

RIGHTS & OPPORTUNITIES

WBSC AFFILIATED-MEMBERS

(FULL & PROVISIONAL)

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 **Affiliated Membership** is open to recognised national or territorial bodies governing Baseball or Softball, or those single bodies jointly governing Baseball and Softball, and which satisfy the criteria and requirements of the WBSC. *Articles 6.1 & 6.5*
3. The rights and benefits of WBSC **Affiliated Members (Full and Provisional)** 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 Affiliated Members (Full and Provisional)

Subject	WBSC Affiliated-Members	Reference
Basic Requirements	1. Must exercise a specific, real and on-going sport activities of the Sport and be governed by, and comply in, all aspects with both the Olympic Charter and the WBSC Statutes, Code of Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.	Article 6.5.3
	2. Must be recognised as the only authorised Federation, Association or Organisation:	Article 6.5.5
	2.1 to legislate and pass resolutions, motions and provisions in its country or territory, in all competitions of the Sport organised within its jurisdiction or territory; and	
	2.2 to set up relations with other members, in accordance with the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.	
	3. Must be a separate legal entity under the laws of the country or territory in which it is organised.	Articles 7.3.1
	4. Must be a charitable, public service, or not-for-profit entity having its purpose the advancement of the Sport, with the managerial and financial capability to plan and execute its obligations.	Article 7.3.2
	5. Must comply with the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules & Regulations.	Article 7.3.3
	6. Must not discriminate in its membership policies.	Article 7.3.7
	7. Must be governed by a board whose members are selected without discrimination.	Article 7.3.9

	8. Must provide and enforce proper procedures for the prompt and equitable resolution of grievances of its members, providing due process in all instances.	Article 7.3.10
Basic Acknowledgement	1. Must acknowledge WBSC as: 1.1 The sole governing body for the Sport internationally; and 1.2 The sole sanctioning authority for all WBSC competitions.	Article 7.3.3
	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 Full Members in Good Standing	Reference
Basic Recognition	A Full Affiliated Member is recognised as the sole governing body for the Sport in its particular country or territory.	Article 1.5

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 F below); 3. To have the right to speak in all deliberations at the Congress; 4. To vote in all deliberations and matters submitted to the Congress; <p>Note: A Full Member that is not in Good Standing may attend only through a non-voting representative and cannot vote.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. To take part in Olympic Competitions (inclusion the qualifiers) and other WBSC sanctioned competitions and events for which they are eligible; <p>Note: This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The right and sole authority to select its national team under the WBSC Statutes, and the exclusive right to represent the country or territory name, flag and colours; • The right to participate in Continental and Regional competitions and events under the authority of, or sanctioned by the Continental Associations; • The right to bid for any of the above competitions and events; 	<p>Article 8.1 (from 8.1.1 to 8.1.8)</p> <p>Articles 8.2.3 & 13.2.1</p> <p>Article 19.2</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The right to recommend or nominate officials for approval by WBSC to serve at such competitions and events subject to the approval; • The right to recommend and nominate officers for approval by WBSC to serve on WBSC Commissions; and • The right to be included in the WBSC and Continental rankings for the Sport. <p>6. To be recognised as the only National Governing Body of the Sport in its country or territory;</p> <p>7. To do or engage in any other act to which a Member that is in Good Standing is otherwise entitled to do; and</p> <p>8. To make proposals and submit resolutions to the WBSC for the consideration of the Executive Board and/or the Congress.</p> <p>Note: Congress includes Extraordinary Congress.</p>	
Congress Representation	As a Member which governs Baseball or Softball in its country or territory, it shall be entitled to a single accredited delegate at a Congress; as a Member Federation which governs both Baseball and Softball in its country or territory, it may have up to two accredited delegates—one for each sport.	Article 13.2.1

	<p>Note: 1. Accredited delegates and non-voting representatives shall not be recognised if they are subject to a disciplinary decision that prohibits participation in a Congress.</p> <p>2. No accredited delegate or representative shall represent more than one Member.</p> <p>Note: Congress includes Extraordinary Congress.</p>	
Nomination for Election	May nominate a person, subject to eligibility, for election for any position on the WBSC Executive Board.	Article 4.2 & 4.3 WBSC Elections By-Laws
Disciplinary Matters	<p>As a National Federation, its jurisdiction and right to discipline or disqualify in its own country or territory and its own sport as follows is recognised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any person in accordance with the rules of the NF or sport; and • Any foreign person that, in a WBSC competition sanctioned by that National Federation, violates the rules of that National Federation. 	Article 21.1
Merchandising	As A Full Affiliated Member taking part in competitions organised by the IOC, Multi-sports Games, and all competitions organised by WBSC, the right to use advertising brand or badges any time corresponding to what is authorised by the IOC and WBSC is recognised.	Article 25.1

D. Rights of a WBSC Provisional Member in Good Standing

Subject	WBSC Provisional 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 F below); 3. To have the right to speak, but not vote, in all deliberations at the Congress; 4. To do or engage in any other act to which a Member that is in Good Standing is otherwise entitled to do; and 5. 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 8.2 (from 8.2.1 to 8.2.5)

E. Member's Rights are exclusive

1. 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.
2. A Member can only exercise its rights in a Congress through a delegate duly and properly appointed and authorised by the Member. A delegate so appointed and authorised by a Member may only represent and vote exclusively on behalf of that Member. A delegate may therefore represent only one Member.

Articles 8.4 & 13.2.1

F. **Opportunities of WBSC Affiliated Members**

Subject	WBSC Affiliated Members Opportunities
Education and Development	Access to the WBSC Academy.
	Access to the WBSC Development 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 IOC Olympic Solidarity Programmes, through the respective NOC.
	Access to the WBSC Licensing Programmes.
Support Services	Access to consultation on the organising and hosting of competitions and events.
	Access to the WBSC mailbox.
	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.)
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.
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.