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YEARBOOK 2019-2020

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2019-2020 AT A GLANCE

As the WBSC looks back on 2019 and 2020 in its first-ever yearbook, no one could have predicted just how different one year would be from the next.

Undoubtedly, 2019 was a year dominated by athletes, national teams and competitions. It was a record-breaking year for the WBSC in terms of events held. Over the course of 12 months, the WBSC staged the Premier12, five World Cups, the first Baseball5 international event with the Open de Las Americas and four dedicated Olympic qualifying tournaments for the Tokyo 2020 Games.

The WBSC's flagship event, the Premier12, featured a 40% increase in prize money and new innovations such as pitching and warm-up clocks to speed up play and the video review system. All of which contributed to a superb spectacle of athleticism and competition.

The WBSC is already a powerhouse when it comes to providing opportunities for youth players. However, this support for the sport's future stars was reinforced when the US\$130 million Tainan Asia-Pacific International Baseball Stadium and Training Centres -- the current home of the WBSC -U-12 Baseball World Cup -- was inaugurated in Taiwan in 2019. A first-of-its-kind elite baseball facility designed specifically for players aged 12 and under.

Whilst 2019 was dominated by sport and competition, 2020 was a year like no other in which the WBSC had to quickly adapt to new circumstances beyond its control.

The WBSC's newest and most exciting discipline, Baseball5, had an explosive start to the year when it was added to the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2022 sports programme.

Unfortunately, by March, the COVID-19 pandemic began to take its hold on the world and in the months that followed, the WBSC was forced to cancel the rest of its 2020 calendar after the U-18 Men's Softball World Cup was successfully staged in New Zealand in February.

However, the lack of competition and travel allowed the WBSC to focus its efforts on restructuring the core of the organisation in order to safeguard the future of baseball-softball and its community in the challenging years ahead.

Changes included the welcoming of E-Sports as a discipline of baseball and softball, and the inauguration of the WBSC's brand-new global headquarters in Pully, adjacent to the Olympic capital, Lausanne, from which baseball and softball leaders can map their global growth strategies.

In addition, the WBSC conceived our strategic plan for the period 2021-2024 and established new commissions and programmes such as the Integrity Unit and WBSC Academy in what are key initiatives to help develop baseball and softball around the world.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear colleagues, dear friends,

Welcome to the WBSC's first-ever yearbook, in which we look back on 2019 and 2020, two years of incredible growth, development, emotions and challenges.

Whilst 2019 was a record-breaking year in which we hosted more events in a 12-month period than ever before, 2020 will be marked by a lack of competition due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the changes we have made off the field of play.

There are so many special moments to choose from in 2019, but one in particular stands out for me and that would be the electric and deafening atmosphere at the Tokyo Dome as Samurai Japan were crowned WBSC Premier12 Champions.

The tournament was a tremendous success, which not only served as a tasteful reminder of what we can expect when baseball and softball make their exciting return to the Olympic Games at Tokyo 2020 in 2021, but also how far we have come as an International Federation since the merging of baseball and softball in 2013.

The III WBSC Congress in Sakai City put an end to our greatest year on record, and as I said during my opening speech at the Congress, we have evolved into a fantastic sporting family. A family which I am deeply proud of and honoured to lead.

2020 will be an unforgettable year but for different reasons. We started the year with a major milestone with Baseball5 having been confirmed on the Sports Programme of the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2022. However, by March, it was clear that we were faced with our biggest existential crisis in a generation. Bit by bit the COVID-19 pandemic chewed away at our competition calendar, as we were forced to postpone or cancel events. Tokyo 2020 was not spared, and our fantastic Olympic comeback was also put on hold, for now.

Importantly, WBSC Member Associations and

Professional Leagues around the world managed to continue, providing good examples of how to run leagues and events during the pandemic, and offering plenty of goodwill for fans and learnings for organisers, especially looking ahead to Tokyo 2020.

Taking advantage of the pause to the international events calendar, the WBSC Executive Board, Commissions and our staff in Switzerland quickly got to work on making changes at the core of our organisation. From our newly inaugurated global headquarters in Pully, we worked on strengthening the platform from which our beloved sport and our global community can continue to grow and prosper despite the challenging years ahead.

You will read more about these changes in our yearbook through which we intend to recognise the excellent work undertaken by each and every one of you.

Yours sincerely,

Riccardo **Fraccari**

SECRETARY GENERAL MESSAGE

2019 was an exceptional year in terms of growth and development for our sport. The sheer number of events we hosted, combined with the media coverage generated meant that the WBSC enjoyed unprecedented exposure in 2019.

That exposure plays a big role in our objective of globalising baseball-softball. However, if we want to continue enjoying the record-breaking growth of previous years we must plan meticulously off the field-of-play.

Many important decisions were made by the Executive Board in 2019 with respect to our events. One such example was to reduce the number of innings played in age-category Baseball World Cups from nine to seven, starting in 2020, except for the U-12 age group, which will remain at six innings.

In addition, it was agreed at the Executive Board meeting in Rome in 2019 that we would use technology to speed up the game tempo such as reviews of pitch clocks, between-inning clocks, visits to the mound and other measures to limit interruptions to game action. Changes that were introduced successfully at Olympic Qualification Tournaments, the Pan American Games and, above all, our flagship event Premier12.

Over the course of 2020, the WBSC also took significant steps to safeguard the integrity and good governance within our organisation. One of our most important decisions was to establish the WBSC Integrity Unit, which will serve as a centralised hub for the enhancement of fair play and transparency, protection of athletes' rights and promotion of inclusivity. I am honoured to Chair this critically important task.

While COVID-19 brought international baseball-softball events around the world to a halt, the WBSC took the opportunity to reassess the support we are providing to member organisations in order to get competitions back underway in 2021 in the safest of circumstances. By May, we published a set of health and operational recommendations

for the safe return of baseball and softball activity. The "Safe Return to Baseball/Softball -- COVID-19 Prevention Guidelines" was developed by the WBSC Medical Commission in accordance with the World Health Organization's risk assessment tool before we launched the WBSC Academy in November, providing our members with a key resource to help our game prosper both on and off the field. All these tools will play a critical role in helping the WBSC and our Member Federations continue to grow and hopefully return to competition as soon as possible in 2021. With a vaccine in circulation and our spectacular Olympic return on the horizon, we are looking ahead to 2021 with renewed confidence and great anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

Beng Choo Low



2020 IN FOCUS

WBSC highlights progress made in the last year

Despite the forced disruption to the competition calendar, 2020 remained a busy year for the WBSC and entire baseball-softball family in many aspects. The WBSC has taken significant steps to strengthen the foundation of baseball-softball and ensure that our beloved sport will be and always remain strongly aligned with the Olympic Movement.

In July, the WBSC opened an exciting new chapter in our history with the inauguration of baseball-softball's brand-new and permanent global headquarters in Pully, Switzerland. Located in a suburb of the Olympic capital Lausanne, 'Home Plate' is an exemplar of sustainable development and has been featured as an IOC sustainability case study, showcasing WBSC's commitment to forging a green future for all.

During the official inauguration of the new headquarters, IOC President Thomas Bach joined the WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari in planting a tree - a magnolia evergreen - to honour the life of WBSC co-president and international softball legend Don Porter. As one of the most influential leaders in the history of softball and a pivotal player in securing softball's debut on, and return to, the Olympic Programme, the loss of Porter was

mourned by the entire softball community.

In October, the WBSC doubled down on its promise to safeguard the future of baseball-softball with the establishment of the WBSC Integrity Unit, a centralised, dedicated platform for all matters related to promoting and ensuring integrity within the organisation. The mission of the Integrity Unit is to enhance good governance, fair play and transparency, promote inclusiveness and protect athletes' rights.

The WBSC also officially began courses for the WBSC Academy in November. The new online learning platform to help facilitate athletes, coaches, officials and National Federations to conduct efficient self-learning of the various topics related to Baseball, Softball and Baseball5. The WBSC Academy is a great example of a development initiative that has allowed us to adapt to the new norm and find new ways to support our global community around the world in 2020.



NEW WBSC HEADQUARTERS

The WBSC officially opened its new and permanent global headquarters in Pully, Switzerland, directly adjacent to the Olympic capital city of Lausanne on 6 July. The new headquarters have been named “Home Plate” and is owned and operated by the WBSC.

WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari welcomed senior members of the Olympic Family, including International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach and representatives from the Pully Municipality and Canton of Vaud for the official opening of the new WBSC headquarters but due to the coronavirus international travel restrictions and Switzerland’s COVID-19 health and safety guidelines, the inauguration ceremony was limited to 30 guests. These included ASOIF President Francesco Ricci Bitti, Pully Municipal Councillor of Town Planning and Environment Nicolas Leuba, Canton de Vaud Minister of Sport Philippe Leuba, IOC Director General Christophe De Kepper, IOC Sports Director Kit McConnell and the WBSC’s Switzerland-based staff.



2019 WBSC CONGRESS

Accomplishments both
on and off the field of
play

Staged in Sakai, Japan from 19 to 21 November 2019, the third WBSC Congress was hailed as a great success, bringing together members of the international baseball-softball community for discussion, engagement and a sharing of ideas.

The opening speech by WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari focused on the globalisation of baseball-softball and making it more appealing for the younger generation. The WBSC's newest discipline, Baseball5, is a key component in our strategy to popularise the game among young people and make it more accessible globally. The urban sport will make its highly-anticipated debut on the Olympic stage at the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026.

A key role of the WBSC is to empower its members and equip them with the best resources to be able to help develop and grow the game of baseball-softball in their respective regions. Four open workshops on the eve of the Congress - Baseball5, Coach Commission Project, Scoring Application, Website and OTT Platform - facilitated that process with high participation across them all.

The Congress was also highlighted by seven new

federations being welcomed to the WBSC family and honours presented to some of the major stars of the WBSC and the international baseball-softball community.

In 2020, the WBSC members voted to move the fourth Congress, set to be held in Chinese Taipei, from November 2021 to March 2022, in order to help ease a potential full calendar of events in 2021.



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Game Time!
3rd CONGRESS
20-21 NOVEMBER 2019
SAKAI, JAPAN

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CHINESE
TAIPEI

SWI
MARITIME

2018 & 2019 Individual Awards



The WBSC presented its Individual Awards for 2018 and 2019, hosted by long-time WBSC partner SSK that closed the 2019 Congress.

Baseball Athlete of 2018 - **Cody Schrier** (USA), star middle infielder on the world champion USA U-15 National Team
Baseball Athlete of 2019 - **Robert Hassell** (USA), star outfielder on the USA National Team, runner up at the U-18 Baseball World Cup

Softball athlete of 2018 - **Haylie Ann McCleney** (USA), star outfielder on the world champion USA Women’s National Team
Softball Athlete of 2019 - **Hikaru Matsuda** (JPN), two-way player on the Japan National Team, runner up at the Men’s Softball World Championship 2019

Baseball coach of 2018 - **Megumi Kitta**, manager of Madonna Japan, the Japanese Women’s Baseball National Team
Baseball coach of 2019 - **Tsung Chih-Chou**, manager of the world champion U-18 Chinese Taipei National Team

Softball Coach of 2018 - **Kenneth Scott Eriksen**,

manager of the world champion USA Women’s National Team.

Softball Coach of 2019 - **Julio Gamarci**, manager of the world champion Argentina Men’s National Team.

Baseball Federation of 2018 - **Colombia** (Federación Colombiana de Béisbol)
Baseball Federation of 2019 - **Chinese Taipei** (Chinese Taipei Baseball Association)

Softball Federation of 2018 - **Mexico** (Federación Mexicana de Softbol)
Softball Federation of 2019 - **China** (Chinese Softball Association)

Baseball Umpire of 2018 - **Kevin Sweeney** (USA)
Baseball Umpire of 2019 - **Erwin Zambrano** (Mexico)

Softball Umpire of 2018 - **Kyira Cox** (AUS)
Softball Umpire of 2019 - **David Selden III** (USA)

2018 Scorer of the Year - **Linda Steijger** (NED), for her support in drafting the Scorer’s Manual
2019 Scorer of the Year - **Jeannie Moloney** (AUS), for her support in the global effort of scorers

EVENTS 2019-2020

II WBSC PREMIER12

2-17 November 2019

XVI WBSC MEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

13-26 June 2019

WBSC U-19 WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP

10-17 August 2019

WBSC U-18 MEN'S BASEBALL WORLD CUP

30 August – 8 September 2019

WBSC U-18 MEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP

22 February – 1 March 2020

WBSC U-12 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

26 July – 4 August 2019

WBSC U-12 SOFTBALL WORLD CUP

26-30 July 2019

TOKYO 2020: BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL'S OLYMPIC RETURN

BASEBALL5

BASEBALL FOR THE BLIND



II WBSC PREMIER12

Tournament Dates: **2-17 November 2019**

12 TEAMS

336 ATHLETES

32 GAMES

US\$ 5.21M PRIZE MONEY

328,541 SPECTATORS



Better Pitching, Closer Games, Greater Emotion



The second edition of the major international baseball tournament, which brings together the world's 12 best-ranked baseball nations every four years, saw Japan cement their status as the top-ranked baseball nation in the world.

Played in four different locations - Mexico, Taiwan, Korea and Japan - the internationalization and globalization of baseball continued.

A superb atmosphere a sold-out Tokyo Dome saw Japan win the title for the first time while defending champions Korea finished second and earned a spot in the Tokyo 2020 Olympics as the best seeded representative of Asia - with Japan having already qualified as Tokyo 2020 hosts. Mexico claimed the bronze medal to earn the nation's first-ever Olympic baseball berth as the tournament's top finisher from the Americas.





FINAL RANKING

- 1. Japan
- 2. Korea
- 3. Mexico
- 4. USA
- 5. Chinese Taipei
- 6. Australia
- 7. Canada, Dominican Republic, Venezuela
- 8. Cuba, Netherlands, Venezuela





WBSC ALL WORLD TEAM

MVP Seiya Suzuki (Japan)

C Eric Kratz (USA)

1B Robert Dalbec (USA)

2B Ryosuke Kikuchi (Japan)

3B Wang Wei Chen (Chinese Taipei)

SS Kim Ha Seong (Korea)

OF Lee Jung-Hoo (Korea)

OF Jonathan Jones (Mexico)

OF Seiya Suzuki (Japan)

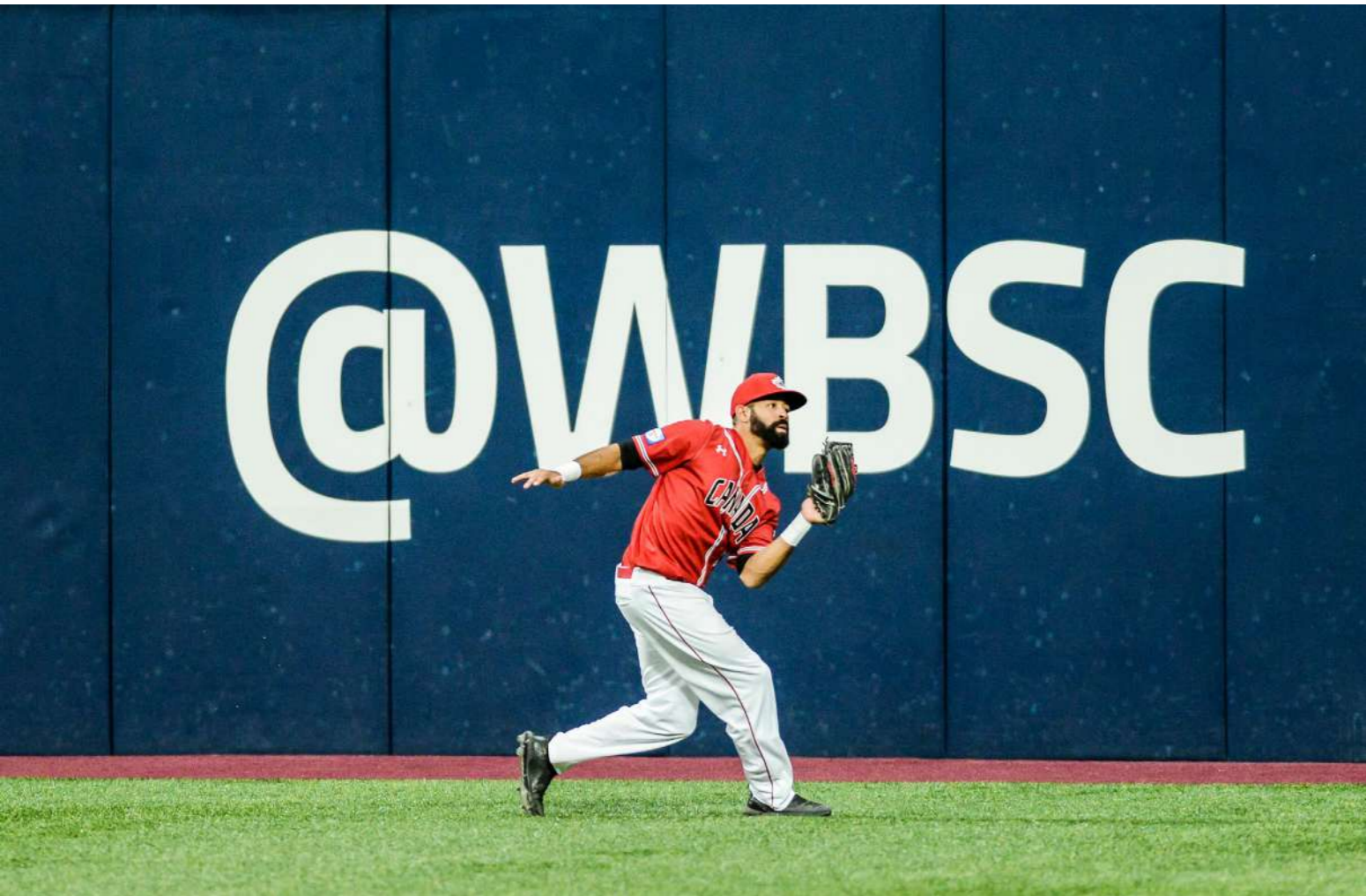
P Chang Yi (Chinese Taipei)

RELIEF P Brandon Dickson (USA)

DH Brent Rooker (USA)

OUTSTANDING DEFENSIVE PLAYER
Ryosuke Kikuchi (Japan)





MAJOR PLAYS

Media Reach - **1b** cumulative

Minutes Watched - **1,165** hours, **20** minutes and **37** seconds

Social Media Followers **690,000**

Views on YouTube: **3.7m**

Interactions **6.1m**

Total number of posts **20,105**

Media mentions: **30,000+**

Impressions: **152.4m**

Website Pageviews: **6.9m**

Website Users: **1.7m**

No. of accredited media representatives for the event: **1149**





XVI WBSC MEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

Tournament Dates: **13-26 June 2019**

16 National Teams

271 players

72 games

42,760 spectators





The 16th edition of the WBSC Men's Softball World Championship proved to be an historic one. It was the last tournament before the rebranding of the competition into the 'WBSC Men's Softball World Cup'. It was the first edition played in Europe, and featured the best players and teams from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania. Argentina earned their first-ever softball world title and became the first Latin American country to win the event since the tournament was inaugurated in 1966. Argentina went on to win the Pan American Games and earned a nomination amongst the country's top athletes during the fifth edition of Argentina's national sports awards.





FINAL RANKING

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|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Argentina | 9. Denmark |
| 2. Japan | 10. Cuba |
| 3. Canada | 11. Mexico |
| 4. New Zealand | 12. South Africa |
| 5. USA | 13. Netherlands |
| 6. Venezuela | 14. Botswana |
| 7. Australia | 15. Singapore |
| 8. Czech Republic | 16. Philippines |





MAJOR PLAYS

Social Media Followers:
631,000

Views on YouTube **1.2m**

Total number of posts: **500**

Impressions: **5m**

Website pageviews: **548,197**

Website users: **57,528**





WBSC U-19 WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP

Tournament Dates: **10-17 August 2019**

16 TEAMS

272 ATHLETES

62 GAMES



After seven innings of no score, Japan took a 3-0 lead in the top of the eighth inning. The United States came back and scored four on a three-run home run by pinch-hitter Francesca Hammoude, which followed a two-out triple by third baseman Charla Echols.

Hosting the event on home soil, the US celebrated their seventh U-19 softball world title (and third consecutive). Canada earned their first-ever medal in the history of the event, becoming the seventh nation to medal in the tournament.





FINAL RANKING

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. USA | 9. New Zealand |
| 2. Japan | 10. Czech Republic |
| 3. Canada | 11. Italy |
| 4. Australia | 12. Brazil |
| 5. Chinese Taipei | 13. Netherlands |
| 6. Puerto Rico | 14. Ireland |
| 7. Mexico | 15. South Africa |
| 8. China | 16. Botswana |



FACTS AND FIGURES

USA and Japan have competed in the final in 11 of the 13 editions of the tournament.

USA (7), Japan (5) and China (1) are the only champions.

Previously known as the Junior Women's Softball World Championship, the tournament will be rebranded into WBSC U-18 Softball World Cup.

The new age bracket will make its debut in Lima. The tournament was originally scheduled for 2020, then postponed to 2021 amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Peru will be the eighth host nation -- the first located in South America.

It was the third consecutive U-19 softball world title for USA, and seventh in history. It's the first time

a nation has 'three-peated' as a junior women's softball world champions.

This event marked the first time a Super Round was played in softball world championship history.

In 40 years of the event's history, the youth women's softball world championship has been played across the five Olympic continents.

A total of 35 nations have participated in the event.

The inaugural edition of the event was played in Edmonton, Canada, in 1981. In all, 10 nations from four continents participated in the event.

Canadian Kendra Falby broke the tournament's stolen-base record (13), passing Elicia D'Orazio (PUR) who stole 11 bases in 2015.





WBSC U-18 MEN'S BASEBALL WORLD CUP

Tournament Dates: **30 August – 8 September 2019**

12 TEAMS

240 ATHLETES

50 GAMES





Chinese Taipei ended USA's eight-year domination of the U-18 World Cup, as they defeated the four-time defending champions 2-1 in a dramatic final at Gijang-Hyundai Dream Ballpark in Busan, Korea. The third/fourth-place game, which gave the hosts a bronze medal, was even more breathtaking with Korea beating Australia 6-5.





FINAL RANKING

1. Chinese Taipei
2. USA
3. Korea
4. Australia
5. Japan
6. Canada
7. Netherlands
8. Spain
9. Panama
10. Nicaragua
11. China
12. South Africa



FACTS AND FIGURES

- It was the XXIX edition of the U-18 Baseball World Cup

- Chinese Taipei was the last team to earn the U-18 World Title -- in 2010 in Thunder Bay, Canada -- before the US began their dominant run.

- Po Yu Chen, the winner of the final, signed a contract with the MLB Pittsburgh Pirates.

- The United States hosts the next U-18 World Cup, which will be the XXX edition and take place in Florida in 2021.

WBSC ALL WORLD TEAM

MVP Yu Chien (Chinese Taipei)

C Juan Gonzalez (Spain)

1B Yuya Nirasawa (Japan)

2B Kim Ji-chan (Korea)

3B Wang Shun-ho (Chinese Taipei)

SS Austin Gomm (Canada)

OF Darryll Collins (Netherlands)

OF Pete Crow-Armstrong (USA)

OF Robert Hassell (USA)

DH Tyler Soderstrom (USA)

P Yasunobu Okugawa (Japan)

RELIEF P Alejandro Rosario (USA)





WBSC U-18 MEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP

Tournament Dates: **22 February – 1 March 2020**

12 TEAMS

192 ATHLETES

50 GAMES





Japan needed only five innings to defeat Australia in the final and thus celebrate their third U-18 Men's Softball World Title, the second in the last three editions. The Czech Republic surprised Argentina, the nation that won consecutive softball world titles in 2012 and 2014, in the third-place bronze game, earning Europe's first-ever softball world championship medal.

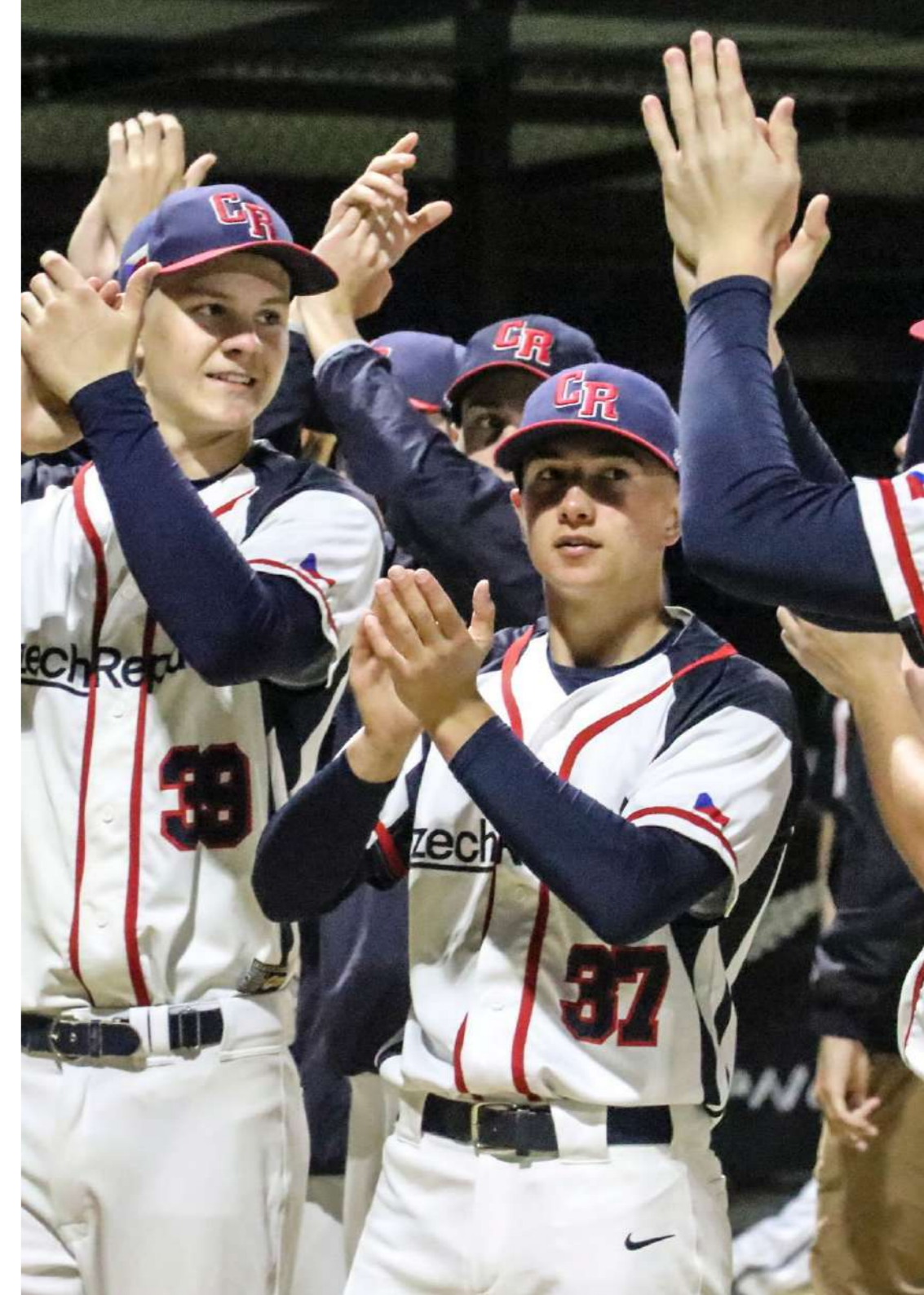
For the first time-ever, teams from four different continents claimed the top-four positions in the final standings of a softball world championship. The event was broadcast live in New Zealand by satellite TV giant Sky TV





FINAL RANKING

1. Japan
2. Australia
3. Czech Republic
4. Argentina
5. New Zealand
6. Guatemala
7. Canada
8. Mexico
9. Singapore
10. USA
11. South Africa
12. Denmark



FACTS AND FIGURES

The WBSC U-18 Men's Softball World Cup was supposed to open an intense 2020 season. It was the only WBSC event (baseball or softball) played in 2020, as COVID-19 restrictions wiped out the much of the world's sports calendar.

Inaugurated in 1981, as the Junior Men's Softball World Championship, it was rebranded WBSC U-18 Men's Softball World Cup for the 13th edition. New logo, trophy and medals were unveiled for the event.

New Zealand is one of the five countries to have hosted the tournament and the only one, together with USA and Canada, to have hosted it more than once. The other two hosts are Australia and Argentina.

Five different nations have won the youth title at least once: Australia (5), Japan (3), New Zealand

(2), Argentina (2), Canada (1).

Players from five different countries were represented on the WBSC All-World Team: Argentina, Australia, Czech Republic, Japan and New Zealand. It was the first time that individual awards were given in a softball world championship.

The event has left a lasting legacy for the local community. Two world-class diamonds were built for the tournament, with a high caliber clubhouse, four locker rooms for the teams, two locker rooms for umpires, a medical room and a multi-purpose room, making Colquhoun Park, in Palmerston North, one of the top softball facilities in New Zealand.

Qualifier events were held in the Americas, Africa, Asia and Europe for the first time in men's youth softball world championships history.

WBSC ALL WORLD TEAM

C Luciano Biondi (ARG)

1B Adam Buchner (CZE)

3B Riley James (AUS)

SS Jeremy Garland (AUS)

OF Kai Yamamoto (JPN)

OF Joshua Banks (AUS)

OF Joshua Routledge (AUS)

DP Dylan Jackson (NZ)

P Jakub Osička (CZE)





WBSC U-12 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

Tournament Dates: **26 July – 4 August 2019**

12 TEAMS

216 ATHLETES

50 GAMES





Chinese Taipei ended USA's dominance of the WBSC U-12 Baseball World Cup. The hosts shut out Japan, 4-0, in the final. Starting pitcher Chen Kai-Sheng dominated the World Championship game. Third baseman Huan Tien-Szu had an impressive tournament, with 17 hits in 30 at bats, including four doubles and 21 RBIs.

After winning three of the previous four editions, the United States failed to qualify for the super round and finished seventh. Cuba lost their first two games, but won every other match and earned a bronze medal. Slugging first baseman Christian Saez, standing at 185 centimetres (6 foot 1 inch), was the player to watch on Cuba's roster together, along with two-way phenom Alejandro Prieto, a gifted pitcher and center fielder.

Fiji appeared for the first time on the baseball world stage.





FINAL RANKING

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Chinese Taipei | 7. USA |
| 2. Japan | 8. Czech Republic |
| 3. Cuba | 9. Italy |
| 4. Korea | 10. Australia |
| 5. Mexico | 11. South Africa |
| 6. Venezuela | 12. Fiji |



FACTS AND FIGURES

The fifth edition of the WBSC U-12 Baseball World Cup was the first played at the new Tainan Asia-Pacific International Stadium.

The championship game attracted a crowd of 8,000.

Chinese Taipei celebrated its second world title in the category.

The tournament MVP Chen Kai-Sheng confessed after the final that the World Cup marked the first time he won a tournament since he started playing baseball two years before.





WBSC U-12 SOFTBALL WORLD CUP

Tournament Dates: **26-30 July 2019**

4 TEAMS

64 ATHLETES

14 GAMES





The U-12 Softball World Cup was the first-ever mixed gender baseball or softball world-level event. Among the special rules for the event, each team had to include at least four females and four males on the field of play at any one time, with a batting line-up alternating five female and five male players.

Chinese Taipei, on home soil, won the inaugural edition of the WBSC U-12 Softball World Cup. They defeated Peru, 3-2, in a hard-fought final thanks to a three-run third inning. Huang Yu-chien gave up two runs, one earned, despite no-hitting Peru and earned the win.





FINAL RANKING

1. Chinese Taipei
2. Peru
3. Czech Republic
4. Indonesia



FACTS AND FIGURES

The event was held alongside the WBSC U-12 Baseball World.

It was the first-ever softball gold medal for Chinese Taipei.

Second-place Peru and third-place Czech Republic earned their-first ever medals on the world stage.

Pokémon characters had a special presence at the WBSC U-12 World Cups in Tainan, engaging with fans and being a part of #selfies. In addition, iconic Pokémon character Pikachu was featured on the composite U-12 Baseball World Cup tournament logo and fans were able to purchase co-branded souvenirs featuring many of the famous Pokémon characters.

WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari said initiatives like the U-12 Mixed Softball World Cup “help solidify WBSC’s position in the global sports movement”



TOKYO 2020: BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL'S OLYMPIC RETURN





Softball was due to open the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games in 2020 and will, proudly, still have that honour in 2021 at the postponed Tokyo Games with the first match between Australia and Japan taking place two days before the Opening Ceremony. It's an impressive way to celebrate softball's and baseball's return to the Olympic Games.

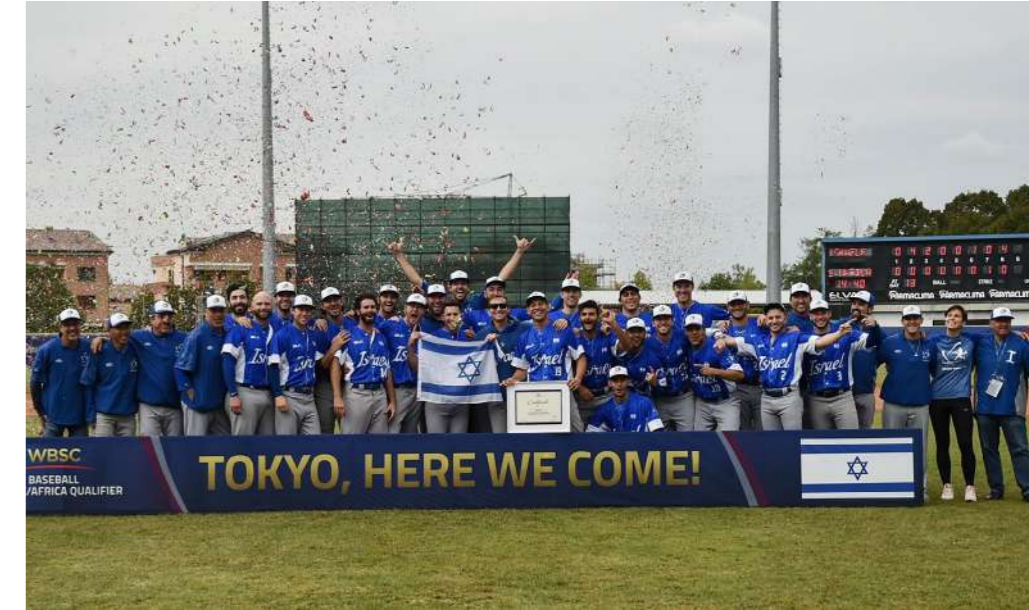
Baseball was first included as a Olympic medal sport at the 1992 Barcelona Games in Spain, while softball featured on the programme for the first time at the 1996 Atlanta Games before both were taken off the programme following the 2008 Games in Beijing.

Now softball will be the first of over 300 medal events at the Tokyo Olympics. The six-team tournament will open on 22 July at Fukushima Azuma Stadium. Having completed its qualification process in 2019, softball will feature hosts and defending gold medalists Japan, USA, Mexico, Canada, Italy and Australia.

The baseball tournament will also open at the Fukushima Azuma Baseball Stadium. First pitch is scheduled on 28 July 2021. Hosts Japan, Korea,



“To participate as a torchbearer is a tremendous honour for the sport of baseball/softball, the WBSC and myself personally,” said WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari after carrying the Olympic flame as part of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Torch Relay in Greece on 12 March, 2020.



Mexico and Israel qualified in 2019. The remaining two participants will come out of the Americas Qualifier and a Final Qualifier scheduled in 2021.

Hosting baseball and softball games in Fukushima represents a vehicle and symbol of Fukushima's rebirth, as the region has been undergoing a continued regeneration following the destructive 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake. Baseball and softball will play their medal games at the Yokohama Stadium. Both the venues in Fukushima and

Yokohama have been remodelled to host both baseball and softball games. In particular, the pitching mound rises and lowers automatically to transform the baseball field into a softball field, making these ballparks represent a new cost-effective model that makes baseball and softball more attractive to the International Olympic Committee and host cities around the world.



BASEBALL5





2020 was supposed to be a major growth year for Baseball5, the new five-on-five urban version of baseball/softball that the WBSC launched in 2017. After an exhibition tournament in Rome in May 2018, featuring teams from Italy, France and Cuba, the WBSC organized in May 2019 the first ever international Baseball5 event – the Americas Open in Cartagena de las Indias, Colombia. Cuba defeated Venezuela in the Championship Series while Colombia finished third and Puerto Rico fourth. In 2019, Baseball5, to use the words of WBSC Secretary-General Beng Choo Low, had “caught on like wildfire”, reaching as many as 69 countries, 34 in 2019 alone.

On 8 January 2020, the International Olympic Committee approved the inclusion of Baseball5 in the Games of the Youth Olympics 2022 in Dakar, Senegal. WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari had previewed that Baseball5 would “help drive baseball and softball to new places not possible before” and he had not been over-optimistic.

The WBSC scheduled the first edition of the Baseball5 World Cup and the Youth Baseball5





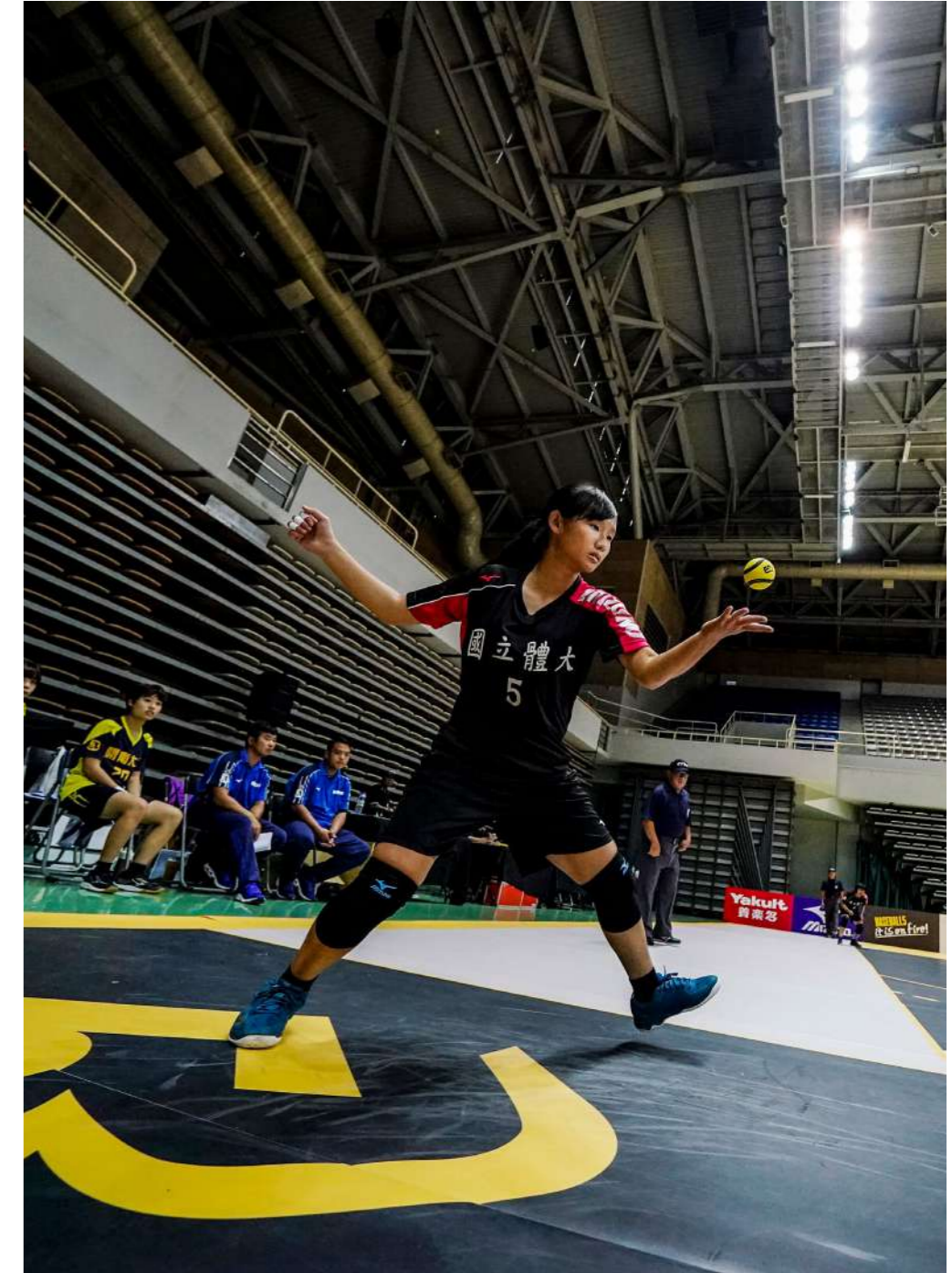
World Cup (U14-18) to take place in December 2020 in Mexico. The 12-team events would feature three National Teams from the Americas, the host Nation, three participants from Asia, two representatives each from Europe and Africa, and one from Oceania.

However, the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic changed those plans.

Europe was the only continent that had a chance to hold a qualifier in 2020 with France defeating hosts Lithuania in the first-ever Baseball5 European Championship. Both countries qualified for the inaugural WBSC Baseball5 World Cup.

The WBSC was later forced to postpone the Baseball5 World Cups to 2021 before the WBSC Executive Board decided to reshape the Baseball5 international calendar. The Baseball5 World Cup will be played on even years starting 2022 while the Baseball5 Youth World Cup will be played on odd years starting 2023.

The IOC also decided to postpone the Youth Olympics from 2022 to 2026; as such, the 2025 Baseball5 Youth Baseball World Cup will serve as a qualifier to the Games.



History - milestones

2017

- WBSC EB decision to develop a more accessible urban street version of Baseball Softball
- WBSC pilots Street Baseball in Burundi
- Baseball5 is launched in Cuba

December 2017 Baseball5/Street Baseball receives nomination for “sport made simple” award in Monte Carlo



2018

- WBSC Executive Board adopts Baseball5 discipline
- Baseball5 at the MLB All Star Game
- Baseball5 showcase at the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018

Less than one year after launch Baseball5 has already reached over 30 countries across all continents



2019

- Baseball5 lands in Japan, Gaza and Australia
- Baseball5 is adopted by the United Nations in the Zaatari Refugee Camp
- Baseball Australia receives multi-million dollar state support for Baseball5 in schools
- First WBSC international event in Cartagena



2020

- Baseball5 is included By the IOC into the programme of the Youth Olympic Games
- First European Championship

Over half of WBSC members have now had some experience or implementation of Baseball5



BASEBALL FOR THE BLIND





The 2020 season was challenging for Baseball for the Blind as it was for any other discipline in the baseball and softball world. Towards the end of the year, the Italian Association Baseball for the Blind became a WBSC Associate Member. It is hoped the new WBSC Member will help boost the introduction of Baseball for the Blind in more countries around

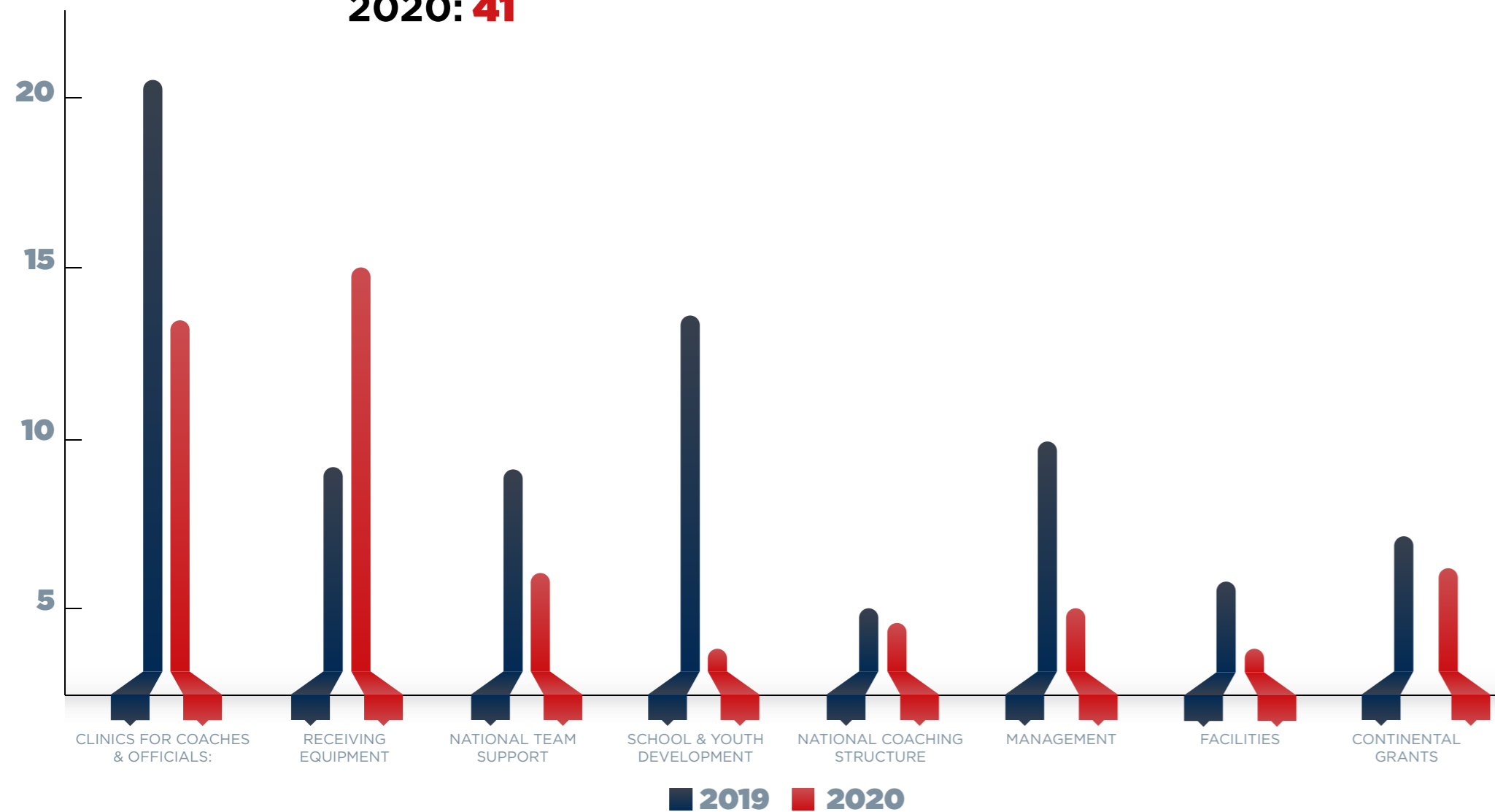
the world. The opportunity to hold online coaching seminars through the WBSC Academy in 2020 makes the 2021 season very promising with Freising, Germany, hosting the 10th edition of the Mole's Cup, the most important international event. The 2019 edition featured teams from Italy, Germany, France, Great Britain, Cuba and USA.

DEVELOPMENT



Development Projects supported/in progress:

2019: **64**
2020: **41**



OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY



Olympic Solidarity

The aim of Olympic Solidarity (OS) is to provide assistance for the development of athletes, coaches and sports administrators

Budget for 2021-2024

USD

590,000,000

Olympic Solidarity redistributes these funds through programmes offered to all NOCs recognised by the IOC.

Since Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 are in the Olympics, Continental Games and Youth Olympic Games, all WBSC National Federations are eligible for Olympic Solidarity support and can apply for programmes through their NOCs.

WBSC takes African Development Project to Kenya



28/07/2019

The African Baseball Project runs through three phases. The 20 participants to the course held at Kenyatta University in Nairobi experienced phase one on managerial skills. Phase two on technical skills and phase three on the organization of events will follow.

WBSC held a training course on the Management of a Sports Organization for the Baseball and the Softball Federation of Kenya at the Kenyatta University in Nairobi.

The WBSC African Development Project lands in Lesotho



14/10/2019

The African Development Project, built by the WBSC Development Commission in collaboration with the African Baseball and Softball Association (ABSA) landed in the fourth Country after Kenya, Zambia and Ivory

WBSC holds Baseball, Softball, Baseball5 seminars in Zimbabwe



08/04/2019

The seminars covered different areas with five instructors. Andrea D'Auria was the baseball coaching instructor and Valeria Bortolomai had the role of softball coaching instructor. D'Auria and Bortolomai together held the Baseball5 seminar. Maurizio Ronchi took care of the scoring seminar. Vincent Maoeng (baseball) and Abel Mataboge (softball) were the umpiring instructors.

WBSC holds Baseball5, scoring, umpiring seminars in Uganda



07/03/2019

Uganda Baseball and Softball Association (UBASA) organized a seminar for scorers, umpires and coaches, with the support of the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC). The seminars took place at Kyambogo College School, Kampala, Uganda, from 15-17 February.

Phase one of the WBSC African Development Project touches Zambia



31/07/2019

Phase one of the WBSC African Development Project touched Zambia after reaching Kenya earlier this Summer. A total of 23 members of the Zambia Softball Baseball Association participated in a course on the management of a sports organization.

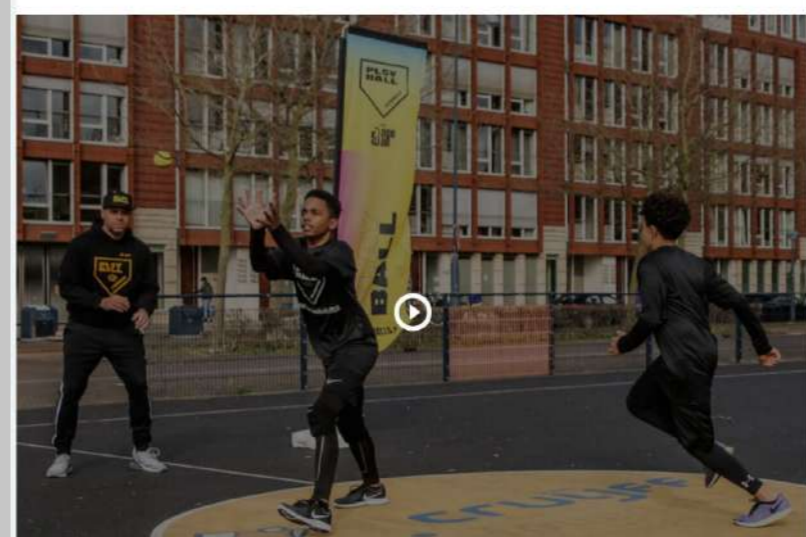
African Development Project lands in Francophone Ivory Coast



12/09/2019

WBSC took the African Development Project (ADP) to Ivory Coast. This was the third Country visited by WBSC envoy instructors, after Zambia and Kenya, the first of the Francophone area. A total of 25 participated in the Sports Management seminar, hosted by the National Baseball Softball Federation (Fédération Ivoirienne de Baseball et de Softball) at [...]

Netherlands Federation: Baseball5 a "huge opportunity for the Dutch baseball and softball community"



African Development Project reaches South Africa



PARTNERSHIPS

As the international governing body of the sport of baseball and softball, the WBSC has not only stood strong in areas of development and events, but 2019 and 2020 were also a testament of commercial success for the organisation.

During this period, the WBSC, through large scale alliances with commercial partners around the world featured globally recognized partners as sponsors and supporters such as Hublot luxury watches and Japanese car manufacturer Nissan. Both companies are now legacy sponsors of the WBSC by being supporters of the 2015 and 2019 Premier12 editions as well as age-group tournaments.

For the WBSC, 2019 was also a year of expansion in terms of media distribution and exposure. The Premier12 and WBSC's youth tournaments were shown in every continent of the world through well-established media partners, to name a few: TV Asahi, SpoTV, Claro Sports and even with large digital exposure through partnerships with Facebook, Twitter and FloSports.

The WBSC is in the midst of rapid commercial growth, establishing new business assets such as Baseball5 and Gametime.sport with more exciting new projects soon to come.

Side note:

The Premier12 2019 Final had the highest TV Rating in Japan accounting for 29.6% of national share on the day with a global audience reach of 588 million.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2019

INCOME:

Membership Fees, IOC Contributions, Sponsoring	328.273,00
World Cups, Partners, TV Rights	2.106.556,00
Premier 12	32.686.777,00
Financial Incomes	281.624,00
Other Incomes	230.531,00
	35.633.761,00

EXPENDITURES

Administration, Payroll, Social Charges	3.829.443,00
World Cup Competition Costs	1.389.183,00
Premier 12 Costs	22.372.482,00
Development Program	697.401,00
Congress, Executive Committee, Commissions	1.263.406,00
Olympic Games, Olympic Reinstatement	737.468,00
Financial Expenses, Exchange gain/loss	741.825,00
New Projects, WBSC Commercial Projects	1.373.418,00
Depreciations	20.282,00
Other Expenditures	69.048,00
	32.493.956,00

Excess of Income for the Year 2019 **3.139.805,00**

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS:

WBSC Headquarter	8.830.000,00
Headquarter Renovation Costs Capitalized	2.801.221,00
Other Tangible Fixed Assets	15.646,00
Tangible Fixed Assets as of 31/12/2019	11.646.867,00

FUNDS:

Funds as of 31/12/2019	15.182.415,00
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MORTGAGE LOAN:

Mortgage Loan as of 31/12/2019	3.820.000,00
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The WBSC’s 2019 Profit & Loss statement reveals elevated cash flow, which corresponds to the organisation, income and prize money distributed from the WBSC’s flagship international tournament, the Premier12. In addition, the WBSC’s revenue share from the 2017 World Baseball Classic, which is a joint venture with MLB, was registered in 2019.

The 2019 calendar year saw a record number of WBSC events that were organised, including additional qualification tournaments needed for baseball and softball’s return at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, which is reflected in the expenditures. In addition to the WBSC international competitions, expenditures for the WBSC Congress and new WBSC headquarters had to be accounted for. It should be noted that the headquarters also serves as a fixed asset of the WBSC.

It is evident that the 2019 P&L Statement highlights a continuing positive trend that will give the WBSC the possibility to activate numerous initiatives aimed at promoting and developing the baseball and softball worldwide and complete the important investment related to the new headquarters. While the WBSC forecast looks healthy, the world governing body will look to remain fiscally prudent, in order to sustain growth through the next financial cycle. New opportunities arise continuously because the various international activities and events attract great attention among the various stakeholders. Our organisation must not lose these occasions and on a daily base must face the challenges trying to achieve positive results that will benefit the entire baseball and softball movement.

Angelo Vicini
WBSC Treasurer

WORLD RANKINGS



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1		JAPAN	6167 PTS
2		USA	4676 PTS
3		SOUTH KOREA	4648 PTS
4		CHINESE TAIPEI	4385 PTS
5		MEXICO	3375 PTS
6		AUSTRALIA	3249 PTS
7		CUBA	2751 PTS
8		VENEZUELA	2724 PTS
9		NETHERLANDS	2690 PTS
10		DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	2583 PTS
11		PUERTO RICO	2013 PTS
12		PANAMA	1875 PTS

as of 18 March 2020

Rank	Team	Total pts	Rank	Team	Total pts	Rank	Team	Total pts
13	Canada	1873	38	Poland	150	63	Kenya	49
14	Colombia	1637	39	New Zealand	145	64	Curaçao	48
15	Nicaragua	1509	40	Greece	144	65	Estonia	44
16	Czech Republic	1268	41	Croatia	142	66	India	39
17	Italy	1202	41	Peru	142	66	Hungary	39
18	Israel	1028	43	Indonesia	131	66	Georgia	39
19	Germany	766	44	Ireland	128	69	Aruba	37
20	Spain	719	45	Serbia	126	70	Nigeria	36
21	Brazil	703	46	Sweden	117	71	U. S. Virgin Islands	33
22	China	695	47	Honduras	115	72	Fiji	30
23	Argentina	621	48	Belarus	109	73	Tanzania	23
24	South Africa	578	49	Romania	108	73	Ghana	23
25	France	494	50	Switzerland	104	75	Norway	21
26	Belgium	372	51	Uganda	87	75	Nepal	21
27	Pakistan	323	52	American Samoa	81	77	Bolivia	20
28	Russia	309	53	Thailand	80	78	Costa Rica	19
29	Austria	294	54	Zimbabwe	74	79	Bangladesh	14
30	Hong Kong	279	54	El Salvador	74	80	Ecuador	13
31	Great Britain	273	56	Chile	68	81	Singapore	11
32	Philippines	231	57	Bulgaria	67	82	Palau	10
33	Ukraine	211	58	Guatemala	66	83	Mariana Islands	8
34	Lithuania	208	59	Burkina Faso	61	84	Bahamas	5
35	Slovakia	165	60	Slovenia	55	84	Haiti	5
36	Guam	157	61	Finland	54	84	Iraq	5
37	Sri Lanka	156	62	Iran	51			

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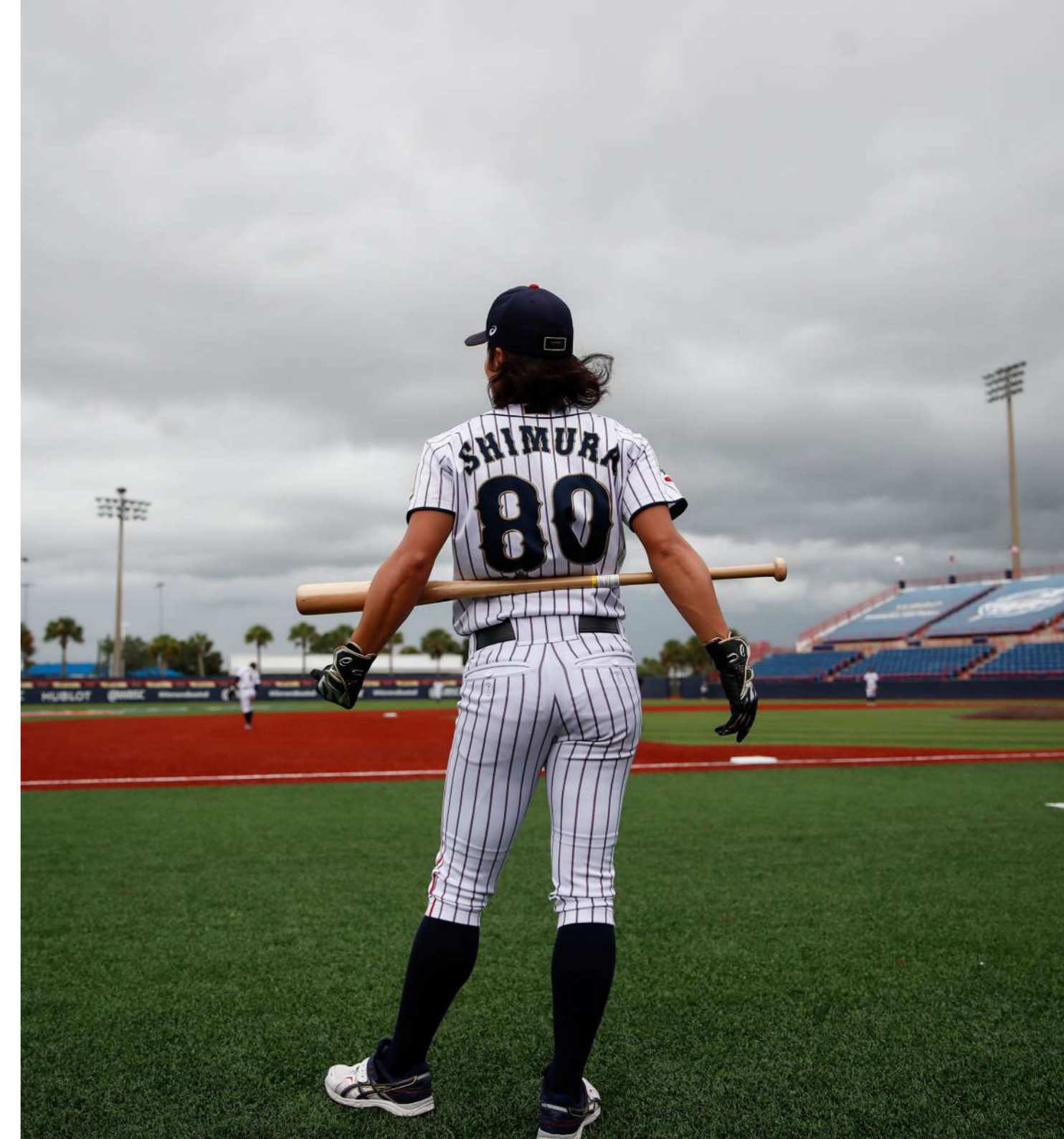
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1		JAPAN	2505 PTS
2		CANADA	1947 PTS
3		CHINESE TAIPEI	1852 PTS
4		VENEZUELA	1736 PTS
5		USA	1524 PTS
6		AUSTRALIA	1182 PTS
7		SOUTH KOREA	955 PTS
8		CUBA	947 PTS
9		DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	717 PTS
10		HONG KONG	520 PTS
11		NETHERLANDS	500 PTS
12		PUERTO RICO	371 PTS

as of 1 January 2020

Rank	Team	Total pts
14	Mexico	160
15	Philippines	152
16	China	126
17	Pakistan	121
18	France	100
19	Nicaragua	59
20	Czech Republic	10



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SOFTBALL WORLD RANKINGS WOMEN'S

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1		USA	5104	PTS
2		JAPAN	4723	PTS
3		CANADA	4403	PTS
4		PUERTO RICO	3824	PTS
5		MEXICO	3752	PTS
6		CHINESE TAIPEI	3501	PTS
7		CHINA	3293	PTS
8		AUSTRALIA	2875	PTS
9		NETHERLANDS	2812	PTS
10		ITALY	2745	PTS
11		PHILIPPINES	2110	PTS
12		CZECH REPUBLIC	2106	PTS

as of 1 January 2020

Rank	Team	Total pts	Rank	Team	Total pts	Rank	Team	Total pts
13	Great Britain	2053	38	Belgium	341	63	Nicaragua	38
14	Brazil	2038	39	Hong Kong	333	64	Iran	30
15	Venezuela	1917	40	Botswana	297	64	Pakistan	30
16	New Zealand	1855	41	Ukraine	288	66	Lesotho	13
17	Ireland	1147	42	Uganda	287	67	Belize	3
18	Cuba	1120	43	Serbia	280	67	Chile	3
19	Peru	1021	44	Bahamas	260	67	Bolivia	3
20	Guatemala	1018	45	Curaçao	258			
21	South Korea	964	46	Thailand	254			
22	Greece	939	47	Croatia	253			
23	Dominican Republic	885	48	Colombia	245			
24	Austria	828	49	Singapore	223			
25	France	813	50	Slovakia	183			
26	South Africa	560	51	Aruba	175			
27	Argentina	551	52	Denmark	172			
28	Spain	526	52	Panama	172			
29	India	520	54	Kenya	163			
30	Russia	484	55	Turkey	139			
31	Israel	453	56	Bulgaria	106			
32	Germany	445	57	Lithuania	85			
33	Switzerland	401	58	Hungary	84			
33	Indonesia	401	59	El Salvador	73			
35	Ecuador	360	60	British Virgin Islands	61			
36	Poland	357	61	Malaysia	53			
37	Sweden	342	62	Zimbabwe	40			

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SOFTBALL WORLD RANKINGS MEN'S

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1		JAPAN	3743 PTS
2		ARGENTINA	3737 PTS
3		NEW ZEALAND	3421 PTS
4		CANADA	3218 PTS
5		AUSTRALIA	2983 PTS
6		USA	2833 PTS
7		CZECH REPUBLIC	2250 PTS
8		MEXICO	1678 PTS
9		VENEZUELA	1608 PTS
10		SOUTH AFRICA	1473 PTS
11		DENMARK	1322 PTS
12		BOTSWANA	1186 PTS

as of 1 January 2020

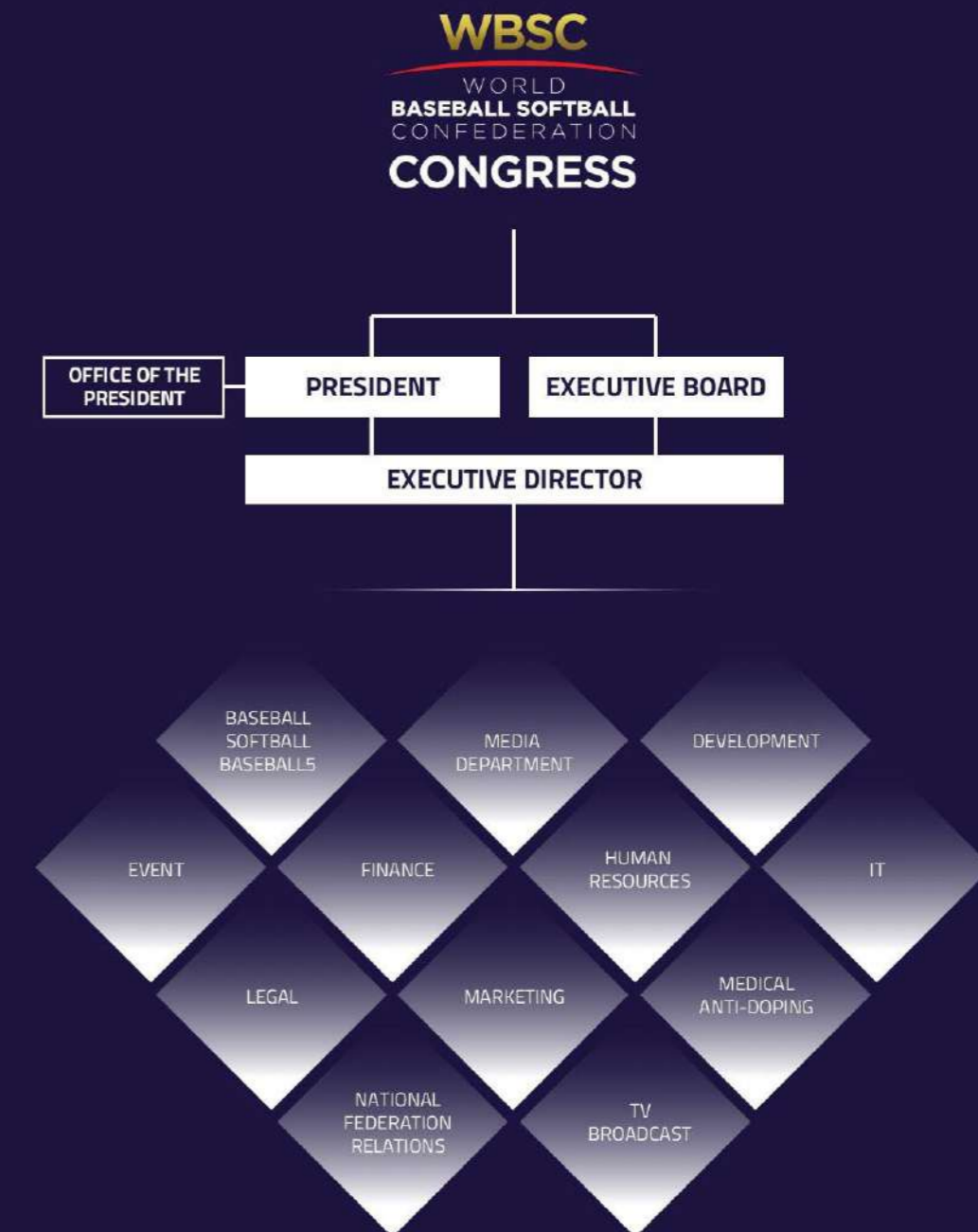


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13	Cuba	768	38	Costa Rica	37
14	India	595	38	Aruba	37
15	Dominican Republic	497	40	Sweden	36
16	Netherlands	465	41	Puerto Rico	34
17	Singapore	451	42	Belize	20
18	Great Britain	441	42	Lesotho	20
19	Hong Kong	421	42	Lithuania	20
20	Philippines	389	45	Brazil	19
21	Guatemala	346	46	Nicaragua	14
22	Israel	238	47	Ecuador	12
23	Indonesia	182	48	El Salvador	11
24	Panama	135	49	Samoa	1
24	Belgium	135			
26	Thailand	124			
27	Chinese Taipei	110			
28	Croatia	102			
29	Turkey	100			
30	Colombia	97			
31	Germany	85			
32	Malaysia	75			
33	Italy	69			
34	Bahamas	54			
35	Slovakia	53			
36	Peru	46			
37	Honduras	40			

ABOUT THE WBSC

Headquartered in Pully, Switzerland -- adjacent to Lausanne, the Olympic Capital -- the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) is the world governing body for baseball and softball. The WBSC has 211 National Federation and Associate Members in 139 countries and territories across Asia, Africa, Americas, Europe and Oceania, which represent a united baseball/softball sports movement that encompasses over 65 million athletes and attracts approximately 150 million fans to stadiums worldwide annually.

The WBSC governs all international competitions involving official National Teams. The WBSC oversees the Premier12, the World Baseball Classic and Baseball World Cups (U-12, U-15, U-18, U-23 and Women's), Softball World Cups, (U-12 Mixed, U-15 Women's, U-18 Women's, U-18 Men's, U-23 Men's, Women's and Men's), and official disciplines Baseball5 (Senior and Youth World Cups) and E-Sports as well as Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 events at the Olympic Games.



LIST OF MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Baseball members 77	28 Members in Africa
Softball members 68	58 Members in Americas
Joint members 53	34 Members in Asia
Total NFs members 198	54 Members in Europe
Associate members 13	24 Members in Oceania
TOTAL MEMBERS 211	

AFRICA

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION	COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Benin	BEN	Combined	Namibia	NAM	Softball
Botswana	BOT	Baseball	Nigeria	NGR	Combined
Botswana	BOT	Softball	Senegal	SEN	Softball
Burkina Faso	BUR	Combined	Sierra Leone	SLE	Basebal
Cameroon	CMR	Combined	Sierra Leone	SLE	Softball
Cape Verde	CPV	Combined	South Africa	RSA	Baseball
Congo, Dem. Rep. of	COD	Combined	South Africa	RSA	Softball
Egypt	EGY	Combined	Tanzania	TAN	Combined
Gambia	GAM	Softball	Togo	TOG	Baseball
Ghana	GHA	Combined	Tunisia	TUN	Combined
Ivory Coast	CIV	Baseball	Uganda	UGA	Combined
Kenya	KEN	Baseball	Zambia	ZAM	Combined
Kenya	KEN	Softball	Zimbabwe	ZIM	Baseball
Lesotho	LES	Combined	Zimbabwe	ZIM	Softball

AMERICAS

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Argentina	ARG	Baseball
Argentina	ARG	Softball
Aruba	ARU	Baseball
Aruba	ARU	Softball
Bahamas	BAH	Baseball
Bahamas	BAH	Softball
Belize	BIZ	Softball
Bermuda	BER	Baseball
Bolivia	BOL	Combined
Brazil	BRA	Combined
British Virgin Islands	IVB	Softball
British Virgin Islands	IVB	Baseball
Canada	CAN	Baseball
Canada	CAN	Softball
Cayman Islands	CAY	Softball
Chile	CHI	Combined
Colombia	COL	Baseball
Colombia	COL	Softball
Costa Rica	CRC	Baseball
Costa Rica	CRC	Softball
Cuba	CUB	Baseball
Cuba	CUB	Softball
Curacao	CURACAO	Baseball
Curacao	CURACAO	Softball

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Dominican Republic	DOM	Baseball
Dominican Republic	DOM	Softball
Ecuador	ECU	Baseball
Ecuador	ECU	Softball
El Salvador	ESA	Baseball
El Salvador	ESA	Softball
Guatemala	GUA	Baseball
Guatemala	GUA	Softball
Guyana	GUY	Baseball
Haiti	HAI	Combined
Honduras	HON	Baseball
Honduras	HON	Softball
Jamaica	JAM	Baseball
Jamaica	JAM	Softball
Mexico	MEX	Baseball
Mexico	MEX	Softball
Nicaragua	NCA	Baseball
Nicaragua	NCA	Softball
Panama	PAN	Baseball
Panama	PAN	Softball
Peru	PER	Baseball
Peru	PER	Softball
Puerto Rico	PUR	Baseball
Puerto Rico	PUR	Softball

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Sint Marteen	SMX	Baseball
Trinidad & Tobago	TRI	Baseball
Turks & Caicos Islands	T&CAICOS	Softball
U.S. Virgin Islands	ISV	Baseball
U.S. Virgin Islands	ISV	Softball
Uruguay	URU	Softball
USA	USA	Baseball
USA	USA	Softball
Venezuela	VEN	Baseball
Venezuela	VEN	Softball

ASIA

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Afghanistan	AFG	Baseball
Bangladesh	BAN	Combined
Brunei	BRU	Combined
China	CHN	Baseball
China	CHN	Softball
Chinese Taipei	TPE	Baseball
Chinese Taipei	TPE	Softball
Hong Kong	HKG	Baseball
Hong Kong	HKG	Softball
India	IND	Baseball
India	IND	Softball
Indonesia	INA	Combined
Iran	IRI	Combined
Iraq	IRQ	Combined
Japan	JPN	Baseball
Japan	JPN	Softball
Jordan	JOR	Softball

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Laos	LAO	Baseball
Malaysia	MAS	Baseball
Malaysia	MAS	Softball
Mongolia	MGL	Combined
Myanmar	MYA	Baseball
Nepal	NEP	Combined
North Korea	PRK	Combined
Pakistan	PAK	Baseball
Pakistan	PAK	Softball
Palestine	PLE	Combined
Philippines	PHI	Baseball
Philippines	PHI	Softball
Singapore	SGP	Combined
South Korea	KOR	Combined
Sri Lanka	SRI	Baseball
Thailand	THA	Baseball
Thailand	THA	Softball

EUROPE

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Armenia	ARM	Baseball
Austria	AUT	Combined
Belarus	BLR	Baseball
Belgium	BEL	Combined
Bulgaria	BUL	Combined
Croatia	CRO	Baseball
Croatia	CRO	Softball
Cyprus	CYP	Baseball
Cyprus	CYP	Softball
Czech Republic	CZE	Baseball
Czech Republic	CZE	Softball
Denmark	DEN	Baseball
Denmark	DEN	Softball
Estonia	EST	Baseball
Finland	FIN	Combined
France	FRA	Combined
Georgia	GEO	Combined

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Germany	GER	Combined
Great Britain	GBR	Baseball
Great Britain	GBR	Softball
Greece	GRE	Baseball
Greece	GRE	Softball
Guernsey	GUERNSEY	Softball
Hungary	HUN	Combined
Iceland	ISL	Baseball
Ireland	IRL	Baseball
Ireland	IRL	Softball
Israel	ISR	Baseball
Israel	ISR	Softball
Italy	ITA	Combined
Kosovo	KOS	Combined
Latvia	LAT	Baseball
Lithuania	LTU	Baseball
Lithuania	LTU	Softball

EUROPE

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION	COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Malta	MLT	Combined	Slovakia	SVK	Baseball
Moldova	MDA	Combined	Slovakia	SVK	Softball
Netherlands	NED	Combined	Slovenia	SLO	Combined
Norway	NOR	Combined	Spain	ESP	Combined
Poland	POL	Combined	Sweden	SWE	Combined
Portugal	POR	Baseball	Switzerland	SUI	Combined
Romania	ROU	Combined	Turkey	TUR	Combined
Russia	RUS	Baseball	Ukraine	UKR	Combined
Russia	RUS	Softball			
San Marino	SMR	Combined			
Serbia	SRB	Baseball			
Serbia	SRB	Softball			

OCEANIA

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION	COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
American Samoa	ASA	Baseball	Micronesia	FSM	Baseball
American Samoa	ASA	Softball	Micronesia	FSM	Softball
Australia	AUS	Baseball	New Caledonia	NCL	Baseball
Australia	AUS	Softball	New Zealand	NZL	Baseball
Cook Islands	COK	Baseball	New Zealand	NZL	Softball
Cook Islands	COK	Softball	Palau	PLW	Baseball
Fiji	FIJ	Combined	Palau	PLW	Softball
Guam	GUM	Baseball	Papua New Guinea	PNG	Baseball
Guam	GUM	Softball	Papua New Guinea	PNG	Softball
Mariana Islands/Saipan	MNP	Softball	Samoa	SAM	Baseball
Mariana Islands/Saipan	MNP	Baseball	Samoa	SAM	Softball
Marshall Islands	MHL	Combined	Solomon Islands	SOL	Combined

COMMISSIONS

As per the WBSC Statutes, the WBSC has four kinds of commissions:

- WBSC Commissions: to advise on matters relevant to WBSC in general.
- Baseball Commissions: to advise on technical matters relevant to baseball.
- Softball Commissions: to advise on technical matters relevant to softball.
- Working Groups: to work on specific topics and to draft documents on determined and particular matters.



Athletes Commission	
Justin Huber	Chair
Maria Soto	Chair
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