

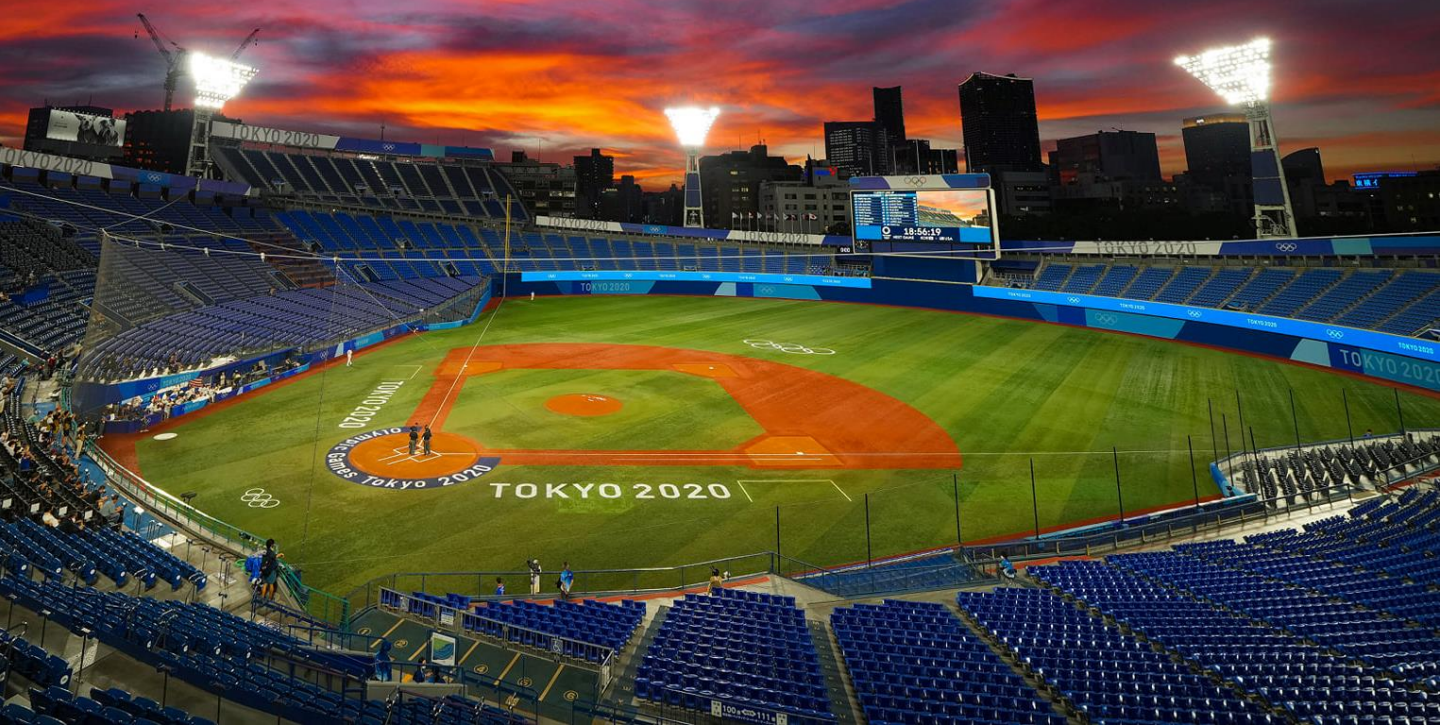


# INTRODUCTION

## TO ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES

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WBSC ATHLETES' COMMISSION | 2022



# WHO ARE WE

The **WBSC Athletes' Commission** is an elected body which serves as a link between the athletes and the WBSC, representing future, current and recently retired Baseball/Softball Athletes.

It is composed of two **Athlete Representatives** from each discipline—Men's Baseball, Women's Baseball, Men's Softball, Women's Softball—of whom are elected by Baseball/Softball athletes around the world for a term of four years. During this term, these elected Athlete Representatives may also serve as WBSC Executive Board Member, Division Board Member and Presidential Council Member.

A photograph showing a man and a woman sitting at a table in a meeting room. The man is in the foreground, looking towards the camera with his hands clasped. The woman is behind him, looking slightly to the side. There are papers and a bottle on the table.

**TOTAL OF EIGHT  
ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES**

**TWO EACH FROM  
MEN'S BASEBALL  
WOMEN'S BASEBALL  
MEN'S SOFTBALL  
WOMEN'S SOFTBALL**



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The WBSC Athletes' Commission and the Representatives are volunteers, driven by their desire to represent fellow Baseball/Softball athletes and support them to succeed on and off the field of play.



# WHAT WE DO

The WBSC Athletes' Commission has a leading role in making sure athlete participation is empowered at the baseball/softball decision-making level. This includes direct feedback to the WBSC Executive Board, as well as via recommendations to the WBSC Commissions and Working Groups.

By providing advice and a perspective straight from the field of play, the Athletes' Commission should ensure that the athletes' voices are heard and to be used for the improvement of our sport.





As a role model, Athlete Representatives may extend their role as an ambassador or an instructor to raise the awareness of Anti-Doping & Healthy lifestyle, Prevention of Competition Manipulation, Sustainable Development and Safeguarding from Harassment and Abuse.

In cooperation with other WBSC Commissions, the Integrity Unit and other relevant sport organisations, the Athletes' Commission should ensure that fellow athletes are able to maximise their potential and performance in a safe, healthy and fair environment.



# WHAT WAS DONE

## Voice for Athletes to WBSC Leadership

- Participation in Executive Board Meetings and Congress
- Participation in [Working Groups for Baseball/Softball Events](#)
- Feedback on WBSC World Cups and sanctioned events
- Feedback for developing [Baseball/Softball Mobile Games](#)
- Feedback on Official Baseball/Softball Rules
- Review of Safeguarding from Harassment and Abuse Policy
- Planning and proposal of [WBSC Safeguarding Strategy](#)
- Recommendation for changes in Election Procedure for Athlete Representatives
- Proposal of the first WBSC Athletes' Forum (in progress)

## Being a Representative for WBSC

- Participation in the IOC Athletes Commission Global Conferences
- Participation in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Virtual Games-Time Experience Interview
- Participation in the [IOC's Athletes Forums](#)
- Participation in the WBSC Podcast "[The Global Game](#)"
- Gold medal / Trophy deliverer at WBSC World Cups
- Representative on-site as Safeguarding Officer in WBSC World Cups
- Participation in the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Campaign – Sport for Climate Action Awareness

### Advocate for Integrity of Sport

- Launch of WBSC [#PlayBallPlayFair](#) – Integrity campaign
- Appointment as [IOC-WBSC Ambassadors for Prevention of Competition Manipulation](#)
- Launch of [WBSC Webinar on Prevention of Competition Manipulation and Anti-Doping](#)
- Participation in WADA's Campaign "Play True, Play Safe"
- Appointment as International Testing Agency (ITA) Education Ambassador
- Enrolment in [IOC Certification Course for Safeguarding in Sport](#)
- Launch of the WBSC [#SafeCall](#) - Safeguarding campaign

**#SAFECALL**  
**safeguarding@wbsc.org**



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WE ALL LOVE COMPETING  
AND WINNING BUT THE  
IMPORTANCE OF  
COMPETING CLEAN  
CANNOT BE OVERSTATED.  
REMEMBER TO RESPECT  
YOURSELF, YOUR  
COUNTRY AND YOUR  
SPORT. PLAY TRUE!

Ashley Stephenson  
Baseball, Canada



**PLAY TRUE, PLAY SAFE**

WORLD ANTI-DOPING AGENCY



"I am and always have  
been a strong believer  
in playing safe and  
clean, which is the main  
reason I want to be a  
clean sport ambassador  
– to support and pass on  
this message to other  
athletes."

Randolph Oduber



#KeepingSportReal

# ADVICE

## FROM THE FORMER ATHLETES' COMMISSION



The key would be our presence at WBSC tournaments. It is crucial that the next commission members can be seen, especially at tournaments throughout all age groups, male and female competitions.

As an Athlete Representative, we have the responsibility to encourage other athletes around us to observe, share and spread information that is important in our sport, and also in a position to strongly express the values and the needs of the athletes to the leadership.

The role depends on your availability and flexibility. I hope the next Athlete Representatives have the ability to stand in front of our athletes more often.

**Justin Huber**  
Former Co-Chair of  
WBSC Athletes' Commission







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