At-Large according to the Protocol Order shall preside and thereafter alternating between them if the Chairman is again not available, or if no Member At-Large is available then the WBSC Executive Board shall appoint one of the WBSC Executive Board officers to serve as Chair thereof.

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Once a final written notice of a Meeting has been made, the Meeting may only be cancelled by majority vote of the Division Board.</p> <p>f) The Chairmen of the Divisions shall preside at every Division Board meeting. Should the Chair, for any reason be unavailable, then the Vice Chairmen according to the Protocol Order shall preside and should the Vice Chairmen for any reason be unavailable, one of the Members At-Large according to the Protocol Order shall preside and thereafter alternating between them if the Chairman is again not available.</p> <p>g) The quorum shall be constituted with the concurrence of at least seven (7) of its officers. In the absence of a quorum, the Division Boards, duly convened, may nevertheless proceed to discuss the matters on the agenda.</p> <p>h) The Chairman shall be responsible of drawing the minutes of the Meeting of the Division Board, provide draft minutes within twenty (20) calendar days after the Meeting and publish them within thirty (30) calendar days to every Division Member and to the WBSC President.</p> <p>i) At every Meeting of the Division Board, each officer of the Division Board shall declare any conflict of interest involving any matter on the agenda or otherwise discussed at the Meeting, which conflict(s) shall be recorded in the minutes. An officer of the Division Board may, with the prior written consent of the Division Board, participate in a Meeting not called as a fully electronic meeting of the Division Board and be present by telephonic or other means of electronic communication as long as all participants can be clearly heard. An officer of the Division Board attending a Meeting in this way shall be deemed to be present and this will not count as an absence.</p> <p>j) No officer of the Division Board shall attend by or give a proxy to another person and no vote shall be taken by or opinion expressed by proxy.</p> <p>k) A resolution shall be validly passed if adopted by a majority of members of the Division Board present and voting.</p> <p>l) Unless otherwise agreed by the Meeting of the Division Board in question, the minutes of that meeting, in whole or in part, shall be public.</p> <p>m) Notwithstanding the above, an officer of the Division Board may request that the Division Board meet on an expedited basis provided that more than two-thirds (2/3) of the members agree in writing to hold such a meeting (“Special Committee Meeting”). 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In the absence of a quorum, the Division Boards, duly convened, may nevertheless proceed to discuss the matters on the agenda.</p> <p>h) The Chairman shall be responsible of drawing the minutes of the Meeting of the Division Board, provide draft minutes within twenty (20) calendar days after the Meeting and publish them within thirty (30) calendar days to every Division Member and to the WBSC President.</p> <p>i) At every Meeting of the Division Board, each officer of the Division Board shall declare any conflict of interest involving any matter on the agenda or otherwise discussed at the Meeting, which conflict(s) shall be recorded in the minutes. An officer of the Division Board may, with the prior written consent of the Division Board, participate in a Meeting not called as a fully electronic meeting of the Division Board and be present by telephonic or other means of electronic communication as long as all participants can be clearly heard. An officer of the Division Board attending a Meeting in this way shall be deemed to be present and this will not count as an absence.</p> <p>j) No officer of the Division Board shall attend by or give a proxy to another person and no vote shall be taken by or opinion expressed by proxy.</p> <p>k) A resolution shall be validly passed if adopted by a majority of members of the Division Board present and voting.</p> <p>l) Unless otherwise agreed by the Meeting of the Division Board in question, the minutes of that meeting, in whole or in part, shall be public.</p> <p>m) Notwithstanding the above, an officer of the Division Board may request that the Division Board meet on an expedited basis provided that more than two-thirds (2/3) of the members agree in writing to hold such a meeting (“Special Committee Meeting”). 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- a) To officially represent the Division in accordance with what is stated in this Code.
- b) To summon and preside the Biennial Meetings and meetings of the respective Division Board and to sign the corresponding minutes.
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- d) To manage and supervise the executions of the decisions of the Biennial Meetings and the Division Board and to present to them such reports as may be requested.
- e) To propose to the Division Board the appointment and hire such staff personnel for the Executive Management and administration of the Division under the final approval of the WBSC Executive Board.
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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Introduction

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2. Further amendments were approved by the WBSC Extraordinary Congress held on 18 December 2021.
3. The WBSC Executive Board, in conjunction with the WBSC Legal Commission, has undertaken a detailed review of the Code of the Divisions for approval at the WBSC Extraordinary Congress to be held on 18 December 2021.
4. This document provides an explanatory background to each Article of the Code of the Divisions being amended.

Proposed Amendments to WBSC Code of the Divisions

Commissions, Working Groups (WGs) & Employees (Article 3, Article 7, Article 8 and consequential Articles)

5. The proposed amendments are reflecting the current structure of the WBSC, where the Committees, the WGs and employees are under the direct management of the Confederation.

Financial Matters (Chapter 4, Article 12, Article 13, Article 4.8 (d), Article 5.1 (c), Article 5.2.1, Article 5.7 (d), Article 6.1 (c), Article 6.3 and consequential Articles)

6. The proposed Amendments are reflecting the current financial relations between the WBSC and the Divisions. The Treasurer of the Divisions is not needed in this contest because the Divisions' financial management and responsibilities are vested in the WBSC Treasurer.

Doping Control (Article 9)

7. This Amendment is needed for the WBSC Compliance towards the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code.