

B. COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION**B1. COMPETITION OFFICIALS****B1.a. WBSC Executive Director**

B1.a.1. The WBSC Executive Director is the highest authority in all WBSC competitions.

B1.a.2 The Responsibilities of the WBSC Executive Director, or in his absence his direct delegate or, in that person's absence, the Tournament Director, include the following:

- Enforce all WBSC regulations and all agreements between the WBSC, the National Federations and the LOC.
- Review final arrangements with the LOC Chairperson for the organization of the competition, which include all logistical aspects such as accommodation, transportation, protocol, etc. and all related aspects.
- Harmonize the interests represented by the WBSC, the LOC, the National Federations and the Game Officials working in the competition.
- Ensure that the Jury of Appeal is constituted and empowered to act if the situation arises.
- Ensure that the LOC facilitates and enforces all matters related to the rights and privileges of WBSC sponsors regarding the competition.
- Other than hearings conducted by or decisions taken by a Jury of Appeal, arbitrate and have final authority in making a decision regarding any disputes that cannot be resolved by negotiations among any or all of the groups or organizations involved in the competition.
- Enforce the decision of a Jury of Appeal.
- Convene and chair along with the Game Official Director at the Tournament Technical/ Organizational Meeting before the competition.
- Act as the official WBSC spokesperson to all media.
- In the absence of the WBSC President, or of his specifically designated representative, represent the WBSC in all formal acts and presentations related to the competition.
- Inform the WBSC Executive Committee about the matters regarding the competition organization.
- Prepare the final official report for its consideration by the Executive Committee.
- Take a final decision in regard to match schedule after consulting the Game Official Director and LOC


B1.c. Jury of Appeal

B1.c.1. The Executive Director or his duly authorized delegate will appoint a Jury of Appeal comprising of the chairman and two (2) other members. Each member must be independent and free from any conflicts of interest with respect to any matter arising thereunder, including the appealing National Federation and the person(s) involved.

B1.c.2. The Jury of Appeal is the body of appeal for fines, judgments, or suspensions dictated by the Technical Commission in the Competition. It will have no application in the judgments dictated by the Game Officials in cases related to the Official Baseball5 Rulebook. Only the Game Officials' decisions that are not related to the Rules of the Match may be appealed in front of the Jury of Appeal.

B1.d. Anti-Doping Commissioner

B1.d.1. The Anti-Doping Commissioner appointed by WBSC will oversee the anti-doping program at the event. This will include ensuring that the facilities for doping control are appropriate, overseeing the doping control process, including athlete selection, notification, and the sample collection process, and making decisions on any issues arising during this process.



B1.e. Game Officials

B1.e.1. The panel of Game Officials shall consist of a number of WBSC International Game Officials (recommended by the WBSC Baseball5 Department) and a sufficient number of local Game Officials (recommended by the LOC) to make up the total number needed for the competition. All Game Officials for the competition must be appointed by the WBSC Headquarters with the approval of the WBSC Executive Director.

B1.e.2. All WBSC Game Officials selected, including the national ones, will have their cost of lodging, meals and per-diem covered.

B1.e.3.. Each Game Official must make the commitment to stay for the whole duration of the competition, including the final phase if needed. Failure to abide by this rule by a Game Official from a participating country may result in a fine of up to US\$ 1.000 to the Game Official's National Federation, and/or a suspension of the individual from participation in WBSC events.

B1.e.4. Two Game Officials of a same participating country may work together in a game, but in such case one of them shall not be assigned to home plate in a game in which his / her country is playing. Every attempt will be made for Officials, even host team country Game Officials, not to be assigned to work their countries matches if possible.

B1.e.5. Five (5) Game Officials will be assigned to each match

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

B1.e.6. Assignments for Game Officials will be notified no less than 12 hours before game time of their respective assignments. No more than two days of assignments will be distributed at any time during the competition.

B1.e.7. The name(s) of the Game Officials assigned for each match shall be announced on the list of Officials specifically assigned to the game. A Game Official may be assigned to umpiring (Field or Homeplate) or scoring/supervising (Table) from game to game. The Table Official shall be seated in a reserve area with good visibility and easy access to the playing field.

B1.e.8. At the beginning of the competition, a Game Officials Pre-Competition course will be conducted by the Game Officials Director. The representatives of the WBSC or LOC may be requested to attend this meeting. During the competition, a daily Game Officials meeting may be held as required.

B1.e.9. At games selected for doping controls, one Game Official not on duty during those specific games shall participate in the selection of athletes for doping control. This will occur at the first inning of the game at the Doping Control Station (unless another location is agreed).

B1.e.a. Table Official:

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

B1.e.a.1.. No later than sixty minutes (60) before the start of the game, the Game Official (s) shall obtain from each Coach or Delegation Leader the line-up(s) and then distribute it to LOC to make copies for others appropriate individuals.

Its specific functions and responsibilities are:

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

B1.e.b. Field and Home Officials:

B1.e.b.1. An Homeplate Official and the Three (3) Field Officials for each game are assigned to officiate the game and to supervise all on-the-field technical aspects of the games according to the WBSC Baseball5 Rulebook.

B1.e.c. Game Officials Director

B1.e.c.1. The WBSC will appoint the Game Officials Director of the Baseball5 World Cup.

B1.e.c.2. The responsibilities of the Game Officials Director include:

- Carry on the final inspection and approval of competition venues, approve the scoring working station(s) and determining the specific Ground Rules for each field of play.
- Control the eligibility and the credentials of the players (during the Pre-Tournament Technical Meeting).
- Inspect the playing fields and practice facilities for the competition.
- Present all Technical Competition items, including the ground rules and scoring related aspects (i.e. tie-breakers, etc.) during the Pre-Tournament Technical Meeting.
- Assign the Game Officials daily to duties of officiating and scoring and supervision for each game.
- Liaise with Game Officials regarding delays, rescheduling and cancellation to submit jointly a proposal to the WBSC Executive Director / Tournament Director, who is charged with making the final decision.
- Gather relevant statistical and game report information from Game Officials.
- Provide tiebreaker and/or statistical information to the Tournament Director upon petition.
- Chair the course and meetings of the Game Officials to review problems associated with technical areas of competition and to determine actions related to participants' discipline or team protests.

- Produce the daily report timely after the completion of the last game of the day and distribute it according to the established procedures.
- Provide statistical data and chair the All-World Team and Outstanding (M/F) players selection meeting.
- In the event of suspended games, the Game Officials Director will liaise with Game Officials and propose the adjustment of the competition schedule in consultation with the Tournament Director. Any changes in the schedule require the final approval of the WBSC Executive Director.

B1.e.c.2. The Game Officials Director will complete Game Officials Evaluations during the event.

B1.e.c.3. After the completion of the tournament, the Game Official Director will submit a complete report to the WBSC Executive Director.

B1.1. OTHERS

TV Cameramen and Photographers

B1.1.1. TV cameramen and photographers are allowed within restricted areas on the field. They must wear an official WBSC Tournament bib as well as their accreditation to access the corresponding areas.

B1.1.2. First Aid

B1.1.2.1. Medical and first aid attendance shall be available all the time during the competition and practices. LOC is responsible to make sure adequate staff and facilities are assigned to the competition. Adequate staff and facilities are defined as having present a certified first aid attendant with ambulance and doctor on call.


B2. PROTESTS

B2.3. The protest shall be presented in written form, within ten (10) minutes after it was announced to the Game Official at Home plate, indicating the number(s) of the Baseball5 Rule(s) involved to the Table Official, who must immediately take a decision. *The presentation of a protest will incur a cost of \$100 USD to be deducted from the National Federation's participation deposit. If the protest occurs on the game-ending play, the desire to submit a protest must be announced by the Coach or Delegation Leader to the Table Official.* They will inform the opposing team, the other Game Officials, and the other necessary parties that a protest has been filed. After a consultation within the crew of Game Officials, a decision will be taken immediately by the Table Official. The opposing team must wait for the decision before they leave the playing field.

B2.4. Any decision of the Game Official(s) assigned to the game *regarding the playing rules* is final and not subject to appeal.

B2.5. When a participating Delegation protests the participation of any *athlete*; the protest shall be presented to the Game Official Director prior to the conclusion of the competition.

B2.6. If the protest does not refer to an action of the game, it must be submitted in writing to the Game Official Director, together with the corresponding deposit, explaining the reasons that state for it and the due dispositions *that supposedly* apply to it.



B2.7 When during a match a protest is made by the Coach or Delegation Leader over a suspected misapplication or misinterpretation of *Official Baseball5 Rules*, the Game Official who made the protested call, shall not be involved on the evaluation of the protest. The other three Game Officials shall decide collectively, their decision is final.

B3. APPEALS

B3.3. The time limit to present an appeal is three (3) hours after having received the notification of the judgment to be appealed. An appeal may be amended only before the Jury starts its deliberations, which will be so notified to the parties involved by the Jury. There may not be a further appeal by any person from any situation where the subject of the appeal has been considered and decided by the Jury.

B3.4. Every appellant or the person that is the subject of or involved with the appeal has the right to present materials and statements to the Jury for it to consider. Each appellant or person involved may be represented by one person. The Jury may take statements, interview persons or review video or audio footage to help it consider the matter and render its decision. Once the appeal has been presented to the Jury, the Jury will meet, consider the matter and render a decision.

B3.5. A Jury may reject an appeal in part or whole and will issue a written statement of its findings, which is, save for manifest error, final and not subject to further appeal. The Jury may order a different penalty or increase or decrease a suspension or outcome from that to which the appeal was made.

B3.6. In the event of an appeal involving the suspension of a player, coach or manager, a decision will be taken within three (3) hours, knowing that the decision of the Jury could have a bearing on any subsequent games in the Competition. For all other matters a decision will be rendered within 24 hours.

B3.7. Notwithstanding any provision of these Regulations, a player, coach or manager who is suspended for one game or more must sit out the next scheduled game to allow the Jury to complete its process and ensure due process.