WBSC Academy

General report – 19 December 2023
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- Developed during the pandemic with the overall goal to facilitate athletes, coaches, officials and all WBSC Members to perform efficient self learning with regards to the various topics related to our sport.

- The WBSC Academy is a tool to distribute knowledge on demand through available courses in form of video lessons and other educational content elaborated and refined by expert certified instructors.

- The WBSC is constantly working to upgrade the educational offer in terms of quality and quantity, to continue complementing the standard in-person education with a more accessible and sustainable approach that has already shown a sensible reduction of logistic costs and carbon footprint.
Structure

The Academy is composed of 2 different areas:

- **Open area:** Accessible to everyone through the WBSC website.
- **Reserved area:** Available to all WBSC Members only through the My.WBSC platform.
Courses (1)

Currently, the bouquet of available courses is the following:

- **Open area: 11**
  - Baseball for the blind: 1
  - Baseball5: 2
  - Coaching (BB/SB combined): 1
  - Women’s Baseball: 6
  - Prevention of Competition Manipulation: 1
Courses (2)

- Reserved area: 6

- Coach Licensing Programme - Level 1 Baseball
- Coach Licensing Programme - Level 1 Softball
- TC Licensing Programme - Baseball
- TC Licensing Programme - Softball
- Umpire Licensing Programme - Level 1 Softball
- TC Baseball - Field Management
Users (1)

- 103 National Federations out 191 have registered people on the platform, for a total of 2020 users. Africa is the Continent with the highest number of people registered: 655.
Users (2)

- Out of 2020 users, 945 are the active ones. Specifically, we define “active” those users who have requested access to at least one course.

- Overall, 3279 is the number of requests for accessing to courses that have been approved. The user’s preference for each course is shown in the next slide.
Distribution of requests

- B4B: Intro for NFs
- B4B: Course for Coaches
- B5: Course for coaches and Gos
- Coach Licensing Programme: Grassroots level
- Coach Licensing Programme – L1 BB
- Coach Licensing Programme – L1 SB
- Women’s Baseball - W. 1
- Women’s Baseball - W. 2
- Women’s Baseball - W. 3
- Women’s Baseball - W. 4
- Women’s Baseball - W. 5
- Women’s Baseball - W. 6
- Prevention of Competition Manipulation
- TC Licensing Programme - BB
- TC Licensing Programme - SB
- Umpire Licensing Programme - L1 SB
- TC BB - Field Management
Licensing programmes

- In total **162 licenses** have been awarded so far through the academy and on-field courses, as shown below:

  - Umpire Licensing Programme – Level 1 Softball: 59
  - Coach Licensing Programme – Level 1 Baseball: 51
  - Umpire Licensing Programme – Level 2 Softball: 29
  - Coach Licensing Programme – Level 2 Baseball: 9
  - Coach Licensing Programme – Level 1 Softball: 8
  - TC Licensing Programme – Baseball: 5
  - TC Licensing Programme – Softball: 1
Next Steps

• To release a new package of updates that will make the Academy more user friendly;
• To increase the bouquet of available courses with the following:
  ▪ Umpiring Licensing Programme – Level 2 Softball
  ▪ TC Licensing Programme – Baseball (in Spanish)
  ▪ Scoring Licensing Programme – Baseball and Softball
  ▪ Coach Licensing Programme – Level 2 Baseball
  ▪ Coach Licensing Programme – Level 2 Softball