

Appendix B

B. COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION

B1. COMPETITION OFFICIALS

Tournament Director

B1.1. The Tournament Director is the highest authority in all WBSC sanctioned competitions.

B1.2. The Responsibilities of the Tournament Director, include the following:

- Ensure that the Jury of Appeal is constituted and empowered to act if the situation arises.
- Other than hearings conducted by or decisions taken by a Jury of Appeal, arbitrate and have final authority in making a decision regarding any disputes that cannot be resolved by negotiations among any or all of the groups or organizations involved in the competition.
- Enforce the decision of a Jury of Appeal.
- Convene and chair the Tournament Technical/ Organizational Meeting before the competition.
- Inform the WBSC ASIA Executive Committee about the matters regarding the competition organization.
- Prepare the final official report for its consideration by the Executive Committee.
- Take a final decision in regard to match schedule after consulting the LOC
- Carry on the final inspection and approval of competition venues, approve the scoring working station(s) and determining the specific Ground Rules for each field of play.
- Control the eligibility and the credentials of the players (during the Pre-Tournament Technical Meeting).
- Present all Technical Competition items, including the ground rules and scoring related aspects (i.e. tie-breakers, etc.) during the Pre-Tournament Technical Meeting.
- Assign the Game Officials daily to duties of umpiring and scoring and supervision for each match.
- Liaise with Game Officials regarding delays, rescheduling and cancellation to submit jointly a proposal to the WBSC ASIA Executive Director / Tournament Director, who is charged with making the final decision.
- Gather relevant statistical and match report information from Game Officials.
- Provide tie-breaker and/or statistical information.
- Chair the meetings of the Game Officials to review problems associated with technical areas of competition and to determine actions related to participants' discipline or team protests.
- Produce the daily report timely after the completion of the last match of the day and distribute it according to the established procedures.
- Complete Game Officials Evaluations during the event.
- Submit a complete report to the WBSC ASIA after the event.

Game Officials

The panel of Game Officials shall consist of a number of WBSC ASIA International Game Officials and a sufficient number of local Game Officials to make up the total number needed for the competition.

Each Game Official must make the commitment to stay for the whole duration of the competition, including the final phase if needed. Failure to abide by this rule by a Game Official from a participating country may result in a fine of up to USD500 to the Game Official's National Federation, and/or a suspension of the individual from participation in future events.

Two Game Officials of a same participating country may work together in a match. Every attempt shall be made for Officials, even host team country Game Officials, not to be assigned to officiate matches played by their own represented countries/nations if possible.

Four (4) or five (5) Game Officials will be assigned to each match

- One (1) Homeplate Official at Homeplate umpiring the game;
- Two (2) or three (3) Field Official on the field umpiring the game;
- One (1) Table Official outside the field scoring the game and supervising the technical aspects.

Match assignments for Game Officials will be notified no less than 12 hours before game time of their respective assignments. No more than two days of assignments will be distributed at any time during the competition.

The name(s) of the Game Officials assigned for each match shall be announced on the list of Officials specifically assigned to the match. A Game Official may be assigned to umpiring (Field or Homeplate) or scoring/supervising (Table) from match to match. The Table Official shall be seated in a reserve area with good visibility and easy access to the playing field.

At the beginning of the competition, a Game Officials Pre-Competition meeting will be conducted by the Technical Director. The representatives of the WBSC or LOC may be requested to attend this meeting. During the competition, a daily Game Officials meeting may be held as required.

At matches selected for doping controls, one Game Official not on duty during those specific matches shall participate in the selection of athletes-players for doping control. This will occur at the first inning of the game at the Doping Control Station (unless another location is agreed).

Table Official:

One (1) Table Official for each match is assigned to score the match officially and to supervise all technical aspects of the competition.

No later than sixty minutes (60) before the start of the match, the Game Official (s) shall obtain from each Coach or Delegation Leader a tentative line-up and then distribute it to LOC to make copies for others appropriate individuals.

Its specific functions and responsibilities are:

- Enforce the regulations as written in the Tournament Regulations during the match.
- Receive and judge as first instance protests related to technical matters that come from participating teams.
- Rule as first instance in discipline cases on the playing field involving participants, Players, Coaches and Game Officials.
- Produce, verify and submit all statistical data related to the match to the Tournament Director.
- At the end of each match, he/she shall give match results (box-score) to each Delegation and the Tournament Director.

Field and Home Plate Officials:

An Homeplate Official and the two (2) Field Officials for each match are assigned to umpire the match and to supervise all on-the-field technical aspects of the matches according to the WBSC Baseball5 Rule Book.

Jury of Appeal

B1.10. The Jury of Appeal is the body of appeal for fines, judgments, or suspensions during the Competition. It will have no application in the judgments dictated by the Technical Commission in cases related to the WBSC Baseball5 Rule Book. Only the Technical Commission decisions that are not related to the Rules of the Match may be appealed in front of the Jury of Appeal.

Anti-Doping Commissioner

B1.29. The Anti-Doping Commissioner appointed by WBSC ASIA will oversee the anti-doping program at the event. This will include ensuring that the facilities for doping control are appropriate, overseeing the doping control process, including athlete selection, notification and the sample collection process, and making decisions on any issues arising during this process.

B2. OTHERS

TV Cameramen and Photographers

B2.3. TV cameramen and photographers are allowed within restricted areas on the field. They must wear their accreditation in order to access the corresponding areas.

First Aid

B2.4. Medical and first aid attendance shall be available all the time during the competition and practices. LOC is responsible to make sure adequate staff and facilities are assigned to the competition. Adequate staff and facilities are defined as having present a certified first aid attendant with ambulance and doctor on call.

B3 PROTESTS

B3.3. Any decision of the Game Official(s) assigned to the match regarding the playing rules is final and not subject to appeal.

B3.4. When a participating Delegation protests the participation of any athlete; the protest shall be presented to the Technical Director prior to the conclusion of the competition.

B3.5. If the protest does not refer to an action of the game, it must be submitted in writing to the Officials Director, together with the corresponding deposit, explaining the reasons that state for it and the due dispositions that supposedly apply to it.

B3.6 When during a match a protest is made by the Coach or Delegation Leader over a suspected misapplication or misinterpretation of Official Baseball5 Rules, the Game Official who made the protested call, shall not be involved on the evaluation of the protest. The other three Game Officials shall decide collectively, their decision is final.

B4. APPEALS

B4.3. The time limit to present an appeal is three (3) hours after having received the notification of the judgment to be appealed. An appeal may be amended only before the Jury starts its deliberations, which will be so notified to the parties involved by the Jury. There may not be a further appeal by any person from any situation where the subject of the appeal has been considered and decided by the Jury.

B4.4. Every appellant or the person that is the subject of or involved with the appeal has the right to present materials and statements to the Jury for it to consider. Each appellant or person involved may be represented by one person. The Jury may take statements, interview persons or review video or audio footage to help it consider the matter and render its decision. Once the appeal has been presented to the Jury, the Jury will meet, consider the matter and render a decision.

B4.5. A Jury may reject an appeal in part or whole and will issue a written statement of its findings, which is, save for manifest error, final and not subject to further appeal. The Jury may order a different penalty or increase or decrease a suspension or outcome from that to which the appeal was made.

B4.6. In the event of an appeal involving the suspension of a player, coach or manager, a decision will be taken within three (3) hours, knowing that the decision of the Jury could have a bearing on any subsequent games in the Competition. For all other matters a decision will be rendered within 24 hours.

B4.7. Notwithstanding any provision of these Regulations, a player, coach or manager who is suspended for one game or more must sit out the next scheduled game to allow the Jury to complete its process and ensure due process.