WBSC Paralympic Commission

Report on the Development of Para-sports
WBSC & AIBXC collaboration

Baseline
Existing teams

4 countries
2016-2021 – Equipment/Clinics with WBSC support

10 countries
Current situation

12 countries
Requirements for inclusion in Paralympic Games

- Decision 72 months (6 years) prior to the relevant PG – 2026 for Brisbane 2032
- IF must be an IPC member or have IPC Recognised IF status
- The sport applied for by the IF must:
  - Have an established quadrennial competition programme: 2 world championships hosted within the last 8 years.
  - Opportunities to athletes from all regions to engage in competition.
  - Worldwide reach: 24 countries and 3 IPC regions proving wide and regular practice
    
    (recognised/sanctioned national championships on a regular basis, or; competing with a national delegation in internationally-recognised/sanctioned competitions, within last 4 years)

- A sport or discipline that is not on the OG Programme ordinarily will not be considered for inclusion on the PG Programme unless it is considered to be a special or distinctive sport/discipline for athletes with an impairment.
Challenges

- WBSC status – no membership or recognition status by IPC (target 2024)
- Number of countries required (21 vs 24)
- Competition programme not in place (develop a comprehensive competition programme integrated with WBSC Event portfolio)
- Only one adapted discipline «recognised» by WBSC
- Budget
- Human resources & time availability
- WBSC vision, objectives and strategy for para-sports to be defined (by 2023)
Strategic Plan 2022-28 / Strategic Goals

A. Become a Permanent fixture on the Olympic Programme
   ➢ Confirm Baseball/Softball in the Olympic Programme for LA2028 and Brisbane 2032 Olympic & Paralympic Games.

D. Grow our Sport and Make it relevant in People’s Lives and in their Communities
   ➢ Support NFs to have Baseball5 in their school system and to introduce Para-sports in their countries/regions.
   ➢ Explore the possibility to create a new Baseball5 discipline for disables: Baseball5 for intellectual disables.
   ➢ Recognise and Develop adapted disciplines of Baseball/Softball/Baseball5 for people with an impairment to target Paralympic inclusion enhancing cooperation with IPC.

F. Event Excellence
   ➢ Expand the event portfolio to introduce all WBSC disciplines: Baseball/Softball/Baseball5/Para-sports and eSports competitions.
H. Enhance WBSC’s Leadership and Relationships
   - Strengthen the WBSC’s global standing and relationships, especially within the Olympic and Paralympic Family.
   - Join commissions, working groups, workshops and meetings staged by the Olympic & Paralympic Movements and the international sports industry.

Departments involved:
- Event → international events calendar
- Integrity Unit → anti-doping programme for para-athletes
- Development → classification manual, implementation of the strategy
- Support: IT / Media & Communications / Member Relations
Development / Next Steps

- Procedure for NFs to apply for development funds
- Explore possibility to create new Paralympic discipline: Baseball5 for intellectual disables
- WBSC strategy/targets (example):
  - 2024 To gain IPC Membership
  - 2028 Demo/showcasing in LA2028
  - 2032 Inclusion in the Brisbane Paralympic Games
- Explore possibility to create own discipline: *Baseball5 for intellectual disables*

THANK YOU!