



## **REPORT CASE**

### **Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions**

In accordance with Article 10 of the World Baseball Softball Confederation Prevention of the Manipulation of Competitions Rules ("WBSC PMC"), the WBSC hereby reports that the

- President of the Lithuania Baseball Association (LBA): Mr. Virmidas Neverauskas
- Secretary General of the Lithuania Baseball Association: Ms. Audrone Rasciute
- Athlete: Mr. Audrius Rascius
- Coach: Mr. Donatas Maciulevicius

have violated Article 4.2.1 – Intentional arrangement and/or Article 4.4 – Failure to report of the WBSC PMC. More precisely, the individuals were part of an age manipulation fraud that occurred during the U-18 European Championship Qualifier in Zürich, Switzerland.

The individuals have been sanctioned as follows:

1. Mr. Virmidas Neverauskas is suspended for a period of 6 years from holding any managerial position within the LBA and from representing LBA or any other organisation in any WBSC event, as well as from holding any official role or function in any event organised by WBSC. The period of ineligibility starts on 30 November 2023 and shall remain in full force and effect until 29 November 2029;
2. Ms. Audrone Rasciute is suspended for a period of 6 years from holding any managerial position within the LBA and from representing LBA or any other organisation in any WBSC event, as well as from holding any official role or function in any event organised by WBSC. The period of ineligibility starts on 30 November 2023 and shall remain in full force and effect until 29 November 2029;
3. Mr. Audrius Rascius is suspended for a period of 3 years from taking part in tournaments, competitions and official activities of the WBSC. The period of ineligibility starts on 30 November 2023 and shall remain in full force and effect until 29 November 2026;
4. Mr. Donatas Maciulevicius is suspended for a period of 6 months from taking part in tournaments, competitions and official activities of the WBSC as a coach. The period of ineligibility starts on 30 November 2023 and shall remain in full force and effect until 29 May 2024.

The Lithuania Baseball Association has been sanctioned as follows:

5. The WBSC ranking points of LBA's participation in the tournament have been deleted;
6. The Lithuania Baseball Association must also implement measures set to avoid match-fixing, such as but not limited to the attendance and validation of the course on preventing competition manipulation from Athlete365 for all participants of the Lithuanian team present during future WBSC Tournament until December 2026 and to the conduction of in-person passport and Final Team Roster [FTR] checks for all players at any WBSC event until 29 November 2025.