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CHAPTER 1 PREAMBLE

Article 1 Preamble

1.1 This document contains the Regulation drawn up by WBSC to regulate the WBSC Commissions as per Article 18 of the WBSC Statutes.

Article 2 List of Commissions

2.1 As per Article 18.4 of the WBSC Statutes, the mandatory WBSC Commissions are:

2.1.1 Athletes' Commission: as per Article 18.4.1.

2.1.2 Medical Commission: as per Article 18.4.2.

2.1.3 Integrity Commission: as per Article 18.4.3.

2.1.4 Legal Commission: as per Article 18.4.4.

2.1.5 Paralympic Commission: as per Article 18.4.5.

2.1.6 Baseball Commission: as per Article 18.4.6.

2.1.7 Softball Commission: as per Article 18.4.7.

2.1.8 Baseball Pro Leagues Commission as per Article 18.4.8.

2.2 In addition to those, WBSC has established the followings Commissions & Working Groups:

2.2.1 Coach Commission

2.2.2 Development Commission

2.2.3 Infrastructure Commission

2.2.4 Sustainability at Large Commission

2.2.5 Diversity & Inclusivity Commission

2.2.6 Tournament Commission

2.2.7 Baseball Technical Commission

2.2.8 Softball Technical Commission

2.2.9 Baseball Umpiring Commission

2.2.10 Softball Umpiring Commission

2.2.11 Scoring Commission

2.2.12 Women's Baseball Development Commission

2.2.13 Men's Fast Pitch Softball Commission

2.2.14 WBSC Hall of Fame Commission

2.2.15 WBSC Baseball5 Game Officials Commission

CHAPTER 2 WORKING PRINCIPLES

Article 3 Functioning and Basics of the Commissions

3.1 Each Commission, as established by the WBSC Executive Board, will be formed by people appointed by the President who have particular, deep and professional knowledge in a specific field because of his or her studies, career, preparation, experience.

3.2 Each Commission shall work on specific targeted issues that the WBSC Congress or the WBSC Executive Board deem important and shall so report its recommendations to the WBSC Executive Board working alongside with the designated WBSC Departments/Units and Staff Liaisons. Moreover, they shall contribute to the achievement of the WBSC Strategic Goals.

3.3 When appointing members WBSC shall take high consideration about gender balance, fair regional and geographical representation and ensure great diversity.

3.4 The Chairpersons of the mandatory Commissions shall submit a filled and signed Conflict of Interest Form to the attention of the WBSC Integrity Unit before being

appointed. For the Integrity and Legal Commissions, this process is extended for all the members.

3.5 In the event of the Chairperson being impeded from performing his or her duties as Chair, the Vice-Chair shall perform these functions until the vacancy will be fulfilled.

3.6 In the event of death, resignation, or inability of a member to perform his or her functions, the member shall be replaced.

3.7 In the event of a breach of the present Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, a Commission member, or its Chairperson, may be removed from office upon recommendation of the Integrity Unit to the WBSC Executive Board.

3.8 The WBSC provides the Commissions with an annual operating budget; expenses are subject to WBSC approval. In addition, secretarial assistance is provided by the WBSC.

3.9 The duration of the term of appointment of the WBSC Commissions member is four (4) years. Such term is renewable.

Article 4 Meetings

4.1 The WBSC Commissions may hold up to two (2) meetings per year. They also meet annually with the WBSC Executive Board to submit their recommendations.

4.2 The meetings are convened by the Chairperson of the Commission through the WBSC secretariat.

4.3 The agenda and the working documents, as well as the minutes of the meetings, are prepared by the secretariat, at the request of the Chairpersons.

CHAPTER 3 **ATHLETES'** COMMISSION

Article 5 Background

5.1 In 2014 the WBSC Executive Board appointed one athlete representative from the baseball division, and one athlete representative from the softball division to fill a vacancy of athletes' representation, as stated in the WBSC Statutes.

5.2 For the purposes of the Commissions By-Laws "Active Athletes" means those athletes who are currently competing or competed in either a WBSC World Championship/Cup, including Premier12, Olympic Qualifier and Olympic Games, and WBSC sanctioned or recognised competitions, including multisport games in the six (6) years prior to any election.

5.3 Bye-law 1 to Rule 21 of the IOC (International Olympic Committee) Olympic Charter states that: *"An Athletes' Commission shall be constituted, the majority of whose members shall be elected by athletes participating in the Olympic Games. The election shall be held on the occasion of the Games of the Olympiad and the Olympic Winter Games, in accordance with regulations adopted by the IOC Executive Board, in consultation with the Athletes' Commission and communicated to the IFs and NOCs no later than one year prior to the Olympic Games at which such election is to be held*

Article 6 Objectives / Functioning

6.1 The Athletes' Commission is a consultative body of the WBSC and a link between the Active Athletes and the WBSC.

6.2 It ensures that the athletes' points of view are taken into account in WBSC decisions.

6.3 It ensures respect for the rights of the athletes who represent their countries, their communities, their families and themselves, and makes recommendations to the WBSC with this perspective in mind.

6.4 It puts forward recommendations for nominations of Athletes Representatives to sit on other WBSC commissions or associated bodies and thus express the athletes' points of view.

6.5 It proposes to establish working groups responsible for liaison with Organising Committees for WBSC events, to help them to respond better to the needs of the athletes.

6.6 During WBSC sanctioned events the Athletes' Commission is present and available to support the athletes' competing in the event.

6.7 The Athletes' Commission forwards its recommendations/proposals to the WBSC Executive Board subject to the approval, after discussion within the Athletes' Commission, of the majority of the members present.

Article 7 Composition

7.1 The Athletes' Commission, as stated in the Article 18.4.1 of the WBSC Statutes, advises on matters relevant to players and is composed of at least eight (8) members, including:

7.1.1 Four (4) athletes from the Executive Board (two representatives) and the Baseball Commission (two representatives) who have participated in at least one WBSC Baseball Competition within the six (6) years immediately preceding his/her election;

7.1.1.1 Two (2) Athlete Representatives from Men's Baseball and two (2) Athlete Representatives from Women's Baseball;

7.1.2 Four (4) athletes from Executive Board (two representatives) and the Softball Commission (two representatives) who have participated in at least one WBSC Softball Competition within the six (6) years immediately preceding his/her election;

7.1.2.1 Two (2) Athlete Representatives from Men's Softball and two (2) Athlete Representatives from Women's Softball;

7.1.3 Whenever possible, equal male and female representation and fair regional/geographical representation should be a priority;

7.1.4 As per the Article 5.2, only Active Athletes may stand for election of the WBSC Athlete Representatives and may be appointed as WBSC Athletes' Commission Members;

7.2 The Athletes Commission will have four (4) Athlete Representatives in the WBSC Executive Board and another four (4) Athlete Representatives in the Baseball and Softball Commissions to form a minimum of eight (8) member Athletes Commission.

7.3 To ensure the athletes' voice is heard and respected, four (4) Athlete Representatives in the WBSC Executive Board shall be from each category, one (1) from

Men's Baseball, one (1) from Women's Baseball, one (1) from Men's Softball, and one (1) from Women's Softball as per the Elections By-Laws Article 9.1.7.

7.4 Candidates for the Athletes' Commission can be nominated no earlier than six (6) months prior to the scheduled election.

7.5 As per Article 16.2 of the WBSC Statutes, on the Presidential Council, the two Athlete Representatives are open positions for the Athletes' Commission to decide whoever will be present at each Presidential Council based on the topic of discussion and availability.

7.6 As per Article 14.15 of the WBSC Statutes, the WBSC Executive Board may appoint additional athletes representing any other disciplines of our Sport different from Baseball and Softball. Such appointed athletes may not be in the position to fulfil the same eligibility criteria.

CHAPTER 4 INTEGRITY COMMISSION

Article 8 Composition and Organisation

8.1 As stated in the Article 18.4.3 of the WBSC Statutes, the majority of the members of the WBSC Integrity Commission are independent; the Integrity Commission is composed of a minimum of five (5) members, among whom there must be:

8.1.1 Two (2) WBSC representatives;

8.1.2 A minimum of three (3) representatives who have the needed expertise in the field and no direct link to the sports movement (independent from the WBSC).

8.2 A quorum is required for any recommendation and such quorum is constituted if at least 50% of the members are present, unless a smaller panel is formed to investigate specific cases. Each member will do whatever he/she can to be present at the meetings and actively participate in them.

8.3 The administrative organisation of the WBSC Integrity Commission and support to it are overseen by the WBSC Integrity Unit.

Article 9 Objectives / Functioning

9.1 In the framework of the competence, the terms of reference of the WBSC Integrity Commission are:

9.1.1 To define and update, in collaboration with the Integrity Unit, a framework of ethical principles, including an Integrity Code, based upon the values and principles enshrined in the Olympic Charter.

9.1.2 To help the Integrity Unit to investigate complaints raised in relation to the non-respect of such ethical principles, including breaches of the Ethics By-Laws and, if necessary, propose sanctions to the WBSC Executive Board.

9.1.3 To coordinate together with the Integrity Unit the draft, monitoring and the evaluation of a robust Integrity Educational Plan for the year.

9.1.4 To advise the Integrity Unit during the review of Integrity-related Policies, Rules, and Regulations.

9.2 Members of the WBSC Integrity Commission shall not take any measure nor exercise any influence in relation to a matter where any conflict of interests or any other conflict exists or is perceived to exist.

CHAPTER 5 LEGAL COMMISSION

Article 10 Role and Composition

10.1 The Legal Commission's role is both consultative and operational on legal issues and provides a forum for discussion of current legal issues generally affecting the various organisations, which make up the Baseball and Softball world.

10.2 All members of the WBSC Legal Commission shall be independent. None of them shall hold any role within the WBSC Community.

10.3 A quorum is required for any recommendation/decision and such quorum is constituted if at least 50% of the members are present. Each member will do whatever he/she can to be present at the meetings and actively participate in them.

Article 11 Objectives / Functioning

11.1 The Legal Commission has the followings objectives:

11.1.1 Providing legal options to the President and Executive Board upon request on issues relating to the exercise of their respective competences;

11.1.2 Analysing and informing the Executive Board of the Statutes' amendments which they deem necessary and of any legal matter this may require;

11.1.3 Cooperating in elaborating and amending, whenever this has been requested specifically by those concerned, the Statutes of the Continental Associations or of Member Federations, Associations or Organisations;

11.1.4 Reporting to the Executive Board the conclusions deriving from legal, statutory or regulatory consultations to be submitted to the Executive Board or to the Congresses;

11.1.5 Providing preliminary opinions concerning draft amendments to Statutes and By-Laws;

11.1.6 Providing opinions concerning host contracts and commercial contracts;

11.1.7 Considering actions or defence concerning the WBSC;

11.1.8 Carrying out studies of legal nature on issues which may affect the interests of the WBSC;

11.1.9 Providing legal options and support to the Integrity Unit and the Integrity Commission on breaches of the Ethics By-Laws or any other integrity-related Rules and Regulations upon request.

11.1.10 Acting in the course of electoral proceedings at the WBSC, as specified in the Statutes and the Elections By-Laws. During elections, the members have the role to supervising the administrative process, monitoring compliance with relevant regulations, ensuring the correct application of the regulations, issuing instructions and admitting candidates;

11.1.11 Receiving through the Executive Board any appeal regarding a penalty that had been imposed on any affiliated Federation, Association or Organisation or any of its members, reviewing the case from the procedural point of view and inform the Executive Board so that later they can bring it to the knowledge of the WBSC members at the next Congress, serving as an element for the judgment before the Congress ratifies or modifies the said penalty. This shall not apply to decisions or appeals related to rules of competitions or anti-doping matters;

11.1.12 Performing any other tasks of legal nature entrusted to it by the WBSC.

CHAPTER 6 BASEBALL PRO LEAGUES COMMISSION

Article 12 Background

12.1 On May 9, 2024, to celebrate the 10th year anniversary of the merger between ISF & IBAF, the WBSC hosted the first ever Baseball Pro Leagues Summit, inviting representatives from Major League Baseball (MLB), Nippon Professional Baseball (NPB), Korean Baseball Organisation (KBO) and Chinese Professional Baseball League (CPBL), together called "the Baseball Pro Leagues". As a result of the Summit, the WBSC and the Leagues decided to form a permanent commission.

Article 13 Objectives / Functioning

13.1 The Baseball Pro Leagues Commission serves to reinforce the cooperation between the WBSC and the Professional Leagues, to further internationalise the sport and create new opportunities. This Commission shall explore and define growth strategies for the future of the Sport.

13.2 The Baseball Pro Leagues Commission has the following objectives:

13.2.1 To further grow and develop baseball internationally;

13.2.2 To coordinate international activities and initiatives;

13.2.3 To implement development projects;

13.2.4 To develop new markets and commercial opportunities;

13.2.5 To enlarge the Fanbase/Community;

13.2.6 To represent the voice of the professional leagues within the WBSC ecosystem;

13.2.7 To harmonise the international calendar together with the WBSC, helping the globalisation of the sport;

Article 14 Composition

14.1 The Baseball Pro Leagues Commission is composed of up to two representatives from each professional league (MLB, NPB, KBO and CPBL), the WBSC President and the WBSC Executive Director. This Commission will operate without a chairperson. The President will convene the meeting through the WBSC Executive Director.

14.2 Any other professional baseball league may apply to the WBSC to become a member of the Baseball Pro Leagues Commission. Any such application must be approved by the WBSC and the existing Baseball Pro Leagues Commission members.

CHAPTER 7 OTHER COMMISSIONS

Article 15 Medical Commission

15.1 The Medical Commission's mission is to provide a guiding reference to the WBSC Community on matters relating to the protection of the health of the athletes. The Commission advises the Integrity Unit and the Executive Board on athletes' health, the promotion of health and physical activity and the protection of athletes.

15.2 The Medical Commission has the followings objectives:

15.2.1 Supervising the provision of health care for the WBSC Tournaments;

15.2.2 Delivering evidence-based education to athletes and their entourage leading to effective prevention of injury & illness and better healthcare;

15.2.3 Developing and promoting the adoption of ethical standards in sport science and medicine;

15.2.4 Exploring the potential of new technologies to optimise athletes' health, and preventing their potential damaging effects;

15.2.5 Increase scientific research and surveillance maximising relevance and dissemination of publications on our sport.

Article 16 Paralympic Commission

16.1 The Paralympic Commission's mission is to study the structure, organisation and management of Para-Sports and the development of competition formats for athletes of all impairments. The Paralympic Commission serves to expand, promote and improve the

word-wide practice of Baseball/Softball for persons with an impairment while safeguarding the best interests of the athletes.

16.2 The Paralympic Commission has the following objectives:

16.2.1 Develop adapted disciplines of Baseball/Softball/Baseball5 for people with impairments;

16.2.2 Study the structure, organisation and management of Para-sports including but not limited to tournaments;

16.2.3 Recommend improvements to all WBSC official documents concerning Para-sports;

16.2.4 Establish guidelines for equipment to be used in Para-sports;

16.2.5 Recommend a plan for the further expansion of Para-sports among WBSC membership;

16.2.6 Recommend improvements on educational activities.

Article 17 Baseball Commission

17.1 The Baseball Commission has, as its main mission, to be responsible for the overview of all sport relevant topic regarding Baseball, the supervision and the organisation of the discipline. This Commission serves to develop Baseball and to improve its structures.

17.2 The Baseball Commission has the following objectives:

17.2.1 To overview all Baseball Sport relevant topics, to coordinate the work of the other Commissions related to Baseball Sport relevant topics and to, when necessary, report their proposal to the Executive Board for approval;

17.2.2 To elaborate, recommend and amends regulations for the competitions;

17.2.3 To govern, manage and administer all technical aspects of Baseball;

17.2.4 To approve, compile and keep up-to-date Baseball records achieved; and

17.2.5 To provide written reports of the activities.

Article 18 Softball Commission

18.1 The Softball Commission has, as its main mission, to be responsible for the overview of all sport relevant topic regarding Softball, the supervision and the organisation of the discipline. This Commission serves to develop Softball and to improve its structure.

18.2 The Softball Commission has the following objectives:

18.2.1 To overview all Softball Sport relevant topics, to coordinate the work of the other Commissions related to Softball Sport relevant topics and to, when necessary, report their proposal to the Executive Board for approval;

18.2.2 To elaborate, recommend and amends regulations for the competitions;

18.2.3 To govern, manage and administer all qualification and technical aspects of Softball;

18.2.4 To approve and compile and keep up-to-date Softball records achieved; and

18.2.5 To provide written reports of the activities.

Article 19 Coach Commission

19.1 The Coach Commission represents coaches within the Baseball/Softball Movement, upholds the rights and obligations of coaches, and studies and recommends methods and measures to improve Baseball/Softball Tournaments.

19.2 The Coach Commission has the following objectives:

19.2.1 Uphold the rights and obligations of coaches;

19.2.2 Study and recommend methods and measures to improve Baseball/Softball Tournaments;

19.2.3 Use its influence to educate Coaches and Athletes and to be a facilitator between the WBSC and the Teams;

19.2.4 Help the WBSC be an opinion leader and a repository of expertise and knowledge regarding all matters related to athletes and athlete's entourage.

19.2.5 Help the WBSC to develop high level courses for coaches and manage their certification;

19.2.6 Develop and implement programmes designed to increase the quality of coaching available; and

19.2.7 Organising coaches clinics in various Baseball, Softball, Baseball5 and Para-Sports emerging nations.

Article 20 Development Commission

20.1 The WBSC Development Commission is mandated to perform the functions listed below in conjunction with the WBSC member federations. The Development Commission play a lead role in the direction and function of the Umpire and Scoring Commissions and where necessary, shall also work with stakeholders, such as professional baseball, professional softball and youth organisations to further enhance results-based performance.

20.2 The Development Commission has the following objectives:

20.2.1 Develop programmes designed to grow the number of players;

20.2.2 Identify areas where baseball and softball growth is needed;

20.2.3 Identify programmes to increase the quality of players globally;

20.2.4 Chronicle Development programmes around the world;

20.2.5 Implement development programmes;

20.2.6 Work with stakeholders including professional baseball, professional softball and commercial partners;

20.2.7 Set goals for player development in Baseball, Softball, Baseball5 and Para-Sports Developing areas; and

20.2.8 Hold programmes accountable for results.

Article 21 Infrastructure Commission

21.1 The WBSC Infrastructure Commission is composed by experts in the field that implement best practice in playing field/venue construction and standardising processes and methods.

21.2 The Infrastructure Commission has the following objectives:

21.2.1 Define the standards of Baseball, Softball, Baseball5 and any other relevant venue and playground related matters.

21.2.2 Establishment of WBSC standards to ensure the consistency of venue construction methods across the continents and across all disciplines and age categories.

21.2.3 Provide specific guidelines to interested parties, such as the WBSC members and Event hosts to carry out the best practices in venue construction.

21.2.4 Establishment of WBSC Certificates to enhance the quality of WBSC venue and infrastructure.

21.2.5 Work with stakeholders, such as specialised companies to build and maintain the playgrounds and venues.

21.2.6 Develop educational tools to support the members in all venue and infrastructure related matters.

Article 22 Sustainability at Large Commission

22.1 Since 1995, date of establishment of the IOC Sport and Environment Commission, the IOC explicitly recommended the International Federations and the National Olympic Committees to appoint their own Environment Commissions in order to develop best environmental practices in the international events. Recently, the Olympic Family has been looking at the Sustainability in a more holistic way encompassing social, economic, and environmental development well described in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the Agenda 2030 of the United Nations. This Commission is the guardian of the WBSC Sustainability and aim to engage and inspire the WBSC Family to leave a positive impact on our ecosystem.

22.2 The Sustainability at Large Commission has the following objectives:

22.2.1 Create a comprehensive strategy and raise awareness of key environmental, social and economic problems and issues among the international baseball/softball family and greater sports community at large;

22.2.2 Monitor the implementation of all modern environmental, social and economic principles and techniques at each and every WBSC event and/or activity;

22.2.3 Oversee LOC's (Local Organising Committees) progress in the planning and staging of WBSC events helping them to leave positive impact and legacy initiatives;

22.2.4 Provide specific guidelines to the WBSC's main stakeholders in order to carry out the best environmental, social and economic practices in organising any such international baseball/softball activity. These techniques and practices can also be applied in day-to-day operations, where appropriate;

22.2.5 Work with stakeholders, such as some specialised association that can be consulted to organise informational–educational sessions or workshops, and to help our International Federation to implement its Sustainable Development Strategy;

22.2.6 Reduce the carbon footprint left behind by operational and sports related activities.

Article 23 Diversity and Inclusivity Commission

23.1 The WBSC Diversity and Inclusivity Commission is responsible for creating a diverse and inclusive ecosystem within the Baseball/Softball Community. Diversity is defined as the entire range of human differences that includes, but is not limited to race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, age, socioeconomic status, religious affiliation, national origin and different abilities. Inclusion puts the concept of diversity into action by creating ab environment of involvement, respect and connection.

23.2 The Diversity and Inclusivity Commission has the following objectives:

23.2.1 Serve as resource for the WBSC Community by providing information, education and communication that facilitates a better understanding and celebrate our differences;

23.2.2 Work on awareness raising and legacy initiatives;

23.2.3 Provide recommendation to the Integrity Unit for the development of policies and practices to enhance great diversity and inclusion.

Article 24 Tournament Commission

24.1 The WBSC Tournament Commission is responsible to develop strategic approaches to optimise the whole process of before, during, and after the WBSC Tournaments based on the experience related to our tournaments and the IOC New Norm. The Tournament Commission plays a lead role to reform the structure of the WBSC Tournaments to be more affordable, beneficial, commercially appealing and sustainable.

24.2 The Tournament Commission has the following objectives:

24.2.1 Rethink how WBSC can support the hosts and the organisers with expertise available at every stage;

24.2.2 Reimagine the organisation of the future WBSC Tournaments with more flexibility to design them and to find cost-effective ways while ensuring the tournament experience and profit for the WBSC, the LOCs and our main stakeholders including commercial partners;

24.2.3 Reshape the concept of legacy under the Olympic Movement by working hand-in-hand with the WBSC event organisers to ensure that our tournaments creates benefits for the host cities, regions, and countries;

24.2.4 Ensure event calendar harmonisation at all times.

Article 25 Baseball Technical Commission

25.1 The WBSC Baseball Technical Commission manage and oversee the operations for Baseball Tournaments in collaboration with the Event Department and develops key projects ensuring alignment with the vision and mission of the WBSC in terms of delivering consistently successful tournaments.

25.2 The Baseball Technical Commission has the following objectives:

25.2.1 Organise clinics for Baseball Technical Commissioners;

25.2.2 Establish WBSC's certification programmes to enhance the quality and professionalism of the WBSC Technical Commissioners;

25.2.3 Propose the appointment of Technical Commissioners to WBSC Tournaments;

25.2.4 Viability of new and current tournaments;

25.2.5 Help the Event Department on developing the WBSC Global Calendar;

25.2.6 Maintain the bat and ball official list up to date;

25.2.7 Assist WBSC in the selection process of player's awards;

25.2.8 Develop further Baseball Rules; and

25.2.9 Provide recommendations to WBSC to maintain Baseball attractive for the society and the WBSC's sponsors and commercial partners.

Article 26 Softball Technical Commission

26.1 The WBSC Softball Technical Commission manage and oversee the operations for Softball Tournaments in collaboration with the Event Department and develops key projects ensuring alignment with the vision and mission of the WBSC in terms of delivering consistently successful tournaments.

26.2 The Softball Technical Commission has the following objectives:

26.2.1 Organise clinics for Softball Technical Commissioners;

26.2.2 Establish WBSC's certification programmes to enhance the quality and professionalism of the WBSC Technical Commissioners;

26.2.3 Propose the appointment of Technical Commissioners to WBSC Tournaments;

26.2.4 Viability of new and current tournaments;

26.2.5 Help the Event Department on developing the WBSC Global Calendar;

26.2.6 Maintain the bat and ball official list up to date;

26.2.7 Assist WBSC in the selection process of player's awards;

26.2.8 Develop further Softball Rules; and

26.2.9 Provide recommendations to WBSC to maintain Softball attractive for the society and the WBSC's sponsors and commercial partners.

Article 27 Baseball Umpiring Commission

27.1 The WBSC Baseball Umpiring Commission is responsible to ensure a professional, consistent and fair management of the Baseball Tournaments at all times.

27.2 The Baseball Umpiring Commission has the following objectives:

27.2.1 Recommend the appointment of umpires to WBSC tournaments;

27.2.2 Establishment of WBSC instructors to ensure the consistency of umpiring methods across the continents;

27.2.3 Organising umpire clinics in various emerging Baseball nations; and

27.2.4 Establishment of WBSC Certificates to enhance the quality and professionalism of WBSC umpires.

Article 28 Softball Umpiring Commission

28.1 The WBSC Softball Umpiring Commission is responsible to ensure a professional, consistent and fair management of the Softball Tournaments at all times.

28.2 The Softball Umpiring Commission has the following objectives:

28.2.1 Recommend the appointment of umpires to WBSC tournaments;

28.2.2 Establishment of WBSC instructors to ensure the consistency of umpiring methods across the continents;

28.2.3 Organising umpire clinics in various emerging Softball nations; and

28.2.4 Establishment of WBSC Certificates to enhance the quality and professionalism of WBSC umpires.

Article 29 Scoring Commission

29.1 The WBSC Scoring Commission is composed by experts in the field that implement best practices in scoring harmonising methods and systems.

29.2 The Scoring Commission has the following objectives:

29.2.1 Recommend the appointment of scorers to WBSC tournaments;

29.2.2 Establishment of WBSC instructors to ensure the consistency of scoring methods across the continents;

29.2.3 Organising scoring clinics in various baseball, softball, Baseball5 and Para-Sports emerging nations;

29.2.4 Establishment of WBSC Certificates to enhance the quality of WBSC scorers; and

29.2.5 Education of live scoring system (play-by-play) to WBSC scorers.

Article 30 Women's Baseball Development Commission

30.1 The WBSC Women's Baseball Development Commission is responsible to advise the WBSC on the policy to deploy in the area of promoting women in Baseball. The Olympic Charter was amended to include, for the first time in history, an explicit reference to the need for work in this area: "The IOC encourages and supports the promotion of women in sport at all levels and in all structures, with a view to implementing the principle of equality of men and women. "Rule 2, paragraph 7, Olympic Charter in force as from 7 July 2007. In 1991, it was decided that any new sport seeking to be included in the Olympic programme had to include women's events.

30.2 The Women's Baseball Development Commission has the following objectives:

30.2.1 Increase the number of women competing and countries bringing women to a higher level of competition;

30.2.2 Increase the number of women coaching, officiating and administrating sports;

30.2.3 Increase sport's opportunities for girls and women with disabilities at local, national and international levels;

30.2.4 Increase representation by women in all IPC decision-making structures;

30.2.5 To establish women's network and conduct leadership training;

30.2.6 To develop tool kit on sports participation for girls and women;

30.2.7 To promote research to understand the benefits and barriers to participation; and

30.2.8 To connect with the broader women and sport movement.

Article 31 Men's Fast Pitch Softball Commission

31.1 The WBSC Men's Fast Pitch Softball Commission studies the structure, organisation and management of Men's Fast Pitch tournaments and the development of such discipline. The Commission serves to expand, promote and improve the word-wide practice of Men's Fast Pitch while safeguarding the best interests of the athletes and the WBSC members.

31.2 The Men's Fast Pitch Softball Commission has the following objectives:

31.2.1 Develop further Men's Fast Pitch promoting the sport among the WBSC Community;

31.2.2 Study the structure, organisation and management of Men's Fast Pitch including but not limited to tournaments;

31.2.3 Recommend improvements to all WBSC official documents concerning Men's Fast Pitch;

31.2.4 Establish guidelines for equipment to be used in such discipline; and

31.2.5 Recommend improvements on educational activities.

Article 32 WBSC Hall of Fame Commission

32.1 The WBSC Hall of Fame Commission reflects WBSC's desire and duty to play tribute to those who played key roles in shaping the history of international Baseball and Softball, while preserving its heritage.

32.2 The WBSC Hall of Fame Commission has the following objectives:

32.2.1 Make recommendations to WBSC on honours and awarding procedures and nominations;

32.2.2 Organise the delivery of honours and awards during the WBSC Congress; and

32.2.3 Maintaining records of past awards.

Article 33 WBSC Baseball5 Game Officials Commission

33.1 The WBSC Baseball5 Game Officials Commission fulfils the need to further grow, improve and standardise the level of Baseball5™ officials around the world.

33.2 The WBSC Baseball5 Game Officials Commission has the following objectives:

33.2.1 Prepare the content and design courses for Game Officials;

33.2.2 Deliver courses in person; and

33.2.3 Certify and propose game officials for events.