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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear colleagues, dear friends,

It's a great pleasure to welcome you to the second edition of the WBSC Yearbook, which provides an important insight into the key activities, events and major accomplishments of the WBSC in 2021 as we continue on an exciting journey, growing the game of baseball and softball around the world.

While the COVID-19 pandemic affected a large part of our events calendar, we still managed to stage the Olympic Games as well as two Olympic baseball qualifiers and the first WBSC Baseball and Softball World Cups in nearly two years. It was a challenge and required the cooperation and discipline of all participants but by implementing stringent protocols, we completed all the tournaments successfully.

Admittedly, it was disappointing to see empty stadiums with no spectators in Tokyo for baseball and softball's return to the Olympic Games, but through teamwork and unity, our sport delivered incredibly successful competitions in Fukushima and Yokohama, with plenty of drama, brilliant action and close games throughout.

Every single athlete and team showcased why our sport is an excellent fit for the Olympic Games through outstanding performances and sporting excellence, which captured the attention of fans around the world. It was clear for all to see that baseball and softball added tangible, meaningful value and connected millions of passionate viewers to the Tokyo 2020 Games.

Another major highlight from 2021 was that the WBSC was amongst five sports/international federations appointed by the International Olympic Committee to be part of the inaugural Olympic Virtual Series. We delivered a fantastic baseball event which registered the highest audience of all the sports.

This great result, which was in cooperation with our

partner KONAMI, followed the WBSC Executive Board's forward-thinking decision to approve eSports as a discipline in December 2020.

Following baseball and softball's great success at the Olympic Games and the Olympic Virtual Series, we were delighted to have the opportunity to also showcase Baseball5 at the Paralympic Games with a demonstration event.

I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together in 2021 - including the many new initiatives which help maintain integrity and good governance in our organisation - and I would like to thank all our baseball and softball community and the WBSC staff for their endearing commitment and dedication to growing our sport despite the difficult year we all faced.

Yours sincerely,

Riccardo **Fraccari**

SECRETARY GENERAL MESSAGE

In 2021, I am pleased to say we saw a return of baseball and softball to the world of sport, albeit under “new norms”. This included, of course, baseball and softball’s much anticipated, captivating and successful return to the Olympic Games.

I want to thank everyone, especially the athletes, team officials and organisers, who helped make Tokyo 2020 such a remarkable “home-run” return to the Olympic Games in these unprecedented times.

It is the athletes and those who are engaged with our sport at all levels who are the real stars of our game. They are the key reason the WBSC continually strives to enhance and adapt its events, operations and programmes, with a goal of

increased participation; and to ensure a safer and fairer playing field for all.

A special congratulations to the Samurai Japan National Baseball Team on being named the Best Male Team of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games by ANOC (Association of National Olympic Committees). We also congratulate the Japanese Women’s National Softball Team on being honoured with a memorial wall in the Izumo Dome in Izumo City. To quote President Fraccari, “they shined brightest at Tokyo 2020 and also made our sport shine brighter within the Olympic Movement”.

As I look back at the Olympic Games, I am proud of the key role our sport played in the overall success of Tokyo 2020 and how it was also a great showcase of baseball and softball’s exceptional qualities, especially the high-intensity games, the player passion and amazing skillsets, and the overall spectacle.

The post-Games reports underline baseball and softball’s tremendous success at Tokyo 2020, especially when it comes to television and media coverage. I could not be happier with the unfailing efforts and everything that Japan and the

Japanese people, the associations, and of course the professional leagues did for our sport, all coming together with the greatest unity to put on an absolutely brilliant show.

Now it’s time to continue our exciting Olympic journey with a specific focus on Baseball5’s debut at the Youth Olympic Games in 2026 and then of course, the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 2028 where we will be stepping up to the plate and aiming to hit another home-run.

Yours sincerely,

Beng **Choo Low**



2021 IN FOCUS

WBSC HIGHLIGHTS

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LAST YEAR

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The year 2021 is one everybody in the baseball/softball family will remember for the much anticipated return to the Olympic programme. It was also when some of our Baseball and Softball World Cups returned to action, although, still in the COVID-19 pandemic era, there were the necessary restrictions and limitations.

The WBSC unveiled in 2021 new event bidding guidelines for Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 World Cups to regulate, simplify and define the awarding process of the WBSC's future competitions. The WBSC also dove into eSport for the first time with the Olympic Virtual Series, further aligning the WBSC with the Olympic Movement and principles laid out by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Agenda 2020+5.

Meanwhile, development entered a new era in Africa when the WBSC agreed on a partnership with the Olympafrica Foundation and the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) to promote baseball, softball, and Baseball5. Also, part of the agreement between the three organisations is the encouragement of social, economic and personal development through sport, especially for younger athletes; the promotion of the values and ideals of the Olympic movement; and the

promotion of peace through common sports interests, activities and cooperation.

Later in the year, European Baseball and Softball leaders came together to approve the new WBSC Europe Constitution and unite the Confederation of European Baseball and the European Softball Federation into WBSC Europe.

The WBSC also strengthened its governance with continental association and national federation surveys where best practice examples were provided to enhance governance procedures. Statutes, policies, rules and guidelines were also reviewed and adapted to incorporate high integrity and international standards.

An example of best practice was the Diversity and Inclusivity Commission, previously the Women's Commission, working with the WBSC Integrity Unit to produce two courses dedicated to women's baseball and gender equality. It featured in the WBSC Academy, the innovative online learning platform launched in 2020, which continued to prove to be a valuable instructional tool for the global baseball and softball community. In just 12 months, a total of 1,391 users from 77 National Federations registered to use the platform.

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Baseball and softball were one of the highlights of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Softball had the honour of opening the Tokyo 2020 Games with host Japan facing off against Australia at the Fukushima Azuma Stadium, two days before the official Opening Ceremony.

Japan confirmed themselves as the softball gold medalists as legendary pitcher Yukiko Ueno led Japan to both the 2008 and 2020 Olympic titles: “This was different from the previous gold medal. Playing on home soil came with a huge amount of pressure,” said Ueno, also the winning pitcher in the Beijing 2008 final. “I went through a lot over the past 13 years to be able to take the mound here. And with that in mind, I wanted to stay out there as long as I possibly could.”

A star-studded Samurai Japan National Team filled with Nippon Professional Baseball (NPB) big-name players went undefeated in the baseball tournament to claim their first-ever Olympic gold medal.

Japan’s manager Atsunori Inaba became emotional as second baseman Ryosuke Kikuchi put the gold medal on his neck: “I watched it, and I saw that the colour is wonderful. It’s also very heavy. Winning

gold showed the world the strength of Japanese baseball, and this success will bring more people to baseball in Japan.”

In spite not being able to host spectators in Tokyo, both baseball and softball events were a huge hit with fans around the world.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) captured for the first-time ever digital viewership and baseball/softball recorded over 40 million hours, above the median of all sports on the programme. Baseball and softball also registered 470 million views on most popular websites around the world, well above the median of the Olympic sports.

IOC President Thomas Bach was in Fukushima to witness the baseball opener.

“Our relationship has grown stronger over the past eight years,” wrote WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari on Twitter, “highlighted by baseball and softball’s exciting return to the Olympic Games at Tokyo 2020.”

Through Bach’s evolution and modernisation of the Olympic Movement, baseball and softball in 2016 were voted onto the programme of the Tokyo 2020 Games.





BASEBALL OVERVIEW

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After the COVID-2019 outbreak cancelled the 2020 season, international baseball returned to action in 2021 with great anticipation, starting with two Olympic baseball qualifiers, which were originally scheduled in 2020.

The Americas Olympic Qualifier, held in West Palm Beach and St. Lucie County, Florida, USA sent the United States to the Tokyo Olympics on 5 June, while the Dominican Republic and Venezuela would have another shot in the Final Qualifier.

The WBSC was forced to move the Final Qualifier from the original location (Taichung, Taiwan) to Puebla, Mexico due to the COVID pandemic. On 26 June, the Dominican Republic earned the last spot for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, joining Israel, Japan, Korea, and Mexico who had qualified in 2019.



The Olympic tournament was the highlight of the 2021 season. After the Olympics, President Fraccari delivered important memorabilia from the baseball and softball tournaments to the Olympics Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland, including a glove signed by the IOC President Thomas Bach on the occasion of the opening baseball game in Fukushima.

The U-23 Baseball World Cup, played in late September and October in Sonora, Mexico, marked another milestone as the first WBSC Baseball World Cup to hit the field in the pandemic era.

Off the field of play, the WBSC took the opportunity to analyse and improve its competitions and events calendar to not only help the WBSC family mitigate the economic crisis the world was facing but also provide greater opportunities for teams to participate as well as for more cities to be able to host WBSC events.

One of the main modifications included turning the **Women's Baseball World Cup** into a four-year cycle event, similar to Premier12, giving all participating Member Federations more time to prepare and compete and setting up a more balanced and efficient competition calendar. All

youth baseball world cups (U-12, U-15, U-18 and U-23) remain as two-year cycle events.

As part of the review process, the WBSC Executive Board also approved a new, innovative competition system for the Women's Baseball World Cup, named the "Two-Stage World Cup".

The WBSC also published new bidding guidelines for its Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 World Cups to regulate, simplify and define the awarding process of the WBSC's future competitions. The new bidding documents are available in **English** and **Spanish**.

Meanwhile, **five rule change recommendations** from the WBSC Baseball Tournament Commission were approved for implementation into WBSC events from 2021.

The U-23 Baseball World Cup in Mexico kicked off the seven-inning game era. "Seven-inning games are very different from the usual nine-inning games," said Czech manager Vladimir Chlup, after his team shocked defending U-23 world champion, Mexico. "You can rotate pitchers in a different way, saving a lot of energy."

With two less innings per game, pitching depth might not be a huge factor anymore in international baseball events, which has been a major hurdle for up-and-coming nations, like those in Europe and Africa. It's still early in the era of seven-inning games, but it's been a great start for a decision that could change the way international baseball is played, which could have ripple effects in leagues around the world.



SOFTBALL OVERVIEW

The 2021 international softball season will be remembered for many reasons. Softball's return to the Olympic stage was the highlight of a year that began with the modification of the Softball World Cup format and finished with the return of WBSC Softball World Cups to the field after the pandemic.





After softball had the honour of opening the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, Japan defeated USA in the Olympic Softball Gold Medal Game and won their second consecutive gold, capping a successful return to the Olympic Games for the sport. Canada also made history by clinching their first-ever Olympic medal, winning the Bronze Medal Game against Mexico.

The international softball calendar ended the year on a high note, with the first Softball World Cup in almost two years being staged. USA took the U-18 Women's Softball World Cup title in Peru in an exciting 1-0 final over Chinese Taipei, while Puerto Rico earned the bronze.

Off the field of play, the WBSC took the opportunity to analyse and improve its competitions and [events calendar](#).

One of the main modifications included turning all Softball World Cups into four-year cycle events, giving all participating Member Federations more time to prepare and compete in all of these competitions, and setting up a more balanced and efficient competition calendar for these categories.

As part of the review process, the WBSC also approved a new, innovative competition system for the Women's Softball World Cup, the Men's Softball World Cup and the U-18 Women's Softball World Cup, called a "Two-Stage World Cup". Moving forward, these events will be played in three groups of six teams each, with each group hosted in a different location. The top two (2) teams from each group of the Group Stage, along with two wild cards, will advance to the World Cup Finals. The Group Stage and the Finals will be played in consecutive years.

The change will allow more nations to participate in WBSC Softball World Cups. The U-15 Women's (12), U-18 Women's (18) and flagship events Women's and Men's Softball World Cups (18) have increased the number of participating teams. While the U-12 Mixed Softball World Cup (8), U-18 Men's (12) and U-23 Men's World Cups (12) maintain the same number of participating squads.

The WBSC also published new bidding guidelines for its Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 World Cups to regulate, simplify and define the awarding process of the WBSC's future competitions. The new bidding documents are available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

BASEBALL5 OVERVIEW

It was another ground-breaking year for Baseball5, the WBSC's newest discipline. The five-a-side game continued to grow in popularity, especially as an easy to play sport for school children.

Baseball5's 2021 was highlighted by a showcase event at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics. The WBSC partnered with the Yomiuri Shimbun, Japan's largest media conglomerate, to showcase Baseball5 in the Tokyo 2020 Fan Park sports experience with 3,617 people attending during 136 Experience Sessions, with 1,936 reporting they enjoyed playing the five-on-five game.



Baseball5 celebrated its fourth anniversary in 2021. The first-ever Baseball5 event happened in Cuba in November 2017. The five-on-five discipline has been spreading at a solid pace since, and touched countries with limited baseball/softball culture, such as Iran and Palestine.

It also proved an effective development tool where baseball is part of everyday life. Jun-hyuk Yang, a perennial All-Star in the Korea Baseball Organization (KBO) league, now aged 52, starred in a video as the Baseball5 pupil of the Korean Softball National Team captain while the Japan baseball, softball federations launched an historic new joint body specifically for the development of Baseball5 and youth promotion.

An introductory course enjoyed success in the Dominican Republic in April. The baseball federation there, FEDOBE, put into place a long-term plan of establishing Baseball5 schools across the country. While in Argentina, after it experienced Baseball5 at a demo zone alongside the Youth Olympic Games 2018 in Buenos Aires, more than 1,000 boys and girls participated in Baseball5 in 2021 across four cities in the northern province of Salta.

In September, WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari introduced Baseball5 to 54 members of the National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA) looking ahead to Baseball5's debut in the Youth Olympics 2026 in Dakar, Senegal while the host country launched a '50,000 Baseball5 Members' campaign to grow the sport ahead of the Games. ANOCA also confirmed that Baseball5 will be on the programme of the 2023 African Beach Games while the European Olympic Committee confirmed Baseball5 will be included in their Youth Festival 2025. Additionally, the WBSC signed a MOU with ANOCA and the Olympafrica Foundation on the side lines of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) General Assembly in Greece to promote baseball and softball in using Baseball5.

Various African countries have experienced the five-on-five version of baseball/softball in 2021, including Benin, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Tanzania and Zambia while Tunisia launched multiple competitions as the mantra "All You Need Is A Ball" continues to gather pace around the world.



SPORT FOR ALL

The WBSC continues to develop and promote a variety of disciplines to provide further opportunities to access baseball and softball and help communities stay active and healthy.



ESPORT

Following the decision by the WBSC Executive Board to approve Baseball5 and eSport as official disciplines at the end of 2020, there has been strong progress in the development of both youth-focused sports which fully align with the Olympic Movement and principles laid out by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Agenda 2020+5.

The WBSC’s debut in eSport saw a hugely successful participation in the inaugural Olympic Virtual Series (OVS) in the lead up to the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, providing a launch pad to expand its eSports strategy to include mobile, virtual and online gaming in the future.

“The WBSC looks forward to more progressive innovation in the dynamic and youth-focused space of eSports and eGames, which will potentially expand the reach of our sport to millions of gamers and fans,” WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari said.

The WBSC’s eSport approach is based on a three-pillar strategy: mass participation through mobile gaming, high-level online competitions, and eSport virtual through physical simulators, virtual reality.



[Read more about the Olympic Virtual Series here](#)



BASEBALL FOR THE BLIND

The Italian Association Baseball for the Blind (AIBxC) became the WBSC's 13th Associate Member in late 2020 and the collaboration paid dividends in 2021 with AIBxC driving the promotion of the discipline through events and educational tools.

Baseball for the Blind is currently played in Europe (Italy, France, Germany, Netherlands, Hungary, Austria and United Kingdom), Asia (Pakistan) and the Americas (United States, Cuba, Guatemala and Argentina).

All WBSC Member Federations can join an introductory course on Baseball for the Blind through the WBSC Academy, the online educational platform. The course aims to introduce the participants to the history of the discipline and the basics of the game: rules, field specifications and equipment required to play. The course also lists some recommendations to introduce and grow the discipline at the national level.

The WBSC Academy launched in May the first part of a technical course, targeting mainly coaches, but also open to anyone with baseball or softball

experience, including active or former players. It teaches how to introduce players to the basics of the game. The first part expands on the teaching of baserunning and sliding. The course also highlights the benefit that blind and visually impaired people receive through baseball. Parts two and three are expected to be released in 2022 and will focus on fielding, throwing and hitting.

The WBSC Paralympic Commission also released a [report](#) on the development of Baseball for the Blind including planning focused on the WBSC's Strategic Goals and key targets including IPC Membership and inclusion in the Paralympic Games.

The WBSC also outlined the [procedure](#) to follow for national federations to access Baseball for the Blind Development Funds, providing opportunities for further growth of the sport around the world.

In 2021, the collaboration between the WBSC and AIBxC helped introduce Baseball for the Blind in Tanzania. The National Baseball Softball Association (TaBSA) hosted a course held by the WBSC Paralympic Commission and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Dar Es Salaam University College of Education (DUCE) to



introduce special education athletes to Baseball for the Blind.

In September, a course introduced Baseball for the Blind to seven coaches and seven visually impaired athletes in Hungary while, in October, the WBSC Paralympic Commission and AIBxC produced an introductory course, hosted by the Royal Dutch Baseball and Softball Federation (KNBSB) and IKS (Iedereen Kan Sporten – a local association that promotes sport for all) in Limburg, Netherlands. Also in October, the New York Lions Blind Baseball Team played the Connecticut Chargers, a sighted team whose players were blindfolded.

The WBSC and AIBxC held introductory Baseball for the Blind courses also in Graz, Austria, and in Wales, where the United Kingdom Blind Baseball Association has hopes of forming a new team.

The WBSC Paralympic Commission also had several talks with clubs and federations exploring the possibility to expand the number of teams in France and forming new teams in India.

[More information available here](#)

WHEELCHAIR SOFTBALL

Wheelchair Softball continues to maintain a strong following around the world.

Following the inauguration of Japan's first wheelchair softball facility at the end of 2020 in Higashi-Osaka City, Osaka Prefecture, the year 2021 was highlighted by the USA Wheelchair Softball World Series which was held August 12-14, 2021 in Biloxi, Mississippi with 13 participating teams.

SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL

A working group meet twice in March and May to discuss the future of Slowpitch Softball and evaluate potential opportunities where the WBSC can grow the discipline.

The 2021 Slowpitch Softball events calendar was underlined with the European Coed Slow Pitch Super Cup for clubs held in Sofia, Bulgaria from August 2-7.

[More info here.](#)



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INTEGRITY UNIT

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HOW SAFE ARE YOU?
#SAFECALL

The WBSC Integrity Unit was established in 2020 to enhance fair play and transparency, protect athletes' rights and promote inclusiveness, and further enhance governance.

In 2021, the Integrity Unit took significant steps towards those goals including launching a new safeguarding campaign, **#SafeCall**, to serve and protect the rights and best interests of athletes.

The WBSC also participated in the first ever **IOC Safeguarding Officer in Sport** certificate programme, which will continue into 2022 while collaborating with the IOC on an online education course for all athletes and officials participating at the Olympic Games and a two-part series of educational webinars on the **Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions** to help preserve the integrity of sport.

An **Anti-Doping Education** plan for the years 2021-24 was also released in line in collaboration with the WADA ISE (International Standards for Education) while online webinars on anti-doping were conducted as part of the WBSC's education programme in partnership with the International Testing Agency (ITA).

Something very important to the WBSC is helping to create a safer planet for the generations to come. Which is why this year the WBSC joined the UNFCCC's Sports for Climate Action initiative as a signatory to the **Sports for Climate Action Framework**.

Other highlights from 2021 included the approval of the new **WBSC Europe Constitution**, unifying the Confederation of European Baseball and the European Softball Federation into one organisation, WBSC Europe, starting in 2022.

The WBSC also expanded the Women's Development Commission into the **WBSC Diversity and Inclusivity Commission** with the aim to continue to promote gender equality in baseball, softball and Baseball5. The Diversity and Inclusivity Commission worked with the WBSC Integrity Unit to produce two courses dedicated to women's baseball and gender equality as a resource to the global baseball and softball community.

The WBSC also strengthened its governance with its **Continental Association and National Federation Surveys** where best practices have been provided to further enhance operational

governance across all levels. Furthermore, statutes, policies, rules and guidelines were reviewed and adopted to incorporate high integrity and governance standards.

New **Event Bidding Guidelines** for Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 World Cups were also unveiled to regulate, simplify and define the awarding process of the WBSC's future competitions.

While one of the main highlights of the year was the approval of **Hybrid Congresses** and **Set Term Limits** in December's Extraordinary Congress, ensuring the WBSC can adapt to the current challenges of a COVID world while also aligning its statutes even closer to the Olympic Charter.

All these initiatives fall under the umbrella of the nine Strategic Goals, which form part of the WBSC's new Strategic Plan. Strategic goals which make the WBSC contemporary, robust and unified as it continues to grow Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 around the world.



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The World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) completed an impressive distribution of baseball and softball equipment to continental bodies in 2021, all part of the WBSC development plan, aimed at accelerating the globalisation of the game.

“It’s the first time we succeeded in distributing so much equipment at one time,” said Angelo Vicini, WBSC Treasurer and Chair of the Development Commission.

The largest delivery package , including over 4,000 Baseball5 balls, went to the African National Federations through the African Baseball & Softball Association (ABSA).

The WBSC also shipped softball equipment to the National Federations of Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Belize and Venezuela through the Pan American Softball Confederation (CONPASA) while baseball, softball and Baseball5 equipment went to Malta, Sweden and Finland through WBSC Europe.

“We believe that involving the continental governing bodies is the key to a successful

development plan,” added Vicini.

The WBSC Development Commission is also actively supporting the National Federations with educational tools. The Swedish Baseball and Softball Federation received help to implement a clinic for softball coaches and umpires while the Italian Baseball Softball Federation saw an educational project for umpires approved for 2022.

“Travelling limitations due to the COVID-19 pandemic could have hurt our educational activity during 2021,” Vicini said. “The WBSC invested relevant resources to develop an online platform, the WBSC Academy. Online courses help the member Federations remain up to date, even when travelling becomes a problem.”

The WBSC Development Commission doesn’t limit its activity to equipment distribution and educational courses. A grant to the Tanzania Baseball and Softball Association allowed the renovation of a field in the nation’s capital Dar Es Salaam in March.



PARTNERSHIPS

The year 2021 was full of challenges for the sports industry, but the WBSC was resilient and was able to produce world-class events to keep up with the organisation’s commitment to the baseball and softball community around the world. This resilience was also reflected in the growth of exposure the WBSC’s events had during this period of time by closing new media distribution agreements. The Olympics secured the role of the WBSC in the sport and increased the value perception of the federation.

The final two stages of baseball’s Olympic Qualifiers had a large impact and was a stepping stone for the WBSC to secure distribution with media giant ESPN in the United States. This partnership allowed millions of Americans and baseball fans to watch the moment the US National Team qualified for the Tokyo Olympics. Complimented by the Final Olympic Qualifier in Mexico, the distribution reached millions through other regional distributors like Claro Sports, DirecTV, CDN Sports Max, Meridiano TV and more covering the whole Americas.

The year 2021 also featured a couple of baseball and softball youth events produced in its entirety and distributed to all participating territories, including Korea, Taiwan, USA, Netherlands and Australia. The U-23 Baseball World Cup in Mexico in September attracted great exposure from local sponsors and had the support of domestic cable network distributor Megacable making sure all fans watched as Venezuela took the world championship.

The WBSC demonstrated during the Tokyo Olympics the importance of the sport by breaking rating and audience records domestically and internationally. With baseball and softball participating in the Olympics for the first time in 12 years, the WBSC

increased its brand value and consolidated its long-term commercial partnerships, securing commercial success for years to come.

The WBSC’s in-house Marketing Company Base International also agreed terms with the Pan American Baseball Confederation (COPABE, Confederación Panamericana de Béisbol) to be in charge of promoting events and negotiating commercial rights with the aim of growing the COPABE brand.

The WBSC also announced a technology partnership with Synergy Sports to bring Synergy’s suite of proprietary coaching and scouting video and data analytics services to the WBSC’s events, including the flagship Premier12 and the Baseball and Softball World Cups.

The partnership covers the 2021-2024 period. Synergy Sports is providing coaching and scouting services through their industry leading technology and camera systems at select venues for assigned WBSC events, enriching the WBSC’s on- and off-field product. The agreement also aims to provide Synergy’s video tagging services to the WBSC’s Members, while boosting the development of baseball and softball globally through access to and the use of technologically advanced coaching and scouting tools.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2020

INCOME:

Membership fees, IOC Contributions, Sponsoring	2,307,987
World Cups, Partners, TV Rights	452,823
Premier 12	4,120,202
Financial Incomes	442,457
Other Incomes	764,277
	8,087,746

EXPENDITURES:

Administration, Payroll, Social Charges	3,326,479
World Cup Competition Costs	1,394,005
Premier 12 Costs	-138,690
Development Program	175,218
Congress, Executive Committee, Commissions	323,071
Olympic Games, Olympic Reinstatement	432,991
Financial Expenses, Exchange Gain/Loss	758,272
New Projects, WBSC Commercial Projects	540,441
Depreciations	414,173
Other Expenditures	349,196
	7,575,156

Excess of Income for the Year 2020 512,590

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS:

WBSC Headquarter	8,579,950
Headquarter Renovation Costs Capitalized	7,044,158
Other Tangible Fixed Assets	789,341
Tangible Fixed Assets as of 31/12/2020	16,413,449

FUNDS:

Funds as of 31/12/2020	15,059,924
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MORTGAGE LOAN:

Mortgage Loan as of 31/12/2020	5,760,000
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Everyone surely remembers that the year 2020 was quite challenging. The coronavirus pandemic had a very negative impact on all activities by practically blocking all the sport competitions and creating enormous difficulties for completing the renovation works for the new headquarters inaugurated on July 6, 2020. Nevertheless, the WBSC officials and staff, fully committed themselves in creating many new tools that through webinars and use of technology have succeeded in creating the conditions for our National Federations to remain active and update themselves continuously.

It is apparent that the 2020 P&L Statement puts into evidence that despite the enormous difficulties created by the pandemic and the important investment made for the new WBSC headquarters, it was possible to maintain the same positive assets as at the beginning of the year. However, it is important to act carefully to consolidate this trend in order to guarantee WBSC a solid future.

New opportunities arise continuously because the various international activities and events attract great attention among the various stakeholders. Our Organization must not lose these occasions and on a daily base must face the challenges trying to achieve positive results that will benefit the entire baseball and softball movement.

Angelo**Vicini**
WBSC Treasurer

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EVENTS 2021

OLYMPIC VIRTUAL SERIES

24-30 MAY & 23 JUNE

BASEBALL AMERICAS QUALIFIER

31 MAY - 5 JUNE

BASEBALL FINAL QUALIFIER

22-26 JUNE

OLYMPIC SOFTBALL

21-27 JULY

OLYMPIC BASEBALL

28 JULY - 7 AUGUST

U-23 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

23 SEPTEMBER - 2 OCTOBER

U-18 WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP

6-12 DECEMBER

WORLD RANKINGS



OLYMPIC VIRTUAL SERIES

TOURNAMENT DATES:

OPENING ROUND: 24 MAY

FINALS: 23 JUNE

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It was an “honour” for the WBSC to feature as one of five International Federations the International Olympic Committee (IOC) invited to showcase their eSports at the first-ever Olympic Virtual Series (OVS), which took place in May and June, WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari said.

The WBSC partnered with Konami Digital Entertainment to deliver the baseball event at the 2021 Olympic Virtual Series. Konami’s eBaseball Powerful Pro Baseball 2020 served as the official platform. The event featured the PlayStation4 and the Nintendo Switch Divisions.

“The Olympic Virtual Series will mobilise virtual sport, esports and gaming enthusiasts all around the world in order to reach new Olympic audiences, while also encouraging the development of physical and non-physical forms of sports in line with the recommendations of the IOC’s Olympic Agenda 2020+5,” stated a press release by the IOC.

A total of 19 gamers competed in the finals on 23 June, Olympic Day, 11 in the PlayStation4 Division, eight in the Nintendo Switch Division. Syohei Osaka (Pome) won the Nintendo Switch Home Run Derby, while Syoma Mori (SHORA) earned the eBaseball

Tournament title.

The grand finale of the Olympic Virtual Series baseball event was broadcast worldwide across major Olympic channels, including olympics.com, Facebook, YouTube and NBC’s dedicated Twitch Channel.

“I congratulate the IOC and President Thomas Bach on the innovative creation of the Olympic Virtual Series,” commented President Fraccari. “Following the IOC’s lead and building off our successful debut at the Olympic Virtual Series, the WBSC will look to expand its presence in the eSports space, helping to unite, develop and serve a global community of potentially millions of baseball and softball gamers. It was a tremendous honour to be a part of the first edition, and WBSC hopes to be back at Olympic Virtual Series II.”

President Fraccari added: “On behalf of the WBSC, I would also like to thank KONAMI for providing a great platform that provided an exciting digital experience and competition.”



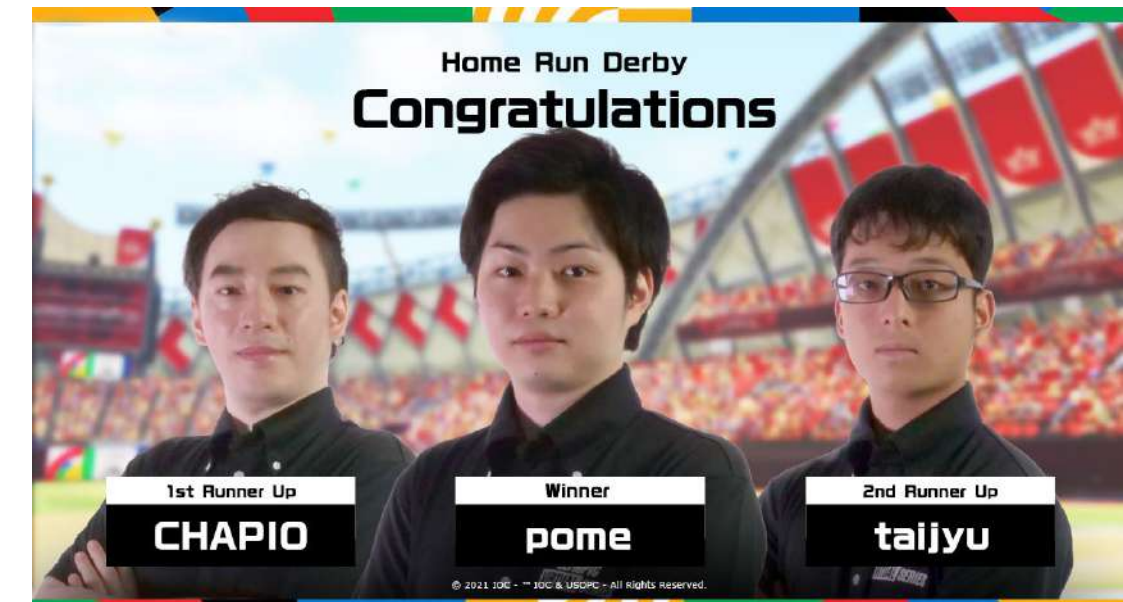
FINAL STANDINGS

NINTENDO SWITCH – HOME RUN DERBY

WINNER – Ryohei Oosaka (“Pome”)

1ST RUNNER-UP – Yusuke Tominaga (“CHAPIO”)

2ND RUNNER-UP – Hiroki Horiike (“Taijyu”)



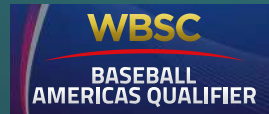
PLAYSTATION 4 – EBASEBALL TOURNAMENT

WINNER – Syoma Mori (“SHORA”)

1ST RUNNER-UP – Yoshinori Kato (“TAKU”)

2ND RUNNER-UP – Yosuke Fujimoto (“MesiHARA”)





BASEBALL AMERICAS QUALIFIER

TOURNAMENT DATES: **31 MAY – 5 JUNE 2021**

ST. LUCIE & WEST PALM BEACH – USA

8 TEAMS

208 ATHLETES

16 GAMES

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FINAL STANDINGS

- 1.** USA
- 2.** Dominican Republic
- 3.** Venezuela
- 4.** Canada
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- T-5.** Nicaragua
- T-7.** Colombia
- T-7.** Puerto Rico





FACTS AND FIGURES

- It was the second Olympic continental qualifier for Tokyo 2020, after the Europe/Africa Qualifier, held in Bologna and Parma, Italy, from 18-22 September 2019.
- The teams were split into two groups to open the tournament. The top two finishers from each group advanced to the Super Round. The winner of the Super Round was the fifth participant in the Olympic baseball tournament.
- The games of the Americas Qualifier were available live to fans in over 70 countries or territories. ESPN+ streamed all 16 games of the tournament live. “This a testament to the global appeal of our sport and the added value, build-up and awareness baseball brings to the Olympic brand,” said WBSC President Fraccari.
- In conjunction with the Local Organising Committee and relevant local health authorities, the WBSC offered to all teams and officials participating in the WBSC Baseball Americas Qualifier in Florida a single-application Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.
- USA became the fifth national baseball team to advance to the six-team Tokyo 2020 tournament, joining Japan, Korea, Mexico and Israel.
- Six national teams received an automatic spot in the Americas Qualifier based on their finish in the WBSC Premier12 2019: Canada, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, USA and Venezuela.
- Nicaragua and Colombia earned their spots as the top two teams in the Lima 2019 Pan Am Games (amongst the countries that didn’t participate in the Premier12 2019).
- Dominican designated hitter Juan Franciso was the home run leader with four dingers in five games.
- Dominican young star Julio Rodriguez led the stats in hits (11) and runs scored (7), and finished second in RBI (7).

The United States went undefeated in the WBSC Baseball Americas Qualifier to join Japan, Korea, Mexico and Israel at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games tournament.

Led by a 4-for-4 night featuring a homer from veteran slugger Todd Frazier and a strong performance from the back end of the bullpen, the host US held off Venezuela, 4-2, to capture the automatic Tokyo Olympic berth in the final game of the tournament.

Venezuela got an early lead against USA starter Matthew Liberatore when Hernán Pérez homered in the third. Eric Filia provided a two-run homer off Venezuela's starter, Anibal Sanchez, to regain the lead once and for all. A double and a home run by third baseman Todd Frazier extended the USA lead. Edwin Jackson earned the win, pitching two perfect innings, and David Robertson got the save, getting the final three outs.

"The excitement level is out of this world every game, every play we played, the five games we played nothing really can top that in playing baseball. You're playing for your country," said an ecstatic Frazier during the post-game press conference.

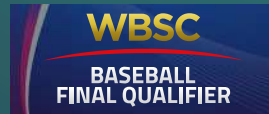
"You can see the pride that every team had, every player wanted to win so badly," the veteran third baseman said. "And that's what make the Olympics exciting, playing for USA, playing for Canada for instance, or Venezuela. I wish you guys could understand it felt like a Major League game in playoffs. That much fun."

The Dominican Republic kept its Olympic hopes alive with a 6-5 victory over Canada to secure a spot in the final qualifier. Julio Rodriguez led the way for the Dominican squad, with his two hits capping off a tournament that saw him go 11-for-24 with two home runs, seven RBI and seven runs scored.

Speaking about his clutch RBI against Canada during the press conference, the Dominican right fielder said: "It was the biggest hit of my career. It felt different. Representing my country is just the most special baseball I've ever played in my life. It's just a different feeling. It's the most special moment of my life."

Venezuela and the Dominican Republic advanced to the final qualifier that would determine the last participant in the Olympics' six-team field.





BASEBALL FINAL QUALIFIER

TOURNAMENT DATES: **22-26 JUNE 2021**

PUEBLA – MEXICO

3 TEAMS

78 ATHLETES

5 GAMES

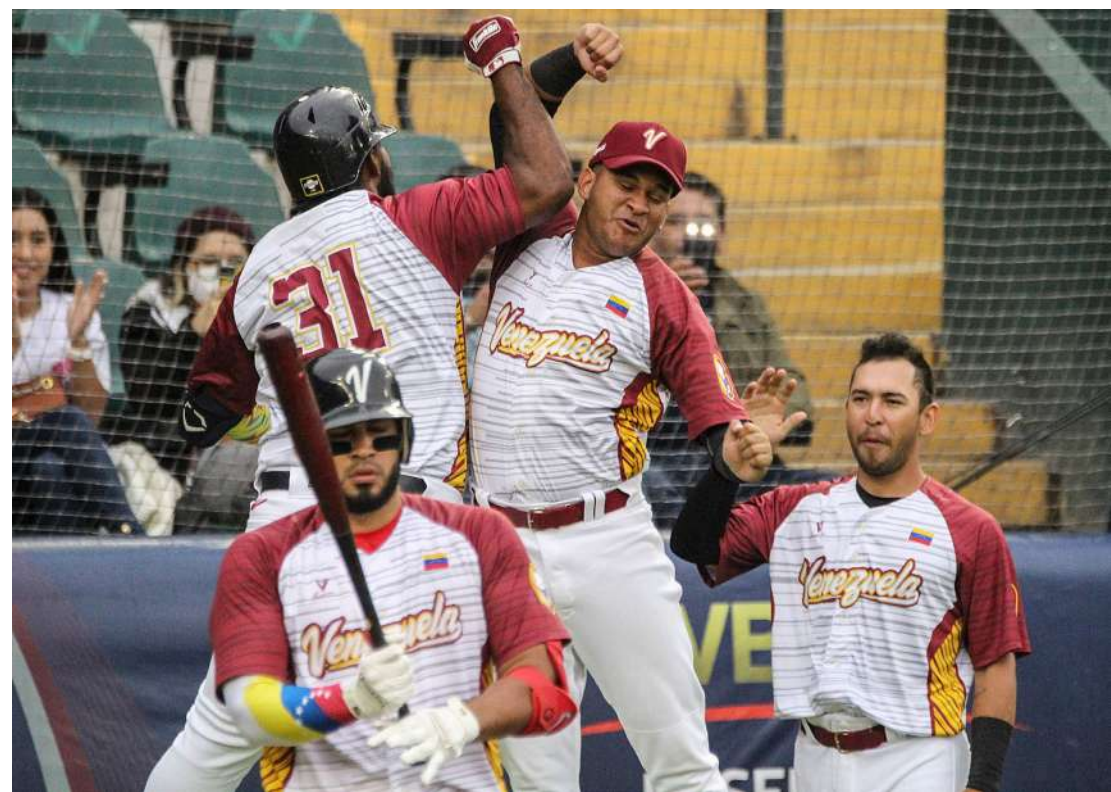
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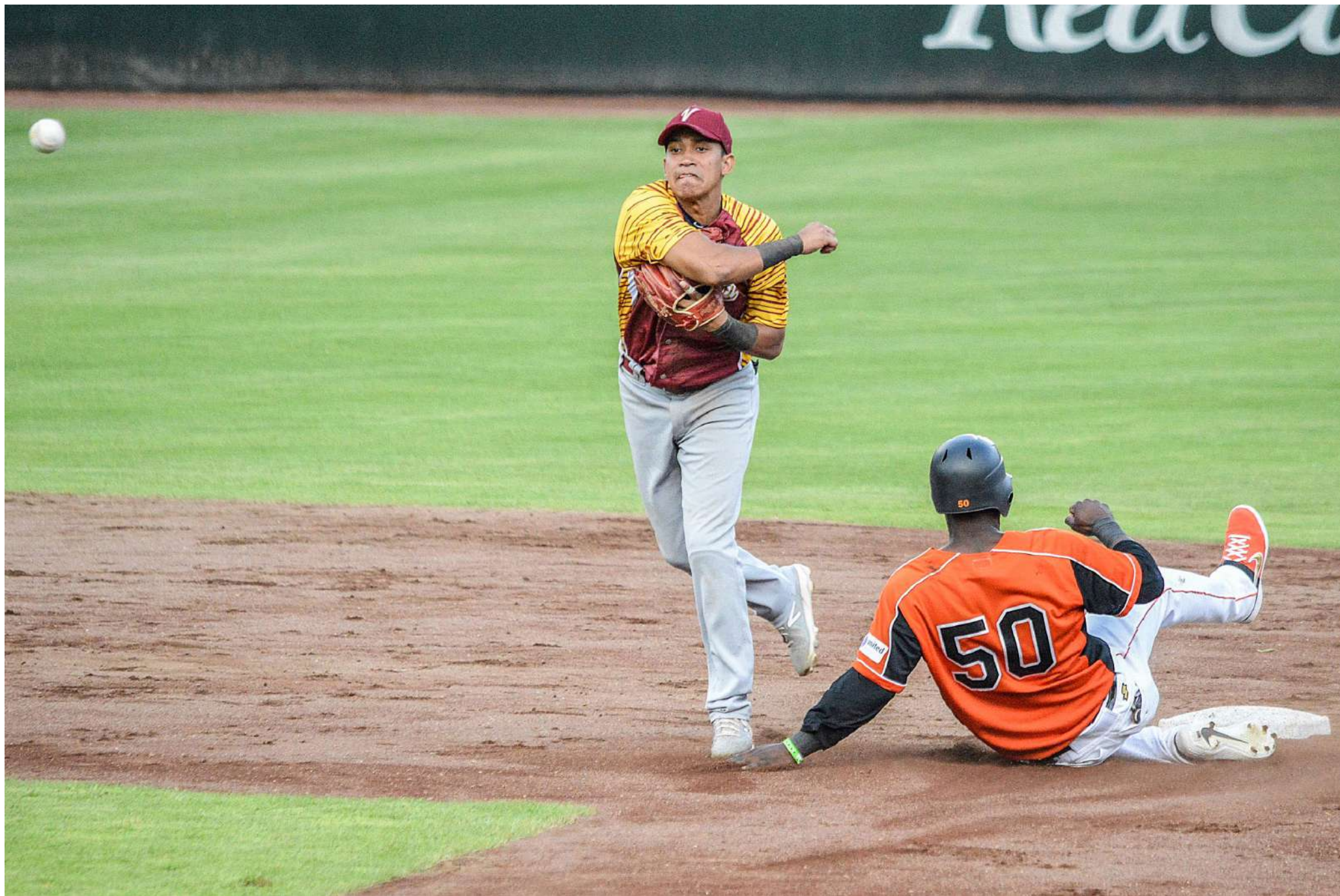




FINAL STANDINGS

1. Dominican Republic
2. Venezuela
3. Netherlands





FACTS AND FIGURES

- The event was originally scheduled to be played in Taichung, Taiwan, from 16-20 June, but had to be moved due to travelling restrictions imposed in the island to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Hermanos Serdan Stadium in Puebla, Mexico was selected to host the final qualifier event for the Tokyo 2020 baseball competition.
- Australia, China and Chinese Taipei pulled out of the WBSC Baseball Final Qualifier due to logistical challenges related to the pandemic.
- The Netherlands qualified for the Final Olympic Qualifier as runner up of the WBSC Europe Africa Qualifier. The Dominican Republic and Venezuela made the tournament after finishing second and third place respectively in the WBSC Americas Qualifier.
- WBSC closed broadcast and streaming agreements for more than 25 countries and territories, including ESPN (NED) and ESPN+.



The Dominican Republic clinched the final berth in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games baseball competition with an 8-5 win over Venezuela in the final game of the WBSC Baseball Final Olympic Qualifier played in Puebla, Mexico. The Caribbean team recovered from a three-run deficit in the second inning to secure the country’s second Olympic appearance in history.

Venezuela jumped ahead in the top of the second inning with a three-run homer by Diego Rincones. But one inning later Melky Cabrera launched a two-run homer and ignited Dominican Republic’s come-from-behind win to earn final berth in Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

One inning later, Dominican Republic exploded with six runs to take the lead in the game. The team managed by Hector Borg sent nine hitters to the plate, including five consecutive hits to open the inning and a sacrifice fly to put the score 8-3 and turn the game in their favour.

“This is a beautiful experience, and I would like to finish the job in Tokyo. Because this was only the first step,” Dominican manager Borg stated after the game. “The goal was always to qualify for the Olympic Games...we were focused on this and we hadn’t any distraction.”

The Dominican Republic qualified for the Olympic Games for the second time after 1992 when baseball was included on the



Olympic programme for the first time. They won two of their seven games to finish sixth out of eight teams. They recorded wins against Spain and Italy.

The Dominican Republic’s qualification for Tokyo 2020 completed the six-team field for baseball’s much-awaited Olympic return, which also included Israel, Japan, Korea, Mexico and USA.





OLYMPIC SOFTBALL

TOURNAMENT DATES: **21-27 JULY 2021**

FUKUSHIMA & YOKOHAMA – JAPAN

6 TEAMS

90 ATHLETES

17 GAMES

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FINAL STANDINGS

1. Japan
2. USA
3. Canada
4. Mexico
5. Australia
6. Italy





ALL-OLYMPIC TEAM

MVP Yamato Fujita (JPN)

LEFT-HANDED PITCHER Monica Abbott (USA)

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER Yukiko Ueno (JPN)

CATCHER Kaleigh Rafter (CAN)

FIRST BASE Jenn Salling (CAN)

SECOND BASE Ali Aguilar (USA)

THIRD BASE Yu Yamamoto (JPN)

SHORTSTOP Anissa Urtez (MEX)

OUTFIELDER Laura Vigna (ITA)

OUTFIELDER Haylie McCleney (USA)

OUTFIELDER Suzannah Brookshire (MEX)

DESIGNATED PLAYER Amanda Chidester (USA)

BEST DEFENCE Minori Naito (JPN)



FACTS AND FIGURES

- Softball had the honour to open the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games sports programme with host Japan facing off against Australia at the Fukushima Azuma Stadium, two days before the Opening Ceremony.
- Tokyo 2020 was Yukiko Ueno's third Olympic appearance. In Athens 2004, the Fukuoka native pitched the first and only 7-inning perfect game in the history of Olympic softball. In 2008, Ueno pitched 28 innings in two days, in a 413-pitch effort to guide Japan to their first Olympic softball gold medal.
- Cat Osterman and Ueno faced off again as USA and Japan starting pitchers in an Olympic Gold Medal Game, 13 years after they met at the Beijing 2008 final game.
- It was the first Olympic appearance for Mexico. They finished in fourth place.
- Japan claimed its fourth consecutive Olympic softball medal, with the last two golds in a row.
- USA collected its fifth medal, after winning the first three golds, and the last two silvers.
- Canada clinched a bronze medal, the first in the country's history, and became the fifth nation in history to win a softball medal in the Olympics, joining Australia, China, Japan and USA.
- Australia, Canada, Japan and USA are the only countries to participate in each of the five Olympic Games softball competitions.
- USA has played in all Gold Medal Games, winning the first three and losing the last two.
- Australia failed to win a medal for the first time in Olympic softball history.
- For Italy, it was their third Olympic appearance. They participated in Sydney 2000 and Athens 2004.
- The first six games of the competition were played in Fukushima, a region devastated by the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011.
- As in the rest of the Tokyo 2020 Olympic events,

fans were not allowed in the stands for softball games.

- Stacey Porter (AUS), Kaleigh Rafter, Lauren Bay-Regula, Jenn Salling, Danielle Lawrie (CAN), Yukiko Ueno, Eri Yamada, Yukiyo Mine (JPN), Cat Osterman and Monica Abbott (USA) participated at this tournament more than a decade after they played in the 2008 Games.

- Porter, Bay-Regula, Ueno, Yamada, and Osterman also played in Athens 2004.

- Salling led the tournament in batting with a .571 average.

- Yamato Fujita was the leader in home runs (3) and RBI (7). She was named the MVP of the tournament.

- Monica Abbott delivered 31 strikeouts to lead that category. Yukiko Ueno recorded the lowest ERA among the pitchers: 0.94.





Yukiko Ueno made history again at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games leading Japan to their second consecutive Olympic softball gold medal, 13 years after her legendary performance in Beijing 2008. The host team defeated USA, 2-0, in the Gold Medal Game.

“This was different from the previous gold medal. Playing on home soil came with a huge amount of pressure,” said Ueno, tossed 22.1 innings with two wins and no losses, striking out 26. She only allowed three runs and 13 hits, for a 0.94 ERA. “I went through a lot over the past 13 years to be able to take the mound here. And with that in mind, I wanted to stay out there as long as I possibly could.”

“Our team did a tremendous effort tonight,”

commented USA head coach Ken Ericksen. “It wasn’t our day, we had some bad luck. At the same time, you have to credit Japan for playing a very good game. Ueno was very aggressive, their offence created a lot of traffic on the base paths. It was a typical Japan-USA, very tight till the end.”

Canada earned the country’s first Olympic softball medal after a 3-2 win over Mexico. Kelsey Harshman hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the bottom of the fifth inning to give Canada the win in a dramatic game. “I’d like to think the example we have set of what our country is capable of when they truly play like a team. Ours was a team effort,” Canada head coach Mark Smith said. “I think we deserved to play for gold, but unfortunately it didn’t work out.”



OLYMPIC BASEBALL

TOURNAMENT DATES: 28 JULY TO 7 AUGUST 2021

FUKUSHIMA & YOKOHAMA – JAPAN

6 TEAMS

144 ATHLETES

16 GAMES

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FINAL STANDINGS

1. Japan
2. USA
3. Dominican Republic
4. Korea
5. Israel
6. Mexico





ALL-OLYMPIC TEAM

MVP Tetsuto Yamada (JPN)

LEFT-HANDED PITCHER Anthony Gose (USA)

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER Yoshinobu Yamamoto (JPN)

CATCHER Takuya Kai (JPN)

FIRST BASE Triston Casas (USA)

SECOND BASE Eddy Alvarez (USA)

THIRD BASE Erick Mejia (DOM)

SHORTSTOP Hayato Sakamoto (JPN)

OUTFIELDER Hyunso Kim (KOR)

OUTFIELDER Hae Min Park (KOR)

OUTFIELDER Mitch Glasser (ISR)

DESIGNATED HITTER Tyler Austin (USA)

BEST DEFENCE Nick Allen (USA)



FACTS AND FIGURES

- Nippon Professional Baseball (NPB) officially suspended its season for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.
- It was the second time in Olympic history that Israel qualified in a team sport event. The first Israeli Olympic squad was the national football (soccer) team at the Montreal 1976 Games.
- Infielder Eddy Alvarez was the Team USA flag bearer during the Opening Ceremony of the Games.
- WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari was proud to welcome the presidents of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Thomas Bach and Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee Seiko Hashimoto to the Azuma Baseball Stadium in Fukushima for the first celebrity pitch ahead of the opening game of the Olympic baseball tournament.
- Fukushima Azuma Stadium hosted both the baseball and the softball openers.

- The six teams started the tournament in two separate groups. Group A included Japan, Mexico and Dominican Republic; while Korea, USA and Israel played in Group B.
- Mexico and Israel made their historic Olympic baseball debuts.
- The official Tokyo 2020 Olympic baseball competition ball was the SSK WBSC 540.
- Israel got its historic first-ever win in Olympic Baseball against Mexico, 12-5, in the first game of the knockout stage.
- USA's Eddy Alvarez Eddy became just the sixth person to win a medal in a Winter and Summer Olympic Games. Alvarez earned a silver medal in short track speed skating at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics.
- The gold medal match between Japan and the USA was the most viewed sporting event of Tokyo 2020 in the host country.
- Japan won its first Olympic baseball gold medal

in history, becoming the fourth nation to do so joining Cuba (1992, 1996, 2004), USA (2000) and Korea (2008).

- USA's silver completed the country's collection of Olympic medals, after winning gold in Sydney 2000 and bronze in Beijing 2008. USA finished fourth in 1992 and did not qualify for the 2004 Olympic Games.
- Dominican Republic's bronze medal was the nation's first Olympic medal in baseball and first Olympic medal in a team sport.
- The Japanese National Baseball Team was named by ANOC the Best Male Team at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.
- The 16-game Tokyo 2020 Olympic baseball tournament featured 31 home runs and only 21 errors.
- The best individual hitter was Korea's Kye-seong Kim, who went 8-for-13, all singles, with a .615 batting average.



- Three players shared the home run leader honours with three long balls a piece: Israel's Danny Valencia, Triston Casas of the US and Korea's captain Hyun-soo Kim.
- Scott Kazmir (USA) was the only starting pitcher who didn't allow a run, but he started only one game.
- Japan's Yoshinobu Yamamoto and Korea's Euilee Lee were the strikeout leaders with 18.



Japan captured the Tokyo 2020 Olympic baseball gold medal with a 2-0 win over No. 4 USA, behind a shutout from the pitching staff and a solo home run by Munetaka Murakami. This was the first-ever Olympic baseball gold medal for Japan, after claiming silver in Atlanta 1996, and bronze in Barcelona 1992 and Athens 2004.

“Morishita had a great start, and Murakami put us ahead,” said Japan’s manager Atsunori Inaba. “Every pitcher coming out of the bullpen made a great effort, and we played solid defence.”

“I’m so happy we won a gold medal,” commented Murakami, “and I’m so proud of being a member of Samurai Japan. Our starter was on top of the game, so when I stepped into the box in the third, I thought one run could be enough to win.”

“Japan is a terrific team. They played well, and we didn’t expect anything different,” commented US manager Mike Scioscia. “They are well-coached, very disciplined. I congratulate Japan on the gold medal, but I don’t want to congratulate Japan only. I tip my cap to every team we faced. Every day we had the challenges of game seven. All six teams represented baseball in the best way possible. I want to congratulate my players also. They represented the US in the best way possible. I’m very proud of them.”



In their second Olympic appearance, the Dominican Republic made history at Yokohama Baseball Stadium winning the bronze medal after powering past Korea, 10-6. Juan Francisco collected three RBI and Johan Mieses hit a clutch home run in the eighth to lead Dominican Republic to victory.

“This win means the world for our country,” said Julio Rodriguez, the Dominican Republic’s leading hitter with a .417 batting average. “We as Dominicans are characterized by baseball. So being here right now is very special, being able to win a medal for [our] country...It really means the world to me.”





U-23 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

TOURNAMENT DATES: 23 SEPTEMBER TO 2 OCTOBER 2021

CIUDAD OBREGON & HERMOSILLO – MEXICO

12 TEAMS

288 ATHLETES

50 GAMES

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FINAL STANDINGS

1. Venezuela
2. Mexico
3. Colombia
4. Cuba
5. Panama
6. Chinese Taipei
7. Nicaragua
8. Korea
9. Dominican Republic
10. Netherlands
11. Germany
12. Czech Republic





ALL-WORLD TEAM

MVP Gustavo Campero (COL)

STARTING PITCHER Yu-hung Chen (TPE)

RELIEF PITCHER Jhon Peluffo (COL)

CATCHER Alvaro Rubi (NCA)

FIRST BASE Robert Perez Jr (VEN)

SECOND BASE Adrian Montero (PAN)

THIRD BASE Milkar Perez (NCA)

SHORTSTOP Javier Salazar (MEX)

OUTFIELDER Gustavo Campero (COL)

OUTFIELDER Jesus Marriaga (COL)

OUTFIELDER Jesus Lujano (VEN)

DESIGNATED HITTER Erasmo Caballero (PAN)

BEST DEFENCE Antonio Pinero (VEN)





FACTS AND FIGURES

- The tournament played in Hermosillo, and Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, Mexico, was the third edition of the WBSC U-23 Baseball World Cup.
- The III U-23 Baseball World Cup became the first WBSC Baseball World Cup played since the COVID-19 outbreak.
- The III WBSC U-23 Baseball World Cup was the first baseball World Cup played with seven-inning games.
- The impact of the seven-inning format on the duration of the games was massive. The World Championship game between Mexico and Venezuela lasted only 1 hour and 40 minutes.
- Fans were allowed to fill the two venues up to 30% of capacity
- Fans followed the U-23 Baseball World Cup live all over the world. The WBSC YouTube channel recorded over 1.4 million views and over 13.48 million impressions. 21 games streamed live on Facebook with over 1 million views and over

3 million impression. Engagement scored an impressive 37.74%.

- The Convention and Visitors Bureau (OCV) of the State of Sonora highlighted the positive impact of the U-23 Baseball World Cup on touristic services in the area. “It is worth highlighting the social, sporting and image impact of the city by hosting a world event,” commented Moisés Corrales Ruiz, the OCV owner
- The U-23 World Champions Venezuela finished with a .348 batting average and seven home runs. Their pitchers boasted a 1.49 earned run average (ERA).
- Runner-up Mexico was almost as good in pitching (1.92 ERA) and finished the tournament with a .345 team batting average.
- Colombia had the second-best pitching staff in the tournament, posting a 1.73 ERA.
- All-World Team reliever Jhon Peluffo, outfielder Jesus Marriaga and U-23 World Cup MVP

Gustavo Campero participated in the final series of the Colombia Professional Baseball League

- Chinese Taipei hard-throwing right-hander Zhong-Ao Zhuang-Che signed for the Oakland A’s of Major League Baseball (MLB)
- Germany’s slugger Lou Helmig signed with the Philadelphia Phillies. Helmig’s father and grandfather were also professional baseball players.
- The inaugural U-23 Baseball World Cup was also hosted by Mexico. It happened from 28 October to 6 November 2016 in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon. Japan defeated Australia in the final and earned the first U-23 Baseball World Title. Korea finished third.
- No team has claimed the U-23 Baseball World Title twice. Mexico won the second edition in 2018, defeating the defending champions Japan in the final. Venezuela earned a bronze medal.



The third U-23 World Cup will remain in baseball history books as the first WBSC Baseball World Cup to return to the field after the COVID-19 outbreak cancelled the whole 2020 international baseball calendar. Limitations and restrictions necessary to avoid contagion had an impact on the tournament with players, coaches, officials and WBSC staff following the rules of the tournament bubble, thus making the U-23 a World Cup like no other.

The seven-inning format gave a new flavour to games, making the impact of starting pitchers more relevant. The Czech Republic surprised Mexico in their opening game played in Ciudad Obregon after the Opening Ceremony. The 5-1 win came after the Czechs made the most of an early lead. “Seven-inning games are like this,” commented Czech manager Vladimir Chlup. “If you fall behind, you have less chances to come back.” To put it in the words of Mexican manager Enrique Reyes: “This is something different from the game I’m used to managing”. Reyes didn’t use the format to excuse the loss on home soil in the final: “We didn’t play [good baseball]. Or at least, we didn’t play well enough to beat a team like Venezuela.”

The U-23 World Title was a well-deserved accomplishment for Venezuela. Manager Carlos Garcia praised his players: “My players really wanted this



World Title. I’ve managed for quite a while, but I rarely happened to work with such an inspiring group of players.” After the final, Garcia also commented on the importance of International Baseball: “There’s no doubt players are particularly excited when they wear their National Team’s jersey. They play up to their potential and possibly try to reach above.”

Third-place Colombia, fourth-place Cuba and fifth-place Panama confirm the domination of National Teams from the Americas. Chinese Taipei finished sixth and was the Asian team in the Super Round.



U-18 WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP

TOURNAMENT DATES: **6-12 DECEMBER 2021**

LIMA - PERU

8 TEAMS

128 ATHLETES

30 GAMES

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FINAL STANDINGS

1. USA
2. Chinese Taipei
3. Puerto Rico
4. Mexico
5. Czech Republic
6. Peru
7. Netherlands
8. Colombia





ALL-WORLD TEAM

MVP Valerie Cagle (USA)

LEFT-HANDED PITCHER Leanna Garcia (MEX)

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHER Alissa Humphrey (USA)

CATCHER Chi-Yun Lin (TPE)

FIRST BASE Janelle Martinez (PUR)

SECOND BASE Rylee Holtorf (USA)

THIRD BASE Erin Coffel (USA)

SHORTSTOP Yanina Treviño (MEX)

OUTFIELDER Mariangel Barbosa (MEX)

OUTFIELDER Tatianna Roman (PUR)

OUTFIELDER Kuei-Ping Yeh (TPE)

DESIGNATED PLAYER Megan Grant (USA)

BEST DEFENCE Kiana Kadena (PER)





FACTS AND FIGURES

- Originally scheduled for 2020, the event was postponed to 2021 due to the pandemic. With the one-year postponement of the tournament, all players who would have been eligible to participate in the 2021 edition of the WBSC global tournament were able to participate.
- This Softball World Cup in Peru was the first-ever in the newly created U-18 age bracket. Previously there were junior and U-19 World Cups, of which 13 editions were celebrated.
- The eight teams played a 28-game single round-robin. The top two teams from the round-robin advanced to the World Championship Final. The third- and fourth-place teams competed for bronze.
- The tournament, the first-ever WBSC event hosted in Peru, was played at Villa Maria del Triunfo Softball Stadium, one of the sites of the Lima 2019 Pan American Games.
- Fans at Villa Maria del Triunfo were able to

view and purchase artwork of various Peruvian artisans who crafted pieces dedicated to the WBSC U-18 Women's Softball World Cup in Lima.

- This was the first youth women's softball global event organized in South America.
- Capacity was limited to 30% at the Villa Maria del Triunfo Softball Stadium, due to health and safety measures.
- Sophia Bertorelli pitched Colombia to an historic win over Peru, 2-0 on Day Three with six strikeouts and only four hits. It was Colombia's first and only win in the history of the WBSC U-18 Women's Softball World Cup.
- USA has participated in all 14 editions of this event, claiming the title eight times (1987, 1995, 2007, 2011, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2021), including the last four in a row.
- Chinese Taipei's silver medal was its highest-ever finish in a Softball World Cup.
- It was Puerto Rico's third bronze medal, after back-to-back podiums in 2015 and 2017.



- The Peruvian Softball Federation (Federación Deportiva Peruana de Softbol - FDPS) published a WBSC U-18 Women's Softball World Cup commemorative magazine, after successfully hosting the event in Lima.



Valerie Cagle turned on a stellar performance with both bat and ball at the Villa Maria del Triunfo complex in Lima, Peru to lift USA past Chinese Taipei, 1-0, in the WBSC U-18 Women's Softball World Cup Final. The right-hander pitched a seven-inning shutout and hit the World-Cup-winning RBI double in the bottom of the seventh, giving USA their fourth junior women's softball world title in a row.

The 19-year-old engaged in a dramatic pitching duel with Chinese Taipei's starter Hsia-Ai Ke, who kept the powerful US line-up scoreless for 6.1 innings. However, in the bottom of the seventh, Olivia Johnson singled to the right field, Violet Zavodnik followed her with a walk, and then Cagle smashed an opposite field double to plate the game-winning run. With the ball in hand, the US starter finished the game with 13 strikeouts and no walks, giving up four hits.

"We had to fight really hard in this game and the whole tournament. We really had to play our best in order to beat our competition," Cagle said after the World Championship Final.

For the winning pitcher, the key in the final was to "stick with our game and what we've been doing this week, and just try to make adjustments from at bat to at bat."

"That's something that's just the most unique thing about international play," stated USA's head coach Kyla Holas. "It's just so fantastic for them to get a chance to see what everyone else brings when they play this game that they all love."

"We were really close to the championship," said Yu-Chun Tsai, Chinese Taipei head coach. "It was really only one more step. I think if the game would have gone into the extra inning, we would have the biggest chance to win. It's very important for us, because we've never been in the final before."

In the Bronze Medal Game, left-handed pitcher Brianna Roberts led Puerto Rico to its third bronze medal at this level after beating Mexico, 4-0. Esperanza Coe produced three of the four Puerto Rican runs.

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3		SOUTH KOREA	3137 PTS	▼ 1
4		MEXICO	2722 PTS	▲ 1
5		USA	2445 PTS	▼ 1
6		VENEZUELA	2255 PTS	▲ 4
7		DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	2235 PTS	▼ 1
8		NETHERLANDS	2058 PTS	-
9		CUBA	1692 PTS	▲ 2
10		AUSTRALIA	1610 PTS	▼ 3
11		COLOMBIA	1346 PTS	▲ 4
12		CANADA	1336 PTS	▼ 3

as of 31 December 2021

Rank	Team	Total pts	Rank	Team	Total pts	Rank	Team	Total pts
13	Panama	1230	38	Guam	135	63	Bulgaria	38
14	Czech Republic	1091	39	Indonesia	119	64	Nigeria	36
15	Nicaragua	1035	40	Sweden	116	65	Aruba	33
16	Puerto Rico	1022	41	Ireland	114	66	El Salvador	32
17	Italy	971	42	Sri Lanka	100	66	U. S. Virgin Islands	32
18	Germany	952	43	Uganda	93	68	Fiji	30
19	Spain	749	44	Peru	82	69	Georgia	28
20	Israel	659	45	American Samoa	78	70	Slovenia	26
21	China	546	46	New Zealand	77	71	Ghana	23
22	France	508	47	Zimbabwe	74	71	Iran	23
23	Great Britain	418	48	Honduras	73	71	Tanzania	23
24	Belgium	406	49	Switzerland	70	74	Estonia	18
25	Brazil	404	50	Thailand	69	75	Bangladesh	14
26	South Africa	364	51	Serbia	68	76	Bolivia	10
27	Argentina	297	52	Hungary	67	76	Palau	10
28	Russia	292	53	Belarus	65	78	Costa Rica	8
29	Ukraine	278	54	Romania	63	78	Mariana Islands	8
30	Austria	258	55	Burkina Faso	61	80	Haiti	5
31	Pakistan	246	56	Finland	51	80	Nepal	5
32	Croatia	230	57	Kenya	49	80	Norway	5
33	Hong Kong	214	58	Poland	44	80	Bahamas	5
34	Greece	181	59	Guatemala	43	80	Singapore	5
35	Slovakia	151	60	Curaçao	41	85	Turkey	3
36	Philippines	147	61	Chile	40			
37	Lithuania	136	62	India	39			

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1		JAPAN	1355 PTS	-
2		CHINESE TAIPEI	1097 PTS	-
3		CANADA	1029 PTS	-
4		USA	1015 PTS	-
5		VENEZUELA	900 PTS	-
6		DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	717 PTS	-
7		CUBA	520 PTS	-
8		AUSTRALIA	509 PTS	-
9		PUERTO RICO	371 PTS	-
10		SOUTH KOREA	364 PTS	-
11		HONG KONG	256 PTS	-
12		MEXICO	160 PTS	-

as of 31 December 2021

Rank	Team	Total pts
13	Netherlands	155
14	Philippines	152
15	China	126
16	France	100
17	Nicaragua	59
16	India	47
19	Pakistan	21
20	Czech Republic	10



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1		USA	3510	PTS	▲	1
2		JAPAN	3052	PTS	▼	1
3		CANADA	2631	PTS	-	
4		MEXICO	2416	PTS	-	
5		PUERTO RICO	2378	PTS	-	
6		CHINESE TAIPEI	2313	PTS	-	
7		ITALY	1730	PTS	▲	1
8		AUSTRALIA	1627	PTS	▲	1
9		CHINA	1597	PTS	▼	2
10		NETHERLANDS	1585	PTS	-	
11		CZECH REPUBLIC	1255	PTS	▲	2
12		GREAT BRITAIN	753	PTS	▲	3

as of 31 December 2021

Rank	Team	Total pts	Rank	Team	Total pts	Rank	Team	Total pts
13	Philippines	741	38	Hong Kong	156	62	Bolivia	3
14	Venezuela	728	39	Colombia	149	62	Chile	3
15	New Zealand	704	40	Sweden	128			
16	Brazil	673	41	Thailand	126			
17	Spain	542	42	Switzerland	116			
18	France	524	43	Dominican Republic	100			
19	Ireland	484	44	Bulgaria	92			
20	Israel	472	45	Hungary	90			
21	Germany	470	46	Lithuania	86			
22	Peru	434	47	Singapore	70			
23	South Korea	423	48	Argentina	67			
24	Russia	418	49	India	65			
25	South Africa	394	50	Malaysia	53			
26	Poland	360	51	Curaçao	49			
27	Botswana	297	52	Bahamas	40			
28	Croatia	288	52	Zimbabwe	40			
29	Austria	286	54	El Salvador	30			
30	Cuba	260	54	Turkey	30			
31	Greece	258	56	Serbia	24			
32	Ukraine	251	57	Nicaragua	17			
33	Indonesia	248	57	Panama	17			
34	Belgium	201	59	Lesotho	13			
35	Denmark	187	60	Ecuador	11			
36	Guatemala	183	61	Aruba	8			
37	Slovakia	178	62	Belize	3			

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1		JAPAN	2927	PTS	-
2		ARGENTINA	2817	PTS	-
3		AUSTRALIA	2304	PTS	-
4		CZECH REPUBLIC	2228	PTS	▲ 2
5		NEW ZEALAND	2065	PTS	▼ 1
6		CANADA	2007	PTS	▼ 1
7		USA	1720	PTS	-
8		MEXICO	1600	PTS	-
9		DENMARK	1131	PTS	▲ 1
10		SOUTH AFRICA	952	PTS	▲ 1
11		VENEZUELA	868	PTS	▼ 2
12		GUATEMALA	731	PTS	▲ 1

as of 31 December 2021



Rank	Team	Total pts	Rank	Team	Total pts
13	Singapore	703	38	Honduras	21
14	Cuba	692	39	Lesotho	20
15	Netherlands	594	40	Costa Rica	12
16	India	404	40	Ecuador	12
17	Philippines	345	42	Belize	10
18	Botswana	334	43	Aruba	9
19	Croatia	284	44	Bahamas	8
20	Israel	261	45	Brazil	3
21	Hong Kong	183	45	El Salvador	3
22	Great Britain	161			
23	France	156			
24	Indonesia	145			
25	Belgium	135			
26	Slovakia	129			
27	Thailand	119			
28	Chinese Taipei	110			
29	Sweden	86			
30	Germany	85			
31	Malaysia	75			
32	Panama	70			
33	Italy	69			
34	Peru	46			
35	Dominican Republic	45			
36	Lithuania	44			
37	Colombia	33			

ABOUT THE WBSC

Headquartered in Pully, Switzerland -- adjacent to Lausanne, the Olympic Capital -- the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) is the world governing body for baseball and softball. The WBSC has 210 National Federation and Associate Members in 138 countries and territories across Asia, Africa, Americas, Europe and Oceania, which represent a united baseball/softball sports movement that encompasses over 65 million athletes and attracts approximately 150 million fans to stadiums worldwide annually.

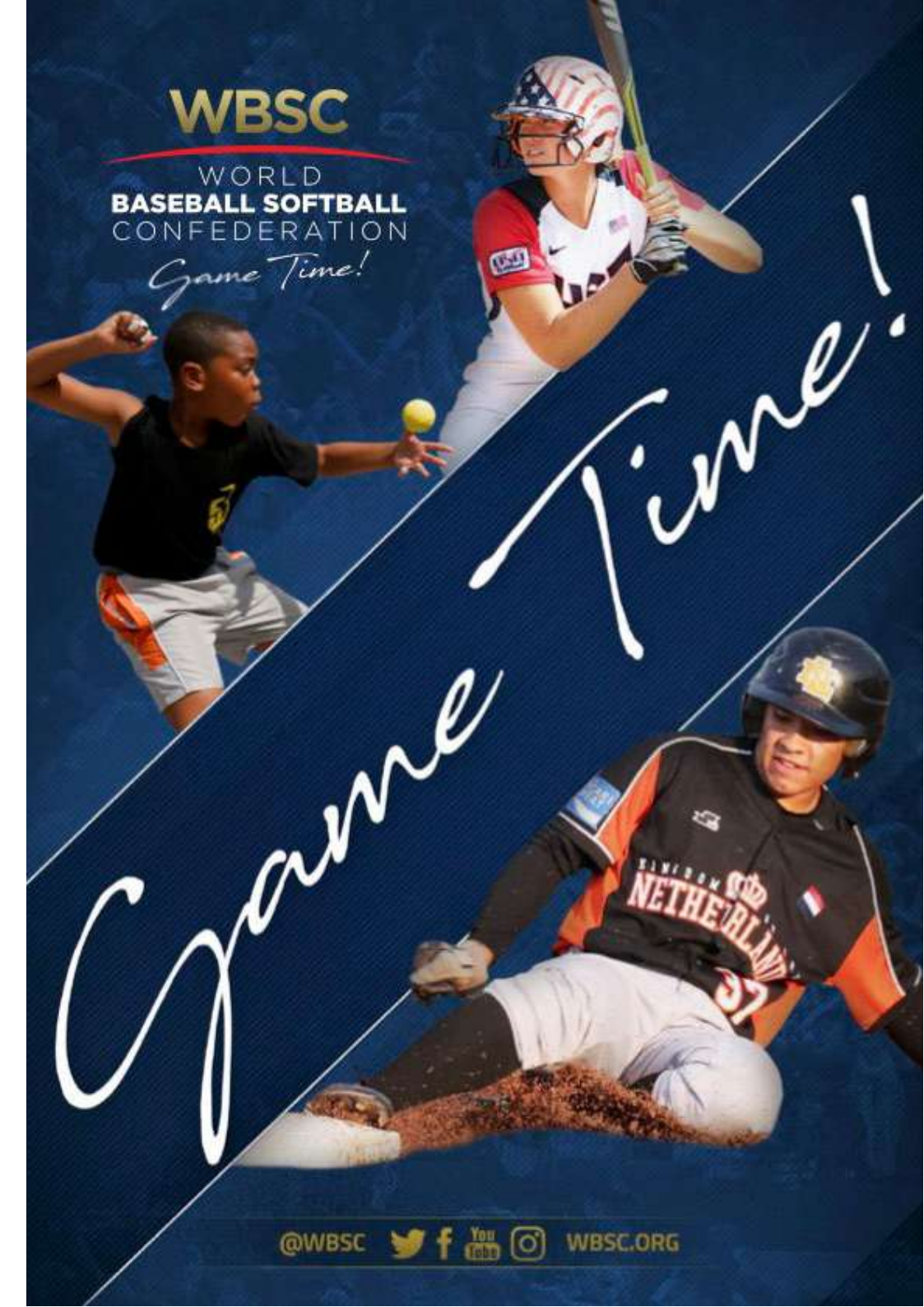
The WBSC governs all international competitions involving official National Teams. The WBSC oversees the Premier12, the World Baseball Classic and Baseball World Cups (U-12, U-15, U-18, U-23 and Women's), Softball World Cups, (U-12 Mixed, U-15 Women's, U-18 Women's, U-18 Men's, U-23 Men's, Women's and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

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To guarantee the WBSC interacts with its members and stakeholders effectively, the WBSC has developed a new organisational profile with the aim of setting a variety of universal attributes to ensure the WBSC's strategy and actions are of value to every single member of our audience.

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WBSC STRUCTURE

The WBSC Executive Director implements decisions of the Executive Board and Presidential directives while he oversees the daily work of all departments. Office operations are strictly interconnected as per the nature of the international federation. The WBSC working structure is characterised by a constant teamwork between the different departments as shown in the graphic.

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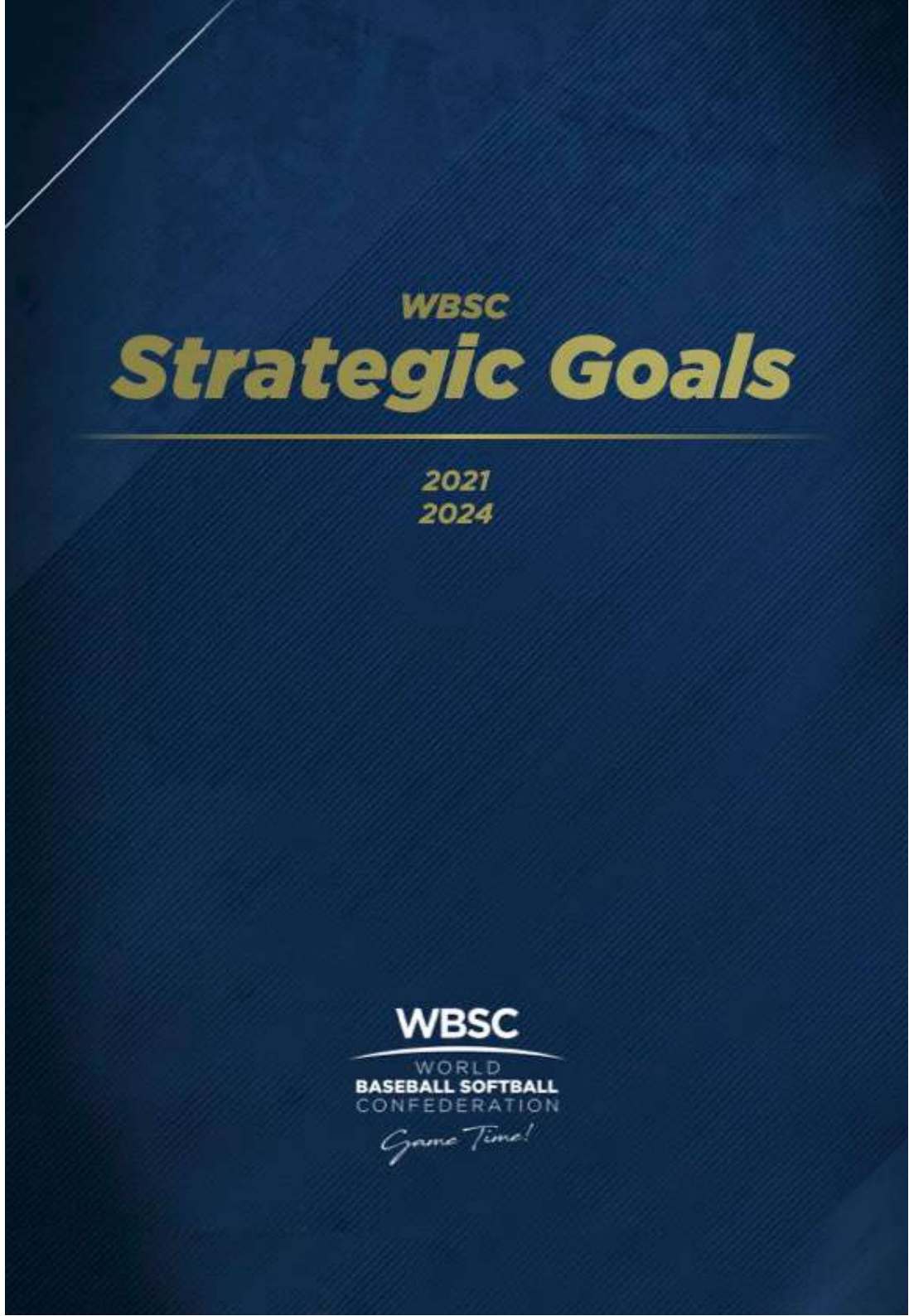
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- 1 Integrity Unit

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The WBSC is responsible for the administration, promotion and growth of Baseball and Softball around the world and has identified 9 Goals as top strategic priorities for the 2021-2024 cycle, to help our sport reach the highest standards of excellence. The WBSC has created a comprehensive roadmap for each goal, forming its strategic plan to guide the future of our sport.

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Marisa Matsuda	Member
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Jacinto Cipriota	Member
Marisa Matsuda	Member
Giuseppe Guilizzoni	Member
André Lachance	Member
Valerio Cianfoni	Commission Liaison

LIST OF MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Baseball members	76	27	Members in Africa
Softball members	66	58	Members in Americas
Joint members	56	36	Members in Asia
Total NFs members	198	54	Members in Europe
Associate members	13	23	Members in Oceania
TOTAL MEMBERS		211	

AFRICA

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

AMERICAS

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION	COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION	COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Argentina	ARG	Baseball	Dominican Republic	DOM	Baseball	Sint Marteen	SMX	Baseball
Argentina	ARG	Softball	Dominican Republic	DOM	Softball	Trinidad & Tobago	TRI	Baseball
Aruba	ARU	Baseball	Ecuador	ECU	Baseball	Turks & Caicos Islands	T&CAICOS	Softball
Aruba	ARU	Softball	Ecuador	ECU	Softball	U.S. Virgin Islands	ISV	Baseball
Bahamas	BAH	Baseball	El Salvador	ESA	Baseball	U.S. Virgin Islands	ISV	Softball
Bahamas	BAH	Softball	El Salvador	ESA	Softball	Uruguay	URU	Softball
Belize	BIZ	Softball	Guatemala	GUA	Baseball	USA	USA	Baseball
Bermuda	BER	Baseball	Guatemala	GUA	Softball	USA	USA	Softball
Bolivia	BOL	Combined	Guyana	GUY	Baseball	Venezuela	VEN	Baseball
Brazil	BRA	Combined	Haiti	HAI	Combined	Venezuela	VEN	Softball
British Virgin Islands	IVB	Softball	Honduras	HON	Baseball			
British Virgin Islands	IVB	Baseball	Honduras	HON	Softball			
Canada	CAN	Baseball	Jamaica	JAM	Baseball			
Canada	CAN	Softball	Jamaica	JAM	Softball			
Cayman Islands	CAY	Softball	Mexico	MEX	Baseball			
Chile	CHI	Combined	Mexico	MEX	Softball			
Colombia	COL	Baseball	Nicaragua	NCA	Baseball			
Colombia	COL	Softball	Nicaragua	NCA	Softball			
Costa Rica	CRC	Baseball	Panama	PAN	Baseball			
Costa Rica	CRC	Softball	Panama	PAN	Softball			
Cuba	CUB	Baseball	Peru	PER	Baseball			
Cuba	CUB	Softball	Peru	PER	Softball			
Curacao	CURACAO	Baseball	Puerto Rico	PUR	Baseball			
Curacao	CURACAO	Softball	Puerto Rico	PUR	Softball			

ASIA

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

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

EUROPE

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

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

EUROPE

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Malta	MLT	Combined
Moldova	MDA	Combined
Netherlands	NED	Combined
Norway	NOR	Combined
Poland	POL	Combined
Portugal	POR	Baseball
Romania	ROU	Combined
Russia	RUS	Baseball
Russia	RUS	Softball
San Marino	SMR	Combined
Serbia	SRB	Baseball
Serbia	SRB	Softball

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Slovakia	SVK	Baseball
Slovakia	SVK	Softball
Slovenia	SLO	Combined
Spain	ESP	Combined
Sweden	SWE	Combined
Switzerland	SUI	Combined
Turkey	TUR	Combined
Ukraine	UKR	Combined

OCEANIA

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
American Samoa	ASA	Baseball
American Samoa	ASA	Softball
Australia	AUS	Baseball
Australia	AUS	Softball
Fiji	FIJ	Baseball
Guam	GUM	Baseball
Guam	GUM	Softball
Mariana Islands/Saipan	MNP	Softball
Mariana Islands/Saipan	MNP	Baseball
Marshall Islands	MHL	Combined
Micronesia	FSM	Baseball
Micronesia	FSM	Softball

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
New Caledonia	NCL	Baseball
New Zealand	NZL	Baseball
New Zealand	NZL	Softball
Palau	PLW	Baseball
Palau	PLW	Softball
Papua New Guinea	PNG	Baseball
Papua New Guinea	PNG	Softball
Samoa	SAM	Baseball
Samoa	SAM	Softball
Solomon Islands	SOL	Combined
Tonga	TGA	Combined



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