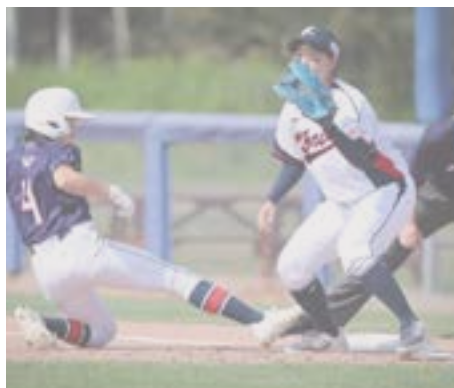


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# ROLL OF HONOUR

## World Baseball Classic (TPE, JPN, USA)

8-21 March



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|---|-----|--------|
| 1 | JPN |        |
| 2 | USA |        |
| 3 | CUB |        |
| 3 | MEX |        |
| 5 | AUS | 13 CZE |
| 5 | ITA | 13 GBR |
| 5 | PUR | 13 ISR |
| 5 | VEN | 13 PAN |
| 9 | CAN | 17 CHN |
| 9 | DOM | 17 TPE |
| 9 | KOR | 17 COL |
| 9 | NED | 17 NIC |

## U-23

## Men's Softball World Cup 2023 (ARG)

15-23 April



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|----|-----|
| 1  | AUS |
| 2  | JPN |
| 3  | ARG |
| 4  | MEX |
| 5  | CAN |
| 6  | NZL |
| 7  | CZE |
| 8  | VEN |
| 9  | SGP |
| 10 | ISR |
| 11 | NTW |
| 12 | RSA |

## Olympic Esports Series 2023

22-25 June



- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| 1 | SHORA (JPN)      |
| 2 | TAIJYU (JPN)     |
| 3 | CMWANG (TPE)     |
| 4 | KANGGANG (USA)   |
| 5 | FUJITO (JPN)     |
| 5 | HAZUREMON (TPE)  |
| 7 | ANTIMON (JPN)    |
| 7 | DOUBLEBASS (TPE) |
| 9 | DAYLAMI (JPN)    |
| 9 | WOONIE (SGP)     |

## U-18

## Baseball World Cup (TPE)

31 August - 10 September



- |    |     |
|----|-----|
| 1  | JPN |
| 2  | TPE |
| 3  | KOR |
| 4  | USA |
| 5  | PUR |
| 6  | NED |
| 7  | PAN |
| 8  | MEX |
| 9  | CZE |
| 10 | AUS |
| 11 | VEN |
| 12 | ESP |

## WBSC

## eBASEBALL™ Series (SGP)

25 September - 4 November



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| DOLLS      |
| 4 MOVE ON  |
| SHORA      |
| ANTIMON    |
| SHORA      |
| FUJITO     |
| YABEGAMING |
| FUJITO     |

## Baseball Champions League Americas (MEX)

28 September - 1 October



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| 1 | FM  |
| 2 | CAI |
| 3 | YUC |
| 4 | ADG |

## XVII Women's Softball World Cup (IRL, SPA, ITA)

11-26 July



GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C
1 USA	1 PUR	1 JPN
2 AUS	2 NED	2 CAN
3 GBR	3 CHN	3 ITA
4 TPE	4 CUB	4 PHI
5 IRL	5 ESP	5 VEN
6 BOT	6 RSA	6 NZL

## U-12 Baseball World Cup (TPE)

28 July - 6 August



1 USA
2 TPE
3 VEN
4 JPN
5 KOR
6 DOM
7 MEX
8 PAN
9 GER
10 CZE
11 AUS
12 NZL

## IX Women's Baseball World Cup (CAN, JPN)

8-13 August - 13-17 September



GROUP A	GROUP B
1 USA	1 JPN
2 CAN	2 TPE
3 MEX	3 VEN
4 AUS	4 PUR
5 HKG	5 CUB
6 KOR	6 FRA

## Youth Baseball5 World Cup (TUR)

10-15 October



1 CUB
2 FRA
3 MEX
4 TUR
5 CHN
6 TPE
7 GHA
8 TUN
9 KOR
10 MAS
11 ZAM
12 AUS

## U-15 Women's Softball World Cup (JPN)

21-29 October



1 USA
2 PUR
3 JPN
4 TPE
5 MEX
6 PHI
7 CZE
8 ITA
9 PER
10 BRA
11 NZL
12 UGA

## XIV U-18 Men's Softball World Cup (MEX)

11-19 November



1 JPN
2 MEX
3 CAN
4 USA
5 AUS
6 VEN
7 CZE
8 ARG
9 NZL
10 COL
11 SGP

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear members, dear athletes, dear fans,

Welcome to this 2023 edition of the WBSC YearBook.

When I look through the pages of this superb publication, it is a memorable and relevant journey through the wonderful achievements the WBSC and the global baseball and softball community have accomplished in what was an impressive year for our organisation and sport.

The WBSC has continued to make giant strides and I am incredibly proud of everything that we achieved together in 2023.

On the diamond, we saw success through another bumper WBSC Events Calendar with 13 tournaments featuring 104 teams across all five Olympic continents. It also included the introduction of new tournaments to ensure that more athletes are given the opportunity to compete internationally. The first editions of the Baseball Champions League, U-23 Men's Softball World Cup, U-15 Women's Softball World Cup and Youth Baseball5 World Cup

were all a great success.

The inaugural Youth Baseball5 World Cup in Türkiye was particularly significant, not only showcasing the wonderful qualities of our five-on-five, urban discipline but also providing an excellent preview ahead of the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar, Senegal in 2026. Furthermore, it also emphasised how our sport provides new opportunities with three African teams participating in a WBSC World Cup on only the second occasion and Türkiye organising a WBSC event for the first time.

The confirmation of baseball and softball on the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games sports programme was another special achievement. This was the result of much hard work over the past two years by the WBSC and our major stakeholders, including all the professional leagues and player associations, and for that I want to thank you. As an organisation and sport, the WBSC and baseball/softball continues to grow stronger and increasingly popular every year and the LA28 Olympic decision is a superb reflection of this.

In recognition of this continued growth and unity, the WBSC Executive Board also confirmed 10 May as World Baseball Softball Day with 2024 marking the WBSC's 10-year anniversary. For this reason, we want to involve

all our members, and above all our athletes, fans and our entire community in organising events, meetings and initiatives for 10 May that show the strength of our movement and the global reach of our wonderful sport.

The creation of the WBSC Legacy Club is an excellent example of the WBSC's innovation and evolution. Not only is the Legacy Club aimed at enhancing social development worldwide by using baseball/softball as a powerful tool for humanitarian and legacy initiatives, but it will help provide opportunities for less developed countries to receive equipment and training where needed.

The growth of eSports is another area of opportunity, and we are proud to be among the International Federations at the forefront of this. The inclusion of WBSC eBASEBALL: POWER PROS in the inaugural Olympic Esports Series and the launch of the WBSC eBASEBALL Series and ePremier12 were other important milestones for the WBSC in this field, which will help us engage with and attract new, younger audiences to our sport.

As a member of the IOC Esports Commission, I look forward to being involved in future-defining discussions on this topic, which will also help shape the WBSC's eSports strategy and direction.

The role of the WBSC is to ensure that our sport remains in a strong position in the long-term, both on and off the field. With this in mind, not only am I proud that we published the first WBSC Official Rules of Baseball, but I am particularly pleased with the progress the WBSC, and the five Continental Associations, have made in relation to good governance. Our Governance Review is now in its third round with each of the associations having made significant improvements over the first two rounds.

Everything that we have achieved has been in line with the WBSC's Strategic Plan 2022-2028, which is focused on the continued growth of baseball/softball worldwide and the further empowerment of our National Federation members. The plan reflects our unwavering commitment to strengthening baseball and softball globally, while ensuring the WBSC is fit for purpose and leading the sport with integrity and focus.

With another impressive events calendar next year - including the inaugural Finals of the Women's Softball World Cup, Women's Baseball World Cup and eBaseball Series and culminating in the WBSC's flagship tournament the Premier12 - as well as the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games and LA28 Olympics on the horizon, we have a very exciting future ahead. One which will cement



the status of the current stars of our game and unveil new ones.

At the WBSC, everything we do is to ensure the continued progress of our sport and our athletes. From professional players to young girls and boys playing the game for the first time, we want to give them the best opportunities. So, my final message is to thank all the athletes and officials who participate, enjoy and share our beautiful game as well

as our new Global Sponsors such as KONAMI Digital Entertainment, CARNEXT, KOWA, Nippon Express and MUFG Bank, Ltd., as well as our long-standing Official Suppliers Mizuno, SSK, Synergy, Corpay and new partners such as Alibaba. Thank you for your commitment to our sport and for promoting our game.

Yours sincerely,

**Riccardo Fraccari**



# SECRETARY GENERAL'S MESSAGE

During the International Federation Forum in November, International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Thomas Bach commented on how “the unifying power of sport is more important than ever before” due to current geopolitical tensions in the world.

Today’s world needs a unifying force and at the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC), we are fully aware of the power Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 have in fostering relationships between different cultures and driving cohesion. In a divided world, our disciplines are the perfect example of how peaceful competition can be hard and fair at the same time.



While the work of the WBSC Legacy Club in refugee camps in Jordan is a clear example of Baseball5 achieving this, I believe we have also seen it through the world-class events that we have held throughout a busy 2023.

After the unforgettable World Baseball Classic, which the WBSC supported the MLB with organising, we staged the U-23 Men's Softball World Cup, the U-12 Baseball World Cup, the U-18 Baseball World Cup, the Youth Baseball5 World Cup, the Baseball Champions League Americas, the U-15 Women's Softball World Cup and the U-18 Men's Softball World Cup. We also successfully held the group stages of the Women's Softball World Cup and the Women's Baseball World Cup, as well as taking part in the Olympic Esports Series and Olympic Esports Week.

At all these tournaments, we provided the platform for athletes worldwide, be it on the field on play physically or online, to display their best performances in great sportsmanship with mutual respect. We saw baseball and softball enthusiasts from across the globe come together to create a

fantastic spectacle. Our athletes, officials, supporters and fans showcased the power of sport in bringing people together.

When we organise an international event, we take the responsibility of bringing hundreds, if not thousands, of people to a foreign country. WBSC events often include participants from our five Continental Associations, who speak a wide variety of different languages who bring with them their rich diverse cultures and traditions. Occasionally they do not speak one of the two official languages of the WBSC - English and Spanish.

The WBSC and the local organisers share the responsibility of making all of them feel at home in a foreign country, which is a pleasure and at the same time, a challenge, which we look forward to. The strength of relationships and communication between all the stakeholders is what determines the success of a WBSC tournament.

As the WBSC Secretary General, I have the privilege to witness the incredible preparation that goes into all of our

tournaments, and to witness our athletes at their best, and the local organisers, WBSC staff, officials and many more stakeholders come together to help deliver the product you see on the pitch.

One may be tempted to call it a miracle, but it is not. I believe that it is simply another example of sport bringing people together; it is the perfect example of the power of sport.

As IOC President Bach said, never has the unifying power of sport been more important, and the WBSC is humbly trying to contribute to this in everything we do.

Yours sincerely,

**Beng Choo Low**

# 2023 IN FOCUS

The confirmation at the IOC Session that baseball/softball will be included on the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games sport programme was one of many giant strides made by the WBSC in 2023. The WBSC launched new tournaments, grew its eSports offering through the partnership with KONAMI, and made significant statute changes ahead of its 10-year anniversary on 10, May 2024.

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The WBSC and the global baseball/softball community enjoyed another exciting year with 2023 underlined by a number of firsts for the sport.

Inaugural editions of the U-23 Men's Softball World Cup, U-15 Women's Softball World Cup, Youth Baseball5 World Cup and Baseball Champions League were held, as well as the hosting of the WBSC eBASEBALL™ Series and the launch of the WBSC ePremier12™ at the Tokyo Game Show 2023 in conjunction with KONAMI. During the packed WBSC events calendar, new tournament formats were utilised, World Rankings for Baseball5 were created and Türkiye hosted a WBSC World Cup for the first time.

Away from the diamond, the first annual WBSC Governance Report and an Integrity Unit annual report, as well as a first On-Site Safeguarding Workshop, ensured the WBSC continued to develop in relation to its Strategic Agenda 2022-28.

WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari captured the significant progress made in his end of year message when he said: "The WBSC

continued to make giant strides and I am incredibly proud of everything that we have achieved together in 2023."

### **Los Angeles 2028**

The confirmation at the 141st IOC Session of baseball/softball's inclusion in the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games was one of the major moments for the WBSC during 2023.

Men's baseball will feature at the Olympic Games for the seventh time, having first been played at the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992, while it is the sixth time that softball is included on the programme, having made its debut at the 1996 Games in Atlanta.

The last edition at Tokyo 2020 saw Japan beat the United States in both the baseball and softball finals, creating global media coverage and record TV viewing figures for the baseball final.

President Fraccari said: "The WBSC firmly believes that baseball and softball will help millions of fans engage with the Olympic Games, especially with the US being home to many of the sport's best players and

biggest stars worldwide. It will be an electric atmosphere in LA where the best baseball and softball athletes in the world will have the opportunity to play on the biggest stage in front of a global audience of billions."

The WBSC family is also looking forward to Baseball5 making its debut at the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026. In 2023, the WBSC launched the inaugural Youth Baseball5 World Cup with the second edition in 2025 to serve as a Dakar 2026 qualification tournament.

### **New tournaments making baseball/softball richer**

The international calendars for baseball and softball were both strengthened in 2023 as no fewer than three new events were held, while the WBSC's new two-stage-format was also utilised for the first time.

Kukulcan Alamo Park in Merida, Mexico, hosted the inaugural Baseball Champions League Americas, which was the season's final men's baseball event but marked a significant milestone as the first professional tournament to feature teams from different countries' leagues. During the pre-tournament



press conference, Commissioner Guillermo Ramirez and the host, Mexican Baseball League Executive President Horacio de la Vega, said that “the tournament will change international baseball forever.”

The inaugural edition involved four leagues (the Mexican Baseball League, the American Association, the Colombian Professional League and Cuba’s National League) with plans to include a league format and branch out to other continents in the future.

In 2023, the U-23 Men’s Softball World Cup in Paraná, Argentina and the U-15 Women’s Softball World Cup in Tokyo, Japan enjoyed

their historic first editions, won by Australia and the USA respectively.

The Women’s Softball and Women’s Baseball World Cups also saw the Two-Stage Format played for the first time allowing Ireland, Italy and Spain to host a WBSC World Cup for the first time.

**WBSC partners with KONAMI, the future is now**

In February, the WBSC partnered with Konami Digital Entertainment Inc. (KONAMI) to increase its eSports offering and launch WBSC eBASEBALL™: POWER PROS. The WBSC is committed to using eSports to

attract a new and younger audience to the sport and POWER PROS is the latest title in the PAWAFURU PUROYAKYU (Powerful Pro-Baseball) series, a Japanese baseball video game series created by KONAMI.

Downloads of the game exploded as it reached 140 countries in less than two months after its publication while it was also one of 10 games included in the Olympic Esports Series 2023, with the finals being played at the Olympic Esports Week in Singapore in June.

The POWER PROS competition amassed nearly two million views when it was live streamed on the YouTube platform of the



Olympic channel and the WBSC followed that up with the launch of another big concept together with KONAMI, revealing the WBSC eBASEBALL™ Series and the WBSC ePremier12™ at the Tokyo Game Show 2023, one of the biggest gaming Expos in Japan.

National Federations and partners are featured in the weekly tournaments, where the in-game stadium is decorated with the stakeholders' branding.

**WBSC makes statute changes and announces WBSC Day ahead of 10-year anniversary**

In December, the WBSC Congress approved

a number of updates to the WBSC Statutes, including the creation of one combined Executive Board to lead the WBSC into a new era. This will be supported by two additional permanent Commissions for baseball and softball to ensure the best interests of each discipline continue to be represented.

The Executive Board will also include an increased representation of Continental Associations with 10 members, with each Continent electing one representative for baseball and one for softball.

The key motive behind the statute changes,

which will come into force by the 2025 World Congress, is to reflect the unity of baseball/softball as one sport. The 10th anniversary of the WBSC on 10 May 2024 is also expected to be a special opportunity to celebrate this unity.

“The WBSC has continued to make giant strides since our last Congress in Taipei City in June 2022, and I am incredibly proud of everything we have achieved in this time,” wrote President Riccardo Fraccari in his Report to the Member Federations. “Everything we do is to ensure the continued progress of our sport and our athletes.”

# WBSC CONGRESS

WBSC Congress  
approves statutes  
amendments to  
enhance baseball/  
softball across the  
globe

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# BASEBALL OVERVIEW

A year of major  
milestones for  
international baseball

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*The year began with the most successful edition of the World Baseball Classic and finished with a historic Baseball Champions League Americas, the first-ever WBSC club competition.*

The 2023 international baseball season was one of the richest ever. It featured six events, including the first two-stage Baseball World Cup, opened by awarding the first Baseball World Champion title in six years and closed with an historic first WBSC club competition.

### **Japan on top of the Baseball World**

On 21 March, Japan defeated the United States 3-2 in front of over 36,000 fans at loanDepot Park in Miami, Florida to win the fifth World Baseball Classic (WBC). It was their third WBC title following back-to-back wins in 2006 and 2009, but the first time they have been awarded the title of Baseball World Champions. Prior to 2011, the Baseball World Cup awarded that title, before it was bestowed upon the WBC.

The victory validated Japan's unquestionable dominance with the world No. 1 having claimed the WBSC Premier12 in 2019, an

Olympic gold medal at the Tokyo 2020 Games and the U-23 Baseball World Cup 2022.

The fifth WBC was the most successful yet with fans from across the globe engaging with the tournament in person, on television and on social media. There was a stadium attendance of 1.3 million fans, while the 47 games were broadcast across 163 countries or territories and in 13 different languages.

WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari said: "A quintessential value of the World Baseball Classic is showing how global our sport has become and the potential to grow even further."

### **Five-star USA**

The Asia Pacific International Baseball Stadium in Tainan (TPE), welcomed the baseball world in late July for the VII WBSC

U-12 Baseball World Cup.

A thrilling tournament culminated with the defending World Champions the United States and the hosts Chinese Taipei meeting in the final on 8 August, where the US prevailed 10-4 to claim their fifth title in this age group in front of 8,500 spectators.

US manager Troy Gerlach said: "There's no better venue for a U-12 tournament. It sucks that both teams cannot win but you've got to tip your hat to Chinese Taipei. They did a great job."

Venezuela finished third as they beat Japan in the bronze medal game.

### **A two-stage first**

The IX Women's Baseball World Cup became the first baseball tournament run with the WBSC's new Two-Stage Format, and involved



12 National Teams split into two groups.

Group A opened on 8 August in Thunder Bay, Canada, where the United States, hosts Canada and Mexico earned the three spots in the final stage.

Miyoshi City, Japan, was home to Group B, presented by CARNEXT, from 13 to 17 September. The hosts and six-time defending World Champions Japan, Chinese Taipei and Venezuela earned their tickets to the finals.

The six-team final stage is scheduled from 28 July to 3 August 2024 in Thunder Bay.

### **More Japan success**

After claiming the WBSC Premier12 title, the Tokyo 2020 gold medal, the WBSC U-23 World Cup and the title of Baseball World Champion, World No. 1 Japan entered the XXXI U-18 Baseball World Cup looking for their first victory in this age bracket after losing four finals.

And they were successful, defeating the hosts Chinese Taipei 2-1 on 10 September in front of a passionate crowd of 10,000 at Tian Mou Stadium in Taipei City to claim the historic title.

Japan manager Shiro Mabuchi said: “We

came here to show the Japanese baseball style. While selecting the team, I sought players who could execute the small ball perfectly. I think Japanese players are more fit for this kind of baseball.”

### **The tournament that changed International Baseball**

Baseball history was made in Mexico at the end of September as the inaugural Baseball Champions League Americas took place, marking the first time the WBSC has organised a club competition.

During the pre-tournament press conference, Commissioner Guillermo Ramirez and the



host, Mexican Baseball League Executive President Horacio de la Vega, noted that the tournament “will change international baseball forever.”

The first edition involved four leagues (the Mexican Baseball League, the American Association, the Colombian Professional League and Cuba’s National League) but plans include a league format with teams from Asia and Europe involved in the future.

De La Vega said: “We foresee the day when we will honour a Champion of Champions, the winner of the global Champions League.”

When they shut out Barranquilla Caimanes 8-0 in the final of the inaugural competition, the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks were aware they were making history.

Fargo-Moorhead skipper Chris Coste said: “It’s a great event. I cannot express how happy I am to be the manager who will go into the history books as the first edition winner. Winning in Mexico, my favourite country after the US, makes it special.”

**Looking forward to 2024**

So with 56 teams participating across five events and gold medals (across three tournaments) going to Japan (WBC & U-18

BWC) and USA (U-12 BWC); silver medals to Chinese Taipei (U-12 & U-18 BWC) and USA (WBC) and bronze medals\* to Venezuela (U-12 BWC) and Korea (U-18 BWC), global baseball fans can dine out on another top quality international season and look forward to seeing who will take the ultimate crown in 2024 - the WBSC Premier12 title.

\* The World Baseball Classic does not award bronze medals

# SOFTBALL OVERVIEW

Two maiden  
World Cups & new  
competition format  
highlight memorable  
year for international  
softball

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The 2023 WBSC softball season will be remembered as a new dawn for the sport. Two new World Cups enjoyed their historic inaugural edition, while the Women's Softball World Cup was the first WBSC tournament to be staged using the new Two-Stage Format with a successful group stage ahead of the Finals in 2024.

### **Jack Besgrove, Australia win two in a row**

The softball year started with the maiden edition of the WBSC U-23 Men's Softball World Cup, held at the Nafaldo Cargnel Stadium in Parana, Argentina." El Plumazo is the name of the second field. The tournament U-23 event provides an international tournament between the U-18 and the senior World Cups and opens new opportunities for athletes around the world to represent their country at the highest level.

Just four months after pitching Australia to their second WBSC Men's Softball World Cup, Jack Besgrove dominated again with an MVP performance in the WBSC U-23 Men's Softball World Cup final. Two days after his 20th birthday, Besgrove pitched a complete-game, striking out 11 Japanese batters as Australia won the final 1-0. That capped off a memorable tournament, which saw Besgrove strike out 82 batters in 48 innings of work, while giving up 19 hits and eight earned runs.

Argentina claimed the bronze medal with a 10-1 win over Mexico in six innings.

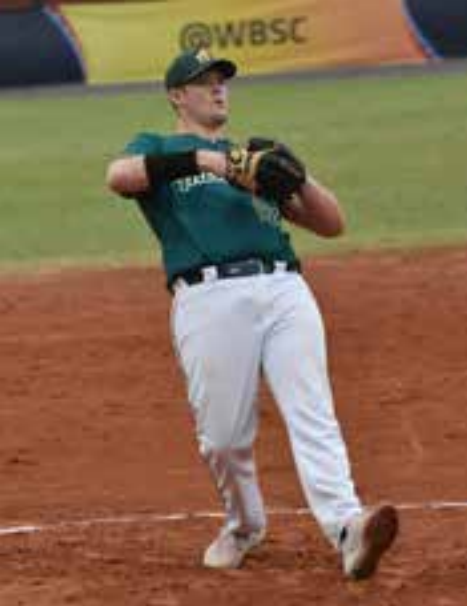
### **Europe welcomes the world with first-ever Group Stage**

The XVII WBSC Women's Softball World

Cup will be remembered as the first WBSC event to be played using the Two-Stage Format, which allowed 18 teams to play in the Group Stage and new countries to host a WBSC World Cup with Ireland, Spain and Italy venues for the first time.

Group A took place in Balbriggan, Ireland from 11 to 15 July. World No.1 and three-time defending world champions USA beat Great Britain in the final to claim the first ticket to the World Cup Finals in Italy in 2024 before Australia beat Great Britain in the repechage game under lights and misty rain in the last game of the tournament to claim the second ticket.

Group B was played in Valencia, Spain from 18 to 22 July. Puerto Rico, ranked third in



the world, booked their spot in the Finals with a 2-1 win over China, who then lost the repechage game 2-0 to the Netherlands, the current European champions.

Group C took place in Buttrio and Castions di Strada, Italy from 22 to 26 July, where Olympic champions Japan and Tokyo 2020 bronze medallists Canada “punched tickets” to the Finals after finishing first and second respectively.

The remaining two spots in the Finals went to Italy and China as the highest third-placed

teams across the three groups from the WBSC Women’s Softball World Cup 2018 where Italy finished 7th and China finished 10th, one place ahead of Great Britain.

**Hannah Flippen (USA)**, Aleshia Ocasio (PUR) and Ayane Nakagawa (JPN) were recognized as the Most Outstanding Players in Groups A, B, and C respectively.

**USA first-ever WBSC U-15 Women’s Softball World Cup champions**

The USA now holds every World Championship title in women’s softball after

winning the inaugural WBSC U-15 Women’s Softball World Cup final in Tokyo.

They overcame world No. 3 Puerto Rico 3-0 in the final, a win based on a superb pitching performance from Macie Bryant, who allowed only one hit and struck out 17 batters. USA’s Aspen Boulware was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament having hit .421 with four home runs, six RBIs and 10 runs scored.

Prior to the win, USA collected seven wins and lost just once, against hosts and world



No. 2 Japan during the Super Round, before bouncing back against world No. 5 Chinese Taipei to secure a spot in the final. Japan beat Chinese Taipei 2-0 to claim the bronze medal. Japan pitcher Shion Yamamoto was the home side's star, working seven innings with three hits and no runs, while Sari Nagatomo and Lilia Lewis scored the crucial runs for Japan on offence.

### **Walk-off grand slam gives Japan U-18 Men's title**

The U-18 Men's Softball World Cup ended in the most dramatic fashion as a walk-off

grand slam from Ryuga Umeda gave Japan an 8-4 victory over hosts Mexico in the final.

Umeda struck in the bottom of the eighth inning in Hermosillo to give Japan their fourth gold medal in this tournament and second in a row, having also claimed the honours in 2020.

For Mexico, the silver medal was only their second medal since earning bronze in the inaugural edition in 1981.

A clutch two-run home run from Alex

McGillivray saw Canada win the bronze medal with a 2-1 win over USA.

Japan's left fielder Ryuki Tsuda was named Most Valuable Player of the tournament having hit .409 with two home runs, eight RBIs and was the tournament's leader in runs scored with 11. He scored on Umeda's World Championship title-winning grand slam.

In a great illustration of the growing popularity of softball in Mexico, more than 2,000 fans filled the Fernando Ortiz stadium to watch the World Championship Final.

# BASEBALL5 OVERVIEW

A six-year-old with a  
great future ahead

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*Baseball5 programmes are active in over 100 countries and it was Cuba who won the inaugural Youth Baseball5 World Cup in October.*

Baseball5, the fast-growing five-on-five version of baseball/softball, celebrated its sixth birthday on 24 November. It was on that day in 2017, adjacent to the historic Estadio Latinoamericano in Havana, Cuba, Baseball5 made its historic debut to the world with a WBSC launch event featuring university students from four Havana universities.

### **Cuba domination**

Since its launch in November 2017, more than 100 countries have introduced Baseball5, yet Cuba remains the most successful nation. After winning the inaugural Baseball5 World Cup in 2022, they repeated the feat in the first Youth Baseball5 World Cup, played in October in Ankara, the Turkish capital.

Cuba beat France in the final, but it was the first time that the French have won a medal in a WBSC competition and propelled them to the top of the WBSC World Rankings.

Mexico beat the hosts Türkiye in the bronze-medal game. Given Türkiye had previously never hosted a WBSC event, it was proof of the #PlayEverywhere hashtag in action as more than a slogan, but as one of the main reasons for Baseball5's success.

### **Baseball5 in the Youth Olympic Games**

Baseball5's continued growth is emphasised by its inclusion at the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026, and the next WBSC Youth Baseball5 World Cup in 2025 will be a qualifier for that event.

The Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026 will take place from 31 October to 13 November, bringing together the world's best young athletes with Baseball5 making its debut on an Olympic sport programme.

The Games will be held across three host sites (Dakar, Diamniadio and Saly) and WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari is

looking forward to seeing Baseball5 played at a major multi-sport event.

He said: "Judging by the popularity of Baseball5 around the world, and especially in Africa, we expect it to be a massive hit [at the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026] with both fans and athletes."

### **New WBSC World Rankings**

The WBSC/KONAMI Baseball5 World Ranking was launched in January 2023 as 49 of the more than 100 countries to play the sport were included in the inaugural list. In the ranking's first year, it has already provided the opportunity for some non-traditional baseball/softball countries to feature in the top 10 of a WBSC/KONAMI World Ranking for the first time.

European and U-17 European Champions and WBSC Youth Baseball5 World Cup runners-up France climbed to the top to



become the first-ever European country to reach No. 1 in the WBSC/KONAMI World Rankings.

The year-ending top 10 included two European (France and Lithuania) and three African (Tunisia, South Africa and Ghana) programmes, making the co-ed discipline unique.

### **Play Everywhere**

Baseball5 continues to take baseball/softball to countries where barriers had previously prevented the traditional WBSC disciplines from developing and growing. There were examples of this happening across different continents throughout 2023.

In North America, the Baseball and Softball Association of Haiti launched a Baseball5 development project in November 2022 in Cité Soleil, a densely populated commune in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area. Clinics were held regularly in early 2023 and this led to the formation of three teams.

Meanwhile, the Nepal Baseball & Softball Association (NBSA) made the first step towards joining the worldwide Baseball5 movement on 7 September, sending a group of nine officials to Japan to participate in an introductory workshop in Tokyo hosted by the Baseball Federation of Japan (BFJ).

The presidents of BFJ and NBSA met in Tokyo and shared the advantages of developing Baseball5 in Nepal, with the BFJ showing their support by donating Baseball5 balls to the NBSA to introduce the new WBSC discipline in Nepal.

While the social media campaign #B5High5 was run in May to celebrate the WBSC's fast growing discipline, other countries and territories to make Baseball5 breakthroughs include Jordan, Gaza, South Africa, Puerto Rico, a new Women's Baseball5 Championship in Iraq, Switzerland, Argentina, Uruguay, a new U-15 Baseball5 Championship in Zambia, Sierra Leone and new Baseball5 leagues in



Venezuela, Bolivia and Austria.

### **Baseball5 in Refugee Camps**

The WBSC has recognised Baseball5 as an increasingly important tool to help with its vision of growing baseball/softball, while using the sport as a tool to bridge cultural gaps, improve health and education standards and aid social development around the world through innovative programmes and initiatives.

Baseball5 has been successfully introduced to the Zaatari Azraq Refugee Camp in Jordan, where displaced children are able to enjoy weekly training sessions under the

guidance of a qualified coach and compete in games against teams from local villages.

This led to WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari being invited to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Global Refugee Forum on 13 December, where he spoke about the WBSC's successful introduction of Baseball5 at the Camps. "The WBSC is committed to maximising our position as the international governing body for baseball/softball to use our sport as a tool to help bridge cultural gaps, improve health and education standards and aid social development around the world," President Fraccari said.

A brand new Baseball5 field was inaugurated in the Azraq Refugee Camp in Jordan in March, during the Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation's Hopes and Dreams Sports Festival, while the WBSC Legacy Club is supporting Baseball5 activities in the Souf Refugee Camp, where a large number of Palestinian refugees reside.

In recognition of World Refugee Day, a WBSC Baseball5 Open Day at the Azraq Refugee Camp saw the WBSC Baseball5 Refugee Team welcome a team from the nearby Balila village to drive home a powerful message of integration in Jordan.

# ESPORT OVERVIEW

An exhilarating,  
electrifying and  
elevating year in  
eSport

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 **OLYMPIC ESPORTS SERIES**  **OLYMPIC ESPORTS SERIES** 



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 **OLYMPIC ESPORTS SERIES**  **OLYMPIC ESPORTS SERIES** 



## *The WBSC celebrated a successful year in eSport with the release of the new WBSC official game WBSC eBASEBALL™: POWER PROS*

The year 2023 continued to be another significant one for WBSC eSport as it provided a platform that showcased the true versatility and universality of baseball, not only allowing everyone to enjoy the beauty of the sport in its digital format, but also encouraging participants to compete at the highest level.

In February, the WBSC attracted new audiences to the sport through the launch of the WBSC eBASEBALL™: POWER PROS, the latest title in the PAWAFURU PUROYAKYU (Powerful Pro-Baseball) series, a Japanese baseball video game series created by Konami Digital Entertainment Inc. (KONAMI).

The WBSC followed that up with the launch of another big concept together with KONAMI, revealing the WBSC eBASEBALL™ Series and the WBSC ePremier12™ at the Tokyo Game Show 2023, one of the biggest gaming Expos in Japan.

National Federations and partners are featured in the weekly tournaments, where the in-game stadium is decorated with the stakeholders' branding.

The USA Finals was one of the highlights of the year with a physical event at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park, which is the home of Major League Baseball's Triple-A affiliate Tampa Bay Rays and one of the most iconic minor league ballparks in the United States.

The WBSC official game's biggest exposure was at the finals of the Olympic Esports Series 2023, which took place in Singapore and where it was one of the 10 virtual sports in the programme.

The baseball event of the Olympic Esports Series 2023 had qualifying rounds online and offline with the Japan and global qualifiers.

Ten finalists competed in the WBSC eBASEBALL™: POWER PROS finals during

the Olympic Esports Week 2023, with Japan's Shoma Mori "SHORA" winning the trophy, a repeat of his Olympic Virtual Series triumph in 2021.

The WBSC eBASEBALL™: POWER PROS competition amassed nearly two million views when it was live streamed on the YouTube platform of the Olympic channel.

The man behind the vision to empower baseball through eSport, WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari, was named to the IOC Esports Commission for leading the WBSC in this area. The IOC created the commission in recognition of the enormous potential that eSport in engaging the next generation and helping to provide opportunities to athletes and fans and President Fraccari's presence is a great illustration of the impact the WBSC has had in this area and the exciting future ahead.

# MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

WBSC on  
Social Media:  
Building  
the digital  
footprint for  
the future  
of Baseball,  
Softball and  
Baseball5

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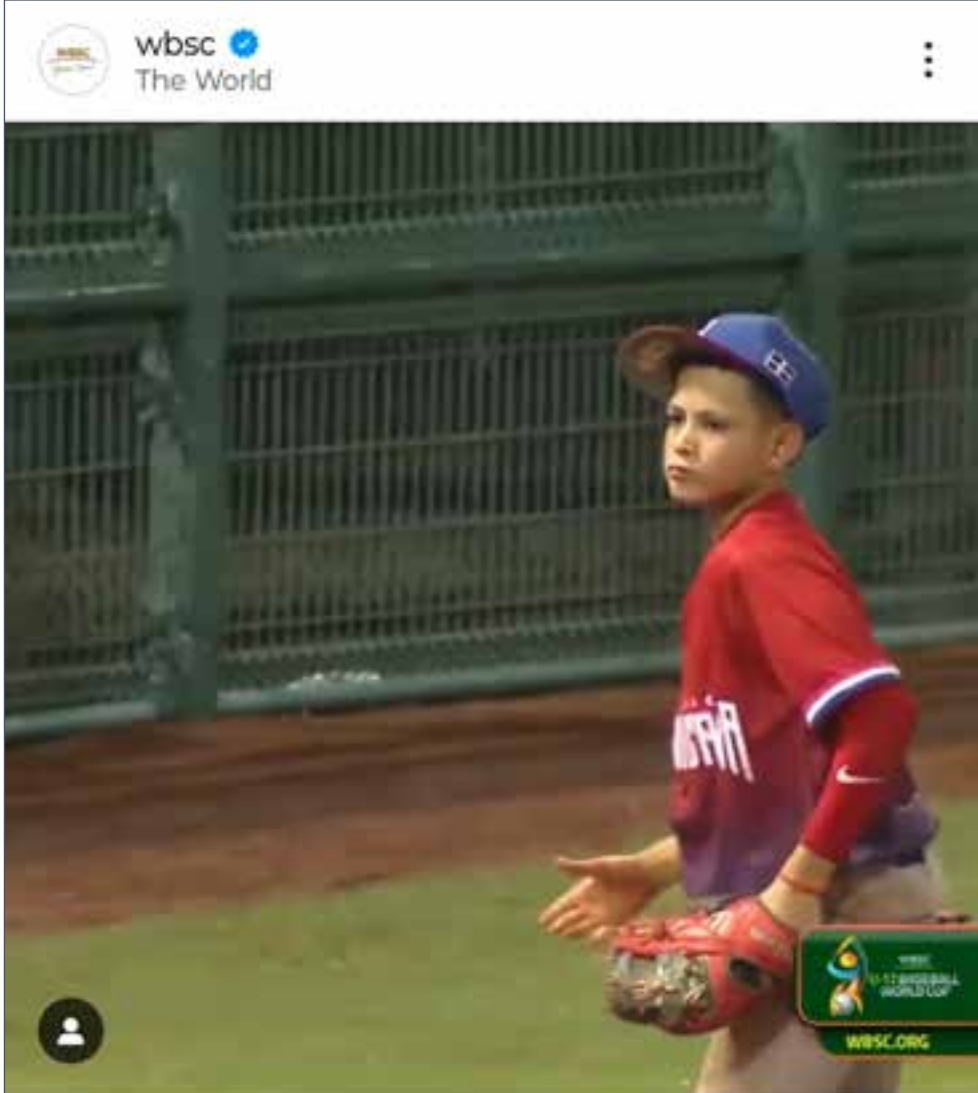


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A year filled with Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 action on the field was reflected strongly off the field with a major boost in engagement and followership on the WBSC social media platforms, helping them to continue to grow and engage with fans around the world.

With three Baseball World Cups, four Softball World Cups plus the debut of the Youth Baseball5 World Cup and Baseball Champions League, the international baseball/softball stage had action for everyone. The response on the WBSC Social Media platforms was strong with the WBSC social community surpassing 1.1 million followers.

TikTok remains the fastest-growing WBSC Social Media platform, doubling the number

of followers from the previous year. By the end of 2022, the WBSC TikTok profile surpassed 40,000 followers and by the end of 2023, the number of followers were 82,700. Additionally, this platform had 14.4 million video views during the year.

Facebook remains the biggest WBSC social media presence with a following that reached 621,000, representing a 10% growth from 2022.

During 2023, X (formerly Twitter) continued to be a reliable source of information for a dedicated audience, reaching 115,000 followers while Instagram maintained its impressive growth reaching 111,000 followers, marking a 13% growth during 2023.

YouTube maintained its popularity from 2022, reaching 185,000 subscribers on the channel that allows fans to watch and enjoy highlights from the WBSC tournaments, complementing the WBSC’s OTT channel - GameTime, which offers live streaming and on-demand games.

In other WBSC platforms, the Korean-focused social media platform Naver collected 1.4 million video views, while the Korean platform Kakao surpassed half a million video views. Another Asian-focused platform, Weibo, continues its steady growth and has now surpassed 55,000 followers while the WBSC eSport discipline is also seeing steady engagement on traditional gaming platforms such as discord.

# SPORT FOR ALL

Blind Baseball,  
G-Baseball and Miracle  
Leagues providing new  
opportunities

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### *Adaptations of baseball and softball continue to thrive in 2023.*

Following the first Blind Baseball International Cup in 2022, the discipline continued its growth in 2023 with the first-ever European Championship.

Five national teams participated in the event in Bologna, Italy with the hosts dominating the tournament, shutting out France (10-0) in the semifinal and the Netherlands (6-0) in the final. Great Britain finished third, France fourth and Germany fifth.

The event was jointly organised by the Italian Baseball Blind Association (AIBxC, a WBSC Associate Member), the Italian Baseball and Softball Federation (FIBS) and WBSC Europe. AIBxC President Alberto Mazzanti described the accomplishment as “an important milestone along our Paralympic journey.”

#### **Not only in Italy**

While Italy is the leading Blind Baseball country in the world with the Italian Blind

Baseball League founded in 1997, the Italian version of Blind Baseball also expanded to Europe and beyond.

In March 2023, the Financial District Lions in New York, USA, were honoured for representing the United States in the WBSC Blind Baseball International Cup during the celebration of Peace, Friendship and International Understanding, an event they have hosted since 2013 which saw more than 100 Lions’ members from all

over the world attend.

International President Brian Sheehan received the team's flag and a banner of photos of the players who finished third at the International Cup from Braulio Thorn and Robert Weeks, Lions' members and Blind Baseball players.

The United States Blind Baseball Association (USBBA) introduced students from Lighthouse Guild's Youth Skills Programme to blind baseball and a group of blind or visually impaired students aged 6-13 gathered in May in Central Park, New York for expert coaching. Ed Plumacher, Adaptive Technology Specialist at Lighthouse Guild and USBBA President, along with his fellow Blind Baseball players, coaches and volunteers and Jaydan Mitchell, coordinator of Youth Programmes at Lighthouse Guild, were on hand offering coaching and providing safety tips to help prevent eye injuries as part of Healthy Vision Month.

### **Jaely's miracle**

Baseball player Jaely Plaisance was named Special Olympics girls athlete of the year by

The Advocate, the largest daily newspaper in Louisiana, USA.

A Live Oak High School junior, Plaisance competed in different running events at the Special Olympics, following which she started playing baseball and joined the Miracle League.

Carly Percle, Jaely's mother, said: "What she most enjoys is the competition against others to see if she can make it to the ribbon first."

The Miracle Leagues were born to remove barriers that keep children with mental and physical disabilities off the baseball field. Miracle League teams play on custom-designed, rubberised turf fields that accommodate wheelchairs and other assertive devices while helping to prevent injuries.

The first Miracle League opened in Conyers, Georgia, in April 2000. There are now more than 350 Miracle Leagues in the United States, Puerto Rico and Canada, with 450,000 participating children and adults.

### **How about G-Baseball**

The Local Organising Committee of the Baseball European Champions Cup, hosted by the Netherlands, organised a showcase of G-Baseball, an adapted version of baseball/softball designed for individuals with mental disabilities, at Amsterdam Pirates Ballpark.

Amsterdam North Stars and Rotterdam Portland Cougars took the field with the aim of inspiring other countries to introduce G-Baseball.

G-Baseball originated in the Netherlands in 2009, where modified rules and equipment include a bigger and softer yellow softball to ensure all participants enjoy the sport.

There are no strikeouts in G-Baseball with both teams progressing through their entire lineup during an inning, allowing players to fully experience the joy of hitting.

North Stars and Poema's are two of the seven clubs playing G-Baseball in the Netherlands. The others are The Hague Storks, Red Caps-The Miracles Leusden, Saints Sluggers Rotterdam, Hilversum Hurricanes and Oosterhour Twins.

# TV & MARKETING

Key partnerships  
and projects help  
with continued  
growth

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The year 2023 was marked by the consolidation and growth of the WBSC's commercial partnerships through its in-house marketing agency BASE, especially the confirmation of brands with multi-year contracts in exposure and support of baseball and softball internationally. It was also the year that the WBSC enhanced its partnership with Konami and developed the new eBaseball program, a key sport during the Olympic Esports Week and other events throughout the year.

The WBSC was able to confirm brands like Raxus/Carnext, Nippon Express, Kowa and MUFG as new global partners, all through Dentsu, the main commercial partner of the WBSC. These brands were featured throughout WBSC events, validating their growth and importance to the global sports arena, while Dentsu continues to be committed in acquiring more global partners driving growth and revenue.

Konami, one of the largest video game

and electronics companies in the world, renewed its commitment with the WBSC and placed the Power Pros video game as the flagship title to promote baseball internationally and the base for large eSports events around the world including the Olympic Esports Week in Singapore in July. The relationship between Konami, which also became the sponsor of the WBSC World Rankings in December, and the WBSC continues to flourish as the popularity of the game increases.



Meanwhile, the WBSC and BASE kept working on the fulfilment of partner obligations and maintained high service standards to our proud partners. Companies like SSK, Mizuno, Corpay, Synergy Sports leveraged WBSC events and commercial assets to grow their exposure and revenue.

Media distribution and coverage was also important for partners to use WBSC events as a commercial steppingstone. The busy events calendar across Baseball, Softball

and Baseball5, all had full production and media distribution globally through major media rights partners. Large TV networks in the Americas, Asia and Europe continue to cover WBSC events reaching millions of people.

No territory is left out of the global coverage thanks to Gametime.sport which continues to grow and consolidate as the official OTT platform of the WBSC, featuring all WBSC events as well as other global Baseball,

Softball and Baseball5 events. Through GameTime's mission to offer streaming to a global audience, revenue reached new records, illustrating how it has become established amongst fans and viewers around the world.

For the WBSC and BASE, 2023 was a year of firsts but also of continuous growth of the commercial success of the organization, opening the door for further opportunities in the coming years.

# DEVELOPMENT

Baseball/softball  
continues growth  
in different  
communities  
around the world

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*The WBSC funds development initiatives through both Continental Associations and other partnerships with new baseball and softball venues opened in Africa and Asia, while Iran staged its first U-13 Baseball Championship.*

During 2023, the WBSC allocated US\$219,500 to the Continental Associations to support development initiatives. These funds can be used for projects to support athletes' and coaches' development and promotional activities in schools and communities, while Member Federations can apply through their Continental Associations for grants that cover courses for administrators or improvement of playing facilities.

While the basic allocation is equal for every Continental Association, various parameters, including governance score and the number of recognised Member Federations, contribute to the total allocation.

### **Olympic Solidarity**

As baseball/softball is an Olympic sport, WBSC members can access funds for the development of the sport through their

National Olympic Committees and IOC Olympic Solidarity.

The Federated States of Micronesia Baseball & Softball Federation ran a Development of the National Sporting Structure course under the auspices of the Olympic Solidarity programme in March. The Fiji Islands Baseball & Softball Association development officer and WBSC Oceania Executive Board member Inoke Niubalavu conducted the course, while the WBSC contributed 135 gloves, 24 softball bats, 30 baseball bats, 24 helmets, 12 catcher-gear sets and 18 gear bags.

The WBSC was also able to partner with International Group for Peace (GIP) to support their project La Vida es un Diamante (Life is a Diamond) in Colombia. From 18 to 22 May, Luis Perez, a WBSC Level 1 Licensed Instructor from Puerto Rico, coordinated a

course for 20 baseball coaches in Apartadó

GIP's aim is to strengthen the capacities of people and communities to promote peace in societies that have traditionally used violence to process their conflicts, contributing to sustainable development in Latin America and the world. Community sport has been a privileged means to achieve this.

### **A new Golden Age in Africa**

The WBSC has also partnered with the Olympafrica Foundation and the Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa to promote baseball and softball in Africa since 2021.

The agreement has boosted Baseball5 development on the continent, but Africa is not limited to the five-on-five version of the sport.

In August, the Zimbabwe Softball



Association (ZSA) ran a training camp for pitchers and catchers in the U-12 age bracket in the eastern city of Mutare. The association's technical director, Grant Machikiti, and former Zimbabwe senior men's team pitcher Alfred Sithole ran a camp for 27 children.

ZSA Secretary General Witness M. Nkomo, commented that "the camp represented a step in the right direction."

### **Build it, they will come**

The construction of a brand new baseball/

softball field in Ouagadougou left Burkina Faso Baseball Softball Federation (FBBS) President Ibrahima Sibore confident of continued progress for the sport in the country.

"We have suffered from the lack of infrastructure for a long time," Sibore said. "It was difficult to practice baseball and softball in our nation's capital before the inauguration of this field."

The venue cost US\$83,400 and was fully funded by the Japanese Embassy in Burkina Faso.

In Taiwan, their first international standard softball complex received its grand opening on 3 July as Taichung City Major Lu Shiow-Yen and Deputy Speaker of the Legislation Tsai Chi-Chang threw ceremonial pitches to mark a new chapter in softball development in the city.

The complex, consisting of an international standard softball field and a practice field, is located at northern Taichung on a former army base. The US\$8.35-million project broke ground in July 2020, and was completed at the end of 2022.





Meanwhile, in December, WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari participated in the opening ceremony of the new Taipei Dome. Fraccari tweeted: “Impressive moments with Sadaharu Oh and Jeffrey Jr. Koo at the inauguration of the Taipei City Dome. A new landmark for the city and all baseball fans! I am sure we will experience amazing games here!”

The Saudi Arabia Baseball Softball Federation also announced that Diriyah, home to the UNESCO World Heritage Site Al-Turaif, will host the country’s first

baseball field. Diriyah is 20 kilometres from the Kingdom’s capital Riyadh.

### **Growth of Women’s Baseball**

In May, a trailblazing all-female umpiring crew made history in the 62nd Cuban National League. Alongside crew chief Janet Moreno, Yalili Acosta and Milagros Quiñones, Miroslawa Cumba took her place behind home plate, calling balls and strikes on a historic day for the sport.

In India, Anjali Khalkho’s journey from rural India to the Women’s Baseball Asia Cup,

showcased the amazing opportunities for boys and girls from all walks of life in sport.

Anjali, 23, is the daughter of a farmer and an employee of the Women and Child Development Department and lives in a small village in the Balrampur municipal district.

It’s an area where girls are often forced to consider marriage at a very young age to support their families. Facilities for training and a regular diet are not always available. The road that leads to sport is a winding one.



Anjali started playing baseball in school and credits her achievements to the support of her parents and siblings, her coach Akhtar Khan and sports teacher Hemlata.

On the eve of the Women's Baseball Asia Cup, the first Asian Women's Baseball summit was held, giving attendees the chance to share their women's baseball programmes and report on the current status of competition within their territories. This was attended by six Member Federations, representatives from six national teams and the Taiwan Women's Baseball Advocate Association participated in the first Asia Women's Baseball Summit.

### **What's Asoball?**

The future baseball and softball stars of Japan are embracing a new version of the sport specifically developed for pre-schoolers called Asoball, which is proving to be popular with kindergartens across the country.

Asoball is a pun on the Japanese word asobo (let's play) coined with the English word ball and the game targets the kindergarten age group.

WBSC Executive Board member at large and former Japan women's softball national team manager Taeko Utsugi is behind the new initiative.

Utsugi said: "Asoball is a baseball-type experience programme to nurture baseball/softball talent among toddlers and pre-schoolers. The athletic abilities to throw, catch and hit a ball are basic motor skills everyone should master. These skills enhance the development and maturation of both the brain and body, and improve social communication skills."

### **New Leagues are reasons to celebrate**

After launching its first U-18 baseball league in 2022, the Bhutan Baseball and Softball Association (BBSA) put in place plans to start baseball and softball leagues at U-8,

U-10, U-12 and U-15 level in 2023.

"The U-18 league was basically a beginner course for both players and Bhutanese coaches," commented BBSA International Coach Marvin Moore. "The focus was just on the rules of the game and the fundamentals, and we wanted the kids just to have fun playing baseball."

In November, Alborz won the first U-13 Baseball Championship in Iran ahead of Khorasan Razavi with Boushehr finishing third. The games were played at Karaji Stadium, a recently renovated venue that fits international standards, while the first vice president of the Iran National Olympic Committee, Gholamreza Norouzi, participated in the closing ceremony and the National Olympic Committee has guaranteed support to develop baseball, softball and Baseball5 in Iran since 2021.

Meanwhile, new Baseball5 leagues were born in Venezuela, Bolivia and Austria.

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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A blue tarp with the WBSC logo is stretched across a field. The logo consists of the letters 'WBSC' in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with a white curved line underneath. The tarp is secured to the ground with white stakes and is held up by a yellow inflatable cushion at the top. The background shows a green field and a dark green fence.

**WBSC**

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2022

## INCOME:

Membership fees, IOC Contributions, Sponsoring	1,043,646.00
World Cups, Partners, TV Rights, Licensing	576,262.00
Premier12	6,135,350.00
Financial Incomes	266,940.00
Other Incomes	182,425.00
	<b>8,204,623.00</b>

## EXPENDITURES:

Administration, Payroll, Social Charges	4,253,548.00
World Cup Competition Costs	641,690.00
Premier12 Costs	0.00
Development Program	373,884.00
Congress, Executive Committee, Commissions	627,479.00
Olympic Games, Olympic Reinstatement	142,288.00
Financial Expenses, Exchange gain/loss	466,497.00
New Projects, WBSC Commercial Projects	839,552.00
Depreciations	649,882.00
Other Expenditures	99,327.00
	<b>8,094,147.00</b>

**Excess of Income for the Year 2020** **110,476.00**

## TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS:

WBSC Headquarter	8,073,553.00
Headquarter Renovation Costs Capitalized	7,081,856.00
Other Tangible Fixed Assets	597,061.00
Tangible Fixed Assets as of 31/12/2022	15,752,471.00
Current Assets	6,007,570.00
Non Current Assets	2,290,888.00

**Total Assets** **24,050,928.00**

## LIABILITIES:

Mortgage Loan as of 31/12/2022	6,000,000.00
Other liabilities	2,871,793.00

**Total Liabilities** **8,871,793.00**

## FUNDS:

Funds as of 31/12/2022 15,179,135.00

The 2022 Financial Statement puts into evidence a slight increase of the assets that the WBSC had at the beginning of the year. In fact, on January 1, 2022 the assets, detracted the liabilities, amount to CHF 14,989,165 while on December 31, 2022 this total amounted to CHF 15,179,135.

In order to have a clearer vision the various amounts related to incomes and expenses can be summarized as follows:

- Total Income for 2022: CHF 8,204,623
- Total Expenses for 2022: CHF 8,094,147
- Excess of Income for 2022: CHF 110,476
- Funds and Fixed Assets (minus Liabilities) on 31/12/2022: CHF 15,179,135

A final consideration should be made on the repayments of loans obtained for Covid-19. In 2022, the reimbursements were made regularly according to the repayment plan and at the end of the year, the residual debt is CHF 2,293,996. During the next year this debt will be almost completely extinguished as in 2023, various instalments will be paid for a total amount of CHF 1,783,400 leaving

a balance of CHF 510,596, which will be closed by 2027.

The final result for 2022 gives a surplus of CHF 110,475. From this total, it is necessary to consider the variations of the provision made in the past years for the investments and loans to our partner companies, which gives the WBSC an extraordinary income of CHF 79,495 bringing the total excess of income for the year to a total of CHF 189,972.

As already stated, the 2022 Financial Statement puts into evidence that it was possible to maintain the same positive assets as at the beginning of the year. However, for the future, it is important act carefully to consolidate this trend in order to guarantee the WBSC a solid future. New opportunities arise continuously because the various international activities and events attract great attention among the various stakeholders. Our organisation must not lose these occasions and on a daily base must face the challenges trying to achieve positive results that will benefit the entire baseball and softball movement. It is very

important to increase the revenues for the WBSC but it is also very important to pay attention to the expenses, trying to save on all of the various activities. In this way, it will be possible to replenish our reserves and guarantee the full accomplishment of the planned initiatives.

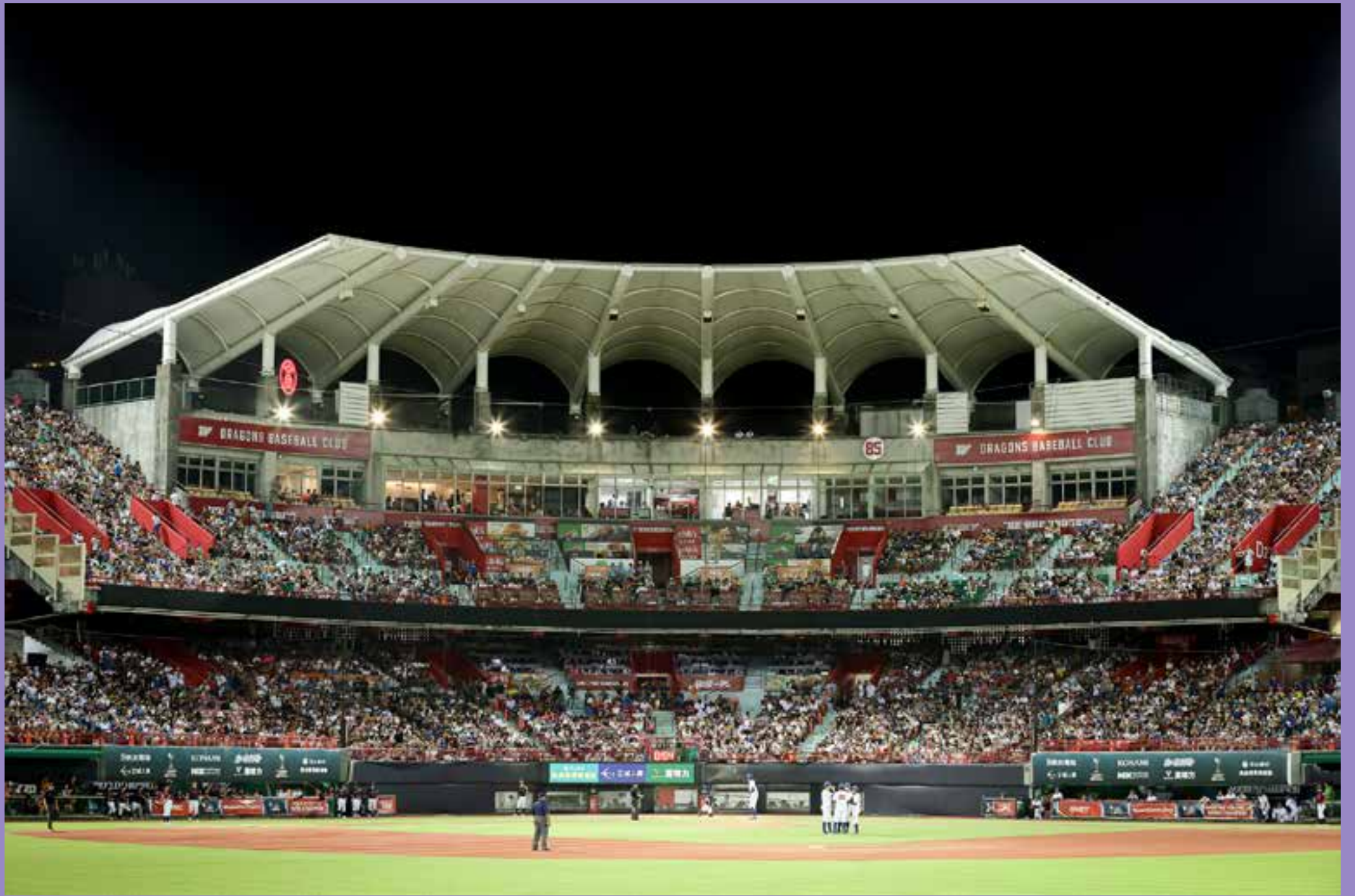
In conclusion, it is my duty to inform you that the external auditors, FIBEXA SA Société Fiduciaire conducted their examination and completed their audit in May 2022 in accordance with the Swiss Standard. After having examined the financial statements, (balance sheet, statement of income and expenditure and notes) they declare; “Nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not comply with Swiss law and the Company’s articles of incorporation.”

**Angelo Vicini**  
WBSC Treasurer

# WORLD RANKINGS

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**WBSC**

**KONAMI**

**MEN'S  
BASEBALL  
WORLD  
RANKING**

1		JAPAN	5797 PTS	-	21		FRANCE
2		MEXICO	4764 PTS	▲ 3	22		SPAIN
3		USA	4492 PTS	-	23		BRAZIL
4		SOUTH KOREA	4353 PTS	-	24		CHINA
5		CHINESE TAIPEI	4170 PTS	▼ 1	25		BELGIUM
6		VENEZUELA	3975 PTS	-	26		CROATIA
7		NETHERLANDS	3288 PTS	-	26		CURAÇAO
8		CUBA	3121 PTS	-	28		PHILIPPINES
9		DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	2667 PTS	-	29		AUSTRIA
10		PANAMA	2534 PTS	▲ 2	30		SWEDEN
11		AUSTRALIA	2367 PTS	▼ 1	31		ARGENTINA
12		PUERTO RICO	2355 PTS	▲ 1	32		HONG KONG
13		COLOMBIA	2105 PTS	▼ 2	33		GUAM
14		ITALY	1939 PTS	▲ 2	34		SOUTH AFRICA
15		CZECH REPUBLIC	1900 PTS	-	35		UKRAINE
16		CANADA	1397 PTS	▼ 2	36		GREECE
17		GERMANY	1223 PTS	▲ 1	37		RUSSIA
18		GREAT BRITAIN	1142 PTS	▲ 4	38		PAKISTAN
19		ISRAEL	1086 PTS	▲ 1	39		SWITZERLAND
20		NICARAGUA	1021 PTS	▼ 3	40		HUNGARY

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	792 PTS	-	41	 NEW ZEALAND	113 PTS	▼ 3	61	 BELARUS	23 PTS	▼ 13
	775 PTS	▼ 3	42	 THAILAND	110 PTS	-	61	 KENYA	23 PTS	▼ 7
	762 PTS	-	43	 SLOVAKIA	106 PTS	▼ 9	61	 SLOVENIA	23 PTS	▲ 5
	447 PTS	▲ 6	44	 PERU	99 PTS	▼ 5	64	 NORWAY	22 PTS	▲ 6
	365 PTS	▼ 1	45	 HONDURAS	86 PTS	▲ 7	65	 U. S. VIRGIN ISLANDS	21 PTS	▲ 10
	317 PTS	▲ 5	46	 PALESTINE	82 PTS	-	66	 BANGLADESH	19 PTS	▲ 9
	317 PTS	▲ 7	47	 LITHUANIA	80 PTS	▼ 12	66	 ECUADOR	19 PTS	▲ 6
ES	316 PTS	▲ 12	48	 UGANDA	72 PTS	▼ 7	68	 AFGANISTAN	14 PTS	-
	295 PTS	▼ 3	49	 LAOS	54 PTS	-	68	 INDIA	14 PTS	▼ 7
	280 PTS	▲ 7	50	 EL SALVADOR	47 PTS	▲ 11	68	 NEPAL	14 PTS	▲ 9
A	225 PTS	▼ 3	51	 CHILE	43 PTS	-	68	 PALAU	14 PTS	▼ 3
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	203 PTS	▼ 4	53	 NTW	39 PTS	▲ 2	72	 POLAND	11 PTS	▼ 16
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	176 PTS	▼ 3	55	 IRELAND	35 PTS	▼ 4	75	 FIJI	8 PTS	▼ 17
	167 PTS	-	56	 MARIANA ISLANDS	33 PTS	▲ 4	76	 BOLIVIA	4 PTS	▲ 2
	157 PTS	▼ 10	57	 BULGARIA	30 PTS	-	76	 TANZANIA	4 PTS	▼ 10
	155 PTS	▲ 5	57	 SINGAPORE	30 PTS	-	78	 SOLOMON ISLANDS	3 PTS	▲ 1
AND	139 PTS	▲ 3	59	 BAHAMAS	29 PTS	▲ 5	78	 TÜRKIYE	3 PTS	▲ 1
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# WOMEN'S BASEBALL WORLD RANKING

1	 JAPAN	765 PTS	-	14	 CHI
2	 CHINESE TAIPEI	662 PTS	-	15	 IND
3	 VENEZUELA	581 PTS	▲ 2	16	 IND
4	 USA	510 PTS	-	17	 PAK
5	 MEXICO	496 PTS	▲ 7	18	 DOM
6	 PUERTO RICO	490 PTS	▲ 3	19	 THA
7	 CANADA	428 PTS	▼ 4	20	 CZE
8	 HONG KONG, CHINA	377 PTS	▲ 3	21	 MAL
9	 CUBA	350 PTS	▼ 2	21	 SRI
10	 SOUTH KOREA	313 PTS	-	23	 NET
11	 AUSTRALIA	264 PTS	▼ 3	24	 NIC
12	 FRANCE	180 PTS	▲ 4	25	 GRE
13	 PHILIPPINES	172 PTS	▲ 1		

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INA	151 PTS	▲ 1
IA	130 PTS	▲ 3
ONESIA	109 PTS	-
KISTAN	94 PTS	▲ 2
MINICAN REPUBLIC	72 PTS	▼ 12
AILAND	68 PTS	-
CH REPUBLIC	56 PTS	-
LAYSIA	47 PTS	-
LANKA	47 PTS	-
HERLANDS	32 PTS	▼ 10
ARAGUA	24 PTS	▼ 7
EAT BRITAIN	8 PTS	-



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# WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD RANKING

1		USA	4301 PTS	-
2		JAPAN	2899 PTS	-
3		PUERTO RICO	2875 PTS	▲ 2
4		CHINESE TAIPEI	2573 PTS	▼ 1
5		CANADA	1885 PTS	▼ 1
6		ITALY	1816 PTS	▲ 2
7		MEXICO	1717 PTS	▼ 1
8		NETHERLANDS	1602 PTS	▲ 2
9		CZECH REPUBLIC	1483 PTS	▼ 2
10		AUSTRALIA	1379 PTS	▼ 1
11		CUBA	953 PTS	▲ 16
12		SPAIN	950 PTS	▼ 1
13		GREAT BRITAIN	936 PTS	▲ 3
14		PHILIPPINES	868 PTS	▲ 17
15		CHINA	845 PTS	▼ 2
16		PERU	827 PTS	▲ 1
17		VENEZUELA	814 PTS	▲ 5

18		ISRAEL	
19		GERMANY	
20		FRANCE	
21		IRELAND	
22		POLAND	
23		BRAZIL	
24		CROATIA	
25		UKRAINE	
26		AUSTRIA	
27		SLOVAKIA	
28		GREECE	
29		ARGENTINA	
30		SOUTH KOREA	
31		SINGAPORE	
32		NEW ZEALAND	
33		DOMINICA	
34		NTW	

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	624 PTS	▼ 6
	614 PTS	▼ 4
	477 PTS	▼ 2
	451 PTS	▼ 4
	443 PTS	▼ 1
	438 PTS	-
	398 PTS	▼ 2
	370 PTS	▼ 1
	365 PTS	▼ 7
IA	320 PTS	▲ 1
DREA	264 PTS	▲ 6
RE	248 PTS	▲ 12
LAND	241 PTS	▼ 4
N REPUBLIC	235 PTS	▲ 5
	228 PTS	-

35	 HONG KONG, CHINA	223 PTS	▲ 5
36	 DENMARK	219 PTS	▼ 3
37	 BELGIUM	211 PTS	▼ 6
38	 SOUTH AFRICA	200 PTS	▲ 3
39	 COLOMBIA	186 PTS	▼ 2
40	 RUSSIA	185 PTS	▼ 11
41	 BOTSWANA	176 PTS	▲ 6
42	 SWITZERLAND	169 PTS	▼ 7
43	 EL SALVADOR	139 PTS	▼ 1
44	 MALTA	95 PTS	▲ 4
45	 FINLAND	88 PTS	▲ 7
46	 CURAÇAO	85 PTS	▲ 8
47	 HUNGARY	76 PTS	▲ 2
48	 NICARAGUA	71 PTS	▲ 2
49	 CHILE	67 PTS	▲ -
49	 THAILAND	67 PTS	▼ 3
51	 BULGARIA	65 PTS	▲ 4

52	 LITHUANIA	57 PTS	▼ 7
53	 TÜRKIYE	50 PTS	▼ 2
54	 INDIA	45 PTS	▼ 1
55	 COSTA RICA	42 PTS	▲ 9
56	 SWEDEN	38 PTS	▼ 12
57	 KENYA	32 PTS	-
58	 PANAMA	20 PTS	▼ 1
59	 ECUADOR	16 PTS	▲ 1
60	 BOLIVIA	8 PTS	▲ 2
60	 LESOTHO	8 PTS	▲ 3
62	 ARUBA	6 PTS	-
62	 VIRGIN ISLANDS	6 PTS	-
64	 AMERICAN SAMOA	5 PTS	-
65	 BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	2 PTS	-

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# MEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD RANKING

1		AUSTRALIA	3318 PTS	▲ 3	16		SOUTH AFRICA
2		JAPAN	3286 PTS	▲ 1	17		NETHERLANDS
3		CANADA	2852 PTS	▼ 1	18		CROATIA
4		ARGENTINA	2835 PTS	▼ 3	19		COLOMBIA
5		CZECH REPUBLIC	2477 PTS	▲ 1	20		DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
6		USA	1992 PTS	▼ 1	21		FRANCE
7		VENEZUELA	1748 PTS	▲ 1	21		CHINESE TAIPEI
8		NEW ZEALAND	1643 PTS	▼ 1	23		BELGIUM
9		MEXICO	1574 PTS	▲ 1	24		HONG KONG
10		CUBA	1203 PTS	▼ 1	25		GREAT BRITAIN
11		SINGAPORE	1022 PTS	▲ 3	26		INDIA
12		NTW	904 PTS	▲ 1	27		SLOVAKIA
13		DENMARK	802 PTS	▼ 2	28		SPAIN
14		PHILIPPINES	590 PTS	▲ 1	29		SWEDEN
15		ISRAEL	576 PTS	▲ 6	30		GERMANY

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AFRICA	549 PTS	▼ 4	31		PUERTO RICO	45 PTS	-
LANDS	380 PTS	▼ 1	32		THAILAND	41 PTS	▼ 5
	367 PTS	△ 2	33		BOTSWANA	33 PTS	▼ 16
IA	325 PTS	△ 5	34		HONDURAS	30 PTS	-
AN REPUBLIC	321 PTS	▼ 2	35		PANAMA	27 PTS	▼ 7
	306 PTS	△ 2	36		LITHUANIA	24 PTS	▼ 3
E TAIPEI	306 PTS	▼ 2	37		NICARAGUA	23 PTS	-
	237 PTS	-	38		PERU	22 PTS	▼ 10
ONG	222 PTS	△ 1	39		EL SALVADOR	20 PTS	-
BRITAIN	191 PTS	△ 7	40		COSTA RICA	17 PTS	-
	167 PTS	▼ 4	41		KENYA	10 PTS	▼ 5
A	154 PTS	▼ 1	42		AMERICAN SAMOA	9 PTS	-
	102 PTS	-	43		BELIZE	3 PTS	▼ 7
	80 PTS	△ 1	43		UGANDA	3 PTS	-
Y	54 PTS	-					



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# BASEBALL5 WORLD RANKING

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1		FRANCE	3037 PTS	▲ 2	17		VENEZUELA
2		CHINESE TAIPEI	2775 PTS	-	19		CZECH REPUBLIC
3		CUBA	2393 PTS	▼ 2	20		MALAYSIA
4		TUNISIA	1995 PTS	▲ 4	21		ZAMBIA
5		LITHUANIA	1892 PTS	▲ 2	22		HONG KONG
6		JAPAN	1639 PTS	▼ 2	23		BULGARIA
7		SOUTH AFRICA	1593 PTS	▼ 1	24		TANZANIA
8		MEXICO	1560 PTS	▲ 3	25		RUSSIA
9		SOUTH KOREA	1442 PTS	▲ 3	26		SPAIN
10		GHANA	1219 PTS	▲ 23	27		ISRAEL
11		ITALY	1194 PTS	▼ 1	28		ESTONIA
12		NETHERLANDS	1179 PTS	▲ 1	29		BELARUS
13		TÜRKIYE	1144 PTS	▲ 7	30		UGANDA
14		KENYA	1046 PTS	▼ 5	31		SINGAPORE
15		CHINA	1030 PTS	-	32		MOLDOVA
16		BELGIUM	952 PTS	-	33		FINLAND
17		ROMANIA	905 PTS	▼ 3	34		LATVIA

LA	905 PTS	▼ 12	35		BURKINA FASO
PUBLIC	885 PTS	▼ 4	36		GERMANY
A	842 PTS	▲ 4	37		THAILAND
	798 PTS	▲ 7	38		GREECE
NG, CHINA	718 PTS	▼ 4	39		PHILIPPINES
A	706 PTS	▼ 4	40		NIGERIA
A	573 PTS	-	41		SWITZERLAND
	528 PTS	▼ 8	42		AUSTRALIA
	510 PTS	-	43		PAKISTAN
	434 PTS	▼ 6	43		SWEDEN
	426 PTS	▼ 1	43		ZIMBABWE
	420 PTS	▼ 7	46		BENIN
	398 PTS	▼ 7	47		INDIA
RE	388 PTS	▼ 3	48		JAMAICA
A	358 PTS	▼ 2	49		TOGO
	330 PTS	-			
	311 PTS	▼ 3			



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28 SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER

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22-25 JUNE

# WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC

from 8 to 21 March, 2023

USA, Japan and Taiwan

20 teams

600 athletes

47 games

The COVID-19 pandemic delayed the World Baseball Classic by two years, but the fifth edition of the tournament was well worth the wait.

The Classic grew from 16 to 20 teams and saw Great Britain, Czechia and Nicaragua make their first appearance. Miami (USA) hosted one group, two quarterfinals, the semifinals and the finals, Tokyo (Japan) hosted one group and two quarterfinals and Taichung (Taiwan) and Phoenix (USA) hosted the other groups.

The dramatic epilogue of the final - with USA's Mike Trout, the sport's best hitter, facing Japan's Shohei Ohtani, the sport's best pitcher and his teammate at the time at MLB club Los Angeles Angels - was worthy of a Hollywood script and has already earned its chapter in baseball's history books.

"A quintessential value of the World Baseball Classic is showing how global our sport has become and the potential to grow even further," President Riccardo Fraccari told the WBSC Executive Board.

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Great Britain  
Israel  
Panama
17. China  
Chinese Taipei  
Colombia  
Nicaragua



## ALL-WORLD TEAM

**MVP** Shohei Ohtani (JPN)

**PITCHER** Shohei Ohtani (JPN)

**PITCHER** Miguel Romero (CUB)

**PITCHER** Patrick Sandoval (MEX)

**CATCHER** Salvador Perez (VEN)

**FIRST BASE** Yu Chang (TPE)

**SECOND BASE** Javier Baez (PUR)

**THIRD BASE** Yoan Moncada (CUB)

**SHORTSTOP** Trea Turner (USA)

**OUTFIELDER** Randy Arozarena (MEX)

**OUTFIELDER** Mike Trout (USA)

**OUTFIELDER** Yoshida Masataka (JPN)

**DESIGNATED HITTER** Shohei Ohtani (JPN)







## FACTS AND FIGURES

- It was the first edition with 20 participating teams.
- Chinese Taipei, China, Colombia and Nicaragua will need to qualify for the sixth edition, scheduled for 2026.
- 1.3 million fans attended the games, with a 20% increase from the previous record set in 2017
- The overall average attendance per game was 25,275 spectators.
- TV coverage spanned 163 countries and territories.
- The final averaged 5.2 million viewers in the US, up 69% from the 2017 final, and 62 million in Japan
- The World Baseball Classic was broadcast in 13 different languages.
- US\$14.4 million was distributed to the 20 participating teams.







# WBSC U-12 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

from 28 to 6 August, 2023

Asia Pacific Complex

Tainan, Taiwan

12 teams

216 athletes

50 games

Four continents were represented at the seventh edition of the U-12 Baseball World Cup, held for the seventh time by Chinese Taipei. This included New Zealand competing for the first time, though it was teams from Asia and the Americas who dominated the tournament.

A huge crowd was in attendance as USA met Chinese Taipei for the fourth time in the final of this competition, coming out 10-4 winners to claim the country's fifth title. Winning manager Troy Gerlach said: "The turnout tonight was unbelievable. These crowds are fantastic. It really sucks that both teams cannot win."

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## FINAL STANDINGS

1. USA
2. Chinese Taipei
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7. Mexico
8. Panama
9. Germany
10. Czechia
11. Australia
12. New Zealand







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## ALL-WORLD TEAM

**MVP** Tyler Early (USA)

**STARTING PITCHER** Ya-En Chiu (TPE)

**RELIEF PITCHER** Lei Yeh (TPE)

**CATCHER** Yusuke Koma (JPN)

**FIRST BASE** Kengo Wada (JPN)

**SECOND BASE** Alexandro Ladera (VEN)

**THIRD BASE** Zaylon Johnson (USA)

**SHORTSTOP** Ezequiel Zamora (VEN)

**OUTFIELDER** Gustavo Talmare (VEN)

**OUTFIELDER** Tyler Early (USA)

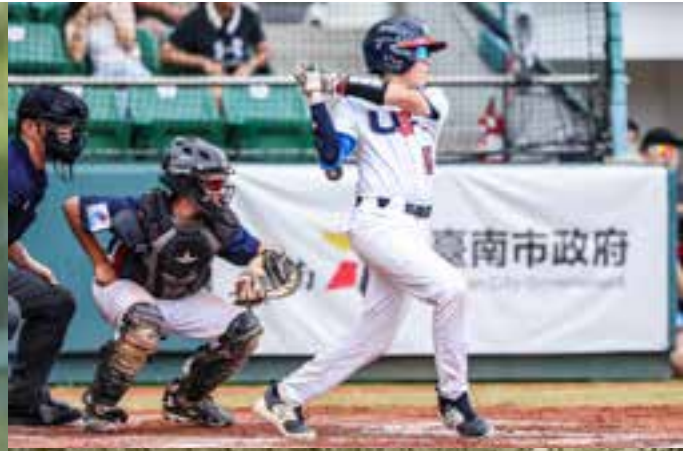
**OUTFIELDER** Yoshida Masataka (JPN)



## FACTS AND FIGURES

- The World Championship final between the hosts Chinese Taipei and USA attracted 8,500 fans at the Asia Pacific International Stadium in Tainan.
- USA (five-time winners) and Chinese Taipei (two-time winners) remain to date the only U-12 Baseball World Champions.
- Venezuela (2021), Japan (2019) and Cuba (2011) are the only other national teams to have reached the final in previous editions.
- USA hit 18 home runs with Tyler Early, Gavin Gomez and Leyland Henry hitting four each.
- New Zealand participated in the U-12 Baseball World Cup for the first time.
- Former Olympic bronze medallist and MLB World Series 2002 MVP Troy Glaus was among the parents who travelled from the USA to Taiwan. His son Ty appeared in five games.











# WBSC U-18 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

**12** teams

**340** athletes

**50** games

**from 31 August to 10  
September, 2023**

Taichung Intercontinental  
Baseball Stadium,  
Taichung Stadium &  
Taipei Tianmu Baseball Stadium  
in Taiwan

Chinese Taipei hosted the 31st edition of the U-18 Baseball World Cup as national teams from four continents qualified for the tournament. Despite success in nearly every other age group, Japan had never won the U-18 title. And although they lost to Chinese Taipei in the Super Round, the Samurai were too good for the hosts in the final, winning 2-1, powered by a dominant pitching performance by Yugo Maeda.

“It’s a huge honour to take the U-18 world title back to Japan for the first time,” commented manager Shiro Mabuchi. “We tried to win this [U-18] World Championship many times but always came up short. So, we are very proud.”

Korea beat USA to take home the bronze medal, making it a clean sweep for Asia on the podium.

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## FINAL STANDINGS

1. Japan
2. Chinese Taipei
3. Korea
4. USA
5. Puerto Rico
6. Netherlands
7. Panama
8. Mexico
9. Czechia
10. Australia
11. Venezuela
12. Spain



## ALL-WORLD TEAM

**MVP** Ren Ogata (JPN)

**STARTING PITCHER** Aoi Higashionna (JPN)

**RELIEF PITCHER** Taekyeon Kim (KOR)

**CATCHER** Meng Chih Hu (TPE)

**FIRST BASE** Perry Morlando (USA)

**SECOND BASE** Ren Ogata (JPN)

**THIRD BASE** Dimas Oda (DOM)

**SHORTSTOP** Manuelle Marin (USA)

**OUTFIELDER** Miquel Willem (NED)

**OUTFIELDER** Ching Hsien Ko (TPE)

**OUTFIELDER** Antonio Macias (MEX)

**DESIGNATED HITTER** Sangjun Lee (KOR)







## FACTS AND FIGURES

- Japan won their first-ever WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup by beating Chinese Taipei in the final.
- Before the XXXI edition, Japan had played four finals, losing three to USA and one to Cuba.
- Japan became the sixth country to win the U-18 title after USA (11), Cuba (10), Korea (5), Chinese Taipei (3) and Canada (1).
- 9,502 spectators attended the final at Tian Mou Stadium in Taipei City on Sunday 10 September.
- Japan's offence dominated the tournament with a .303 batting average.
- Chinese Taipei pitchers stood out, posting a 0.80 earned run average. Japan also excelled with 1.10.
- Japan committed only three defensive errors, outplaying Chinese Taipei (14). Bronze medal Korea was the other top defensive team, committing only five errors.









# WBSC WOMEN'S BASEBALL WORLD CUP GROUP STAGE

from 8-13 August 2023

from 13-17 September, 2023

12 teams

240 athletes

48 games

The ninth Women's Baseball World Cup was the first official WBSC women's baseball event in five years and had the distinction of being the first event played in the new Two-Stage Format. The group stages were held in 2023 with Group A held in Thunder Bay, Canada in July and Group B in Miyoshi, Japan in September.

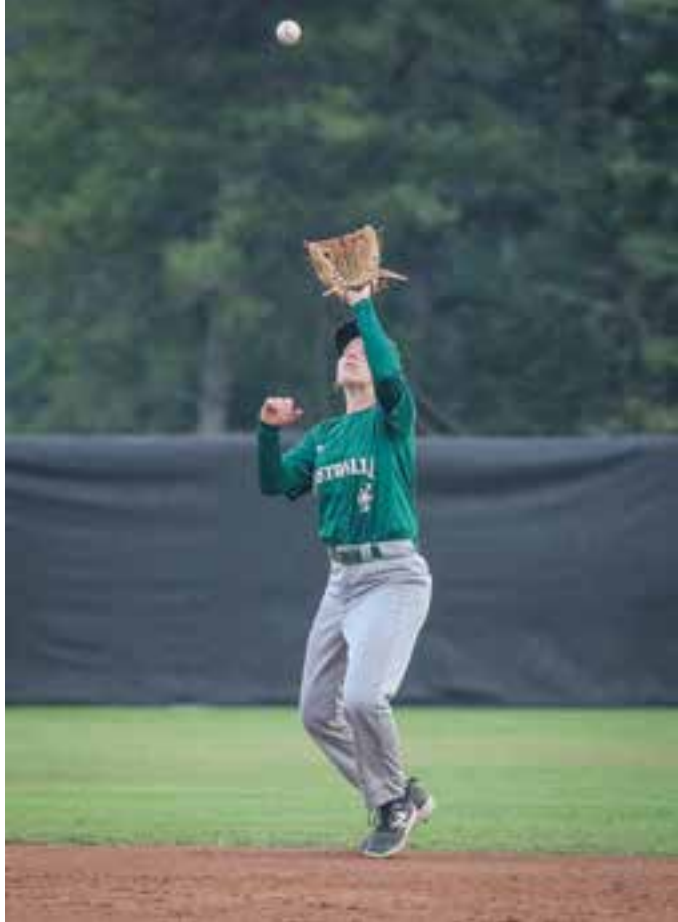
Six teams played in each group with USA, Canada and Mexico qualifying from Group A and Japan, Chinese Taipei and Venezuela from Group B. They will all travel to Thunder Bay from 28 July and 3 August 2024 for the Final Stage, presented by CARNEXT, the title sponsor of the Miyoshi Group.

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**Group A**  
**From 8-13 August, 2023**  
Port Arthur Stadium  
and Baseball Central in  
Thunder Bay, Canada  
**6 teams**  
**120 athletes**  
**24 games**





## FINAL STANDINGS

1. USA\*
2. Canada\*
3. Mexico\*
4. Australia
5. Hong Kong
6. Korea

\* Teams which advanced to the Final Stage





## Most Outstanding Player:

Alex Hugo (USA)



## FACTS AND FIGURES

- USA completed the qualifying tournament undefeated.
- US infielder Alex Hugo finished with a .714 batting average and opponents were only able to get her out four times.
- Hugo led the tournament in runs (13), hits (10), doubles (4), on-base percentage (.773) and slugging percentage (1.214) and was named the Most Outstanding Player.
- Mexico's Denise Perez was the only player who beat Hugo in any of the main offensive categories as she led the tournament with 11 RBIs.
- Canada's third baseman Zoe Hicks played in two separate World Cups in 2023. She played first base at the Women's Softball World Cup Group C in Italy before joining the Women's Baseball World Cup.
- Mexico's eight run-blitz in the top of the first extra-inning against Australia proved crucial as it clinched their ticket - the third and final on offer from the tournament - to the Finals.
- Elise Berger (USA) and Raine Padgham (Canada) were the only pitchers to record two wins, while Berger's earned run average of 1.45 was the best in the group.









## Group B

From 13-17 September, 2023

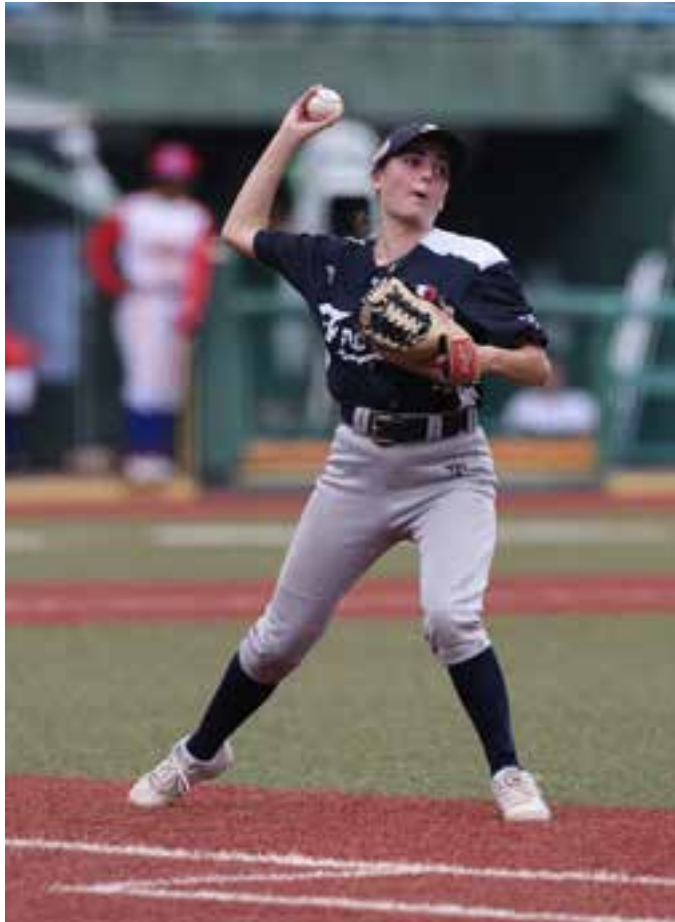
Miyoshi Kinsai Stadium  
in Miyoshi, Japan

6 teams

120 athletes

24 games





## FINAL STANDINGS

1. Japan\*
2. Chinese Taipei\*
3. Venezuela\*
4. Puerto Rico
5. Cuba
6. France

\* Teams which advanced to the Final Stage

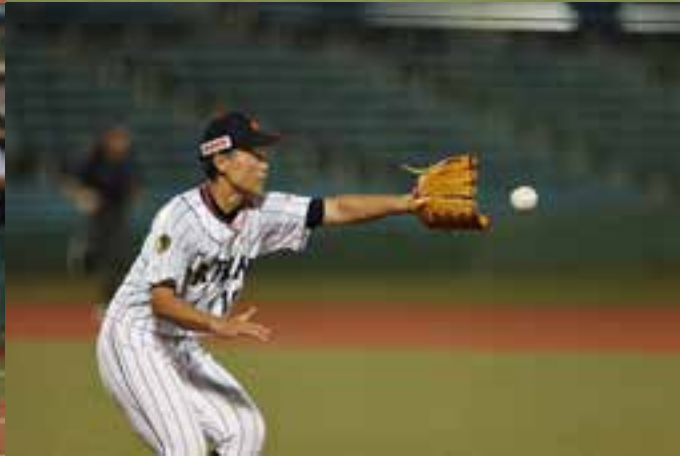


## Most Outstanding Player:

Franelis Garcia (VEN)







## FACTS AND FIGURES

- World No. 1 Japan, the six-time defending World Champions, finished undefeated.
- Chinese Taipei captain Yu Ying Hsieh played in her fifth World Cup and led all players with four triples and 16 total bases.
- Not only did Frandelis Garcia end with a batting average of .429, she pitched for two wins without conceding a run as Venezuela clinched the third qualifying position.
- Japan's Yuki Kawabata was the outstanding hitter with a .615 batting average.
- Rising star Kana Onodera (Japan) led the tournament with 18 strike outs.
- Veteran pitcher Ayami Sato, the reigning Women's Baseball World Cup MVP, didn't allow a hit in four innings pitched.
- Japan's First Lady Yuko Kishida threw a ceremonial first pitch and commented on the sport's ability to build friendships that "last long and survive beyond borders".







# WBSC U-15 WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP

**21 to 29 October 2023**

Komazawa Olympic Park Sports Complex Baseball Stadium, Setagaya City Okura Sports Center Baseball Ground & Ota Stadium in Tokyo, Japan

**11** teams

**176** athletes

**42** games

USA outplayed Puerto Rico behind Macie Bryant's masterful pitching performance to claim the title of World Champions with a 3-0 win at the WBSC U-15 Women's Softball World Cup in Tokyo. In seven innings of work, Bryant allowed only one hit and had 17 strikeouts. USA, Puerto Rico and Japan finished tied in the Super Round with 4-1 win-loss records, however, USA and Puerto Rico came out on top due to the runs-against tie breaking rule in the tournament regulations. This came after Puerto Rico stunned Japan on the final day of Super Round action with a pulsating 3-2 win in extra innings to clinch their spot. Japan beat Chinese Taipei 2-0 to claim the bronze medal. Japan pitcher Shion Yamamoto was the home side's star, working seven innings with three hits and no runs, while. Sari Nagatomo and Lilia Lewis scored the crucial runs for Japan on offence.

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## FINAL STANDINGS

1. USA
2. Puerto Rico
3. Japan
4. Chinese Taipei
5. Mexico
6. Philippines
7. Czechia
8. Italy
9. Peru
10. Brazil
11. New Zealand



## ALL-WORLD TEAM

**MVP** Aspen Boulware (USA)

**PITCHER** Yuri Kira (JPN)

**PITCHER** Tailah Murria (PUR)

**CATCHER** Yumeka Kagen (JPN)

**FIRST BASE** Sabrina Boyer (PUR)

**SECOND BASE** Alejandra Perez (PUR)

**THIRD BASE** Hana Nakanishi (JPN)

**SHORTSTOP** Yamilette Cordova (PUR)

**OUTFIELDER** Yi-Tsuan Tien (TPE)

**OUTFIELDER** Yu-Ling Wu (TPE)

**OUTFIELDER** Aspen Boulware (USA)

**DESIGNATED PLAYER** Nia Melendez (PUR)





## FACTS AND FIGURES

- This was the first edition of the WBSC U-15 Women's Softball World Cup, one of three new WBSC World Cups.
- The Komazawa Olympic Park Sports Complex, a legacy of the Olympic Games Tokyo 1964, was used as a venue for the tournament, alongside the Setagaya City Okura Sports Center Baseball Ground and the Ota Stadium.
- The WBSC U-15 Women's Softball World Cup was the first youth softball global championship played in Japan, after three Women's Softball World Cups were staged in 1970 (Osaka), 1998 (Fujinomiya City) and 2018 (Chiba).
- The hosting of the U-15 Women's Softball World Cup promoted the city's vision of continuing the legacy of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020.
- The 11 participating nations opened the tournament in two groups with the top three of each group advancing to the Super Round and the top two of this stage advancing to the World Championship Final.
- The WBSC U-15 Women's Softball World Cup featured the 40-foot pitching distance and the seven-inning games - two changes implemented specifically for this tournament.
- USA's Aspen Boulware was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament. The 15-year-old appeared in eight games and went 8-for-19, with a .421 batting average, 10 runs, four home runs and six RBIs.
- Four nations were represented in the All-World Team: Japan, Puerto Rico, Chinese Taipei and USA.
- With their title in Tokyo, USA now holds every World Championship title in women's softball.







# WBSC U-18 MEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP

from 11 to 19 November, 2023

Fernando M. Ortiz Stadium

Mundialistas Hermosillenses

Stadium. Hermosillo, Mexico

**11** teams

**176** athletes

**42** games

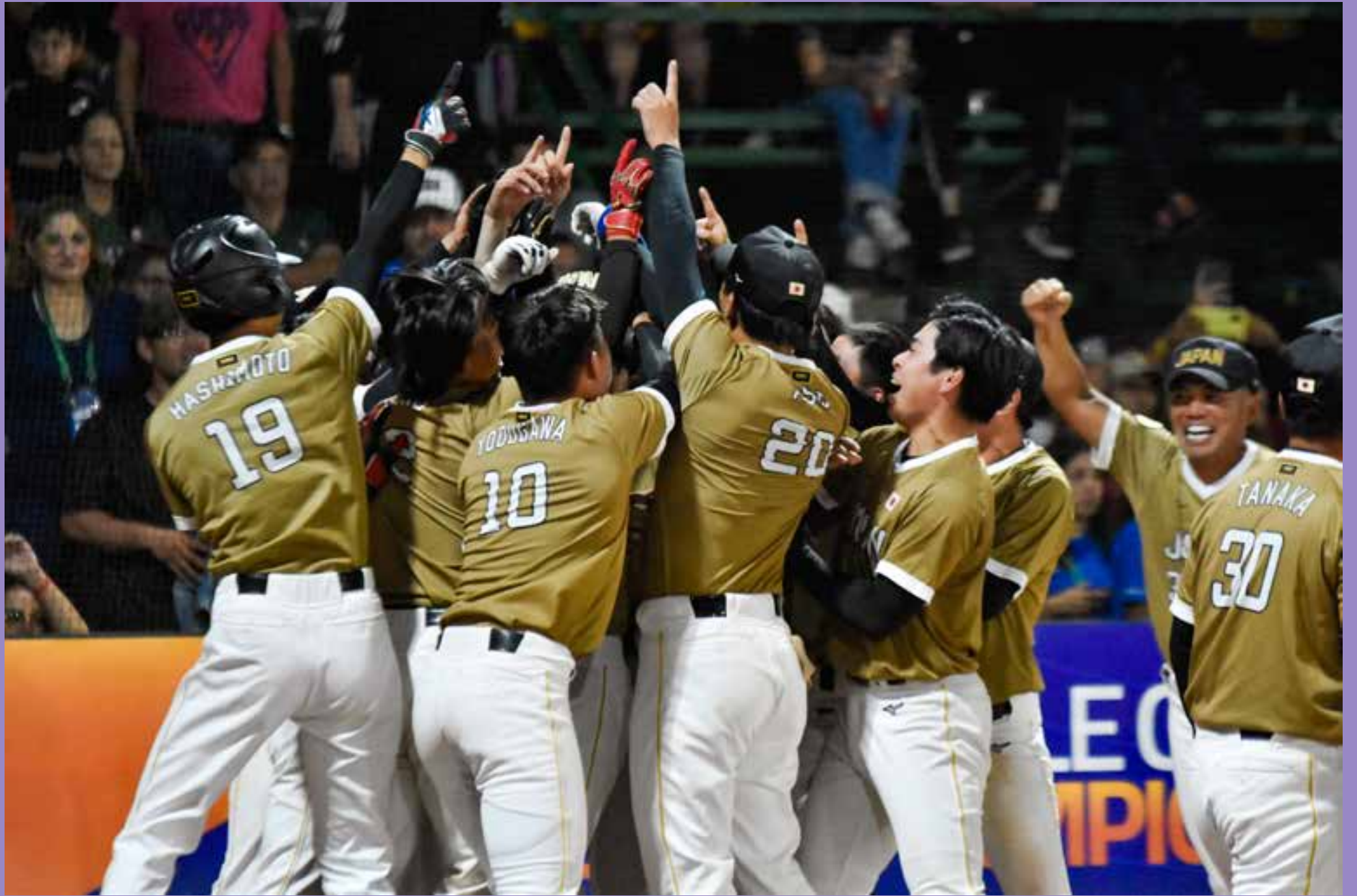
The WBSC U-18 Men's Softball World Cup 2023 was played in a full Fernando M. Ortiz Stadium every night in Hermosillo, Mexico. A walk-off grand slam from Ryuga Umeda in the bottom of the eighth inning gave Japan the edge in an 8-4 extra-inning thriller against hosts Mexico, in one of the best games of the 2023 WBSC season.

Alex McGillivray's clutch two-run home run in the bottom of the sixth and Nicholas Neid's stellar pitching performance steered Canada to a 2-1 defeat of the USA in the Bronze Medal Game.

This tournament also left a great legacy with two purpose-built softball stadiums for the local community to use.

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## FINAL STANDINGS

1. Japan
2. Mexico
3. Canada
4. USA
5. Australia
6. Venezuela
7. Czechia
8. Argentina
9. New Zealand
10. Colombia
11. Singapore





## ALL-WORLD TEAM

**MVP** Ryuki Tsuda (JPN)

**STARTING PITCHER** Cody Gibbons (USA)

**CATCHER** Enrique Del Valle (MEX)

**FIRST BASE** Aydeyn Champneys (AUS)

**SECOND BASE** Jose Garza (MEX)

**THIRD BASE** Alex McGillivray (CAN)

**SHORTSTOP** Kazuya Kihara (JPN)

**OUTFIELDER** Juan Pereira (VEN)

**OUTFIELDER** Roman Lopez (MEX)

**OUTFIELDER** Ryuki Tsuda (JPN)

**DESIGNATED PLAYER** Braden Ducharme (USA)





FOR THE TITLE OF **WORLD CHAMPION**



## FACTS AND FIGURES

- Originally scheduled for 2022, the event was moved to 2023 to accommodate changes in the international softball calendar. Due to the one-year postponement of the tournament, all players who would have been eligible to participate in the 2022 edition of the WBSC global tournament were able to play in Hermosillo.
- This was the second edition with the U-18 age bracket. Previously there were junior and U-19 World Cups, of which 13 editions were celebrated.
- This was the third year in a row that Hermosillo hosted a WBSC event following the WBSC U-23 Baseball World Cup in 2021 and the WBSC U-15 Baseball World Cup in 2022.
- It was the second Softball World Cup Mexico has hosted after staging the inaugural edition of the Men's Softball World Cup in Mexico City in 1966, when Mexico claimed the silver medal after losing to the US, 6-0, in the final.
- An average of 900 fans filled the Fernando M. Ortiz Stadium during the Opening Round and the Super Round.
- Almost 2,000 witnessed the Final between Mexico and Japan (including people watching the game from the rooftop of a building just behind right field; and a few fans on top of a bus parked on the street). The tournament drew a total of 9,728 spectators.
- Two-time world champions Japan have won more medals than any other country. Japan added a fourth world title to their previous 11 medals.
- For Mexico, the silver medal was their second ever medal since earning bronze in the inaugural edition of the event in 1981. Counting the senior World Cup, this is the fourth medal for Mexico, tying their best performance ever of second place in the first edition of the World Cup in Mexico City in 1966.
- Canada clinched their sixth bronze medal and ninth overall in the history of the tournament.
- Colombia claimed the country's first win in the history of the tournament. In their third game at the U-18 Men's Softball World Cup, the South Americans defeated Singapore, 8-5. Luis Enamorado pitched 1.1 scoreless innings in relief and was credited with the win







# WBSC U-23 MEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP

from 15-23 April 2023

Nafaldo Cargnel Stadium  
and El Plumazo, Club Atletico  
Estudiantes in Parana,  
Argentina

12 teams

192 athletes

50 games

The first-ever WBSC U-23 Men's Softball World Cup was the first softball event of the year and one of the three tournaments added to the WBSC portfolio in 2023, along with the maiden editions of the WBSC U-15 Women's Softball World Cup and the WBSC Baseball5 Youth World Cup.

This new tournament brought new opportunities for men's softball athletes to perform at the highest level and represent their countries, while playing for the title of world champions.

Almost 6,000 softball fans filled the Nafaldo Cargnel Stadium for the medal games, where Australia defeated Japan in a very close contest, and hosts Argentina claimed the bronze medal.

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## FINAL STANDINGS

1. Australia
2. Japan
3. Argentina
4. Mexico
5. Canada
6. New Zealand
7. Czechia
8. Venezuela
9. Singapore
10. Israel
11. Team WBSC
12. South Africa



## ALL-WORLD TEAM

**MVP** Jack Besgrove (AUS)

**PITCHERS** Jack Besgrove (AUS)

**PITCHERS** Juan Pepe (ARG)

**CATCHER** Mitchell McKay (CAN)

**FIRST BASEMAN** Brock Attewell (NZL)

**SECOND BASEMAN** Brock Evans (NZL)

**THIRD BASEMAN** Riley James (AUS)

**SHORTSTOP** Nery Del Cid (NTW)

**OUTFIELDERS** Ryan King (AUS)

**OUTFIELDERS** Koki Sato (JPN)

**OUTFIELDERS** Jordan Solorio (MEX)

**DESIGNATED PLAYER** Tomoki Kikukawa (JPN)





## FACTS AND FIGURES

- It was the inaugural edition of the WBSC U-23 Men's Softball World Cup. The next one is scheduled for 2026.
- Parana, known as Argentina's "National Softball Capital", hosted a Softball World Cup for the second time after the 2012 Junior Men's Softball World Championship.
- The main venue for this tournament was the Nafaldo Cargnel Stadium, with temporary stands added to increase the capacity to nearly 4,000 for the tournament.
- The event was originally scheduled to be played in Argentina in October 2022 before being postponed. As a result, the age limit for the tournament was extended to allow all eligible players in 2022 to compete in the tournament.
- With an impressive offensive performance by George Harris, Czechia defeated South Africa, 3-0, in the first game in the history of the competition. Harris drove in his team's three runs, including a solo homer in the sixth inning.
- Australia claimed the inaugural WBSC U-23 Men's Softball World Cup title behind ace Jack Besgrove's masterful pitching performance against Japan in their 1-0 win in the final. Besgrove led his team with a masterpiece, pitching a complete-game shutout with 11 strikeouts.
- Australia, the reigning champions of the senior Men's Softball World Cup, claimed their eighth Men's Softball World Cup title in history and their 13th overall medal.
- For Japan, it was their 15th overall medal in Men's Softball World Cups.
- Argentina defeated Mexico 10-1 in six innings to claim the bronze medal, their first bronze and fourth medal ever at a WBSC Softball World Cup.









# WBSC WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP GROUP STAGE

from 11-26 July 2023

18 teams

188 athletes

55 games

The WBSC Women's Softball World Cup was the first-ever event to be played under the new Two-Stage Format. An expanded number of 18 teams representing the five Olympic continents were drawn into three groups of six teams. The top two teams in the final standings of each group, plus two wild cards, advanced to the World Championship Finals, to be staged in Castions di Strada, Italy, in 2024.

It was the first time that Ireland, Italy and Spain hosted a Softball World Cup in any category, and the second time the Women's Softball World Cup was played in Europe, after the Netherlands organised the tournament in 2014.

USA and Australia from Group A, Puerto Rico and the Netherlands from Group B, and Japan and Canada from C advanced to the Final stage in Italy, along with China and Italy, who finished as the best third-placed teams to complete the eight participants that will have the honour to fight for the World Championship title in 2024.

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# Group A From 11 to 15 July

Balbriggan All  
Weather Field in  
Fingal-Dublin,  
Ireland

6 teams

96 athletes

15 games





## FINAL STANDINGS

1. USA\*
2. Australia \*
3. Great Britain
4. Chinese Taipei
5. Ireland
6. Botswana

\* Teams which advanced to the Final Stage





## Most Outstanding Player:

Hannah Flippen (USA)



## FACTS AND FIGURES

- USA went undefeated to clinch first place in Group A.
- British ace Georgina Corrick had an outstanding tournament. She led the pitchers in wins (3), complete games (4), games started (4), innings pitched (26), strikeouts (40), and at bats (93). She finished third in ERA (0.54).
- Corrick hit a two-run homer and pitched a complete game in Great Britain's key 2-0 win against Chinese Taipei.
- The tournament was altered by the rain in the last two days. Four games had to be cancelled due to weather conditions.
- USA didn't allow a single run in the tournament. They scored 28 in four games.
- It was the second time Ireland participated in a WBSC Women's Softball World Cup. They previously appeared in 2016 in Surrey, Canada, finishing 26th. It was also their first time hosting a Softball World Cup in any category.
- Australia has appeared in every Women's Softball World Cup, holding eight medals thus far: One World Championship, one silver medal and six bronzes.
- Australia's Jade Wall had a monster offensive tournament, recorded a .467 batting average, with 3 runs, 5 RBIs, a home run and a .800 slugging percentage.
- It was Botswana's sixth participation in the WBSC Women's Softball World Cup.







**Group B**  
**From 18 to 22**  
**July**

Camp Municipal  
de Beisbol i Sofbol  
de València in  
Valencia, Spain

**6** teams

**96** athletes

**19** games



## FINAL STANDINGS

1. Puerto Rico \*
2. Netherlands \*
3. China \*
4. Cuba
5. Spain
6. South Africa

\* Teams which advanced to the Final Stage





**Most Outstanding Player:**

Aleshia Ocasio (PUR)



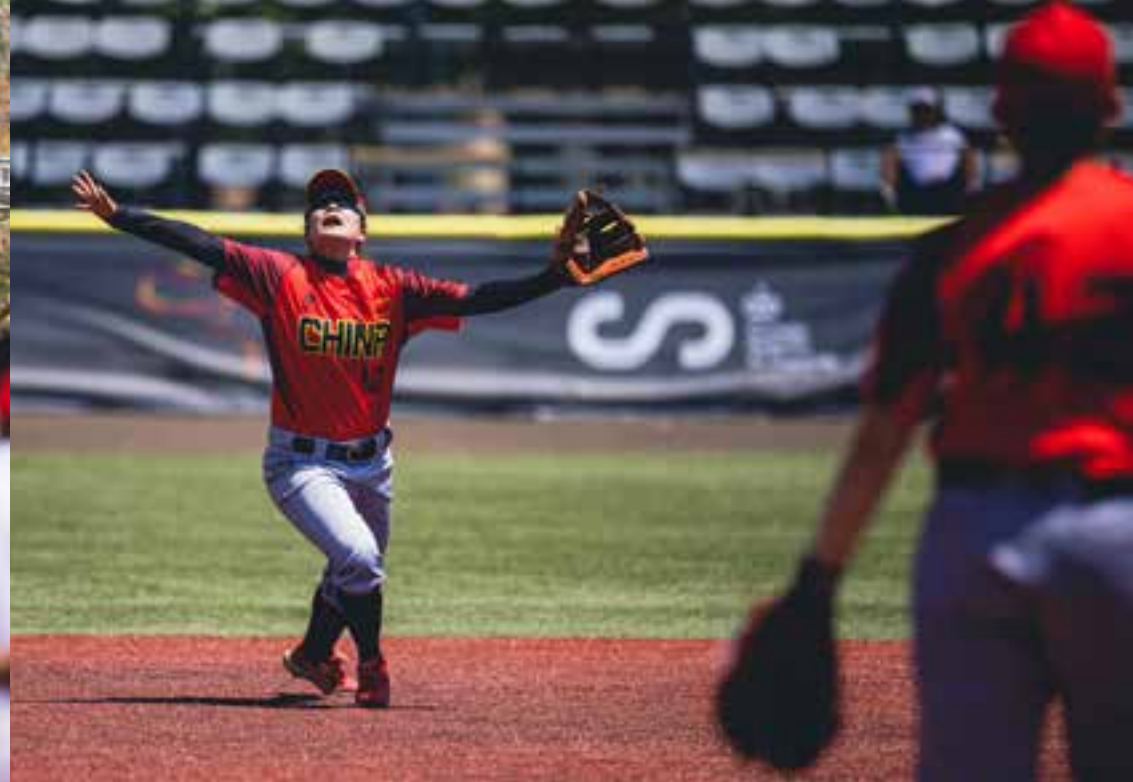


## FACTS AND FIGURES

- There were no undefeated teams in Group B. Puerto Rico finished in first place with a 5-1 record.
- It was the second time Spain participated in a WBSC Women's Softball World Cup. They previously appeared in 1994 in St. John's, Canada, finishing 20th. It was also their first time hosting a Softball World Cup in any category.
- Spain became the 12th nation to host the WBSC Women's Softball World Cup.
- Cuban first baseman Yanisleydis Casanova was impressive in offence, leading the tournament in RBIs (9), hits (9), doubles (4), and slugging percentage (.944); and finishing second in batting average (.500) and triples (2).
- China finished third in Group B and earned a wild card for the Finals 2024. They won the Opening Round with a 4-1 record, but then lost the last two games of the tournament against Puerto Rico and the Netherlands to finish third.
- Netherlands clinched their ticket to the Finals with a 2-0 win over China. The Netherlands will finish the World Cup in the top eight for the sixth consecutive time, including a highest-ever fourth place in 2016.
- The lowest ranked team in the group, South Africa played their eighth Women's Softball World Cup, finishing sixth in Group B.







**Group C**  
**From 22 to 26 July**  
Campo Comunale  
da Softball in  
Castions di Strada  
and Campo da  
Baseball-Softball  
G. Michelutti in  
Buttrio, Italy  
**6 teams**  
**96 athletes**  
**18 games**





## FINAL STANDINGS

1. Japan \*
2. Canada \*
3. Italy \*
4. Philippines
5. Venezuela
6. New Zealand

\* Teams which advanced to the Final Stage





**Most Outstanding Player:**

Ayane Nakagawa (JPN)



## FACTS AND FIGURES

- Japan advanced to the World Championship Finals as Group C No. 1. Having played the last seven finals, Japan's goal is to return to the winners circle in 2024 after their back-to-back titles in 2012 and 2014.
- Philippines right fielder Alaiza Talisik was Group C's leading hitter with a .538 batting average.
- Japanese legend Yukiko Ueno participated in her sixth World Cup. She played the final in all five previous appearances. She didn't surrender a single run in 9.2 innings of work, striking out five with no walks.
- Canada defeated Japan in the Opening round, 6-5. It was the first time Canada beat Japan in a Women's Softball World Cup or an Olympic Games since Athens 2004 Olympics, when they beat the Japanese team, 1-0, in eight innings.
- Venezuela has played the last three WBSC Women's Softball World Cups in a row. They defeated New Zealand in the last day of competition to secure the fifth place in Group C.
- The Philippines advanced to the playoffs in Group C with a dramatic walk-off win over Italy, 6-5, in the last game of the Opening Round. The day after, in an elimination game, Italy defeated the Philippines by the same score to eliminate the Asians from the Finals 2024.
- Japan's center fielder Ayane Nakagawa led the tournament in hits (10), stolen bases (4), runs (8) and triples (2), and was tied at second in batting average (.500).
- New Zealand has participated in all 17 editions of the WBSC Women's Softball World Cup. They finished sixth in Group C.







# WBSC YOUTH BASEBALL5 WORLD CUP

**From 10-15 October, 2023**

Yenimahalle Spor Kompleksi in  
Ankara, Türkiye

**12** teams

**96** athletes

**50** games

Baseball5 continued to break new ground with the first ever Youth Baseball5 World Cup, which took place in Ankara, Türkiye. It was the first time the country had hosted a WBSC event, and among the 12 participating teams, a record three (Ghana, Tunisia, and Zambia) represented Africa with all five continents participating in the event.

Cuba won the gold medal, dropping only one set during the tournament. France finished second to win their first-ever WBSC medal, while Mexico was third with hosts Türkiye finishing fourth.

WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari said: “Türkiye showed great interest in Baseball5, and I’m thrilled by the fact they hosted a WBSC World Cup. The future looks very bright with Baseball5 set to be one of the disciplines to be featured at the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026.”

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## FINAL STANDINGS

1. Cuba
2. France
3. Mexico
4. Türkiye
5. China
6. Chinese Taipei
7. Ghana
8. Tunisia
9. Korea
10. Malaysia
11. Zambia
12. Australia

## ALL-WORLD TEAM

**Male Most Valuable Player** Jadier Ulloa (CUB)

**Female Most Valuable Player** Haila Gonzalez (CUB)

**Best coach** Sergio Perez (CUB)

## Baseball5 Youth World Cup Team of the tournament

Josue Gutierrez (CUB)

Ambre Brouard (FRA)

Mert Tekeci (TUR)

Xiaoyu Yu (CHN)

Luis Bencomo (MEX)







## FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Youth Baseball5 World Cup was the first WBSC event hosted by Türkiye.
- The second Youth Baseball5 World Cup, scheduled for 2025, will serve as a qualifying tournament for the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026.
- Cuba has won the first editions of the Youth Baseball5 World Cup and the WBSC Baseball5 World Cup.
- Cuba went undefeated and lost only one set in the tournament.
- It is the 43rd medal earned by Cuba in all WBSC tournaments.
- Second place France earned the country's first-ever medal in a WBSC event.
- Türkiye finished fourth, celebrating their best performance-ever in a WBSC competition.







# WBSC BASEBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE AMERICAS

from 28 September to  
1 October, 2023

Parque Kukulcán Alamo in  
Merida, Mexico

4 teams

112 athletes

7 games

The Baseball Champions League Americas opened a new chapter in international baseball when it became the sport's first international club competition in September. WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari described it as “a new beginning for clubs, leagues, players and fans across the world.”

The first edition of the Baseball Champions League Americas was an invitational tournament, involving four leagues. The Mexican Baseball League, who hosted the event, the American Association, an MLB partner league, the Cuban National League and the Colombian Professional League.

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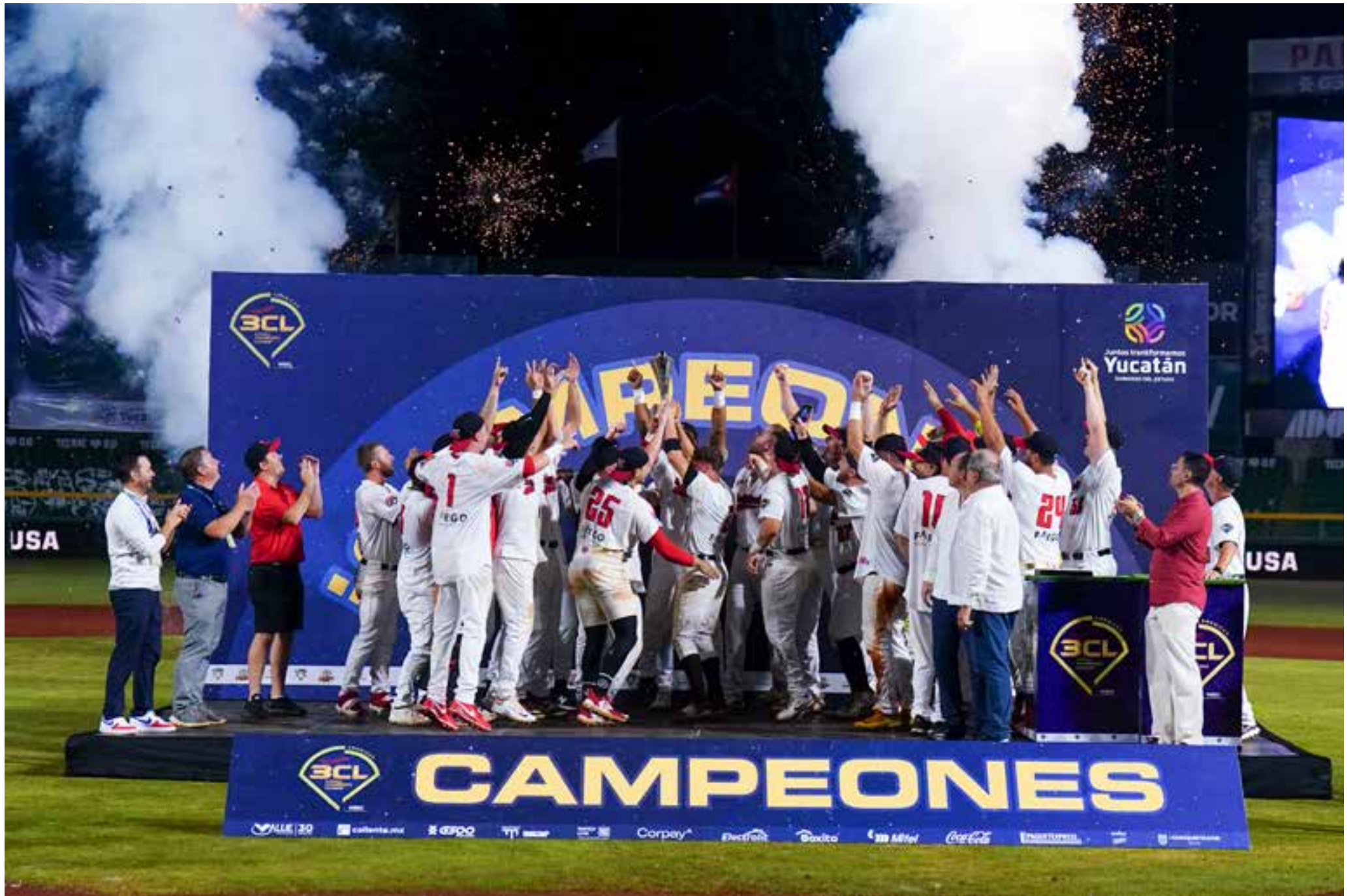




## FINAL STANDINGS

1. Fargo Moorhead RedHawks (USA)
2. Caimanes de Barranquilla (COL)
3. Leones de Yucatan (MEX)
4. Alazanes de Granma (CUBA)







## Most Valuable Player:

Roy Morales (Fargo)





## FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Baseball Champions League Americas is the first club competition organised by the WBSC.
- The Mexican Baseball League (LMB) was the first host with games played at the Parque Kukulkán Alamo in Merida.
- The 14,917-seat venue opened in 1982.
- Fargo won the tournament with a .288 batting average and a 2.57 earned run average. They didn't commit an error.
- Catcher Roy Morales starred for Fargo going 9-for-15 with a .600 batting average.
- Tyler Grauer led the tournament with seven strike outs.
- Yadir Drake of the hosts Leones was the only player to hit two home runs.
- WBSC Commissioner Enrique Burgos Senior was on duty while right-hander Enrique Burgos Junior took the mound for the Leones. They represent Panama's first father and son duo to play at the MLB level.









# OLYMPIC ESPORTS SERIES

Following the success of baseball's inclusion in the Olympic Virtual Series in 2021, the WBSC and Konami Digital Entertainment Inc. (KONAMI) partnered to feature WBSC eBASEBALL™: POWER PROS in the Olympic Esports Series 2023. The Olympic Esports Series qualifying tournaments took the WBSC into uncharted territory, since they were conducted online, first in Japan and then globally. They resulted in an unprecedented success, involving over 30,000 participants.

Held at the Suntec Centre in Singapore, the WBSC eBASEBALL™: POWER PROS finals of the Olympic Esports Series 2023 drew an impressive audience both in person and online via the YouTube livestream, generating over 2 million views.

WBSC Executive Director Michael Schmidt said he was “delighted” to be “partnering with one of the world’s leading gaming publishers, KONAMI,” and acknowledged the huge potential of eSports in engaging new audiences.

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## FINAL STANDINGS

1. Mori Shoma (SHORA) (JPN)
2. Horiike Hiroki (TAOJYU) (JPN)
3. Wang Chia-Ming (CMWANG) (TPE)
4. Jacob Christian Park (KANGGANG) (USA)
5. Fujishima Takato (FUJITO) (JPN)  
Yu Wei-Chung (HAZUREMON) (TPE)
7. Machida Kazutaka (ANTIMON) (JPN)  
Hsu Po-yao (DOUBLEBASS) (TPE)
9. Noguchi Tomoki (DAYLAMI) (JPN)  
Woon Hian Chong (WOONIE) (SGP)





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## FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Olympic Esports Series is the evolved format of the Olympic Virtual Series, which the IOC launched in 2021.
- WBSC eBASEBALL™: POWER PROS is a baseball simulation game that can be played on PlayStation®5, PlayStation®4 or Nintendo Switch.
- The Olympic Esports Series 2023 qualifying rounds for baseball took place online starting on 13 March 2023 in Japan, followed by the rest of the world on 27 March.
- Nearly 30,000 participants played WBSC eBASEBALL™: POWER PROS during the Japan and global qualifiers.
- The Olympic Esports Finals 2023 took place live in Singapore during the Olympic Esports from 22 to 25 June.
- The WBSC eBASEBALL™: POWER PROS finals drew an impressive audience both in person and online. The YouTube livestream generated 2 million views, 7,000 comments and received over 62,000 likes.
- The 10 finalists represented four countries: Japan (5), Chinese Taipei (3), Singapore and USA.
- The winner, Shoma Mori (SHORA), is a professional eBASEBALL™ player who competed in the eBASEBALL™ Pro League 2018-2020 and won the Olympic Virtual Series 2021.





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# OLYMPIC ESPORTS



# ABOUT THE WBSC

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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 207 National Federation and Associate Members in 137 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-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 eSports as well as Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 events at the Olympic Games.

# WBSC ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE

To guarantee the WBSC interacts with its members and stakeholders effectively, the WBSC has developed an 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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*Game Time!*



*Game Time!*

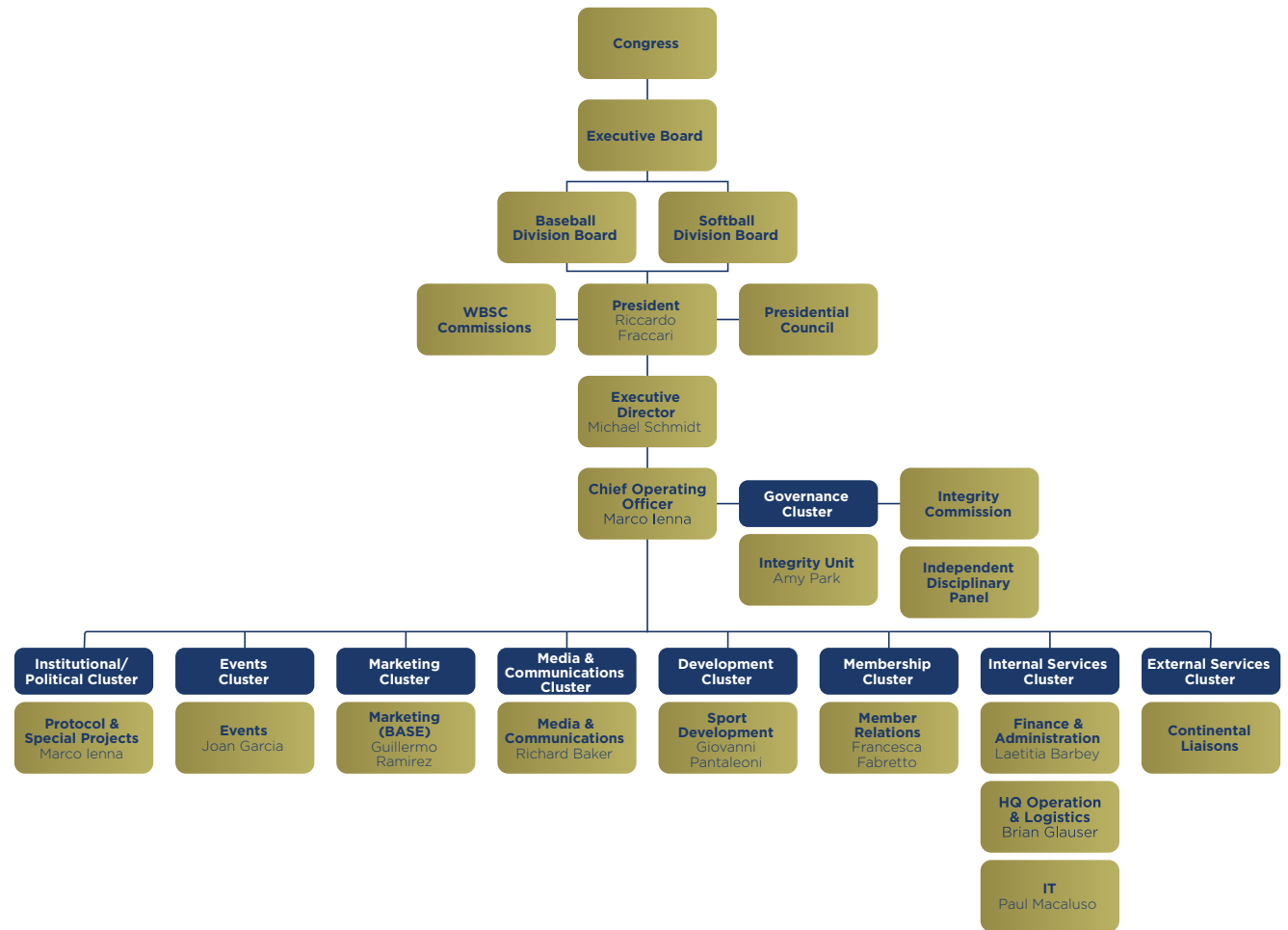


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# WBSC STRUCTURE

The WBSC Executive Director implements the 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 constant teamwork between the different departments, as shown in the graphic.

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**9** Clusters

**9** Departments

**1** Unit

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# STRATEGIC GOALS

The WBSC is responsible for the administration, promotion and growth of baseball and softball around the world and has identified nine 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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**WBSC**  
***Strategic Goals***

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**2021**  
**2024**

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# STRATEGIC PLAN

After a careful study made by the WBSC leadership and its departments, and consultation with key stakeholders, the WBSC unveiled the WBSC 2022-28 Strategic Plan.

The aim of this important strategic plan is to guide the WBSC community with a measurable long-term strategy and objectives.

It includes the WBSC Organisational Profile and WBSC Structure as well as our growth objectives for 2028 these nine strategic goals and 73 sub-goals with targeted outcomes created to achieve the organisation's aim to grow baseball and softball by expanding within existing member regions and taking root in new territories.

The monitoring and evaluation of our international baseball and softball objectives will be done each quarter of the year, adjusting the current 244 roadmaps and 436 KPIs accordingly.

The WBSC's overall strategy is aligned with the IOC's Olympic Agenda 2020+5 through a pilot project done in cooperation with the IOC.

Our 2022-28 Strategic Plan will ensure that the global baseball/softball community is aligned and growing together in the same direction, taking strength from each other's experience and development to help secure our sport's future and allow it to maximise its potential on the international stage.

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**WBSC**  
***Strategic Plan***

**2022 - 2028**

***Aligned with Olympic Agenda 2020+5***

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Strategic Plan**



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# WBSC BASEBALL & SOFTBALL BOARDS

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<b>ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE</b>	Maria Soto (VEN)

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Dr Jake Smith (USA)	Member
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Ana Irene Delgado (PAN)	Chair
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Melitón Sanchez (PAN)	Member
Colum Lavery (IRL)	Member
Lerina Bright (SLE)	Member
Amy Park	Commission Liaison

## **LEGAL COMMISSION**

Ron Finlay (AUS)	Chair
Vincenzo La Rocca (ITA)	Member
Karen Gaunt (USA)	Member
Amy Park	Commission Liaison

## **PARALYMPIC COMMISSION**

Nick Parr (GBR)	Chair
Tom Nagel (FRA)	Member
Eva Trevisan (ITA)	Member
Sarwar Ghulam (PAK)	Member
Dave Ho (HKG)	Member
Tyler Anderson (USA)	Member
Mattia Berardi	Commission Liaison

## **COACH COMMISSION**

Marco Mazzieri (ITA)	Chair
David J Wabick (USA)	Member
Andrea D'Auria (ITA)	Member
Rafael Llames (ESP)	Member
Eros Bernal (CUB)	Member
Steve Janssen (BEL)	Member
John McLaren (USA)	Member
Rafael Colon (PUR)	Member
Kyla Holas (USA)	Member
Haley Scott (RSA)	Member
Craig Montvidas (USA)	Member
Yutaka Miyake (JPN)	Member
Giovanni Pantaleoni	Commission Liaison

## DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Angelo Vicini (SMR)	Chair
Titus Mutwiri (Benjamin) (KEN)	Member
Madam Vicky Sodipo (NGR)	Member
Juan Nuñez (DOM)	Member
Amilcar Estrada (GUA)	Member
Fakhar Shah (USA)	Member
Taeko Utsugi (JPN)	Member
François Collet (FRA)	Member
Mette Nissen Jakobsen (DEN)	Member
Laurent Cassier (NCL)	Member
Rex Capil (NZL)	Member
Claudio Mantovani (ITA)	Member
Sergio Piccinini (ITA)	Member
Ayako Rokkaku (JPN)	Member
Mattia Berardi	Commission Liaison

## TOURNAMENT COMMISSION

Craig Cress (USA)	Chair
Jim Baba (CAN)	Member
Chet Gray (AUS)	Member
Beng Choo Low (MAS)	Member
Colum Lavery (IRL)	Member
Chris Day (TPE)	Member
Guillermo Ramirez (MEX)	Member
Gabriel Waage (CZE)	Member
Jimmy Char (COL)	Member
Rafael Llames (ESP)	Member
Xu Chen (CHN)	Member
Joan Garcia	Commission Liaison

## INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION

Garibaldy Bautista (DOM)	Chair
Emillio Sonnu (ITA)	Member
Joan Garcia	Commission Liaison

## SCORING COMMISSION

Anna Maria Paini (ITA)	Chair
Oscar Izaguirre (VEN)	Member
Pablo Carpio (ESP)	Member
Cindy Chan (HKG)	Member
Carlos Del Pino (CUB)	Member
William Cogollo (COL)	Member
Jennie Moloney (AUS)	Member
Linda Steijger (NED)	Member
Stephanie Winkler (GER)	Member
Tim Wen (TPE)	Member
Dennis Duin (NED)	Member
Stefano Pieri (ITA)	Member
Miyoko Yagi (JPN)	Member
Juan Diego Cubillo (NCA)	Member
Lesley Cook (RSA)	Member
Roberto Saletti (ITA)	Expert
Maurizio Ronchi (ITA)	Expert
Victor Isola	Commission Liaison

## DIVERSITY & INCLUSIVITY

Yumilka Ruiz (CUB)	Chair
Hiroko Yamada (JPN)	Member
Aracelis Leon (VEN)	Member
Donna Cohen (USA)	Member

Justine Siegal (USA)	Member
Andrew Fan (HKG)	Member
Kostis Liarommatis (GRE)	Member
Amy Park	Commission Liaison

### **BASEBALL TECHNICAL COMMISSION**

Jim Baba (CAN)	Chair
Glenn Williams (AUS)	Member
George Santiago (PUR)	Member
Jan Kuipers (NED)	Member
Lee Jong (KOR)	Member
Chris Haydock (USA)	Member
Jürgen Elsishans (GER)	Member
Juan Reinaldo Pérez Pardo (CUB)	Member
Maki Itoh (JPN)	Member
Shari Reiniger (CAN)	Member
Gustavo Rodriguez (USA)	Member
Joan Garcia	Commission Liaison

### **BASEBALL UMPIRING COMMISSION**

Gustavo Rodriguez (USA/CUB)	Chair
Masato Tomoyose (JPN)	Member
Larry Young (USA)	Member
Jorge Bauza (DOM)	Member
Pierfranco Leone (ITA)	Member
Lisa Turbitt (CAN)	Member
Joan Garcia	Commission Liaison

### **WOMEN'S BASEBALL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Hiroko Yamada (JPN)	Chair
Narelle Gosstray (AUS)	Member
André Lachance (CAN)	Member
Nicky To (HKG)	Member
Elizabeth Benn (USA)	Member
Giovanni Pantaleoni	Commission Liaison

### **MEN'S FAST PITCH COMMISSION**

Tony Giles (NZL)	Chair
Jacinto Cipriota (ARG)	Member
Gabriel Waage (CZE)	Member
Rex Capil (NZL)	Member
Mike Branchaud (CAN)	Member
Tomoaki Okamoto (JPN)	Member
Tirelo Mukokomani (BOT)	Member
Laurie Gouthro	Commission Liaison

### **SOFTBALL TECHNICAL COMMISSION**

Chet Gray (AUS)	Chair
Mark Berman (GBR)	Member
Craig Cress (USA)	Member
Rolando Guerrero (MEX)	Member
Danilo Velasco (PAN)	Member
Shinsuke Yabata (JPN)	Member
Giovanni Sanna (ITA)	Member
Maria Soto (VEN)	Member
Petra Arends (NED)	Member
Susan Zhang (CHN)	Member

Eduin Diaz (COL)	Member
Gianluca Magnani (ITA)	Umpire Chair
Laurie Gouthro	Commission Liaison

### **SOFTBALL UMPIRING COMMISSION**

Nacho Pardo (ESP)	Chair
Wiremu Tamaki (NZL)	Member
Vincent Maoeng (RSA)	Member
Paulo Tabirara (PHI)	Member
Santos Vazquez (PUR)	Member
Chris Drumm (USA)	Member
Gian Paolo Pelosi (ITA)	Member
Leigh Evans (AUS)	Member
Florian Lautenschlager (GER)	Member
Laurie Gouthro	Commission Liaison

### **PLAYER TRANSFERS WORKING GROUPS**

Craig Cress (USA)	Chair
Pierluigi Bissa (ITA)	Member
Kruno Karin (CRO)	Member
François Collet (FRA)	Member
Rainer Husty (AUT)	Member
Randolph Oduber (ARU)	Member
María Soto (VEN)	Member

### **BASEBALL5 GAME OFFICIALS COMMISSION**

Andrea D'auria (ITA)	Chair
Ayako Rokkaku (JPN)	Member
Chedli Mokrani (TUN)	Member

Elliot Fleys (FRA)	Member
Eros Bernal (CUB)	Member
Francisco López (VEN)	Member
Jason Bell (RSA)	Member
Nor Hajar Abd Hamid (MAS)	Member
Pablo Jose Leone (ARG)	Member
Rafael Llamas (CUB)	Member
Ruben Bahena (MEX)	Member
Sergio Piccinini (ITA)	Member
Sujeewa Wijayanayake (SRI)	Member
Tony Jones (USA)	Member
Mattia Berardi (SMR)	Commission Liaison

### **SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME COMMISSION**

Dale McMann (CAN)	Chair
Mashilo Matsetela (RSA)	Member
Javier Anaya (COL)	Member
Maria Alanis (MEX)	Member
Laurie Gouthro	Commission Liaison

### **SUSTAINABILITY AT LARGE COMMISSION**

Ana Irene Delgado (PAN)	Chair
Lerina Bright (USA)	Member
Yoori Jung	Commission Liaison

# LIST OF MEMBERS & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Baseball members **68**

Softball members **64**

Joint members **59**

Total NFs members **191**

Associate members **15**

TOTAL MEMBERS **206**

**23** Members in Africa

**56** Members in Americas

**39** Members in Asia

**52** Members in Europe

**21** Members in Oceania

# AFRICA

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

# AMERICAS

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

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>IOC CODE</b>	<b>DIVISION</b>
Ecuador	ECU	Baseball
Ecuador	ECU	Softball
El Salvador	ESA	Baseball
El Salvador	ESA	Softball
Guatemala	GUA	Baseball
Guatemala	GUA	Softball
Guyana	GUY	Baseball
Haiti	HAI	Combined
Honduras	HON	Baseball
Honduras	HON	Softball
Jamaica	JAM	Baseball
Jamaica	JAM	Softball
Mexico	MEX	Baseball
Mexico	MEX	Softball
Nicaragua	NCA	Baseball
Nicaragua	NCA	Softball
Panama	PAN	Baseball
Panama	PAN	Softball
Peru	PER	Baseball
Peru	PER	Softball
Puerto Rico	PUR	Baseball
Puerto Rico	PUR	Softball
Sint Marteen	SMX	Baseball
Trinidad & Tobago	TTO	Baseball
Turks & Caicos Islands	TCA	Softball
U.S. Virgin Islands	ISV	Baseball
U.S. Virgin Islands	ISV	Softball
Uruguay	URU	Softball

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>IOC CODE</b>	<b>DIVISION</b>
USA	USA	Baseball
USA	USA	Softball
Venezuela	VEN	Baseball
Venezuela	VEN	Softball

# ASIA

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>IOC CODE</b>	<b>DIVISION</b>
Afghanistan	AFG	Baseball
Bangladesh	BAN	Combined
Bhutan	BHU	Combined
Brunei	BRU	Combined
Cambodia	CAM	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



<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>IOC CODE</b>	<b>DIVISION</b>
Jordan	JOR	Softball
Laos	LAO	Combined
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
Syria	SYR	Combined
Thailand	THA	Baseball
Thailand	THA	Softball

# EUROPE

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>IOC CODE</b>	<b>DIVISION</b>
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
Germany	GER	Combined
Great Britain	GBR	Baseball
Great Britain	GBR	Softball
Greece	GRE	Baseball
Greece	GRE	Softball
Guernsey	GGY	Softball
Hungary	HUN	Combined
Ireland	IRL	Baseball

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>IOC CODE</b>	<b>DIVISION</b>
Ireland	IRL	Softball
Israel	ISR	Baseball
Israel	ISR	Softball
Italy	ITA	Combined
Kosovo	KOS	Combined
Latvia	LAT	Baseball
Lithuania	LTU	Baseball
Lithuania	LTU	Softball
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
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

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>IOC CODE</b>	<b>DIVISION</b>
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
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
Solomon Islands	SOL	Combined
Tonga	TGA	Combined

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