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Executive Board 19th Meeting

By videoconference
4th October 2021

Minutes

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AGENDA

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Roll call
- 3) To consider and approve the Minutes of the WBSC Executive Board Meetings held on 28th June 2021 (by videoconference)
- 4) Any matters arising from the Minutes
- 5) President's Address
- 6) To consider and recommend Changes – Amendments to the WBSC Statutes and WBSC Code of the Divisions for approval by the WBSC Extraordinary Congress
- 7) To consider and approve the WBSC Conflict of Interest Policy
- 8) To consider and approve the dates for the 2021 WBSC Extraordinary Congress and 2022 WBSC Congress
- 9) To consider and approve applications by Prospective new Members
- 10) Call of the next WBSC Executive Board
- 11) Any Other Business
- 12) Adjournment

ATTENDANCE

Present (26/33):

President:	Mr. Riccardo Fraccari
Vice President – Baseball:	Mr. Willi Kaltschmitt
Vice President – Softball:	Ms. Beatrice Allen
Executive VP – Baseball:	Mr. Tom Peng
Executive VP – Softball:	Mr. Craig Cress
Secretary General:	Dato' (Ms.) Beng Choo Low
Treasurer:	Mr. Angelo Vicini
Member At-Large:	Mr. Tommy Velázquez
Member At-Large:	Mr. Ronald Finlay
Member At-Large:	Mr. Paul Seiler
Member At-Large:	Ms. Taeko Utsugi
Athletes' Rep – Softball:	Ms. María José Soto Gil
Athletes' Rep. – Baseball:	Mr. Justin Huber
Global Ambassador:	Mr. Antonio Castro

Baseball Division:

Member At-Large:	Ms. Hiroko Yamada
Member At-Large:	Mr. Luís Melero
Continental VP Africa:	Mr. Saber Jljajla
Continental VP Asia:	Mr. Xu Chen
Continental VP Oceania:	Mr. Laurent Cassier
Athletes' Rep. – Baseball:	Mr. Randolph Oduber

Softball Division:

Treasurer:	Mr. Javier Anaya
Member At-Large:	Mr. Tirelo Mukokomani
Continental VP Africa:	Mr. Mashilo Matsetela
Continental VP Asia:	Mr. Hiromi Tokuda
Continental VP Europe:	Mr. Gabriel Waage
Athletes' Rep. – Men's Softball:	Mr. Bruno Motroni

Excused:

Global Ambassador:	Mr. Melitón Sanchez
Member At-Large:	Mr. Benicio Robinson
Continental VP Americas:	Mr. Nemesio Porras
Continental VP Europe:	Mr. Didier Seminet
Athletes Rep. – Baseball:	Ms. Ashley Stephenson
Continental VP Oceania:	Mr. Rex Capil
Athletes' Rep. – Women's Softball:	Ms. Erika Polidori

In attendance, also:

Mr. Michael Schmidt, Executive Director

Ms. Karen Gaunt, WBSC Legal Commission Member
Mr. Vincenzo La Rocca, WBSC Legal Commission Member
Ms. Akiko Ito, Japanese interpreter
Mr. Chris (Chien Fan) Day, Chinese interpreter
Ms. Vivien Campos, WBSC interpreter

WBSC Staff Members:

Mr. Marco Ienna (COO)
Mr. Valerio Cianfoni (B5)
Mr. Victor Isola (Anti-Doping)
Ms. Naomi Bloetjes (Integrity Unit)

1. WELCOME

- 1.1 President Fraccari called to order this October 4th, 2021, WBSC Executive Board Meeting enlarged to WBSC Baseball and Softball Divisions at 13:10 (Lausanne time). He welcomed all the attendees and outlined the matters as listed on the Agenda for discussion in this Meeting.

2. ROLL CALL

- 2.1 Secretary General Low completed the Roll Call as per the attendance list above and confirmed that there was a quorum for this Meeting to proceed.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 3.1 Secretary General Low informed that the Minutes of the 18th WBSC Executive Board meeting enlarged to WBSC Baseball and Softball Divisions held on 28th June 2021, by videoconference, were sent earlier to all EB Members and there was no request for amendments received by the WBSC Office.

PROPOSAL:

To consider and approve the Minutes of the 18th WBSC Executive Board meeting enlarged to WBSC Baseball and Softball Divisions held by videoconference on June 28th, 2021, as proposed by Mr. Finlay and seconded by Mr. Waage.

DECISION

The WBSC Executive Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the 18th WBSC Executive Board meeting enlarged to WBSC Baseball and Softball Divisions held by videoconference on June 28th, 2021.

4. ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 4.1 There were no matters arising brought up.

5. PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

- 5.1 President Fraccari reported on the successful Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games (Tokyo2020), in particular the Softball and Baseball competitions, after the very challenging Olympic Baseball qualifiers to qualify the final 2 Baseball teams. He said that the WBSC received numerous positive feedbacks from various parties and stakeholders on the electrifying Baseball and Softball success as WBSC was able to not only show the IOC (International Olympic Committee), but the world, the strength

and dedication of the athletes, officials, WBSC team, and WBSC on the whole, as an International Federation and the added value of our sport, Baseball-Softball.

- 5.2 Ms. Ito, on behalf of the Ms. Utsugi, Mr. Tokuda and the Japanese Softball Association (JSA), as well as the tens of millions of Baseball – Softball fans, extended their immense gratitude to the WBSC and WBSC team, for the realization of the “best possible Baseball and Softball events” during the Tokyo2020, in spite of the pandemic and the many restrictions. They recorded great thanks to President Fraccari for his vision, passion and determination which gave everyone tremendous courage to work to make Baseball and Softball, 2 of the most successful competitions in the Tokyo2020.
- 5.3 They also recorded their deepest gratitude to the WBSC staff, officials and team, for the amazing and dedicated efforts each day, often from dawn to past midnight, to ensure the smooth delivery of the events, working tirelessly physical and mentally to persevere in the very challenging conditions in the bubble environment in a foreign country for such a long period of time, in organising the event professionally and efficiently.
- 5.4 They added that JSA was also thankful to all the athletes who all put up such outstanding performances, and officials for their professional conduct. They said that Japan was very happy to have won the gold medals in both Baseball and Softball and it was very meaningful; and believed that the events resulted in great value for the sport and WBSC, even though spectators were not allowed in the competition venues as the online and television broadcasts generated tremendous following, not only from baseball-softball fans but also those from other sports. The athletes displayed all the essential values of our sport – passion, excitement, inspiration, unity, teamwork, mutual respect, and the joy of effort, – with all the teams putting up such games, many of which were very close results, in true sportsmanship.
- 5.5 They hoped that many young boys and girls would be inspired and empowered to change their lives for the better through sport, particularly Baseball-Softball and that JSA was committed more than ever, to continue collaboration closely with WBSC, to promote and develop Baseball and Softball not only in Japan, but also all over the world as Japan is fully aware of its responsibilities as one of the leading countries in Baseball-Softball, and to help realise the dream of inclusion of Baseball-Softball in the Los Angeles Olympics 2028 (LA2028) and beyond.
- 5.6 Ms. Yamada, on behalf of the Baseball Federation of Japan (BFJ), also expressed BFJ’s heartfelt gratitude, and congratulated the WBSC and WBSC team, and everyone involved in Tokyo2020. She added that she was informed that the baseball competitions, beside the Opening Ceremony, scored the highest number of viewers on the Japanese TV. She added that Japan’s Baseball gold medal win was very meaningful for Japan.

- 5.7 President Fraccari thanked JSA and BFJ, as well as, Nippon Professional Baseball, and all the people and stakeholders and supporters in Japan and elsewhere, for their efforts, as the success would not have been possible without their support. He added that the Baseball-Softball success in Tokyo2020 was the result of good close teamwork and cooperation and demonstrated that Baseball-Softball fulfils all the requirements for inclusion in LA2028 and beyond.
- 5.8 He added that the WBSC was working with the IOC and all parties and stakeholders on the inclusion of Baseball-Softball in LA2028 and beyond, including on new ideas to allow more athletes to compete, and on having a Baseball5 showcase during the Paris Olympics 2024 (Paris 2024). He added that the WBSC's discussions with Major League Baseball (MLB) were continuing for further cooperation. He stated that WBSC was also having meetings with ASOIF (Association of the Summer Olympic International Federations) to further discuss these matters, and that he would update the Executive Board (EB) accordingly.
- 5.9 He next congratulated the Venezuelan U-23 National Team for their win of the U-23 Baseball World Cup and expressed his gratitude to the organiser, the WBSC team and everyone involved, for the success of that event, which was very important as it was the first WBSC World Cup (outside of the Baseball Olympic qualifiers) since the start of the global pandemic, and which was successfully completed by observing strict Covid countermeasures.

[Video from the U-23 Men Baseball World Cup was shown to all the attendees of the Meeting]

- 5.10 President Fraccari reported that WBSC was able to successfully organise the Baseball5 showcase event during the Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020 and expressed gratitude to Yomiuri Shimbun for their sponsorship and support of the event, and to Mondo for the sponsorship of the layout of the baseball5 field.
- 5.11 He reported that WBSC were also in meetings in Lagos – Nigeria with ANOCA (Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa), on the promotion and development of Baseball-Softball in Africa, with focus on Baseball5, and that the written WBSC Report on those meetings was sent earlier to all EB Members. He requested WBSC COO Mr. Ienna to give brief report on the matter.
- 5.11.1 Mr. Ienna reported that the WBSC delegation took the opportunity to present Baseball5 at the recent ANOCA Executive Committee (EXCO) meeting and highlighted its popularity and potential; and WBSC was able to obtain ANOCA's approval for the following:
- A Baseball5 showcase at the next Youth African Games in Ethiopia in 2022, due to it being too short a time for its inclusion on the sport program. And to continue to be on the program for the Youth African Games in Lesotho in 2026 to be considered as qualifier for the

continent of Africa for the Youth Olympic Games to be held in Dakar, Senegal.

- The inclusion of Baseball5 in the sport program of the next African Beach Games to be held in Tunis, Tunisia, in 2023.
- Inclusion of Baseball5 in the zonal multi-sport Games of Africa.
- ANOCA will also follow the development of this discipline in the region and consider its inclusion in the All-African Games.

5.11.2 He also reported on the WBSC alliance agreed with OlympAfrica, an organisation that is working closely with IOC, Olympic Solidarity, and ANOCA, wherein infrastructure would be built for schools and cities for children's training and physical education to promote grassroot-level sport participation. He stated that the role of OlympAfrica was also important for the expansion of WBSC's membership in Africa, and for the distribution of baseball and softball equipment across Africa.

5.12 President Fraccari added that the development of Baseball-Softball-Baseball5 in Africa was important for WBSC.

5.13 He informed that WBSC would be proceeding with plans for the summit in early 2022 (possibly February 2022) with all the professional leagues.

6. TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE WBSC STATUTES AND WBSC CODE OF THE DIVISIONS FOR APPROVAL BY THE WBSC EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS

6.1 President Fraccari informed that the WBSC team has been working on proposed changes – amendments to be made to the WBSC Statutes and WBSC Code of the Divisions, to keep up to date. He said the proposed changes – amendments made were sent to all EB Members and requested WBSC ED Mr. Schmidt to present them.

6.2 Mr Schmidt explained that the WBSC Integrity Unit, in cooperation with the WBSC Legal Commission and the WBSC management team, had carried out a review of the current WBSC Statutes and WBSC Code of the Divisions (last approved at the WBSC Congress on 13 October 2017 in Gaborone – Botswana), and submitted their recommendations for the following proposed changes and amendments for consideration by the EB Members, and eventually for recommendation and submission to the WBSC Congress/Extraordinary Congress (planned for 18 December 2021) for consideration and approval:

6.2.1 WBSC Statutes; and

6.2.2 WBSC Code of the Divisions.

6.3. He gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed changes – amendments, highlighting the following salient points:

[Please refer to Appendix 1 for the details of the Proposed Changes – Amendments to the WBSC Statutes and WBSC Code of the Divisions]

6.3.1 **Disciplines (Article 1.2, Article 4, and consequential Articles)**

The proposed amendments for expansion to ensure the inclusion of all disciplines and events of the Sport of Baseball and Softball, as well as the following:

- All versions of Baseball5;
- All Virtual/electronic versions of the Sport (eSports);
- All versions and adapted formats of all disciplines/events for people with physical and mental impairments (Para-Sports).

6.3.2 **Types of Membership (Article 1.4 & 1.5)**

The proposed amendments to update the different types of membership.

6.3.3 **Headquarters of WBSC (Article 2.1)**

The proposed amendments to update the change to location of WBSC's new headquarters to Pully.

6.3.4 **Disciplinary Actions (Article 9)**

The proposed amendments to state in more details, the role of the WBSC EB as regards potential disciplinary matters.

6.3.5 **Termination of Membership (Article 10)**

The proposed amendments to state in more details, the grounds for the termination of membership.

6.3.6 **Virtual Congress (Article 13)**

The proposed amendments for a Congress or an Extraordinary Congress to be postponed, and to take place in person, in writing or by way of electronic means (or a combination of in person and via electronic means), at the determination of the EB, to allow for this in special circumstances (such as the current Covid-19 restrictions).

6.3.7 **WBSC Honours and Awards (Article 13.11(h) and (i))**

The proposed amendments for the EB to award Honours in accordance with the WBSC Honours and Awards By-Laws.

6.3.8 ***Term of EB Members (Article 14)***

The proposed amendments for a limit on the terms that future EB Member may serve on the EB:

- All future EB members, except the President, would be eligible to serve in any elected capacity for a maximum of three (3) consecutive mandates where each term is for 4 years, and that is, for a maximum total of 12 years, between elective congresses.
- The first term of office for the President would be 8 years, and for a maximum of 16 years, between elective congresses, (this was similar to the IOC policy for the term of office of the IOC President).
- All EB members (President excluded), if elected President, would be allowed to reset his/her mandate to one. This would mean that such person may serve a total maximum of 24 years, between elective congresses.
- All elected officials:
 - Can serve a maximum of 3 consecutive mandates in any role before a compulsory break of at least 4 years.
 - Can serve a maximum of 3 mandates in any role.
 - If elected President, the consecutive count resets to 1.

6.3.9 ***Virtual EB Meetings (Article 14.13 (a))***

The proposed amendments to allow for EB meetings to be held in person, in writing or via electronic means (or a combination of in person and via electronic means), at the discretion of the EB, to provide for special circumstances (such as the current Covid-19 restrictions).

6.3.10 ***The Presidential Council (Article 16)***

The proposed amendments to increase the membership of the Presidential Council from 8 to 10 EXCO officers, to include the Athletes' Representatives for Baseball and Softball.

6.3.11 ***The Commissions (Article 18.4)***

The proposed amendments to update the respective name and role of the Medical Commission and the Integrity Unit/Commission.

6.3.12 ***International Players (Articles 19.8 and 19.9)***

The proposed amendments to update the power of the EB to deal with athletes who wish to change his/her respective country representation and explain in more detail, the WBSC policy regarding athlete's representation regarding potential nationality changes. The amendments are to align with

the provisions of the Olympic Charter (By-Law to Rule 41).

6.3.13 Doping Control (Article 22)

The proposed amendments to update compliance by WBSC with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code.

6.3.14 WBSC Assets (Article 24.2)

The proposed amendments to update the names of WBSC's premier tournaments and all the Disciplines, for which WBSC claims intellectual property rights.

- 6.4 Mr. Waage asked whether there was a need to expressly specify that slow-pitch Softball was included in the list of disciplines in Article 1.2 (Disciplines of the Sport). Mr. Day, on behalf of Mr. Peng, queried whether it was necessary to expressly specify that mini-baseball was included as one of the disciplines in Article 1.2.
- 6.5 Secretary General Low said that the Rules of Softball already included Rules for fast-pitch, modified pitch and slow-pitch Softball. Mr. Schmidt said that slow-pitch is part of Softball but that he would re-confirm the matters raised by Mr. Waage and Mr. Day with the Legal Commission.
- 6.6 Mr. Finlay pointed out that in Article 13 (Online Congress), there was one area where the Legal Commission and the WBSC Management team had slightly different views, as the Legal Commission's view was that elections in an Elective Congress ought to be in person and not by way of electronic vote. However, given the current circumstances and restrictions due to the ongoing pandemic, he stated that the WBSC needed to ensure that a Congress may be conducted via electronic means and to also allow for electronic vote-elections. He stated that the Legal Commission was proposing to leave the matter as regards online elections to the EB and Extraordinary Congress for consideration, whilst in the meantime, the Legal Commission would look into possible workable options on the conduct electronic voting.
- 6.6.1 Secretary General Low shared that she had attended several online meetings and general assemblies where their elections were conducted online by an accredited audit company with special software and monitored in the physical presence of officials (including lawyers) and independent parties.
- 6.6.2 Mr. Day, on behalf of Mr. Peng, shared that whilst he understood the need for the amendments to allow for online elections in the worst-case scenario, he stated that he would prefer elections conducted in the physical presence of voting delegates.
- 6.6.3 President Fraccari agreed that the preference was for physical presence in particular for elections, but that WBSC needed to be ready for any special

case such as the current pandemic restrictions, and to include provisions for online elections, and that such online elections were conducted by the IOC and some IF elections recently.

- 6.7 Mr. Kaltschmitt queried as to whether the term limits in Article 13.11(h) and (i) would have retrospective effect, that was, that the terms already served by current EB Members would be included in the computation of the mandate limits.
- 6.7.1 Mr. Finlay clarified that the amendments, and the proposed term limits to be imposed, would only take effect from the time the amendments were approved.
- 6.7.2 President Fraccari informed that the proposal for term limits was similar to term limits for service imposed by the IOC on its President and EB members and was in line with good governance practice. Mr. Day, on behalf of Mr. Peng, said he was in favour of the proposed term limit amendments.
- 6.8 Mr. Schmidt continued with his presentation on the proposed changes – amendments to the WBSC Code of the Divisions:
- 6.8.1 ***Commissions, Working Groups (WGs) & Employees (Article 3, Article 7, Article 8 and consequential Articles)***
The proposed amendments to reflect the current structure of the WBSC, where the Committees, the Working Groups, and employees, are all under the direct authority and management of the Confederation.
- 6.8.2 ***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)***
The proposed amendments to reflect the current authority and management of the financial matters and accounts of the WBSC and the WBSC Divisions directly under the Confederation. As such, there was no need for a separate post of treasurer of the Divisions since all financial matters and responsibilities were vested in the WBSC Treasurer.
- 6.8.3 ***Doping Control (Article 9)***
The proposed amendments to update the WBSC compliance with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code.
- 6.9 Mr. Vicini pointed out that Article 5.7 (f) and 5.7 (i) should also be deleted as they were linked to the appointment of Commissions and employment of executives, as all such matters were also under the direct authority of the Confederation.

PROPOSAL:

To consider and approve the proposed amendments to the WBSC Statutes and the WBSC

Code of the Divisions and to recommend the proposed amendments be tabled for consideration and approval at the next Extraordinary Congress of the WBSC, as proposed by Mr. Finlay and seconded by Mr. Kaltschmitt.

DECISION

The WBSC Executive Board unanimously approved the proposed amendments the WBSC Statutes and the WBSC Code of the Divisions and recommend that the proposed amendments be tabled for consideration and approval at the next Extraordinary Congress of the WBSC.

7. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE WBSC CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

- 7.1 Ms. Bloetjes gave a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting the following salient points, on the proposed WBSC Conflict of Interest Policy, which document was sent earlier to all EB Members, for the EB's consideration and approval:

[Please refer to Appendix 2 for the details of the Proposed WBSC Conflict of Interest Policy]

- 7.1.1 WBSC was working with IPACS (International Partnership Against Corruption in Sport) – the latter's mission was "to bring together international sports organisations, governments, inter-governmental organisations, and other relevant stakeholders to strengthen and support efforts to eliminate corruption and promote a culture of good governance in and around sport". She was WBSC's representative on the IPACS Taskforce 2, which was tasked to ensure integrity in the selection of major sporting events.
- 7.1.2 A key element for ensuring the integrity of sport organisations was the development and implementation of appropriate conflict-of-interest policies to mitigate the risk that the processes were unduly influenced, to reinforce public trust in the integrity of sport organisations.
- 7.1.3 The IPACS Taskforce 2 had developed a document with recommendations and guidance to help an organisation to put measures in place to manage conflict of interest situations.
- 7.1.4 The proposed WBSC Conflict of Interest Policy:
- Sets out the procedures for identifying and managing conflicts and potential conflicts of interests or duty, affecting all persons involved in the administration and running of the WBSC and its business.
 - Conflicts affect discussions and decision-making and may result in decisions being reached that are not in the best interests of WBSC; conflicts can give the impression that improper conduct has occurred;

normal decision making would be more transparent, and it allows the management of conflict that arises; all parties were under a duty to avoid a conflict, where possible.

- There are 2 main types of conflicts:
 - Conflict of interests: Where a party has an interest personal to them, which may conflict with the best interests of WBSC.
 - Conflict of duties: Where a party owes a duty to another body, that may conflict with his/her duties to act in the best interests of the WBSC.
- Upon election - appointment, the party concerned must declare his/her interests, using the Declaration of Interests Form provided by the WBSC.
- The WBSC Integrity Unit would use the information in the Declarations to maintain a Register of Interests. If the party has an interest listed in the Register of Interests that should be disclosed as a conflict, the chairman of the meeting shall disclose it to the meeting.
- If a party has a conflict, a decision must be made as to how to manage it, as follows:
 - by the President for Conflicts relevant to WBSC EB members;
 - by the Chairman of the meeting at which the Conflict becomes relevant;
 and in each case, after consultation with the WBSC Integrity Unit.

7.2 Mr. Kaltschmitt pointed out the Integrity Unit could look into the IOC's Conflict of Interest Policy and Declaration of Interest Form, for guidance.

7.2.1 Ms. Bloetjes clarified that there were IOC representatives on the IPACS Taskforce 2, and where best practice examples regarding Conflict-of-Interest policies were shared. She informed that the proposed WBSC Conflict of Interest Policy was drafted based on recommendations from IPACS.

7.2.2 Mr. Ienna added that IPACS was working hand-in-hand with the IOC and that the WBSC document included best practice examples agreed upon between the IOC and IPACS.

7.3 As regards Clauses 7.1(b) and 7.2, Secretary General Low queried as to whom would decide on the conflict matter if the chairman of the meeting was the party who had a relevant conflict.

7.3.1 Ms. Bloetjes thanked her for the input and stated that the relevant clause

would be updated to provide for management of such a situation.

PROPOSAL:

Subject to the change to Clause 7.2 as stated above, to consider and approve the WBSC Conflict of Interest Policy as proposed by Mr. Finlay and seconded by Mr. Waage.

DECISION

Subject to the change to Clause 7.2, the WBSC Executive Board unanimously approved the WBSC Conflict of Interest Policy.

8. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE DATES FOR THE 2021 WBSC EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS AND 2022 WBSC CONGRESS

8.1 2021 WBSC Extraordinary Congress

8.1.1 Mr. Schmidt informed that the target was to hold the 2021 WBSC Extraordinary Congress to consider and approve the proposed amendments to the WBSC Statutes and WBSC Code of the Divisions, by 18th of December 2021. He stated that all WBSC eligible voting Members would be given the opportunity to submit feedback and written form of their vote for approval or for objection to the proposed amendments by the 18th of December 2021.

- In response to Mr. Finlay's query as to whether it would be a virtual Congress or would written responses be required to be submitted by that date, Mr. Schmidt clarified that it was the target to have the responses in writing to be submitted by that date, and not an online/virtual Congress.
- Mr. Finlay reminded that the WBSC would need to give at least 2 months' prior written notice from that date, of the Extraordinary Congress.

PROPOSAL:

To consider and approve the convening of a WBSC Extraordinary Congress by way of written responses to the proposed amendments to the WBSC Statutes and WBSC Code of the divisions, and that all such written responses be received by the WBSC Office not later than 18th December 2021, as proposed by Mr. Finlay and seconded by Mr. Seiler.

DECISION

The WBSC Executive Board unanimously approved the convening of a WBSC Extraordinary Congress by way of written responses to the proposed amendments to the WBSC Statutes and WBSC Code of the divisions, and that all such written responses be received by the WBSC Office not later than 18th December 2021.

8.2 2022 WBSC Congress and Elections

- 8.2.1 President Fraccari requested Mr. Day, on behalf of Mr. Peng, to give an update on the hosting of the 2022 WBSC Congress and Elections, by Chinese Taipei (TPE), and the status of the Covid-19 pandemic situation and restrictions imposed by the authorities on travel into TPE.
- 8.2.2 Mr. Day reported that TPE borders were still closed to foreign visitors, due to the recent surge in daily reported new infection-cases and related deaths, and that international travels were restrictive and complicated, but that the pandemic situation was under control. He informed that about 60% of the TPE adult population was vaccinated.
- 8.2.3 He stated that currently, anyone entering TPE would still be required to undergo a mandatory 14-day quarantine at a designated quarantine hotel and that there was a mandatory health monitoring for another 7 days thereafter, and several Covid tests would be conducted. He proposed that the situation be reviewed towards December 2021 and reiterated TPE's commitment to do all that was possible to ensure the hosting of the 2022 WBSC Congress would take place as planned; he stated they have even identified the official host hotel. He said that they have been having ongoing discussions with the relevant authorities on the matter and would update the WBSC accordingly from time to time.
- 8.2.4 President Fraccari stated that the 2022 WBSC Congress planned for March 2022 ought not to be postponed and that WBSC would review the matter in December 2021 before finalising the dates for that Congress.
- 8.2.5 Several of the EB Members expressed confidence that TPE would be able to host the 2022 WBSC Congress as the authorities there has been handling and controlling the pandemic situation fairly well.

9. PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

- 9.1 Mr. Schmidt informed that there was no new membership application for consideration but that the WBSC Office was working with several parties on new memberships.

9.2 He then requested the EB Members to consider and approve the dismissal of the membership of the following 2 Member-National Federations (NFs) as both were inactive and no baseball/softball activities were reported:

9.2.1 Namibia Softball Federation; and

9.2.2 Cook Island Baseball and Softball Federation.

PROPOSAL 1:

To consider and approve the dismissal of Namibia Softball Federation as an Ordinary Member of the WBSC as proposed by Mr. Mukokomani and seconded by Mr. Waage.

DECISION 1

The WBSC Executive Board unanimously approved the dismissal of Namibia Softball Federation as an Ordinary Member of the WBSC.

PROPOSAL 2:

To consider and approve the dismissal of Cook Island Baseball and Softball Federation as Ordinary Member of the WBSC, as proposed by Mr. Cassier and seconded by Mr. Seiler.

DECISION 2

The WBSC Executive Board unanimously approved the dismissal of Cook Island Baseball and Softball Federation as an Ordinary Member of the WBSC.

10. CALL OF THE NEXT WBSC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

101 Mr. Schmidt reported that no new date has been set for the next WBSC EB meeting but that President Fraccari was considering having an in-person EB meeting to coincide with the planned summit with the professional leagues in the first quarter of 2022, and that there was a possibility of another online EB meeting before then.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 There was no other matter brought up.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING

12.1 President Fraccari thanked all who attended the Meeting. He also thanked the WBSC staff and the interpreters for their efforts in ensuring the success of the meeting.

- 12.2 There being no other matters, the Meeting adjourned at 14:50 with a vote of thanks to the Chair. [End]

These Minutes, originating from the WBSC Executive Board Meeting held by videoconference, on 4th October 2021, are formally confirmed as correct by:

Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

City _____

Signed by _____

Riccardo Fraccari
President

Signed by _____

Beng Choo Low
Secretary General



WBSC STATUTES

Comparison & Explanatory Memorandum

~~DELETED PARTS~~

ADDED PARTS



STATUTES

This is the final version containing all the modifications and amendments to the Articles of Association that were approved and ratified by the I WBSC Congress held in Hammamet, Tunisia, on 10th May 2014.
This final version and all its amendments have been approved as a draft first by the WBSC Executive Board in its meeting in Rome, Italy, on 25th February 2017, and then were finally approved by the WBSC Extraordinary Congress held in Gaborone, Botswana, on 13th October 2017.



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Further amendments approved by the WBSC Extraordinary Congress held in Gaborone, Botswana on 13th October 2017.
Further amendments approved by the WBSC Extraordinary Congress held on 18th December 2021.

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CHAPTER 1 – GENERAL PRINCIPLES

ARTICLE 1. NAME AND FOUNDING PURPOSE

1.1 - The name of this organisation shall be the World Baseball Softball Confederation, and hereinafter may sometimes be referred to as “WBSC” or the “Confederation.” WBSC is and shall remain a not-for-profit and apolitical entity, organised as an Association according to the provisions of Swiss Civil Code, Part One, Title Two, Chapter Two.

1.2 - The WBSC is the only recognised International Governing Body for the Sport of Baseball/Softball, 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 thereof in all the countries and territories of the world, which accept its Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

1.3 - WBSC was formed in 2014, and such recognised by the International Olympic Committee and other world recognition organisations, by the merge of the International Baseball and Softball Federations (IBAF and ISF), to provide a unified voice, governance and control for the sport of Baseball/Softball (the “Sport”) and all disciplines of Baseball/Softball (the “disciplines”) throughout the world. Where used in these Statutes the Sport of Baseball/Softball shall include the disciplines of Baseball and Softball. The WBSC will have the sole authority to govern the Sport internationally and will replace the ISF and the IBAF (which are no longer recognised as International Federations by the IOC) on the list of IFs for core sports as found in the IOC By-Law to Rule 45, ¶ 2.1.2.

1.4 - The WBSC is constituted of the Member Federations, Associations or Organisations, which organise, promote and develop the Sport in their respective countries or territories.

1.5 - The WBSC is an association whose Member Federations, Associations or Organisations join the WBSC voluntarily; Full Member Federations are recognised in each country or territory as being the sole governing body for Baseball and/or Softball in that particular country or territory. By voluntarily affiliating with the WBSC, the Member Federation and/or their individual members/organisations/athletes/officials belonging to that Member Federation by participating in WBSC events and/or tournaments in any capacity whatsoever, implicitly and explicitly agree to adhere to the principles and specific conditions expressed in the Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations of the WBSC as in effect at any particular time.

ARTICLE 2. LOCATION

2.1 - The world headquarters of WBSC shall be located in Lausanne, Switzerland. The city may be changed by the WBSC Extraordinary Congress.

ARTICLE 3. DISCRIMINATION

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1.2 - The WBSC is the only recognised International Governing Body for the Sport of Baseball/Softball (the “Sport”), 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 thereof.~~ The WBSC governs all related disciplines (the “disciplines”) of the Sport, including but not limited to Baseball, Softball, Baseball5, all adapted formats of such disciplines for people with physical and mental impairments (“Para-sports”) and all virtual/electronic versions of the Sport (“eSports”) in all the countries and territories of the world, which accept its Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations. For the purposes of this Article 1.2, “eSports” means any form of active virtual/electronic entertainment representing or impersonating fully or in part any of the disciplines, events or trademarks governed by the WBSC as well as all related online and offline competitions.

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ARTICLE 4. OBJECTIVES

4.1 - The Objectives of this Confederation shall be as follows:

- a) To encourage the development of all disciplines of our Sport of Baseball/Softball throughout all countries and territories.
- b) To promote and encourage the development of physical attributes and moral values and ethical principles, mutual respect and worldwide peace, which are the basis of our Sport, through the organisation of world, continental, regional, sub-regional and national competitions.
- c) To fully comply with the Olympic Charter and to contribute to the realisation of its objectives.
- d) To promote clean sport, fight against doping through prevention and education and adhere to the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC).
- e) To promote and encourage the development of international relations through the greatest bonding and fairest and most amicable cooperation between its Member Federations, Associations and Organisations.
- f) To promote, sponsor and, if needed, found such bodies as may be deemed necessary for the best development and functioning of Baseball/Softball and the disciplines of Baseball and Softball throughout the world.
- g) To form partnerships, cooperations or amalgamations with other International Sporting Organisations (ISOs) to further the promotion and development of Baseball/Softball and the disciplines of Baseball and Softball throughout the world.
- h) To subscribe to, apply to or join any other ISOs whose objectives are consistent with those of WBSC.
- i) To guard and protect the general interests of Baseball/Softball throughout the world and before such organisations and institutions as may be required.
- j) To adopt, approve, administer, revise, and enforce uniform rules and regulations governing competitions in Baseball/Softball.
- k) To organise Olympic Competitions.
- l) To ensure that other competitions are sanctioned by WBSC under, and comply with, these Statutes, the Code of the Divisions and any relevant Tournament Regulations of the respective Baseball and Softball Divisions (as defined below at Article 12.1), and such competitions are open to eligible National Federations.
- m) To decide any dispute that may arise between, among or involving Member Federations, Associations and Organisations, including that between, among or involving any individual athlete or official, that is referred to WBSC by an interested party, and to provide for the uniform recognition and application of disciplinary actions.
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- f) To promote, sponsor and, if needed, found such bodies as may be deemed necessary for the best development and functioning of Baseball/Softball and ~~the~~ all related disciplines and formats of ~~Baseball and Softball~~ the Sport throughout the world.
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<p>o) To carry out studies and investigations and promote and organise seminars, workshops, conferences and other events for the improvement and development of Baseball/Softball throughout the world.</p> <p>p) To establish, collect or cause to be collected and to approve and maintain statistics, statistical compilations and records for access via the web site and elsewhere.</p> <p>q) To establish, calculate and promote the World Rankings for Baseball/Softball at different levels, including for all international, continental, regional and sub-regional Baseball/Softball competitions.</p> <p>r) To recognise appropriately the contributions of those involved in Baseball/Softball.</p> <p>s) To cooperate with the IOC and the Olympic Movement to promote, implement, and achieve these Objectives, and to preserve and guarantee the interests of WBSC and its Member Federations, Associations and Organisations and to support and maintain the ideals of the Olympic Movement in all aspects of Baseball/Softball.</p> <p>t) To carry out such other activities as the Executive Board may deem desirable to promote and/or develop the sport of Baseball/Softball.</p> <p>ARTICLE 5. LANGUAGE</p> <p>5.1 - The official languages of WBSC shall be English and Spanish. In case of doubt, the English language shall prevail. Additional official languages may be adopted by simple majority of either the WBSC Ordinary or Extraordinary Congress.</p> <p>CHAPTER 2 – MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>ARTICLE 6. MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>6.1 - The recognised national or territorial sports bodies governing Baseball or Softball, or those single bodies jointly governing Baseball and Softball, shall be eligible for membership in WBSC as a National Federation if qualified, or such other condition of membership as may be established by the Executive Board.</p> <p>6.2 - The constitution, by-laws or articles of association and rules of a Member must not be in conflict with those of WBSC. Where there is a conflict, the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations shall prevail.</p> <p>6.3 - Each Member, by accepting membership of WBSC, acknowledges that WBSC is the only recognised body in the world that governs Baseball/Softball internationally.</p> <p>6.4 - The WBSC shall have the following classes of membership:</p> <p> a) Affiliated members, which will be categorised as either Full Members or Provisional Members; or</p> <p> b) Associate members, officially approved by the WBSC Executive Board.</p> <p>6.5 - To be a Full Member of the WBSC, the following is required:</p> <p> a) The applicant must officially apply to the WBSC.</p>	<p>o) To carry out studies and investigations and promote and organise seminars, workshops, conferences and other events for the improvement and development of Baseball/Softball and all related disciplines and formats throughout the world.</p> <p>p) To establish, collect or cause to be collected and to approve and maintain statistics, statistical compilations and records for access via the web site and elsewhere.</p> <p>q) To establish, calculate and promote the World Rankings for Baseball/Softball and all related disciplines and formats at different levels, including for all international, continental, regional and sub-regional Baseball/Softball competitions.</p> <p>r) To recognise appropriately the contributions of those involved in Baseball/Softball and all related disciplines and formats.</p> <p>s) To cooperate with the IOC and the Olympic Movement to promote, implement, and achieve these Objectives, and to preserve and guarantee the interests of WBSC and its Member Federations, Associations and Organisations and to support and maintain the ideals of the Olympic Movement in all aspects of Baseball/Softball and all related disciplines and formats.</p> <p>t) To carry out such other activities as the Executive Board may deem desirable to promote and/or develop the sport of Baseball/Softball and all related disciplines and formats.</p> <p>ARTICLE 5. 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<p>b) That there exists a National Olympic Committee (NOC) in the country or territory of the Federation, Association or Organisation applying for affiliation.</p> <p>c) The applicant Federation, Association or Organisation must exercise a specific, real and on-going sports Baseball/Softball activity and be governed by and comply in all aspects with both the Olympic Charter and the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>d) When a country or territory wishes to set up its own NOC and requires a minimum National Sports Federations, Associations or Organisations in order to obtain such status, the WBSC may accept from the applicant its request for incorporation into and recognition by the NOC in the process of the NOC's incorporation and in such case, WBSC may admit it as a provisional member. Such provisional acceptance shall remain in force pending the decision of the International Olympic Committee in relation to recognition of the corresponding NOC.</p> <p>e) The Federation, Association or Organisation affiliated to the WBSC shall be the only authorised body to legislate and pass resolutions, motions and provisions in its country or territory, in all Baseball/Softball competitions organised within its jurisdiction or territory, and shall be authorised to set up relations with other members, in accordance with the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>6.6 - To be a Provisional Member of the WBSC, the following is required:</p> <p>a) The applicant must officially apply to the WBSC.</p> <p>b) The applicant Federation, Association or Organisation does not have an IOC-recognised NOC in its country or territory but is recognised by WBSC to be the only Federation, Association or Organisation authorised to legislate and pass resolutions, motions and provisions in its country or territory, in all Baseball/Softball competitions organised within its jurisdiction or territory and to set up relations with other members, in accordance with the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>6.7 - To be an Associate Member of the WBSC, the following is required:</p> <p>a) The applicant must officially apply to the WBSC.</p> <p>b) The applicant must be a self-administered international or major organisation, other than a National Federation, recognised by the WBSC and whose activities or objectives involve the development of the Sport of Baseball/Softball and whose objectives are not in conflict with those of WBSC.</p> <p>c) The applicant must meet such other criteria and conditions as may be set by the WBSC.</p> <p>d) The applicant must agree to and must respect and abide by the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>6.8 - For the purposes of managing and organising all championships and events at regional and continental level, WBSC recognises five (5) world regions ("Continents"): namely, Africa, Asia, Europe, the Americas and Oceania.</p> <p>6.9 - The Continental Associations, constituted of WBSC affiliated members geographically situated within their continent, shall have proper authority within the limits of their jurisdiction following the WBSC policies and shall, under WBSC control, supervise Baseball/Softball activities in their respective areas. In accordance with Chapter 1, Article 3.2 of the Olympic Charter, the Statutes of the Continental Associations must comply with the Olympic Charter and the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and must be approved by the WBSC.</p> <p>6.10 - The duties and responsibilities of the Continental Associations are:</p>	<p>b) That there exists a National Olympic Committee (NOC) in the country or territory of the Federation, Association or Organisation applying for affiliation.</p> <p>c) The applicant Federation, Association or Organisation must exercise a specific, real and on-going sports Baseball/Softball activity and be governed by and comply in all aspects with both the Olympic Charter and the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>d) When a country or territory wishes to set up its own NOC and requires a minimum National Sports Federations, Associations or Organisations in order to obtain such status, the WBSC may accept from the applicant its request for incorporation into and recognition by the NOC in the process of the NOC's incorporation and in such case, WBSC may admit it as a provisional member. 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<p>a) To promote, develop and control Baseball/Softball and implement the WBSC policies within its geographical limits, ensuring compliance with the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>b) To approve and implement its own rules and regulations and ensure they are in accordance with the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>c) To apply, within their geographical limits, the specific aspects marked in WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations concerning the membership fee, members' obligations and other duties and responsibilities of Members.</p> <p>d) To authorise, organise and control, with the prior approval of the WBSC, continental, regional and sub-regional tournaments and competitions, including those in continental, regional and sub-regional multi-sports Games and events, with the exception of championships and events related to the qualifications for the Olympic Games, which remain under the sole competence and authority of the WBSC.</p> <p>e) The President of the WBSC and/or his or her representative may attend all meetings of the Continental Associations' Executive Committees, Congresses and all other meetings and events as may be held at any time. The Continental Associations shall ensure that the WBSC Executive Office shall be notified of the Meetings of the Continental Associations' Executive Committees, Congresses and all other meetings and events at the latest when the official call is made to ensure that the President and/or his or her representative is able to attend these meetings.</p> <p>f) When a Continental Association imposes a penalty and/or a sanction on an athlete, official or any individual or organisation, such matter and decision shall be brought to the attention of the WBSC for the WBSC's decision as to whether such penalty and/or sanction would affect the affected person or organisation in relation to WBSC competitions, events and activities.</p> <p>6.11 - Non-compliance with these provisions and Statutes and in the event of conflict between decisions of the Executive Board and the Continental Associations may lead to the intervention of WBSC as appropriate, including sanctioning provided in these Statutes and in the Disciplinary By-Laws.</p> <p>ARTICLE 7. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>7.1 - Subject to Article 8, eligibility for membership is open to any organisation that files an application, satisfies the criteria and requirements for membership, and demonstrates that it is eligible for membership in accordance with the provisions of these Statutes.</p> <p>7.2 - WBSC shall recognise only one National Federation for Softball and only one National Federation for Baseball, or only one joint National Federation which will govern both Baseball and Softball in a country or territory for which an application is made and approved. The jurisdiction shall be limited to the internationally recognised political boundaries of that country or territory. The WBSC may not recognise more than one such Federation in any country or territory.</p> <p>7.3 - For new Members, an applicant for membership as a National Federation shall submit an application addressed to the WBSC President and sent to the WBSC Headquarters for recognition as a Member, in such form as the WBSC may require, which application shall include all supporting documentation and any additional information as required by the Executive Board. In addition, an applicant must:</p> <p>a) be a separate legal entity under the laws of the country or territory in which it is organised;</p> <p>b) be a charitable, public service, or not-for-profit entity having as its purpose the advancement of Baseball/Softball competitions and activities within its country, and have the managerial and financial capability to plan and execute its obligations;</p>	<p>a) To promote, develop and control Baseball/Softball and implement the WBSC policies within its geographical limits, ensuring compliance with the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>b) To approve and implement its own rules and regulations and ensure they are in accordance with the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>c) To apply, within their geographical limits, the specific aspects marked in WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations concerning the membership fee, members' obligations and other duties and responsibilities of Members.</p> <p>d) To authorise, organise and control, with the prior approval of the WBSC, continental, regional and sub-regional tournaments and competitions, including those in continental, regional and sub-regional multi-sports Games and events, with the exception of championships and events related to the qualifications for the Olympic Games, which remain under the sole competence and authority of the WBSC.</p> <p>e) The President of the WBSC and/or his or her representative may attend all meetings of the Continental Associations' Executive Committees, Congresses and all other meetings and events as may be held at any time. The Continental Associations shall ensure that the WBSC Executive Office shall be notified of the Meetings of the Continental Associations' Executive Committees, Congresses and all other meetings and events at the latest when the official call is made to ensure that the President and/or his or her representative is able to attend these meetings.</p> <p>f) When a Continental Association imposes a penalty and/or a sanction on an athlete, official or any individual or organisation, such matter and decision shall be brought to the attention of the WBSC for the WBSC's decision as to whether such penalty and/or sanction would affect the affected person or organisation in relation to WBSC competitions, events and activities.</p> <p>6.11 - Non-compliance with these provisions and Statutes and in the event of conflict between decisions of the Executive Board and the Continental Associations may lead to the intervention of WBSC as appropriate, including sanctioning provided in these Statutes and in the Disciplinary By-Laws.</p> <p>ARTICLE 7. 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The WBSC may not recognise more than one such Federation in any country or territory.</p> <p>7.3 - For new Members, an applicant for membership as a National Federation shall submit an application addressed to the WBSC President and sent to the WBSC Headquarters for recognition as a Member, in such form as the WBSC may require, which application shall include all supporting documentation and any additional information as required by the Executive Board. In addition, an applicant must:</p> <p>a) be a separate legal entity under the laws of the country or territory in which it is organised;</p> <p>b) be a charitable, public service, or not-for-profit entity having as its purpose the advancement of Baseball/Softball competitions and activities within its country, and have the managerial and financial capability to plan and execute its obligations;</p>
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<p>c) acknowledge WBSC as the sole governing body for international Baseball/Softball and as the sole sanctioning authority for all WBSC competitions, and comply with the provisions of the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and each applicable Tournament Regulations;</p> <p>d) acknowledge all other member National Federations as the only governing authorities for Baseball and/or Softball in their respective nations and all Continental Associations as the governing body for Baseball and/or Softball on a continental basis, subject to the constitutional limitations of such organisations;</p> <p>e) provide a means for and act as a conduit for all correspondence or communications regarding international Baseball/Softball affairs;</p> <p>f) timely pay such fees, dues, or other financial assessments in full and timely provide such information to WBSC as may be required of member National Federations. The amount of annual membership dues or other financial assessments shall be set by the Executive Board. Dues must be paid on or before March 31st of each year in US Dollars;</p> <p>g) not discriminate in its membership policies and is open to any individual who is an athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, official active in Baseball/Softball in its country and not subject to a disciplinary action;</p> <p>h) provide any person over which it may have authority to determine eligibility to compete in Baseball/Softball or for membership in its organisation, with fair notice and opportunity for a hearing before declaring such person ineligible to participate, or revoking such membership;</p> <p>i) be governed by a board of directors or other such governing board whose members are selected without discrimination of any form, except that, in sports where there are separate male and female programs, it provides for representation of both males and females on such board of directors or other such governing board;</p> <p>j) provide and enforce proper procedures for the prompt and equitable resolution of grievances of its members, providing due process in all instances; and</p> <p>k) be approved by the Executive Board, and by a majority vote of National Federations, Members of WBSC, present and eligible to vote at the Congress during which such a vote is taken.</p> <p>7.4 - If an application for membership as a National Federation is not accepted by the Executive Board or by a Congress under Articles 7 and 8 hereof, the applicant may reapply prior to a subsequent Congress. If the membership is not accepted a second time, then the applicant may only reapply after allowing at least one regular Congress to pass.</p> <p>7.5 - An applicant to be a Member from a geographic territory that does not have a recognised NOC may be admitted as a Provisional Member, if it meets all the other criteria of Articles 7 and 8. The Congress, in future, may approve other classes of Member by Special Resolution.</p> <p>7.6 - For new Members, an application for membership as a National Federation shall include the following documents:</p> <p>a) A certified copy of its Statutes and Regulations.</p> <p>b) The original admission certificate of its NOC/Ministry of Sports/National Sport Institute or a copy of the application for registration with the NOC/Ministry of Sports/National Sport Institute. If said application is denied, it must attach a copy of the correspondence pertaining thereto. 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<p>c) The composition of its Board of Directors or such other governing committee as well as its members, with the position, name and addresses of all of its officers and members.</p> <p>d) A short description of the national and other competitions, activities and events organised within the country or territory for a period of three (3) years preceding the application and the 3-year plan for the future development of Baseball/Softball in the country or territory.</p> <p>e) The application form must include a formal statement from the applicant that it will comply with the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and any WBSC resolution or directive.</p> <p>7.7 - An applicant to be an Associate Member of WBSC must be accepted by the Executive Board under Article 6.4(b).</p> <p>ARTICLE 8. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS</p> <p>8.1 - A Full Member in Good Standing has the following rights (“Rights”):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to attend the Congress; b) to use the services of WBSC; c) to have the right to speak in all deliberations at the Congress; d) to vote in all deliberations and matters submitted to the Congress; e) to take part in Olympic Competitions and other WBSC sanctioned competitions for which they are eligible; f) to be recognised as the only Baseball/Softball National Governing Body of its Country by everybody; g) to do or engage in any other act to which a Member that is in Good Standing is otherwise entitled to do; and h) to make proposals and submit resolutions to the WBSC for the consideration of the Executive Board and/or the Congress. <p>8.2 - A Provisional Member in Good Standing has the following rights (“Rights”):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to attend the Congress; b) to use the services of WBSC; c) to have the right to speak, but not to vote, in all deliberations or in all matters submitted to the Congress; d) to do or engage in any other act to which a Member that is in Good Standing is otherwise entitled to do; and e) to make proposals and submit resolutions to the WBSC for the consideration of the Executive Board and/or the Congress. <p>8.3 - An Associate Member in Good Standing has the following rights (“Rights”):</p>	<p>c) The composition of its Board of Directors or such other governing committee as well as its members, with the position, name and addresses of all of its officers and members.</p> <p>d) A short description of the national and other competitions, activities and events organised within the country or territory for a period of three (3) years preceding the application and the 3-year plan for the future development of Baseball/Softball in the country or territory.</p> <p>e) The application form must include a formal statement from the applicant that it will comply with the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and any WBSC resolution or directive.</p> <p>7.7 - An applicant to be an Associated Member of WBSC must be accepted by the Executive Board under Article 6.4(b).</p> <p>ARTICLE 8. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS</p> <p>8.1 - A Full Member in Good Standing has the following rights (“Rights”):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to attend the Congress; b) to use the services of WBSC; c) to have the right to speak in all deliberations at the Congress; d) to vote in all deliberations and matters submitted to the Congress; e) to take part in Olympic Competitions and other WBSC sanctioned competitions for which they are eligible; f) to be recognised as the only Baseball/Softball National Governing Body of its Country by everybody; g) to do or engage in any other act to which a Member that is in Good Standing is otherwise entitled to do; and h) to make proposals and submit resolutions to the WBSC for the consideration of the Executive Board and/or the Congress. <p>8.2 - A Provisional Member in Good Standing has the following rights (“Rights”):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to attend the Congress; b) to use the services of WBSC; c) to have the right to speak, but not to vote, in all deliberations or in all matters submitted to the Congress; d) to do or engage in any other act to which a Member that is in Good Standing is otherwise entitled to do; and e) to make proposals and submit resolutions to the WBSC for the consideration of the Executive Board and/or the Congress. <p>8.3 - An Associated Member in Good Standing has the following rights (“Rights”):</p>
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In particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A Congress or Extraordinary Congress may take place in person, in writing or by way of electronic means ("Virtual Congress/Extraordinary Congress") or a combination of in person and by way of electronic means ("Hybrid Congress/Extraordinary Congress"). b) In special circumstances, the resolution, decision and/or disposition of a Congress or Extraordinary Congress may be taken in writing. The WBSC Executive Board is competent to decide in which circumstances a resolution, decision and/or disposition of a Congress or Extraordinary Congress may be taken in writing. In this case, the WBSC Executive Board must give written notice (including by way of email) to the Members at least thirty (30) days before the date of the Congress/Extraordinary Congress. c) In special circumstances a Congress or an Extraordinary Congress can be postponed or held by way of electronic means or by a combination of in person and by way of electronic means ("Virtual or Hybrid Congress/Extraordinary Congress"), allowing WBSC Members to attend it by way of electronic means (video and/or audio). The WBSC Executive Board is competent to decide in which circumstances a Congress or an Extraordinary Congress has to be postponed or be staged in person, or by way of electronic means or a combination of in person and by way of electronic means. The WBSC Executive Board must give written notice (including by way of email) to the Members at least thirty (30) days before the date of the Virtual or Hybrid Congress/Extraordinary Congress.
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<p>13.2 - The Congress shall consist of the following:</p> <p>a) up to two (2) delegates for each Member Federation in Good Standing who have been appointed by the Member Federation and whose credentials are accepted by WBSC (“Accredited Delegates”). A Member Federation which governs only Baseball or only Softball in its country shall have a single delegate; a Member Federation which governs both Baseball and Softball in its country may have up to two (2) delegates, one (1) for each sport.</p> <p>Notice of the Appointment of all delegates, certified in writing by the Member Federation’s President or Secretary they represent must be lodged with the WBSC Secretary General no less than ten (10) days prior to the opening of the Congress. Only one (1) delegate representing a Member Federation for Softball and one (1) delegate representing a Member Federation for Baseball shall have one (1) vote, provided, however, if a Member Federation for both Softball and Baseball is represented by only a single delegate, such delegate shall be entitled to two (2) votes. A Member that is not in Good Standing on the date of the Congress may attend only through a non-voting representative. Accredited Delegates and non-voting representatives shall not be recognised if they are subject to a disciplinary decision that prohibits participation in a Congress. No Accredited Delegate or representative shall represent more than one (1) Member.</p> <p>If a Full Member wishes to send more than the permitted voting Accredited Delegate(s), it may do so, by registering the delegate in the Notice of Appointment. Such extra registered Delegate(s) have the right to attend, but only the permitted Accredited Delegate shall have the right to speak and to vote as previously stated. In the said Notice of Appointment, the Member Federation, Association or Organisation, the name of the voting Accredited Delegate with the right to vote, must be clearly stated and indicated. In his or her absence, the vote may be exercised by the other registered Delegates, in the order in which they appear on the Note of Appointment.</p> <p>All Delegates to a Congress must be a Member of the Board, Executive Director, Chief Executive or Secretary General, 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.</p> <p>b) all members of the Executive Board, with the right to speak but no right to vote;</p> <p>c) Provisional and Associate Members, with the right to speak but no right to vote;</p> <p>d) all others whose attendance is authorised by the Executive Board, with the right to speak but no right to vote.</p> <p>13.3 - The President shall control the conduct of a Congress (“Chair”). Should President for any reason be unavailable, then one of the Executive Vice Presidents chosen by the Executive Board shall preside and thereafter alternating between them if the President is again not available, or if no Executive Vice President is available then the Secretary General shall be the Chair, in that order. If no such person is available, the Executive Board shall elect one among them to serve as Chair.</p> <p>13.4 - WBSC will meet in Congress every second calendar year, in the odd numbered year (commencing in 2017, in exactly the first and the third year of the four-year Olympic cycle) and at a time and in a place determined by the Executive Board, except for an Extraordinary Congress that shall be convened according to Article 13.10. The Secretary General shall advise the exact date and location of every Congress at least three (3) months prior to the fixed date of the meeting, and the exact date and location of every Extraordinary Congress as soon as that Extraordinary Congress is validly called in conformance with Article 13.10. The Secretary General shall send an invitation to all Members, together with the agenda for the Congress and any reports as in Article 13.6 below and together with all duly submitted motions and applications at least one (1) month prior to the date fixed for the meeting.</p> <p>13.5 - The Congress has a quorum if more than one-half of the eligible voting delegates are represented. If within a reasonable period after the designated start time for a Congress the Secretary General has conducted the Roll Call and established that a quorum is not present, any duly summoned Congress may,</p>	<p>13.2 - The Congress shall consist of the following:</p> <p>a) up to two (2) delegates for each Member Federation in Good Standing who have been appointed by the Member Federation and whose credentials are accepted by WBSC (“Accredited Delegates”). A Member Federation which governs only Baseball or only Softball in its country shall have a single delegate; a Member Federation which governs both Baseball and Softball in its country may have up to two (2) delegates, one (1) for each sport.</p> <p>Notice of the Appointment of all delegates, certified in writing by the Member Federation’s President or Secretary they represent must be lodged with the WBSC Secretary General no less than ten (10) days prior to the opening of the Congress. Only one (1) delegate representing a Member Federation for Softball and one (1) delegate representing a Member Federation for Baseball shall have one (1) vote, provided, however, if a Member Federation for both Softball and Baseball is represented by only a single delegate, such delegate shall be entitled to two (2) votes. A Member that is not in Good Standing on the date of the Congress may attend only through a non-voting representative. Accredited Delegates and non-voting representatives shall not be recognised if they are subject to a disciplinary decision that prohibits participation in a Congress. No Accredited Delegate or representative shall represent more than one (1) Member.</p> <p>If a Full Member wishes to send more than the permitted voting Accredited Delegate(s), it may do so, by registering the delegate in the Notice of Appointment. Such extra registered Delegate(s) have the right to attend, but only the permitted Accredited Delegate shall have the right to speak and to vote as previously stated. In the said Notice of Appointment, the Member Federation, Association or Organisation, the name of the voting Accredited Delegate with the right to vote, must be clearly stated and indicated. In his or her absence, the vote may be exercised by the other registered Delegates, in the order in which they appear on the Note of Appointment.</p> <p>All Delegates to a Congress must be a Member of the Board, Executive Director, Chief Executive or Secretary General, 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.</p> <p>b) all members of the Executive Board, with the right to speak but no right to vote;</p> <p>c) Provisional and Associated Members, with the right to speak but no right to vote;</p> <p>d) all others whose attendance is authorised by the Executive Board, with the right to speak but no right to vote.</p> <p>13.3 - The President shall control the conduct of a Congress (“Chair”). Should President for any reason be unavailable, then one of the Executive Vice Presidents chosen by the Executive Board shall preside and thereafter alternating between them if the President is again not available, or if no Executive Vice President is available then the Secretary General shall be the Chair, in that order. If no such person is available, the Executive Board shall elect one among them to serve as Chair.</p> <p>13.4 – Subject to any decision by the Congress to the contrary, WBSC will meet in Congress every second calendar year, in the odd numbered year (commencing in 2017, in exactly the first and the third year of the four-year Olympic cycle) and at a time and in a place determined by the Executive Board, except for an Extraordinary Congress that shall be convened according to Article 13.10. 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<p>nevertheless, act as it goes along with the affirmative vote of at least an absolute majority of the votes constituting the normal quorum in the WBSC. If this action refers to a change in the Statutes, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes normally constituting the quorum (Members that have the right to vote) will be required.</p> <p>13.6 – The Executive Board shall propose the order of business to submit to the approval of the Congress.</p> <p>13.7 - Motions, applications and proposals for amendments of or addition to the Statutes or any Rules of WBSC shall be considered only if submitted by a Member or by the Executive Board. Any proposal for amendments of any Tournament Regulations may only be generated by the responsible Division. All motions, applications, and proposals to be considered by the Congress must reach the Secretary General at least two (2) calendar months prior to the date for the Congress and must appear on the agenda given to the Members in accordance with Article 13.4. On a motion of urgency approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those Members present and voting, the Congress may deal with new proposals not appearing on the agenda.</p> <p>13.8 - Any amendment of or addition to the WBSC Statutes, Rules and Regulations agreed upon by the Congress shall become effective immediately unless otherwise determined at the time of such approval.</p> <p>13.9 - The Code of the Divisions is the operating document of the Baseball and Softball Divisions and may be amended by the WBSC Executive Board and subject to approval of the WBSC Congress. All the By-Laws are operative documents for the WBSC and may be amended only by vote of the WBSC Executive Board.</p> <p>13.10 - An Extraordinary Congress may be requested by a petition signed by at least a fifth (1/5) of the current Members in Good Standing, or by the Executive Board (the majority of its members having voted in favour thereof), or by the President. It shall be summoned by the Secretary General within forty-five (45) days following the appropriate request, to convene no later than ninety (90) days after receipt of the petition or the decision of the Executive Board. The Secretary General shall provide notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled start of the Extraordinary Congress. Within the same period of time, the Secretary General shall send the Agenda to all the Members, including the location, the time of the first session opening and notification of all the topics to be dealt with which, in any case, will be the only ones on which valid resolutions can be passed.</p> <p>13.11 - The functions and responsibilities of the Congress shall be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To elect the President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer and the four Members At-Large in accordance with the Election By-Laws. b) To ratify the Vice Presidents and the Athletes representatives in accordance with the Election By-Laws. c) To suspend on justifiable grounds and/or to accept the resignation of Members of the Executive Board in accordance with the Election By-Laws. d) To be aware, analyse, and approve such resolutions, decisions and dispositions deemed appropriate on any WBSC matter or anything related to it or to its objects. e) To analyse and decide any point submitted by the Executive Board or, by due process, by any of its affiliated members. f) To examine, and approve or reject the balance-sheets, financial statements and reports presented by the Treasurer and/or by the Executive Board. g) To establish the financial fees and any other amounts payable by Members to the WBSC. h) To confer upon Members and/or individual and/or other organisations, such honours and awards as may be recommended by the Executive Board. 	<p>nevertheless, act as it goes along with the affirmative vote of at least an absolute majority of the votes constituting the normal quorum in the WBSC. 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<p>i) Any other business or matter as may be deemed appropriate by the Congress.</p> <p>ARTICLE 14. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD</p> <p>14.1 - The Executive Board shall be composed of the following officers elected or appointed in accordance with the Election By-Laws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a President; b) an Executive Vice President for Baseball (the Chairman of the Baseball Board; in case the Chairman is already elected on the WBSC Executive Board, the Baseball Board will appoint any other member by vote of majority as Executive Vice President for Baseball); c) an Executive Vice President for Softball (the Chairman of the Softball Board; in case the Chairman is already elected on the WBSC Executive Board, the Softball Board will appoint any other member by vote of majority as Executive Vice President for Softball); d) a Vice President for Baseball (appointed by the Baseball Board); e) a Vice President for Softball (appointed by the Softball Board); f) a Secretary General; g) a Treasurer; h) an Athlete Representative – Baseball; i) an Athlete Representative – Softball; j) Four (4) At Large Members, at least one (1) from each gender and two (2) representing Baseball and two (2) representing Softball; k) the Executive Director, without vote; l) an Honorary President, upon proposal by the Executive Board, without vote; <p>The President may invite any other person the President deems appropriate for his or her knowledge in special areas to attend meetings with the Executive Board, from time to time.</p> <p>The WBSC Executive Board/Officers are holding an office for a four (4) year term, with the exception that the term of the first elected Officers in 2014 will be until the elective Congress in 2021.</p>	<p>i) To confer the title of Honorary President as proposed by the Executive Board in accordance with the WBSC Honours and Awards By-Laws.</p> <p>j) Any other business or matter as may be deemed appropriate by the Congress.</p> <p>ARTICLE 14. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD</p> <p>14.1 - The Executive Board shall be composed of the following officers elected or appointed in accordance with the Election By-Laws:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a President; b) an Executive Vice President for Baseball (the Chairman of the Baseball Board; in case the Chairman is already elected on the WBSC Executive Board, the Baseball Board will appoint any other member by vote of majority as Executive Vice President for Baseball); c) an Executive Vice President for Softball (the Chairman of the Softball Board; in case the Chairman is already elected on the WBSC Executive Board, the Softball Board will appoint any other member by vote of majority as Executive Vice President for Softball); d) a Vice President for Baseball (appointed by the Baseball Board); e) a Vice President for Softball (appointed by the Softball Board); f) a Secretary General; g) a Treasurer; h) an Athlete Representative – Baseball; i) an Athlete Representative – Softball; j) Four (4) At Large Members, at least one (1) from each gender and two (2) representing Baseball and two (2) representing Softball; k) the Executive Director, without vote; l) an Honorary President, upon proposal by the Executive Board, without vote; <p>The President may invite any other person the President deems appropriate for his or her knowledge in special areas to attend meetings with the Executive Board, from time to time.</p> <p>The WBSC Executive Board/Officers are holding an office for a four (4) year term, with the exception that the term of the first elected Officers in 2014 will be until the elective Congress in 2021.</p> <p>14.2 – Limits of mandates for elected officials: Executive Board members are eligible for a maximum of three (3) mandates. Each mandate is counted as one term. For the purpose of this Article 14, “one term” means the period between two (2) successive Elective Congresses. Only the first mandate of the President is two (2) terms.</p> <p>14.3 - For elected officials, the following limits of mandates apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Consecutive: Can serve a maximum of three (3) consecutive mandates in any role before a compulsory break of at least four (4) years. b) Cumulative: Can serve a maximum of three (3) mandates in any one role. c) If elected President, the consecutive count resets at one (1).
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<p>14.2 - All members of the Executive Board shall have a vote on matters before the Executive Board. Decisions of the Executive Board shall be by simple majority and in the case of a tie the President shall have a casting vote. Voting may be conducted remotely such as by phone, facsimile or other means, including signed circular resolutions and other electronic means.</p> <p>14.3 - Membership on the Executive Board or the Divisions Boards of Baseball and Softball shall not render such member personally liable for the debts and obligations of WBSC. WBSC hereby indemnifies each member of the Executive Board against any liability of that member arising from the discharge of his or her duties whilst acting in good faith and honestly.</p> <p>14.4 - All the members of the Executive Board elected by the Congress must be from different Member Federations, Associations or Organisations of the WBSC, except in the case of the Secretary General, who may be from the same country as the President.</p> <p>14.5 - For gender equality purposes, WBSC's target shall be that neither gender shall have less than 30% of the total number of positions on the Executive Board.</p> <p>14.6 - The members of the Executive Board shall serve until their successors are elected and take office.</p> <p>14.7 - Where an Executive Board member has been absent from two (2) consecutive meetings without reasons acceptable to the Executive Board, his or her position shall be forfeited. The Executive Board may then fill such vacancy in accordance with the Election By-Laws.</p> <p>14.8 - The rights and duties of the Executive Board shall include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to discuss and make decisions on all matters assigned to them by the Congress; b) to interpret and enforce the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations; c) to decide and take action on any matter pertaining to the affairs of WBSC; d) to submit proposals and motions to the Congress; e) to impose penalties and/or sanctions on Members and/or athletes, officials and others and/or on members of such WBSC Members on valid grounds and where they fail to observe, or are in breach of, the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and and/or any other Tournament Regulations or directives; f) to do everything possible to maintain harmony between its Members and to decide on disputes that might occur between, among or involving Members and/or its athletes, officials and others; g) to handle and decide on all matters relating to disputed competitions under the jurisdiction of the WBSC; h) to decide on and publish administrative By-Laws, including time and manner of payment of any financial obligations; i) to deal with the applications for affiliation in accordance with these Statutes; j) to prepare the annual budget, balance sheets, financial statements and annual reports on the financial activities, duly audited, that should be approved by the next Ordinary Congress; k) to decide on and publish regulations for WBSC competitions, promulgated by the sport for submission to the Executive Board; l) to decide on WBSC awards; 	<p>14.24 - All members of the Executive Board shall have a vote on matters before the Executive Board. Decisions of the Executive Board shall be by simple majority and in the case of a tie the President shall have a casting vote. Voting may be conducted remotely such as by phone, facsimile, email or other means, including signed circular resolutions and other electronic means.</p> <p>14.35 - Membership on the Executive Board or the Divisions Boards of Baseball and Softball shall not render such member personally liable for the debts and obligations of WBSC. WBSC hereby indemnifies each member of the Executive Board against any liability of that member arising from the discharge of his or her duties whilst acting in good faith and honestly.</p> <p>14.46 - All the members of the Executive Board elected by the Congress must be from different Member Federations, Associations or Organisations of the WBSC, except in the case of the Secretary General, who may be from the same country as the President.</p> <p>14.57 - For gender equality purposes, WBSC's target shall be that neither gender shall have less than 30% of the total number of positions on the Executive Board.</p> <p>14.68 - The members of the Executive Board shall serve until their successors are elected and take office.</p> <p>14.79 - Where an Executive Board member has been absent from two (2) consecutive meetings without reasons acceptable to the Executive Board, his or her position shall be forfeited. The Executive Board may then fill such vacancy in accordance with the Election By-Laws.</p> <p>14.810 - The rights and duties of the Executive Board shall include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) to discuss and make decisions on all matters assigned to them by the Congress; b) to interpret and enforce the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations; c) to decide and take action on any matter pertaining to the affairs of WBSC; d) to submit proposals and motions to the Congress; e) to impose penalties and/or sanctions on Members and/or athletes, officials and others and/or on members of such WBSC Members on valid grounds and where they fail to observe, or are in breach of, the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and/or any other Tournament Regulations or directives in accordance with WBSC Disciplinary By-Laws; f) to do everything possible to maintain harmony between its Members and to decide on disputes that might occur between, among or involving Members and/or its athletes, officials and others; g) to handle and decide on all matters relating to disputed competitions under the jurisdiction of the WBSC; h) to decide on and publish administrative By-Laws, including time and manner of payment of any financial obligations; i) to deal with the applications for affiliation in accordance with these Statutes; j) to prepare the annual budget, balance sheets, financial statements and annual reports on the financial activities, duly audited, that should be approved by the next Ordinary Congress; k) to decide on and publish regulations for WBSC competitions, promulgated by the sport for submission to the Executive Board; l) to decide on WBSC awards in accordance with the WBSC Honours and Awards By-Laws;
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<p>m) to make decisions in case of emergency;</p> <p>n) to establish rules of order for the meetings of the Congress, Executive Board, Commissions, etc., provided that they will not be in conflict with these Statutes;</p> <p>o) subject to consultation with the Baseball Division or Softball Division, to determine the dates and sites of WBSC competitions and to organise and control all WBSC competitions, including the Olympic Games;</p> <p>p) to approve and compile Baseball/Softball records achieved in competitions under the jurisdiction of the WBSC, once they have been confirmed by the Technical Commission;</p> <p>q) to provide a written report of its activities to every Congress;</p> <p>r) propose or in the proper delegation of its authority, cause a Commission to propose amendments to the Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations;</p> <p>s) monitor, supervise and orient the activities of Commissions, whose members should be appointed at the President's proposal and confirmation of the Executive Board;</p> <p>t) ensure that the decisions of a Congress are timely and properly implemented;</p> <p>u) review materials to be presented to a Congress and, if required, approve the documents to be presented to the Congress when they are issued under its responsibility or its authority, and issue any recommendations and comments that it deems necessary;</p> <p>v) to approve, at the President's proposal, the employment of the WBSC Executive Office; and</p> <p>w) otherwise take all actions as required or necessitated by these Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>14.9 - The Executive Board is not authorised to make any changes in the Statutes and/or the Code of the Divisions without the approval of the WBSC Congress.</p> <p>14.10 - Except for Athlete Representatives, members of the Executive Board shall not participate or otherwise be involved in WBSC competition as an athlete, manager, coach, technical official, umpire, or scorer.</p> <p>14.11 - The Executive Board shall operate as follows:</p> <p>a) The Executive Board shall meet at least once every calendar year, which, during a year in which a Congress is held, may or may not be during the Congress, and a meeting of the Executive Board may take place in whole or in part via electronic means (a "Meeting"). Unless the Executive Board shall approve a meeting on short notice ("Extraordinary Meeting"), notice must be given not less than sixty (60) calendar days before a meeting of the Executive Board, with a request for items or information for the agenda. Any matter to be discussed at a Meeting other than an extraordinary Meeting must be received by the Secretary General at least twenty-one (21) calendar days before the Meeting. The Secretary General shall publish a written notice of such Meeting confirming the date, time, and location of the meeting, and provide agenda items and supporting documentation not less than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to each Meeting. Once a final written notice of a Meeting has been made, the Meeting may only be cancelled by majority vote of the Executive Board.</p>	<p>m) to make decisions in case of emergency;</p> <p>n) to establish rules of order for the meetings of the Congress, Executive Board, Commissions, etc., provided that they will not be in conflict with these Statutes;</p> <p>o) subject to consultation with the Baseball Division or Softball Division, to determine the dates and sites of WBSC competitions and to organise and control all WBSC competitions, including the Olympic Games;</p> <p>p) to approve and compile Baseball/Softball records achieved in competitions under the jurisdiction of the WBSC, once they have been confirmed by the Technical Commission;</p> <p>q) to provide a written report of its activities to every Congress;</p> <p>r) propose or in the proper delegation of its authority, cause a Commission to propose amendments to the Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations;</p> <p>s) monitor, supervise and orient the activities of Commissions, whose members should be appointed at the President's proposal and confirmation of the Executive Board;</p> <p>t) ensure that the decisions of a Congress are timely and properly implemented;</p> <p>u) review materials to be presented to a Congress and, if required, approve the documents to be presented to the Congress when they are issued under its responsibility or its authority, and issue any recommendations and comments that it deems necessary;</p> <p>v) to approve, at the President's proposal, the employment of the WBSC Executive Office; and</p> <p>w) otherwise take all actions as required or necessitated by these Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>14.911 - The Executive Board is not authorised to make any changes in the Statutes and/or the Code of the Divisions without the approval of the WBSC Congress.</p> <p>14.1012 - Except for Athlete Representatives, members of the Executive Board shall not participate or otherwise be involved in WBSC competition as an athlete, manager, coach, technical official, umpire, or scorer.</p> <p>14.1113 - The Executive Board shall operate as follows:</p> <p>a) The Executive Board shall meet at least once every calendar year, which, during a year in which a Congress is held, may or may not be during the Congress, and a meeting of the Executive Board may take place in whole or in part via person, or by way of electronic means or a combination of in person and by way of electronic means (a "Meeting"). In special circumstances an Executive Board meeting can be postponed. The WBSC Executive Board is competent to decide in which circumstances a Meeting has to be postponed or be held in person, or by way of electronic means or a combination of in person and by way of electronic means. The WBSC Executive Board must approve whether a Meeting is to be held in person, or by way of electronic means or a combination of in person and by way of electronic means at least 30 (thirty) days before the date of the Meeting. For the Meetings held in person, unless the Executive Board shall approve a meeting on short notice ("Extraordinary Meeting"), notice must be given not less than sixty (60) calendar days before a meeting of the Executive Board, with a request for items or information for the agenda. Any matter to be discussed at a Meeting other than an extraordinary Meeting must be received by the Secretary General at least twenty-one (21) calendar days before the Meeting. 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<p>b) The President shall preside at every Meeting of the Executive Board, failing which one of Executive Vice Presidents shall preside in his or her place, and then alternating between them for subsequent meetings at which the President may be absent, and in the absence of either Executive Vice President, the Secretary General shall preside, failing which the members of the Executive Board in attendance shall elect a chair of the meeting.</p> <p>c) The Secretary General shall take or cause to be taken the minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board, provide draft minutes within twenty (20) calendar days after the Meeting and publish them within thirty (30) calendar days to every Member. At every Meeting of the Executive Board, each member of the Executive 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. A member of the Executive Board may, with the prior written consent of the Secretary General, participate in a Meeting not called as a fully electronic meeting of the Executive Board and be present by telephonic or other means of electronic communication as long as all participants can be clearly heard. A member of the Executive Board attending a Meeting in this way shall be deemed to be present and this will not count as an absence.</p> <p>d) No member of the Executive Board shall attend by or give a proxy to another person and no vote shall be taken by or opinion expressed by proxy. A resolution shall be validly passed if adopted by a majority of members of the Executive Board present and voting. Unless otherwise agreed by the Meeting of the Executive Board in question, the minutes of that meeting, in whole or in part, shall be public.</p> <p>e) The quorum shall be constituted with the concurrence of at least eight (8) of its officers. In the absence of a quorum, the Executive Board, duly convened, may nevertheless proceed to discuss the matters on the agenda without proceeding to voting.</p> <p>f) Notwithstanding the above, a member of the Executive Board may request that the Executive 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 Executive Board Meeting"). The procedures in this Article, which apply to regular Meetings, shall apply to every Special Executive Board Meeting, but the notice, agenda, and distribution requirements may be waived by vote of the Executive Board.</p> <p>14.12 - The Executive Board has the power to make By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for the good functioning of the WBSC and all its activities. The By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, once approved by the Executive Board, shall come into immediate effect or at such time as determined by the Executive Board. The Congress, at its absolute discretion, may disallow a particular section, or part, or clause, of the By-Laws, Rules, Regulations upon a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of Accredited Delegates present and voting at a valid Congress. All By-Laws, Rules, Regulations, shall be advised to all Members within thirty (30) days of its adoption.</p> <p>ARTICLE 15. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS</p> <p><u>15.1 - Pertaining to the President:</u> The President is the legal representative of the WBSC and his or her duties and responsibilities include:</p> <p>a) To officially represent the WBSC with full powers of attorney in accordance with what is stated in these Statutes and in the WBSC By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.</p> <p>b) To summon and preside the sessions of all Congresses and the Executive Board and to sign the corresponding minutes together with the Secretary General.</p> <p>c) To elaborate together with the Secretary General and the Treasurer the annual report, distributed to Members of the WBSC and to record in writing and present at the Congress, all WBSC activities to</p>	<p>majority vote of the Executive Board.</p> <p>b) The President shall preside at every Meeting of the Executive Board, failing which one of Executive Vice Presidents shall preside in his or her place, and then alternating between them for subsequent meetings at which the President may be absent, and in the absence of either Executive Vice President, the Secretary General shall preside, failing which the members of the Executive Board in attendance shall elect a chair of the meeting.</p> <p>c) The Secretary General shall take or cause to be taken the minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board, provide draft minutes within twenty (20) calendar days after the Meeting and publish them within thirty (30) calendar days to every Member. At every Meeting of the Executive Board, each member of the Executive 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. A member of the Executive Board may, with the prior written consent of the Secretary General, participate in a Meeting not called as a fully electronic meeting of the Executive Board and be present by telephonic or other means of electronic communication as long as all participants can be clearly heard. A member of the Executive Board attending a Meeting in this way shall be deemed to be present and this will not count as an absence.</p> <p>d) No member of the Executive Board shall attend by or give a proxy to another person and no vote shall be taken by or opinion expressed by proxy. A resolution shall be validly passed if adopted by a majority of members of the Executive Board present and voting. Unless otherwise agreed by the Meeting of the Executive Board in question, the minutes of that meeting, in whole or in part, shall be public.</p> <p>e) The quorum shall be constituted with the concurrence of at least eight (8) of its officers. In the absence of a quorum, the Executive Board, duly convened, may nevertheless proceed to discuss the matters on the agenda without proceeding to voting.</p> <p>f) Notwithstanding the above, a member of the Executive Board may request that the Executive 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 Executive Board Meeting"). The procedures in this Article, which apply to regular Meetings, shall apply to every Special Executive Board Meeting, but the notice, agenda, and distribution requirements may be waived by vote of the Executive Board.</p> <p>14.12¹⁴ - The Executive Board has the power to make By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for the good functioning of the WBSC and all its activities. The By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, once approved by the Executive Board, shall come into immediate effect or at such time as determined by the Executive Board. The Congress, at its absolute discretion, may disallow a particular section, or part, or clause, of the By-Laws, Rules, Regulations upon a vote of two-thirds (2/3) of Accredited Delegates present and voting at a valid Congress. All By-Laws, Rules, Regulations, shall be advised to all Members within thirty (30) days of its adoption.</p> <p>ARTICLE 15. 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and</p> <p>b) such duties and functions as the Board may deem appropriate to each of the Vice Presidents (the Protocol Order is in the Protocol By-Laws).</p> <p><u>15.3 - Pertaining to the Secretary General:</u> The duties and responsibilities of the Secretary General are:</p> <p>a) To send out the relevant notices to attend the Congress and the meetings of the Executive Board.</p> <p>b) To draw up the minutes of the sessions of the Congress and the Executive Board, jointly signing them together with the President.</p> <p>c) To transcribe the minutes of the Congress and the Executive Board and send them in the official WBSC languages to all the Members, within sixty (60) days of the end of each meeting.</p> <p>d) To receive all suggestions, requests, queries and any other business and inform the President accordingly and to follow up with necessary action pertaining thereto and to inform Members of the decisions and resolutions taken.</p> <p>e) To supervise the functioning and operations of the WBSC Executive Office in its administrative and management functions, including the proper filing and keeping of records and documents at the WBSC Headquarters.</p> <p>f) To carry out such other duties and functions as may be deemed necessary under the WBSC Statutes, Codes of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and/or as may be entrusted upon him or her by the Executive Board or Congress.</p> <p><u>15.4 - Pertaining to the Treasurer:</u> The duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer are:</p>	<p>the end of his or her mandate.</p> <p>d) To manage and supervise the execution of the decisions of the Congress and the Executive Board, and to present to the latter such reports as may be requested.</p> <p>e) To sign all WBSC's contracts (including opening bank accounts) with the authorisation of the Executive Board.</p> <p>f) To propose to the Executive Board the appointment and hire the WBSC Executive Office.</p> <p>g) To propose to the Executive Board the appointment of the Chairmen of the WBSC Commissions and all their members.</p> <p>h) In consultation with the Baseball Division or the Softball Division, to propose to the Executive Board the appointment of the Tournament Director and the Jury of Appeal for each official competition of the WBSC.</p> <p>i) To appoint persons to be responsible for carrying out investigations required by the WBSC.</p> <p>j) To carry out such other duties and functions as may be deemed necessary under the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and/or as may be entrusted upon him or her by the Executive Board or Congress.</p> <p><u>15.2 - Pertaining to the Vice Presidents:</u> The duties and responsibilities of the Vice Presidents are:</p> <p>a) to chair and provide direction for the Divisions; 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<p>a) To deal with all financial matters related to the WBSC management, organisation and administration including formulating the necessary checks and internal audit processes and procedures.</p> <p>b) To keep the books containing all entries relating to the assets and liabilities, income and expenditures of the WBSC up-to-date and ensure that the WBSC accounts are audited by a competent independent audit company appointed by the Congress.</p> <p>c) To supervise the administrative and management of WBSC's accounts by the WBSC Executive Office, including the proper filing and keeping of all accounting books and documents up-to-date.</p> <p>d) To oversee the payment of fees by Members, and ensure due and proper communication and notification of account statements in relation thereto, including notification of annual fees due by 1st January of the corresponding year.</p> <p>e) To prepare the balance sheets and the financial statements and reports within the prescribed period and ensure that the same are sent to the Executive Board, and subsequently to Members of the Congress.</p> <p>f) To remit to the President monthly reports on income and expenditures and whenever the Executive Board meets.</p> <p>g) To control the financial implementation of contracts and agreements entered into by the WBSC and keep the President informed accordingly.</p> <p>h) To control the financial and merchandising aspects of all competitions falling under the jurisdiction of WBSC and propose to the President, whenever he or she deems this necessary, the appointment of a representative charged with checking the fulfilment of the financial commitments contracted with WBSC by the corresponding Organising Committee.</p> <p>i) Send out the vouchers relating to WBSC's income and expenditures whenever necessary.</p> <p>j) To carry out such other duties and functions as may be deemed necessary under the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and/or as may be entrusted upon him or her by the Executive Board or Congress</p> <p>To carry out his or her duties, the Treasurer shall use the services of the WBSC Executive Office.</p> <p><u>15.5 - Pertaining to the Members At-Large:</u> The Executive Board shall assign such duties and functions as the Board may deem appropriate to each of the Members At-Large.</p> <p><u>15.6 - Pertaining to the Athletes' Representatives:</u> The Athletes' Representatives are the legal representatives of the athletes in the WBSC. Their duties and responsibilities are to be the athletes voice in all matters in the WBSC and the Executive Board and carry out such duties and responsibilities that the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, the Division Boards and the WBSC Executive Board shall entrust upon them.</p> <p>ARTICLE 16. THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL</p> <p>16.1 - The Presidential Council shall exercise, on behalf of the Executive Board, such powers and responsibilities as would normally be the responsibility of the Executive Board between meetings of the Executive Board, or as the Executive Board may delegate.</p> <p>16.2 - The Presidential Council shall comprise (8 officers):</p>	<p>a) To deal with all financial matters related to the WBSC management, organisation and administration including formulating the necessary checks and internal audit processes and procedures.</p> <p>b) To keep the books containing all entries relating to the assets and liabilities, income and expenditures of the WBSC up-to-date and ensure that the WBSC accounts are audited by a competent independent audit company appointed by the Congress.</p> <p>c) To supervise the administrative and management of WBSC's accounts by the WBSC Executive Office, including the proper filing and keeping of all accounting books and documents up-to-date.</p> <p>d) To oversee the payment of fees by Members, and ensure due and proper communication and notification of account statements in relation thereto, including notification of annual fees due by 1st January of the corresponding year.</p> <p>e) To prepare the balance sheets and the financial statements and reports within the prescribed period and ensure that the same are sent to the Executive Board, and subsequently to Members of the Congress.</p> <p>f) To remit to the President monthly reports on income and expenditures and whenever the Executive Board meets.</p> <p>g) To control the financial implementation of contracts and agreements entered into by the WBSC and keep the President informed accordingly.</p> <p>h) To control the financial and merchandising aspects of all competitions falling under the jurisdiction of WBSC and propose to the President, whenever he or she deems this necessary, the appointment of a representative charged with checking the fulfilment of the financial commitments contracted with WBSC by the corresponding Organising Committee.</p> <p>i) Send out the vouchers relating to WBSC's income and expenditures whenever necessary.</p> <p>j) To carry out such other duties and functions as may be deemed necessary under the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and/or as may be entrusted upon him or her by the Executive Board or Congress</p> <p>To carry out his or her duties, the Treasurer shall use the services of the WBSC Executive Office.</p> <p><u>15.5 - Pertaining to the Members At-Large:</u> The Executive Board shall assign such duties and functions as the Board may deem appropriate to each of the Members At-Large.</p> <p><u>15.6 - Pertaining to the Athletes' Representatives:</u> The Athletes' Representatives are the legal representatives of the athletes in the WBSC. 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<p>supervision of the Treasurer.</p> <p>d) To organise the WBSC Headquarters and any other WBSC offices and to recommend to the Executive Board for prior approval, the employment of the required staff for the proper and efficient functioning and operations of the WBSC Headquarters and offices and all competitions, activities and events of the WBSC.</p> <p>e) To manage all WBSC publications.</p> <p>f) To organise the Congresses and the meetings of the Executive Board and the Commissions.</p> <p>g) To implement such duties and responsibilities as may be requested or directed by the President or the Executive Board.</p> <p>17.3 - The Executive Director shall attend the Congresses and the meetings of the Executive Board and Commissions and shall have the right to speak but no right to vote. Whenever possible he should also attend all competitions, activities and events of the WBSC and render a report in relation thereto.</p> <p>ARTICLE 18. 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Every Commission shall have terms of reference and operating procedures, which shall be approved by the Executive Board.</p> <p>18.4 - The following Commissions are mandatory, shall have jurisdiction over the subject matters for which formed for both Baseball and Softball Divisions, and may only be dissolved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Board:</p> <p>a) <u>Athletes Commission</u>: The Athletes Commission advises on matters relevant to players. It is comprised of at least three (3) members who have participated in at least one WBSC Baseball Competition within the six (6) years immediately preceding his or her election and at least three (3) members who have participated in at least one WBSC Softball Competition within the six (6) years immediately preceding his or her election. WBSC will pay the expenses for the athletes attending meetings of the Athletes Commission.</p> <p>b) <u>Anti-Doping and Medical Commission</u>: The Medical and Anti-Doping Commission advises the Executive Board on all matters relating to athlete health and anti-doping, and for implementing the WBSC Anti-Doping Code.</p> <p>c) <u>Ethics Commission</u>: The Ethics Commission shall establish a Code of Conduct and Disclosure which shall govern the actions of the Executive Board and employees of WBSC, its representatives, attorneys, Athlete Representatives and others acting on behalf of WBSC, which shall be modelled on the IOC Code of Ethics with the explicit aim as set out in the IOC preamble “to contribute to the realisation of the aims laid down in the Olympic Charter.” The Code of Ethics shall specifically address issues of dignity, integrity, good governance and resources, all of which are key tenets of the WBSC Code of Ethics.</p>	<p>supervision of the Treasurer.</p> <p>d) To organise the WBSC Headquarters and any other WBSC offices and to recommend to the Executive Board for prior approval, the employment of the required staff for the proper and efficient functioning and operations of the WBSC Headquarters and offices and all competitions, activities and events of the WBSC.</p> <p>e) To manage all WBSC publications.</p> <p>f) To organise the Congresses and the meetings of the Executive Board and the Commissions.</p> <p>g) To implement such duties and responsibilities as may be requested or directed by the President or the Executive Board.</p> <p>17.3 - The Executive Director shall attend the Congresses and the meetings of the Executive Board and Commissions and shall have the right to speak but no right to vote. 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All Commission meetings may be held by electronic means, or in person.</p> <p>18.7 - If a member of a Commission has been absent from two consecutive meetings without reasons acceptable to the Executive Board, his or her membership shall be forfeited. The Executive Board shall then fill the vacancy.</p> <p>18.8 - For any Commission, the Executive Board may appoint ex officio an Executive Board member or other person who shall ensure and maintain communications between the Executive Board and the Commission.</p> <h2>CHAPTER 5 – APPLICATION OF THE STATUTES IN SPORTS LIFE</h2> <p>ARTICLE 19. 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At least two (2) of its members shall be otherwise independent from WBSC, its Continental Associations and its National Federations. The Commission recommends amendments to the Ethics Code, Anti-Doping Rules and other integrity related Rules, cooperate with the WBSC Integrity Unit on educational activities and if requested, makes recommendations for measures or sanctions to the WBSC Executive Board.</p> <p>d) <u>Legal Commission</u>: The Legal Commission reviews and submits recommendations or proposals by Members, proposes to the Executive Board amendments to the WBSC Statutes, and advises the Executive Board and the Congress on legal, discipline and associated such matters.</p> <p>e) <u>Paralympic Commission</u>: The Paralympic Commission reviews and submits to the Executive Board recommendations or proposals by Members, may itself propose matters to the Executive Board; and shall serve as the representative of the WBSC to other organisations involved in conducting competitions for persons with physical or mental disabilities.</p> <p>18.5 - Every member of a Commission shall declare any conflict of interest in connection with his or her involvement with that Commission and shall recuse himself or herself from any matter before the Commission and concerning that member or his or her National Federation.</p> <p>18.6 - The Commissions shall meet whenever there is business to be transacted, all meetings being subject to the approval of the Executive Board. 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21.1 - Disciplinary Proceedings by National Federations:

a) WBSC recognises the jurisdiction and right of a National Federation and the sport to discipline or disqualify in its own territory and its own sport any person in accordance with the rules of that National Federation or sport, in accordance with the obligations of that National Federation or sport to provide a full and fair opportunity for such person to be present, to be heard, to be represented by counsel and to appeal any such decision.

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c) WBSC may discipline or disqualify any person for any offense, which is a violation of these Statutes or a Code, pursuant to Article 9 of these Articles of Association.

21.2 - Dispute Resolution:

a) A complaint seeking a disciplinary ruling may be brought by the Executive Board, any National Federation or any Continental Association arising out of an act or omission that involves a matter under these Statutes or a Code, or arising out of a WBSC competition that is not otherwise provided for in these Statutes or a Code. All complaints shall be in writing, state the matter of concern, accompanied by any supporting documentation, and a list of witnesses or other persons having information on which the complaining party wants to rely. Resolution of that complaint is be governed by Article 9 of these Statutes.

b) A complaint for dispute resolution may not be filed with WBSC unless and until all available administrative remedies provided by any other organisation with authority over such complaint are exhausted.

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21.3 – Arbitration:

a) Any dispute against WBSC, or any appeal from a decision of the WBSC under Article 17 or Article 9, shall be resolved exclusively by arbitration before the CAS. No dispute or any other matter may be brought before a court.

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22.2 - The Anti-Doping Program shall be set forth in the WBSC Anti-Doping Code and given to all National Federations, the IOC, and the NOC of every National Federation.

22.3 - Any violation of the Anti-Doping Program shall result in action being taken pursuant the final determination of the hearing body and as provided under the Anti-Doping Code.

CHAPTER 6 – FINANCIAL MATTERS

ARTICLE 23. FINANCIAL MONITORING AND CONTROL

23.1 - The fiscal year of WBSC is the calendar year. For each calendar year, the Treasurer shall produce a statement of accounts. These annual statements shall be audited and certified by a Certified Public Accountant, reviewed and approved by the Executive Board.

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ARTICLE 24. INCOME AND ASSETS

24.1 - WBSC’s income shall derive from:

- a) The Membership fees and any other payment paid by all categories of Members, including new Members.
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22.3 - All Continental Associations (CAs) and National Federations (NFs) must include in their regulations the procedural rules necessary to effectively implement the WBSC Anti-Doping Rules in order to promote clean sport, fight against doping through prevention and education and adhere to the WADA Code as stated under Art. 4.1 (d) of these Statutes. The Rules of every NF shall specifically provide that all athletes, athlete support personnel and other persons under their jurisdictions shall be bound by these rules.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Introduction

1. The WBSC Statutes were first approved at the WBSC Congress held in Hammamet, Tunisia on 10 May 2014.
2. Further amendments were approved by the WBSC Extraordinary Congress held in Gaborone, Botswana on 13 October 2017 with some minor amendments approved at the WBSC Extraordinary Congress held virtually on 18 December 2021.
3. The WBSC Executive Board, in conjunction with the WBSC Legal Commission, has undertaken a detailed review of the Statutes for approval at the WBSC Extraordinary Congress to be held on 18 December 2021.
4. This document provides an explanatory background to each of the Statutes being amended.

Proposed Amendments to WBSC Statutes

Disciplines (Article 1.2, Article 4, and consequential Articles)

5. The proposed amendment expands the disciplines of the Sport of Baseball/Softball to formally include:
 - (a) Baseball.
 - (b) Virtual/electronic versions of the Sport (eSports).
 - (c) All adapted formats of these disciplines for people with physical and mental impairments (Para-Sports).

Types of Membership (Article 1.4 & 1.5)

6. This Amendment updates the different types of membership.

Headquarters of WBSC (Article 2.1)

7. This Article is updated to reflect the new location of WBSC's Headquarters.

Disciplinary Actions (Article 9)

8. This Amendment explains in more detail and with a better legal wording the role of the WBSC Executive Board towards potential disciplinary matters.

Termination of Membership (Article 10)

9. This Amendment explains in more detail the grounds for the Termination of Membership.

Virtual Congress (Article 13)

10. This Amendment confirms that a Congress or an Extraordinary Congress may be postponed or take place in person, in writing or by way of electronic means (or a combination of in person and via electronic means), at the determination of the WBSC Executive Board to face special circumstances (i.e., Covid-19 restrictions).

WBSC Honours and Awards (Article 13.11(h) and (i))

11. These amendments allow the Executive Board to award Honours in accordance with the WBSC Honours and Awards By-Laws.

Term of Executive Board Members (Article 14)

12. For Good Governance reasons, by this Amendment it is proposed that, for future office bearers:

- (a) Executive Board members are eligible for a maximum of three (3) mandates, where each term is of four (4) years, a total of maximum 12 years, between Elective Congresses.
- (b) The first term of office for the President is eight (8) years, a total of maximum 16 years, between Elective Congresses (as per IOC policy).
- (c) Executive Board members (President excluded), if elected President, have the privilege to reset their mandate at one (1). Hence, they have a total of maximum 24 years, between Elective Congresses.

13. All elected officials:

- (a) Can serve a maximum of three (3) consecutive mandates in any role before a compulsory break of at least four (4) years.
- (b) Can serve a maximum of three (3) mandates in any role.
- (c) If elected President, the consecutive count resets at one (1).

Virtual Executive Board Meetings (Article 14.13 (a))

14. This Amendment allows for Executive Board meetings to be held in person, in writing or via electronic means (or a combination of in person and via electronic means), at the discretion of the Executive Board to face special circumstances (i.e., Covid-19 restrictions).

The Presidential Council (Article 16)

15. For Good Governance reasons, the membership of the Presidential Council is extended from eight to 10 officers, to include the Athlete Representatives for Baseball and Softball.

The Commissions (Article 18.4)

16. The title and role of the Medical Commission and the Integrity Commission are updated.

International Players (Articles 19.8 and 19.9)

17. This Article updates the power of the Executive Board to deal with athletes who wish to change Country Representation.

18. This Article explains in more detail the WBSC policy regarding athlete's representation regarding potential nationality changes. This Article is aligned with the Olympic Charter (By-Law to Rule 41).

Doping Control (Article 22)

19. This Amendment updates compliance by WBSC with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) Code.

WBSC Assets (Article 24.2)

20. This Amendment updates the names of WBSC's Premier Tournaments and all the Disciplines, for which it claims intellectual property rights.



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Pursuant to Article 12.1 of the WBSC Statutes

Comparison & Explanatory Memorandum

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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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4.2 Each Division Biennial Meeting shall consist of the following:

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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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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. 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6.1 Pertaining to the Chairman:

The Chairman of each Division shall serve as the Executive Vice President (either for Baseball or for Softball) in the WBSC Executive Board under the WBSC Statutes and is the legal representative of the Division (in case the Chairman already covers a position within the WBSC Executive Board, the Division Board will appoint by vote of majority another of its members as per Article 14.1.b and 14.1.c of the WBSC Statutes). His or her duties and responsibilities are:

- 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.
- c) To elaborate together with the Treasurer, the annual report, distributing it to all the Division Members and to record in writing all activities to the end of his or her mandate, which shall be presented at the corresponding session of the respective Biennial Meeting.
- 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.
- f) To propose to the Division Board the appointment of the Tournament Director and the Jury of Appeal for the either Baseball or Softball competitions under the jurisdiction of the respective Division and under the final approval of the WBSC Executive Board.
- g) To propose to the Division Board the appointment of the Chairmen of the Division Commissions and all their members.
- h) To carry out such duties and responsibilities that this Code, the WBSC Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, the Division Board and the WBSC Executive Board shall entrust upon him or her.

ARTICLE 6. THE DIVISION BOARD MEMBERS

6.1 Pertaining to the Chairman:

The Chairman of each Division shall serve as the Executive Vice President (either for Baseball or for Softball) in the WBSC Executive Board under the WBSC Statutes and is the legal representative of the Division (in case the Chairman already covers a position within the WBSC Executive Board, the Division Board will appoint by vote of majority another of its members as per Article 14.1.b and 14.1.c of the WBSC Statutes). His or her duties and responsibilities are:

- 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.
- ~~e) To elaborate together with the Treasurer, the annual report, distributing it to all the Division Members and to record in writing all activities to the end of his or her mandate, which shall be presented at the corresponding session of the respective Biennial Meeting.~~
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10.1 All disputes arising from any matter under this Code and any Tournament Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with in accordance with the Disciplinary By-Laws under the WBSC Statutes.

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11.1 All matters pertaining to doping testing and anti-doping matters shall be dealt with in accordance with the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and the WADA Code.

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Introduction

1. The WBSC Code of the Divisions have been first approved at the WBSC Executive Board held in Rome, Italy, on February 25, 2017 and ratified by the WBSC Extraordinary Congress held in Gaborone, Botswana, on 13th October 2017.
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.

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Conflict of interest Policy

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1 Scope

- 1.1 This Policy sets out the procedures for identifying and managing conflicts and potential conflicts of interests or duty (called “Conflicts” in this Policy) affecting all persons involved in the administration and running of the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) and its business (who are called “Parties” in this Policy).
- 1.2 The policy was approved by the Executive Board and comes into effect on October 4, 2021.

2 Background

- 2.1 Parties have an obligation to act in the best interests of WBSC and in accordance with the Constitution, Regulations and By - Laws. They are expected to act impartially and objectively and to actively take steps to avoid Conflicts.
- 2.2 Conflicts matter because they affect discussions and decision-making and may result in decisions being reached that are not in the best interests of WBSC. Conflicts can give the impression – both internally and to the wider public – that improper conduct has occurred even when it may not have.
- 2.3 Conflicts come in a number of different forms. It is primarily the responsibility of each Party to identify, and then declare, if there is a Conflict or potential Conflict that may affect them, or someone connected to them.
- 2.4 This Policy is not intended to adversely affect normal decision making within WBSC. It is intended to make it more transparent, and to allow the management of Conflicts that will inevitably arise. It is important that management of a Conflict is proportionate to the risk that it poses to the best interests of the WBSC.

3 Identifying what a conflict is

- 3.1 There are two types of Conflict:
 - (a) A conflict of interests – this is where a Party has an interest personal to them (which may be financial or non-financial) which conflicts, or may conflict, with the best interests of WBSC.
 - (b) A conflict of duties – this is where a Party owes a duty to another body (such as being an employee, elected official, shareholder, trustee and the

like) that conflicts, or may conflict, with their duties to act in the best interests of the WBSC.

4 Connected persons

- 4.1 A Conflict can still rise if it involves a payment or a benefit being given to a third party connected to the Party in question. A “Connected Person” is:
- (a) Any parent, grandparent, child, stepchild, grandchild, brother, sister or spouse, or other family member of a Party or any person living with the Party as his or her partner;
 - (b) A firm, company or association in which the Party is a partner, officer, employee, consultant, director, member or shareholder or in which the Party has a direct or an indirect but beneficial interest (unless the Party owns no more than 1% of the issued shares of an entity listed on a recognised stock exchange);
 - (c) A firm or company in which an individual listed in (a) above is connected in the ways set out in (b).
 - (d) Any official on duty that holds the same nationality as the competing teams during WBSC International Tournaments.

5 Duty to avoid conflict

- 5.1 All Parties are under a duty to avoid a Conflict where possible.
- 5.2 If a Conflict or potential Conflict exists, it must be declared by the Party and managed as set out in this Policy.
- 5.3 Any doubt as to whether certain facts or circumstances may give rise to a Conflict should be resolved in favour of declaring those facts or circumstances.

6 Declaration of interests

- 6.1 On appointment, all Parties must declare their interests on the declaration of interests’ form found on the WBSC website. In particular, this declaration (Declaration) must include:

- (a) Directorships, partnerships and/or employments with Member Federations, Continental Associations or businesses that are engaged in the sports of Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 or derive any substantial portion of their revenue from the sports;
 - (b) Trusteeships or board or similar positions with Member Federations, Continental Associations or businesses that are engaged in the sports of Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 or derive any substantial portion of their revenue from the sports; and
 - (c) Any material interests arising from close family or personal relationships with another Party in WBSC.
- 6.2 The WBSC Integrity Unit will use the information in the Declarations to maintain a register of interests. The information provided in any Declarations will be processed in accordance with the data protection principles. The information provided will not be used for any other purpose by the WBSC.
- 6.3 Parties must update their Declarations as soon as possible following any change in circumstances and, in any event, must re-submit their Declarations not later than 14 days before the WBSC Congress.
- 6.4 If a Party has an interest listed in the Register of Interests that should be disclosed as a Conflict, the chairman of the meeting shall disclose it to the meeting if the Party does not do so at the relevant point on the agenda.
- 6.5 Any Party who has a concern or is unsure of the proper procedure to follow should contact the WBSC Integrity Unit for their advice.

7 Managing conflicts of interests

- 7.1 If a Party has a Conflict, then a decision must be made as to how to manage it. This decision will be made by:
- (a) the President (for Conflicts relevant to WBSC Executive Board members);
 - (b) the chairman of the meeting at which the Conflict becomes relevant;

and in each case after consultation with the WBSC Integrity Unit (via the relevant staff manager) and the Integrity Commission (if necessary).

- 7.2 If the President has a relevant Conflict, then the Secretary General will make the decision. If the chairman of the meeting has a relevant Conflict, a new chairman will be appointed by the WBSC Executive Board for that matter.
- 7.3 A Party is required to give the decision-maker any additional information requested of the Party in order to determine how the conflict is to be managed.
- 7.4 The decision-maker may decide that the Party:
- (a) can continue to participate in the normal way with the interest being minuted;
 - (b) shall not participate in the proceedings and is to abstain in any vote (but the body may ask the Party to provide any relevant information concerning the matter); or
 - (c) is to withdraw for the whole or part of the affected proceedings.

APPENDIX 1 – Declaration of interests

Name:	
Nationality:	
Position:	
Profession:	
Date:	

Category	Please state details of any interests, including full background, any other parties involved and the duration.
<u>Offices or positions held with:</u> 1) a Member Federation 2) Associate Members 3) Continental Association 4) Any other sporting bodies	
Involvement with the training or selection of competitors	
Contractual or commercial relationships with the WBSC and/or BASE	
<u>Partnership or employment with:</u> 1) a Member Federation 2) Associate Members 3) Continental Association 4) Businesses that are engaged in the sports of Baseball and Softball or derive any substantial portion of their revenue from the sports	
<u>Board positions with:</u> 1) a Member Federation 2) Associate Members 3) Continental Association 4) Businesses that are engaged in the sports of Baseball and Softball or derive any substantial portion of their revenue from the sports	
Close family relationships, commercial/business or personal relationships with another Board, Council,	

Committee or Commission Member	
<u>For Board Members:</u> In respect of businesses that are engaged in the sports of Baseball and Softball or derive any substantial portion of their revenue from Baseball and/or Softball: 1) Investments in unlisted companies, partnerships and other forms of business, 2) Major shareholdings of more than 5% of the issued capital	

To the best of my knowledge, the above information is complete and correct. I undertake to update as necessary the information provided, and to review the accuracy of the information on an annual basis or more frequently if requested by the WBSC or if I have something to declare.

I give my consent for it to be used for the purposes described in the WBSC Conflicts of Interest policy and for no other purpose.

Signature:	
Date:	

WBSC will also use this form for its registry of conflict of interest that might be published on the WBSC website.

APPENDIX 2 – Declaration Form WBSC Votes

Name:	
Position:	
Date:	
Vote for:	

Please mark the statement that relates to you

<input type="checkbox"/>	I declare that I DO NOT have any conflict of interest
<input type="checkbox"/>	I declare that I DO have a conflict of interest

Details of conflict:

Signature:	
Date:	