WBSC Paralympic Commission

Report on the Development of Baseball for the Blind
WBSC & AIBXC collaboration

4 countries

Baseline
- Existing teams
2016-2021 – Equipment/Clinics with WBSC support

10 countries

Progress
- Existing teams
- 2016 - Equipment
- 2019 - Equipment + clinic
- 2021 - Equipment + clinic
Requirements for inclusion in Paralympic Games

- IF must be an IPC member or have IPC Recognised IF status
- The sport applied for by the IF must:
  - Have an established quadrennial competition programme: 2 world championships hosted within the last 8 years.
  - Opportunities to athletes from all regions to engage in competition.
  - Worldwide reach: 24 countries and 3 IPC regions proving wide and regular practice (recognised/sanctioned national championships on a regular basis, or; competing with a national delegation in internationally-recognised/sanctioned competitions, within last 4 years)
- A sport or discipline that is not on the OG Programme ordinarily will not be considered for inclusion on the PG Programme unless it is considered to be a special or distinctive sport/discipline for athletes with an impairment.
Strategic Planning 2021-2024 / Strategic Goals

A. Become a Permanent Fixture on the Olympic Programme
   2. Confirm Baseball and Softball in the sport programme for the Brisbane2032 Olympic & Paralympic Games

D. Grow our Sport and Make it Relevant in People’s Lives and in their Communities
   4. Support NFs to have Baseball5 in all schools and to introduce Para-Sports in their countries/regions. Explore possibility to create own discipline: Baseball5 for amputees
   6. Recognise and Develop adapted disciplines of Baseball/Softball/Baseball5 for people with impairment to target Paralympic inclusion enhancing cooperation with the IPC

F. Event Excellence
   6. Expand the event portfolio to include all WBSC disciplines: Baseball/Softball/Baseball5/Para-Sports and eSports competitions
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H. Enhance WBSC`s Leadership and Relationships
Strengthen the WBSC’s global standing and relationships, especially within the Olympic & Paralympic Family

2. Join commissions, working groups, workshops and meetings staged by the Olympic & Paralympic Movements and the international sports industry

Departments involved:
• Event → international events calendar
• Integrity Unit → anti-doping program for para-athletes, classification manual
• Sport Development → sport introduction & development

IT / Media & Communications / Member Relations
Next steps

• Procedure for NFs to apply for development funds
• Explore possibility to create own discipline: *Baseball5 for amputees*
• Recognition by WBSC of all adapted versions of Baseball/Softball/Baseball5

**WBSC strategy/targets (example):**

- 2024 To gain IPC Membership
- 2028 Demo/showcasing in LA2028
- 2032 Inclusion in the Brisbane Paralympic Games

THANK YOU!