

RIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES

WBSC ASSOCIATED MEMBERS

Note: Unless otherwise stated, all Articles herein refer to the WBSC Statutes.

A. Introduction

World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) is the only recognised International Governing Body for **the Sport**, namely:

- ALL disciplines and events of Baseball;
- ALL disciplines and events of Softball;
- ALL versions of Baseball5;
- ALL versions of Para-Sports of the above; and
- ALL versions of E-sports of the above;

legally established in 2014 in accordance with its own Statutes as well as Swiss Civil Code, and in charge of all activities thereof in all countries and territories of the world which accept its Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Law, Rules and Regulations. *Articles 1.2 & 1.3*

1. There are 2 types of WBSC Membership:
 - 1.1 **Affiliated** Members, which may be categorised as either *Full Member* or *Provisional Member*
Articles 6.4, 6.5, 6.6
 - 1.2 **Associated Members**
Articles 6.4 & 6.7
2. WBSC **Associated Membership** is open to any self-administered international or major organisation, other than a National Federation, recognised by the WBSC and whose activities or objectives involve the development of the Sport and whose objectives are not in conflict with those of WBSC, and which satisfy the criteria and requirements of the WBSC. *Articles 6.7*
3. The rights and benefits of WBSC **Associated Members** are highlighted and summarised in this document. These are subject to review and change from time to time.
4. To be deemed a **Member in Good Standing**, a Member must:
 - 4.1 Be a current financial Member with no fees or dues outstanding prior to the year of the elections, or have a prior written agreement with WBSC concerning payment of outstanding fees or dues; and
 - 4.2 Not be under **suspension** or disqualification.
Article 4.3 WBSC Elections By-Laws

B. Basic Requirements and Acknowledgments by WBSC Associated Members

Subject	WBSC Associated-Members	Reference
Basic Requirements	1. Must be recognised as a self-administered international or major organisation, other than a National Federation, and whose activities or objectives involve the development of the Sport of Baseball-Softball.	Article 6.7.2
	2. Must agree to and must respect and abide by the WBSC Statutes, Code of Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.	Article 6.7.4
Basic Acknowledgement	1. Must acknowledge WBSC as:	Article 7.3.3
	1.1 The sole governing body for the Sport internationally; and 1.2 The sole sanctioning authority for all WBSC competitions. 2. Must acknowledge: 2.1 All other member National Federations as the only governing authorities for the Sport in their respective country or territory; and 2.2 All Continental Associations as the governing body for the Sport on a continental basis.	Article 7.3.4

C. Rights of a WBSC Full Member in Good Standing

Subject	WBSC Associated Members in Good Standing	Reference
Basic Rights	<p>Have the following rights:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To attend the WBSC Congress; 2. To use the services of WBSC* (see Section E below); 3. To have the right to speak, but not vote, in all deliberations at the Congress; 4. To take parts in WBSC events for which they are eligible. 5. To do or engage in any other act to which a Member that is in Good Standing is otherwise entitled to do; and 6. To make proposals and submit resolutions to the WBSC for the consideration of the Executive Board and/or the Congress. <p>Note: Congress includes Extraordinary Congress.</p>	Article 8.3

D. Member's Rights are exclusive

The rights of the Member are exclusive and particular to each member as an organisation and cannot be delegated by the Member to any other Member or others. Similarly, a Member can only exercise its rights in a Congress of the WBSC through a delegate duly and properly appointed and authorised by the Member

Articles 8.4

E. Opportunities of WBSC Associated Members

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Events	To develop WBSC disciplines: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Baseball and Softball - Baseball5 - eSports Parasports
	To recommend internal officials for WBSC events, under established conditions and regulations
	To be able to participate in WBSC events for which they are eligible
Education and Development	Access to the WBSC Academy.
	Access to the WBSC Development Programmes.
	Access to the WBSC Anti-Doping educational tools and programmes.
	Access to the WBSC Integrity educational tools and campaigns such as Anti-Doping, Safeguarding, Prevention of Manipulation of Competitions, Medical...etc.
	Access to the WBSC Licensing Programmes.
Support Services	Access to the WBSC management system my.wbssc.org.
	Access to the WBSC Scoring System subject to terms and conditions.
	Access to IT support and related consultation (google workspace, website creation, etc.)
Governance	To nominate candidates for the WBSC Executive Board.
Media	Access to News on the WBSC website and social media.
	Access to possible promotional activities through the WBSC Media platform.
	Entitled to receive the WBSC Home Run newsletter and press releases.
	Access to WBSC photo archive for national media & communication purposes.

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Marketing BASE	Availability to local league and tournament global exposure through access and promotion on WBSC OTT Platform Gametime.sport.
	Availability of business and marketing consultation.
	Availability of potential commercial benefits through the introduction and access to WBSC global partners.