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ROLL OF HONOUR

Baseball Champions League Americas (MEX)

8-13 April



- 1 MEX
- 2 LLT
- 3 KCC
- 4 SMP
- 5 TIG
- 6 TDF

II U-15 Softball World Cup (ITA)

27 June - 5 July



- 1 JPN
- 2 PUR
- 3 USA
- 4 MEX
- 5 TPE
- 6 CZE
- 7 CAN
- 8 AUS
- 9 ITA
- 10 ASA
- 11 SGP
- 12 ESP

XVIII Men's Softball World Cup (CAN)

8-13 July



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- 7
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The World Games Women's Softball (CHN)

13-17 August



- 1 USA
- 2 TPE
- 3 JPN
- 4 CAN
- 5 AUS
- 6 PUR
- 7 NED
- 8 CHN

XXXII U-18 Baseball World Cup (JPN)

5-14 September



- 1 USA
- 2 JPN
- 3 TPE
- 4 KOR
- 5 PUR
- 6 PAN
- 7 CUB
- 8 AUS
- 9 ITA
- 10 GER
- 11 CHN
- 12 RSA

II Youth Baseball World Cup

24-27 September



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Baseball World Cup

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July

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NZL
USA
JPN
CAN
ARG
AUS
DOM

VIII U-12 Baseball World Cup (TPE)

25 July - 3 August



- 1 USA
- 2 JPN
- 3 KOR
- 4 TPE
- 5 DOM
- 6 MEX
- 7 CUB
- 8 PAN
- 9 AUS
- 10 CZE
- 11 GER
- 12 RSA

The World Games Men's Softball (CHN)

06-10 August



- 1 JPN
- 2 USA
- 3 CAN
- 4 VEN
- 5 ARG
- 6 CZE
- 7 AUS
- 8 SGP

Softball5 (MEX)

September

CUB	9	FRA
TPE	10	ESP
VEN	11	PUR
MEX	12	TUN
KEN	13	KOR
TUR	14	SYR
JPN	16	FIJ
LTU	16	GHA

II U-18 Women's Softball World Cup (USA)

27 September - 1 October



- 1 USA
- 2 JPN
- 3 MEX
- 4 CHN
- 5 CAN
- 6 CZE
- 7 PUR
- 8 TPE

WBSC eBASEBALL™ Series World Finals

08-09 November



1. POME (JPN)
2. TOMOKUN (JPN)
3. COMPASS (USA)
4. HIG YURUNE (JPN)
5. BENZEN (MEX)
5. JON'S COPYRIGHT (USA)
5. MSQA (ITA)
5. SHE SHE (TPE)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear members, dear athletes, dear fans,

I reflect with great pride on the year 2025, another remarkable year for the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) and the international Baseball/Softball community. It was a year of continued growth and historic achievements that demonstrate the strength of our Baseball/Softball family around the world.

All the participants in our sport, whether playing for the first time in their community or representing their nation or region at the

highest level, deserve our thanks. Your passion and dedication inspire millions around the world.

We delivered an outstanding WBSC events calendar in 2025, with 10 major tournaments showcasing the global reach of our sport. From the Baseball Champions League Americas through to the eBaseball Series World Finals, our competitions gave athletes of all ages the opportunity to compete

internationally and represent their nations and regions with pride.

The calendar included important youth development pathways with the U-12 and U-18 Baseball World Cups presented by RAXUS, alongside the U-15 and U-18 Women's Softball World Cup Finals. The Men's Softball World Cup Finals and Youth Baseball5 World Cup further demonstrated the quality and diversity of our sport while the World Games in Chengdu, China was another key highlight, with both men's and women's softball delivering

thrilling action on the multi-sport-games' stage.

The popularity of our disciplines continues to grow with Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 all featuring in the Southeast Asian Games, Baseball5 added to the Mediterranean Games programme as an additional sport and Baseball and Softball included in the Bolivarian Games and Pacific Mini Games.

I'm excited to see Baseball5 continue its impressive global expansion, reaching new audiences worldwide and creating new pathways for young people to engage with our sport. The signing of a MoU with the International School Sport Federation will see Baseball5 used to promote Baseball/Softball education in schools worldwide, including the potential creation of ISF World School Championships and assessing the integration of WBSC disciplines into future editions of the ISF Gymnasiade. The 2026 ISF Gymnasiade in Mexico will feature Baseball5 as part of the sport programme.

Baseball5 also gave us the most powerful moment of 2025, as the WBSC Refugee Team participated in their first-ever World Cup at the second edition of the WBSC

Youth Baseball5 World Cup in Mexico. These young athletes represented not just their camp but refugees worldwide, demonstrating the true power of sport to unite people and provide hope to those who need it most. This was made possible by the WBSC Legacy Club, Olympic Solidarity and our partners who share our belief in sport as a vehicle for positive social change.

I was pleased we were able to gather in person at the WBSC Congress, where we elected a new Executive Board, which is more unified than ever following the elimination of the Baseball and Softball Divisions. I look forward to working together with all our Executive Board members, especially those who, with our new structure, represent their Continental Associations directly, as we continue to build the future of our sport. I welcome our new WBSC Executive Board members and thank those departing for their dedication and service. These moments together remind us of the power of our shared mission and the importance of working collectively towards our goals.

We are now counting down to Los Angeles 2028, where Baseball/Softball will return to the Olympic stage, and work-

ing hard to ensure our sport is included in Brisbane 2032. I'm very confident that Baseball/Softball will be a wonderful addition to the Brisbane 2032 sports programme and looking forward to positive news when the decision is made.

The year 2025 marked an important transition in Olympic leadership. I want to express my deep gratitude to IOC Honorary President for Life Thomas Bach for his incredible support throughout his presidency. His commitment to our sport, particularly his support for Baseball5, has been instrumental in our growth. We are already working with the new IOC President Kirsty Coventry and I'm excited about how we can build on the strong relationships that will continue to benefit our sport.

As we celebrate our achievements, we must also pause to remember those we lost in 2025. Jim Baba, Pedro Medina and Osvaldo Gil, to name a few, made significant contributions to our sport throughout their lives, and their legacy lives on in the continued growth and development of baseball and softball worldwide. We honour their memory by continuing to build on the foundations they helped create and by educating and inspiring the next generation of leaders in our community.

None of what we achieve would be possible without our strategic commercial and marketing partners. Thank you to each of our Global Sponsors — Konami Digital Entertainment, RAXUS, KOWA, NIPPON EXPRESS HOLDINGS, DAISO, and MUFG Bank— as well as to our Official Suppliers — SSK, Mizuno, Synergy Sports, Corpay, and Trackman— and to all our local and regional partners worldwide for your continued commitment to Baseball/Softball.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar, Senegal will be a historic moment as Baseball5 makes its Olympic debut. This is a milestone we have worked towards for many years.

We also have the World Baseball Classic as well as the Premier12 qualifiers for the first time,, creating new opportunities for nations to compete for spots in our flagship tournament. With competitions across all our disciplines, 2026 promises to be another landmark year as we continue our journey towards Los Angeles 2028.

RICCARDO FRACCARI

President,
World Baseball Softball Confederation

SECRETARY GENERAL'S MESSAGE

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Game Time!



As we reflect on 2025, we celebrate another remarkable year for the global baseball and softball movement. The WBSC family continued to demonstrate the power of sport to unite communities, inspire athletes and strengthen our International Federation's mission to grow our disciplines around the world.

Throughout the year, the WBSC delivered a vibrant calendar of international competitions that showcased the very best of our disciplines. From the WBSC U-15 Women's Softball World Cup and the Men's Softball World Cup Finals, to the WBSC U-12 Baseball World Cup and the WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup, our athletes once again competed with extraordinary passion and skill on the world stage. The WBSC Youth Baseball5 World Cup and the WBSC U-18 Women's Softball World Cup Finals further highlighted the global depth of talent across our disciplines and reaffirmed the importance of youth development within our sport ecosystem.

The year also saw Softball take centre

stage at The World Games in Chengdu, China, where the world's best men's and women's teams delivered memorable performances. Multisport events like these illustrate the continued growth of Baseball/Softball globally and the competitive excellence of our athletes.

Beyond the field of play, the WBSC continued to reinforce its governance and strategic direction. The VI WBSC Ordinary Congress, held in Bangkok, together with meetings of the Executive Board, provided an opportunity for our member federations and leadership to advance key initiatives shaping the future of our sport. These gatherings reaffirmed the collaborative spirit of our global community and our shared commitment to sustainable development and innovation.

Equally important has been our work to expand participation and accessibility. Initiatives supporting youth engagement, the continued global expansion of Baseball5 and Blind Baseball as well as the development of new competi-

tion pathways are bringing Baseball and Softball to new audiences and regions. Through digital innovation, media growth and platforms such as Game-Time, fans around the world are able to follow our events more closely than ever, strengthening the connection between our sports and the global community.

None of these achievements would be possible without the dedication of our member federations, athletes, officials, volunteers, partners and fans. Their passion and commitment drive the continued evolution of our sports and ensure that Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 remain vibrant and inclusive global disciplines.

As we look ahead, excitement continues to build toward the next chapter of international competition and our ongoing journey towards the Olympic Games. The WBSC remains committed to supporting our athletes and members while promoting the values of excellence, integrity and universality that define our movement.

In closing, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to another successful year for our global baseball and softball family. Together, we will continue to grow our sports and inspire future generations around the world.

Yours sincerely,
Beng Choo Low

2025 IN FOCUS

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THE WBSC CLOSED 2025 WITH A CLEAR MESSAGE OF CONFIDENCE AND MOMENTUM, AS PRESIDENT RICCARDO FRACCARI UNDERLINED THE FEDERATION'S CONTINUED ABILITY TO GROW AND RECORD HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENTS THAT "DEMONSTRATE THE STRENGTH OF OUR GLOBAL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FAMILY". "THE WBSC IS ON AN IMPORTANT TRAJECTORY AS WE CONTINUE TO INNOVATE, ADAPT AND INSPIRE IN OUR MISSION TO GROW BASEBALL, SOFTBALL AND BASEBALL5 GLOBALLY," PRESIDENT FRACCARI SAID. "I REFLECT WITH GREAT PRIDE ON ANOTHER REMARKABLE YEAR FOR THE WBSC AND THE INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COMMUNITY."

Ten events across a 10-month season

The WBSC's 2025 international season ran from April to November, opening with the Baseball Champions League Americas and concluding with the WBSC eBaseball™ Series World Finals. Over the course of eight months, the WBSC successfully delivered 10 international events, with five World Titles awarded across [baseball](#) and [softball](#).

Those included the Men's Softball World Cup Finals, the U-18 Women's Softball World Cup Finals, the U-15 Women's Softball World Cup, and the U-12 and U-18 Baseball World Cups, underlining the breadth and balance of the WBSC's global competition calendar.

Growth was also reflected in participation as [American Samoa](#) and [Syria](#) made their World Cup debuts in 2025 at the WBSC U-15 Women's Softball World Cup and the WBSC Youth Baseball5 World Cup respectively. Their inclusion brought the total number of WBSC member federations competing at the World Cup level to 81.

Across all disciplines, the WBSC's [five world rankings](#) featured a record 111 countries from all five Olympic conti-

nents, marking another significant milestone in the sport's global development.

That progress was recognised by IOC Honorary President Thomas Bach when he accepted the [WBSC Collar of Honour at the Congress](#). "I have been accompanying the development of your Federation from the very beginning in 2014," Bach said. "I still have very good memories of those not always easy days. To see how your Federation has been flourishing under the leadership of Riccardo Fraccari is an amazing success story of which all of you can be very proud."

WBSC events showcase emerging talent

The WBSC competitions once again proved to be a launchpad for the next generation of elite talent. WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup MVP Coleman Borthwick capped an outstanding year by becoming the first player in USA Baseball history to receive both the Richard W. Dick Case Player of the Year Award and the Performance of the Year Award, a rare double honour that highlighted his impact at international level.

The pathway from WBSC events to the professional game was equally evident in Japan, where WBSC U-18 Baseball World

Cup standout Genki Ishigaki was selected in the first round of the 2025 Nippon Professional Baseball Draft by the Chiba Lotte Marines after impressing with his power pitching.

Korea's strong performance at the WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup was reflected directly in the KBO Draft, where the first four selections all came from the national team that finished fourth at the tournament. The Kiwoom Heroes selected right-hander Junhyun Park with the first pick, followed by the NC Dinos choosing infielder Jaein Shin from Yushin High School.

Jaewon Oh, Korea's starting centre fielder and also from Yushin High School, was taken third overall by the Hanwha Eagles, while the Lotte Giants completed the quartet by selecting Dongsan High School right-hander Dongkun Shin.

A unique sport's environment

Few developments made an impact as big as the WBSC Youth Baseball5 World Cup, where the participation of the Azraq Refugee Team, formed through the [WBSC Legacy](#) Club's Refugee Project and representing Syria at the Youth Baseball5 World Cup 2025, brought a power-







ful human dimension to the five-on-five discipline and highlighted its potential as a tool for inclusion.

“The Azraq Refugee Team inspired everyone watching, a true reminder of the unity and hope sport can create,” President Fraccari said.

Innovation was also a defining theme as the WBSC eBaseball™ Series continued to expand its reach, with Global Qualifier champion POME overcoming every challenge to claim the WBSC eBaseball™ Series 2025 World Finals Presented by Visit Raleigh. The victory made POME the second eBaseball™ world champion,

following SHORA’s back-to-back titles in 2023 and 2024.

Engaging younger audiences remains a strategic priority for the WBSC, with President Fraccari reaffirming that eSports will continue to play an important role in the federation’s long-term vision.

WBSC CONGRESS

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WBSC CONGRESS ELECTS EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2025–2029 TERM

THE WBSC CONGRESS HELD ELECTIONS FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS, INCLUDING MEMBERS AT LARGE, ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES AND CONTINENTAL REPRESENTATIVES.

On 18 October, the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) Congress elected the members of its Executive Board who will serve under the leadership of President Riccardo Fraccari for the 2025–2029 term.

President Riccardo Fraccari, who was re-elected on **7 July 2022**, will continue to guide the WBSC through 2029 as the organisation pursues its mission to grow and strengthen baseball, softball and Baseball5 worldwide.

Executive Leadership Confirmed

With 161 National Federation voting members present, the Congress unanimously confirmed the following Executive Board members, all elected unopposed:

- Secretary General: Beng Choo Low (Malaysia)
- Treasurer: Angelo Vicini (San Marino)
- Executive Vice President, Baseball: Jeffrey Koo Jr. (Chinese Taipei)
- Executive Vice President, Softball: Craig Cress (USA)

In addition, delegates ratified the nomination of Francesco Ricci Bitti as WBSC Vice President.

A former tennis player, Ricci Bitti served as President of the International Tennis Federation (ITF) from 1999 to 2015 and currently holds the title of Honorary Life President of the organisation. He is also an Honorary Member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and served as President of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF) from 2013 to 2025.

Members at Large

The Congress elected three new Members at Large (Baseball) following a ballot among five candidates:

- Lucie Zawada (Czechia)
- Chen Xu (China)
- Aracelis León (Venezuela)

The three Members at Large (Softball) were elected unopposed:

- Taeko Utsugi (Japan) – confirmed for a new term
- Garibaldy Bautista (Dominican Republic)
- Juan Reynaldo Pérez Pardo (Cuba)

Athletes' Representation

The Congress ratified the four Athlete

Representatives on the WBSC Executive Board:

- Randolph Oduber (Aruba) – Baseball
- Ayako Rokkaku (Japan) – Baseball
- Stacey Porter (Australia) – Softball
- Josh McGovern (Australia) – Softball

Continental Representation

The Congress also ratified nine of 10 Continental Representatives:

- Paul Seiler (USA) – WBSC Americas Baseball
- Kruno Karin (Croatia) – WBSC Europe Baseball
- Gabriel Waage (Czechia) – WBSC Europe Softball
- David Hynes (Australia) – WBSC Oceania Baseball
- Rex Capil (New Zealand) – WBSC Oceania Softball
- Yamanaka Masatake (Japan) – WBSC Asia Baseball
- Art Phainpanitporn (Thailand) – WBSC Asia Softball
- Saber Jljaja (Tunisia) – WBSC Africa Baseball
- Tirelo Mukokomani (Botswana) – WBSC Africa Softball

The WBSC Americas Softball representative remains vacant.

Federations of the Year

The WBSC awarded the Federation of the Years 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 during the Gala Dinner on 18 October at Grand Fourwings Hotel in Bangkok. President Riccardo Fraccari presented the plaques.

Federations of 2025

Starting in 2025, the WBSC introduced an award for the **eSports** Federation of the Year. The inaugural recipient was USA Baseball, “for supporting this new discipline, for believing in innovation and in new possibilities.”

The **Baseball** Federation of 2025 was the Baseball Federation of Puerto Rico (FBPR), for its on-field achievements and successes in governance and integrity, including anti-doping efforts.

The **Softball** Award went to the American Samoa Softball Association “for participating for the first time in a WBSC Softball World Cup.”

The **Baseball5** Federation of the Year is the Cuban Baseball Softball Federation

(FCBS), “for being a beacon in the development of Baseball5 and for showing excellence in it.”

Federations of 2024

The China Baseball Association (CBA) was awarded the **Baseball** Federation of 2024, “for the outstanding U-23 Baseball World Cup and its significant contribution to the development of baseball in China.”

Meanwhile, the **Softball** award went to the Brazilian Baseball and Softball Confederation (CBBS), “for embracing the two-stage World Cup system and for its vision towards international softball.”

The Baseball Association of Hong Kong, China (BAHKC) won the **Baseball5** award, “for making Baseball5 shine and making it *urban* in the best way.”

Federations of 2023

Baseball Canada earned the **Baseball** Federation of the Year award, “for embracing the two-stage World Cup system and for its vision towards international Baseball.”

The Italian Baseball and Softball Fed-

eration (FIBS) won the **Softball** Award, “for embracing the two-stage World Cup system and for its vision towards international softball.

The Turkish Baseball Softball Federation earned the **Baseball5** award, “for embracing Baseball5 as a new discipline and for excelling in it, as well as hosting a World Cup (in any discipline) for the first time.”

Federations of 2022

The Royal Dutch Baseball Softball Federation (KNBSB) won the **Baseball** award, “for its support to Blind Baseball.”

Softball Australia earned the **Softball** award, “for its sporting achievements.”

The **Baseball5** award went to the Tunisian Baseball and Softball Federation (FTBS), “for its sporting achievements in Baseball5 as a model for a strong African National Federation.”

WORLD BASEBALL SOFTBALL DAY

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GLOBAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATES WORLD BASEBALL SOFTBALL DAY

THE WBSC INAUGURATED WORLD BASEBALL SOFTBALL DAY TO CELEBRATE ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2024.

The international Baseball/Softball community once again celebrated **World Baseball Softball Day** around the world on Saturday, 10 May.

The WBSC encouraged stakeholders to use World Baseball Softball Day to showcase their spirit and love for the sport by sharing photos, videos and stories that capture the essence of our beloved sport and everyone definitely got into the spirit.

The reception was incredible, with posts flooding in from around the world, including a video montage from Nijjirosoftball.com website, a softball hub in Japan.

The Bhutan Baseball & Softball Association - last year's winner of the \$10,000 prize, which was **awarded to celebrate the WBSC's 10th anniversary** - also created a special video thanks to their local baseball/softball community.

Another tip to celebrate World Baseball Softball Day was to share the journey. Baseball Canada focused on a decade of improvement and development. Softball Canada also joined the conversation with a post on its socials.

Meanwhile, WBSC Europe described softball as “the teammates who become family, the coaches who inspire us, and the joy that brings us all together on the field,” in a heartfelt post on Instagram.

Great Britain's Women's Softball National Team decided to compile “some of the lighter moments” of their last international participation. While the Switzerland Baseball Softball Federation took the opportunity to look back at major milestones.

In short, and using USA Baseball's words, the second World Baseball Softball Day was an opportunity to bring the whole community together.

The WBSC celebrated its **10th anniversary** on May 10, 2024, with the first-ever World Baseball Softball Day. On the same day in 2014, it elected Riccardo Fraccari its first President.

“We stand as a single, unified and strong International Federation. May 10, the day the WBSC was founded in 2014, is a day for us to celebrate our unity and strength, along with our Confedera-

tions and National Federations,” Fraccari commented.

All in all, it was another wonderful celebration of global baseball/softball. You can continue to follow the conversation on social media with the hashtags: #BaseballSoftballDay #WBSD.



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THE SEASON STARTED WITH THE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE AMERICAS IN MEXICO, WITH THE MAIN EVENTS HELD IN ASIA. IT WAS A GOLDEN YEAR FOR USA BASEBALL PICKING UP TWO BASEBALL WORLD CUPS TITLES IN 2025.

International baseball enjoyed another exhilarating [season in 2025](#), which started in Mexico with the WBSC Baseball Champions League Americas and continued in Asia, with the WBSC U-12 Baseball World Cup, hosted by the Chinese Taipei Baseball Association (CTBA) in Tainan, and the WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup, co-hosted by the Baseball Federation of Japan (BFJ) and NPB Enterprise in Naha and Itoman, Okinawa Prefecture.

It was a golden year for USA Baseball, which captured both Baseball World Cup titles, taking their total number of [Baseball World Champion titles](#) to 32, second only to Cuba's 41.

Alongside these headline events, numerous continental qualification tournaments took place throughout the year, while baseball entertained fans at multisport events such as the [Pacific Mini Games](#), [Southeast Asian](#) and [Bolivarian Games](#).

Altogether, it made for an incredible year for [international baseball](#), with the sport set to grow even further in 2026.

The WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup returns to Japan to celebrate peace

Japan hosted its second WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup in September 2025, a decade after Osaka earned hosting rights in 2015. The [WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup 2025 presented by RAXUS](#) was part of the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

“Okinawa aims to promote world peace through sport and international exchange initiatives,” stated the local government.

USA overcame Japan in front of 16,693 fans at Okinawa's Cellular Stadium in a thrilling final, celebrating their 11th WBSC U-18 Baseball World Champion title, tying with Cuba for the most number of trophy wins in the process. It was their fourth win against Japan in the final, following the 1982, 2013 and 2015 editions.

“We came here intending to be in the championship game and win it. A lot of credit goes to Japan. They are an outstanding team,” commented USA manager Rick Eckstein.

“All the teams out here in this tournament

were great, had their strengths, and I saw so much great baseball. Everyone played so well. Especially, USA, their powerful baseball - they set a great example for us, we will continue to aim higher and work harder,” added Japan's manager Masayoshi Ogura.

The amount of talent showcased during the WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup was indeed impressive.

“I do believe we have the best pitching and defence in the world,” said USA All-World Team shortstop Aiden Ruiz. “The whole draft class this year is insane. We have one of the best classes that has come through the United States in a long time.”

His teammate Coleman Borthwick dominated Japan from the mound and also batted third on his way to an MVP Award.

“Pitching and being in the lineup is really hard; it wears on you. In the last inning, I almost told my coach to take me out so I could lock in the last inning on the mound. But I really love pitching and hitting.”

After the tournament, the Chiba Lotte Marines selected WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup fireballer Genki Ishigaki (Takahashi University of Health and Welfare) in the first round of the 2025 Nippon Professional Baseball (NPB) Draft. Ishigaki pitched 7-1 innings over three games, and his fastball repeatedly exceeded 157 kilometres per hour (or 97.5 miles per hour).

NPB clubs also selected two more U-18 Baseball World Cup stars in the [2025 Draft](#).

The first four picks of the Korea Baseball Organisation (KBO) league's [Draft](#) came from the Korean team that finished fourth in the WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup 2025 while KBO teams drafted a further eight more U-18 Baseball World Cup alumni.

Where the season started

On 13 April, the Mexico City Diablos Rojos (Mexican Baseball League, MB) beat the Las Tunas Leñadores (Cuba's *Serie Nacional*), **6-1**, in the final to win the [Baseball Champions League Americas 2025](#) on home turf at the Alfredo Harp Helù Stadium in Mexico City. The

defending LMB champions completed an undefeated run.

Designated hitter Robinson Cano set the tone in the bottom of the first, when he got to starter Andy Vargas' fifth pitch of the game and drove it into the right field bleacher for a solo homer. The former Major League Baseball (MLB) superstar and World Baseball Classic 2013 winner would add three more hits, going 3-for-5 with two runs scored and an RBI, earning MVP honours.

LMB and Cuba's National League were two of the six leagues involved in the event. The other participants were the Kane County Cougars (American Association), Santa Maria Pirates (Curaçao Double-A League), Florida Titanes (Puerto Rico Double-A League) and Chinandenga Tigres (Nicaragua Pomares League).

It was the second edition of the Baseball Champions League Americas after the [four-team test event](#) hosted by Merida, Yucatan, in 2023.

"A tournament for the National Champions didn't exist," commented WBSC

President Riccardo Fraccari. "Baseball needed this. It offers a great chance to give the participating clubs international visibility and more chances to raise funds."

WBSC U-12 Baseball World Cup: A unique event

On 3 August, the USA defeated Japan in the [WBSC U-12 Baseball World Cup 2025 presented by RAXUS](#) World Championship Final at the Pacific International Baseball Stadiums and Training Centre (ASPAC) in Tainan (TPE) to win their third consecutive World Title in the age group and sixth overall.

Inclement weather affected the schedule of the tournament, which still maintains its status as a unique international event for 11-12 year olds.

One key initiative saw the Tainan City Government, as the host city, arrange for 12 local elementary schools - Ancing, Chongsyue, Denan, Gueinan, Koupi Experimental, Liren, Shanshang, Sun Haw Montessori, Shanhua, Sing-gong, Wenhe Experimental and Wunyuan - to accommodate the visiting athletes



For children in this age group, speaking the same language is not necessary to make friends. The experience of Czechia proved it. “I asked our students if they had any trouble communicating with the Czech kids,” said Keng-Yi Su, Principal of Shanshang Elementary School. “They told me they used body language and convenient technologies.”

The tournament also highlighted the growing role of girls in baseball as **Adriana Salabova** (Czechia), **Mona Brauch** (Germany) and **Renee Murillo** (Mexico)

shared their experience of competing in the WBSC U-12 Baseball World Cup.

Multi-Sport Games

The Philippines beat Thailand to claim the Baseball title at the SEA Games Thailand 2025 with Indonesia finishing third ahead of Singapore. The baseball tournament featured seven teams with the other participants including Laos, Malaysia and Vietnam.

Colombia claimed Bolivarian Games honours by beating hosts Peru in a walk

off victory in the final at the Villa María del Triunfo complex in Lima. Venezuela and Curaçao shared the bronze medal, with Ecuador finishing fifth and El Salvador sixth.

Meanwhile, Palau claimed gold in the Men’s Baseball tournament at the XII Pacific Mini Games, which were held from 30 June to 8 July in Palau. The hosts beat Guam in the final while the Mariana Islands finished third. Fiji and Federated States of Micronesia also competed in the five-team baseball tournament.



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THREE SOFTBALL WORLD CHAMPIONS WERE CROWNED, WHILE THE WORLD GAMES CHENGDU 2025, BOLIVARIAN GAMES AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN GAMES (SEA) GAMES THAILAND 2025 ONCE AGAIN SHOWCASED THE SPORT ON SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS MULTI-SPORT STAGES.

The 2025 season will be remembered as one of the most significant in the history of softball, marked by extraordinary performances, global milestones and strong competitive spirit as three Softball World Champions were crowned – Japan, USA and Venezuela.

Softball also continued to strengthen its presence within the international multi-sport landscape, featuring prominently at The World Games Chengdu 2025, as well as regional competitions including the Pacific Mini Games, Bolivarian Games and the SEA Games.

With the announcement in August that Brisbane, Australia will host the WBSC Women's Softball World Cup Finals 2027, there is also plenty to get excited about in the future, especially in the build up to the LA28 Olympic Games.

Women's Softball: The future is now

With the LA28 Olympic Games approaching, women's softball continues to show remarkable growth and depth. The 2025 season featured two youth world champi-

onships - the U-15 and U-18 Women's Softball World Cups - each delivering impressive talent and memorable storylines.

Japan, U-15 Women's Softball World Champions

Japan claimed their first WBSC U-15 Women's Softball World Cup title in Caronno Pertusella, Italy, behind an extraordinary pitching performance as a team. Japan allowed only one run in nine games, for a 0.12 earned run average (ERA).

In a surprise result on Day 3 of the Super Round, Puerto Rico defeated USA, 4-0, and qualified for the World Championship Final. The day before, Japan became the first finalists after beating the USA, 3-2. It was the first-ever win for Puerto Rico against USA in international softball. The North Americans hadn't missed a Women's Softball World Cup Final since the WBSC U-19 Women's Softball World Cup 1985.

Additionally, Puerto Rico is the only national team to feature in the final of the

2023 and 2025 editions of the WBSC U-15 Women's Softball World Cup, losing both finals against USA and Japan, respectively.

In the final, Japan defeated Puerto Rico, 4-0, with starting pitcher Haru Kitamura retiring the first 18 batters she faced, taking a perfect game into the seventh inning. She then allowed a walk and a single, before ending the game with her 12th strikeout.

Mioka Mochizuki, Japan's superstar at first base, was named the Most Valuable Player.

USA extends U-18 Women's Softball World Cup dynasty

USA's dominant run at the WBSC U-18 Women's Softball World Cup wrote a new chapter at Devon Park, in Oklahoma City, with the hosts defeating Japan in the final, 7-2, to claim the title. It secured a record-setting fifth consecutive world championship for USA in this category, and their ninth overall and also completed a 48-game winning streak, having gone undefeated to claim the last four world titles.



This final marked the 12th time Japan and USA faced each other for the title in the WBSC U-18 Women's Softball World Cup. With the victory, USA has now claimed seven victories against its biggest rivals.

USA remains the only nation to reach the podium in every edition of the WBSC U-18 Women's Softball World Cup, with 15 medals to its name – nine gold, five silver and one bronze. Japan, meanwhile, celebrated its 14th podium finish, having only missed out in 2021.

Mexico also made history. Behind a stellar all-around performance from Analia Lopez, the Mexican team defeated China, 4-2, to capture the bronze medal. It marks the nation's first-ever medal in any Women's Softball World Cup.

USA catcher Juliana Hutchens was named Most Valuable Player (MVP), leading all players in batting average (.778), RBIs (8) and home runs (2) across six games (final excluded).

Japan's Shion Yamamoto also had a remarkable tournament, claiming two pitching awards. The 15-year-old right-hander led the competition in ERA (0.44) and wins (3).

The Finals in Oklahoma City marked the conclusion of the two-stage World Cup, which started in 2024 with the Group Stage played in Sao Paulo, Brazil; Pingtan, China; and Dallas, USA.

Men's Softball World Cup: A spectacular Final

Prince Albert, Canada hosted one of the most anticipated WBSC Men's Softball World Cups in history, featuring the top eight nations in the world in a dramatic and high-calibre showcase.

Venezuela defeated New Zealand, 3-0, and won the country's first ever WBSC Men's Softball World Cup title. Following their historic triumph, Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro extended his congratulations to the team and later welcomed the players to the Miraflores Palace, the office of the President in Venezuela.

The 2025 final marked Venezuela's second experience of a World Championship Final, following their previous appearance in 2013 when they lost to New Zealand, 4-1.

USA claimed the bronze medal with a solid 10-1 win against Japan on the last day of the tournament.

The event in Prince Albert was the culmination of the two-stage World Cup, after playing the Group Stage in 2024 in Hermosillo, Mexico; Prince Albert, Canada; and Oklahoma City, USA.

Softball shines at The World Games

Softball made headlines at The World Games 2025, where men's softball debuted for the first time in a truly global multi-sport event. While the sport has long appeared in the Asian Games and Pan American Games, its inclusion in Chengdu marked a historic milestone for international softball.

Men's event

Japan and USA were both awarded the gold medal after the medal games were

cancelled due to rain. Canada and Venezuela earned the bronze medal.

For the Japan men's team, the gold medal marked the country's first title in a major international competition, after losing both of their previous World Cup finals in 2019 and 2000. For USA, the title was also a milestone - its first championship in a major international men's softball event since 1988 in Saskatoon, Canada.

Venezuela's medal completed a remarkable summer in which they also won the WBSC Men's Softball World Cup 2025/2026 in Prince Albert the month before.

Japan's ace Hiroki Ikeda was named the Most Valuable Player.

Women's event

In the women's event, USA defeated Chinese Taipei, 5-0, behind a shutout performance by Megan Faraimo to clinch their fourth consecutive gold medal at The World Games.

For Chinese Taipei, the tournament marked the team's second silver medal at a major event, after finishing runners-up at the 1982 WBSC Women's Softball World Cup on home soil.

Japan won the bronze medal with an 11-1 win against Canada.

USA shortstop Tiare Jennings was named Most Valuable Player.

Other Multi-Sport Games

Softball took also centre stage at the SEA Games Thailand 2025 where the Philippines reaffirmed its dominance in Southeast Asian softball by winning both the men's and women's tournaments. The men's team claimed their ninth SEA Games gold medal while the women's team extended their winning streak to 11 titles.

Meanwhile, Venezuela completed an undefeated campaign to capture the gold medal in the women's softball competition at the Bolivarian Games in Lima, Peru in November, defeating the hosts in the final



while the Dominican Republic earned the bronze medal ahead of Bolivia.

American Samoa defeated Guam in the women's softball final at the Pacific Mini Games in July to celebrate its first ever title in international softball. Papua New Guinea came third ahead of hosts Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia, Mariana Islands and Marshall Islands finished fifth, sixth and seventh respectively.

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BASEBALL5 WORLD CUPS EXPAND AS GLOBAL INTEREST SURGES

THE WBSC YOUTH BASEBALL5 WORLD CUP TOOK PLACE IN SEPTEMBER, BECOMING THE FIRST BASEBALL5 WORLD CUP TO FEATURE THE NEW 16-TEAM FORMAT AND THE FIRST TO INCLUDE THE WBSC REFUGEE TEAM.



Although Baseball5 is a relatively young discipline, its rapid global growth is unmistakable. Increased participation in tournaments around the world, new programmes in the [WBSC Baseball5 World Ranking](#) and debut appearances in multi-sport events across the globe showcase the rising popularity of the WBSC's urban, mixed-gender, five-on-five discipline.

Reflecting this momentum, the WBSC expanded both the Baseball5 World Cup and the Youth Baseball5 World Cup from 12 to 16 teams and released a new [Baseball5 Rulebook](#) in May.

Growing the Game

On 31 October 2024, the WBSC announced the new continental quota allocations for the WBSC Baseball5 World Cup and the WBSC Youth Baseball5 World Cup following the expansion from 12 to 16 participating teams, marking another key step in the discipline's global evolution.

WBSC Baseball5 World Cup & WBSC Youth Baseball5 World Cup Continental Quota

- Africa: **2** teams
- Americas: **4** teams
- Asia: **3** teams
- Europe: **3** teams
- Oceania: **1** team
- Host: **1** team
- **1** host team of the previous edition in the same age category (if not qualified through the qualification tournament(s))
- WBSC: **1** wild card

"This is just the next step for Baseball5," commented WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari. "And we are excited to see how it continues to grow globally in the coming years."

WBSC Youth Baseball5 World Cup, Cuba reigns, Refugee Team debuts

Tepic, the capital of Mexico's western state of Nayarit, hosted the [WBSC Youth](#)

[Baseball5 World Cup 2025](#) from 24 to 27 September.

Cuba reaffirmed its international dominance, winning the tournament undefeated. The defending champions defeated Chinese Taipei in the World Championship Final, 2-0 ([5-4, 13-3](#)). Two Cuban rising stars, [Rachel Medina and Carlos Rivera](#), earned MVP honours.

The WBSC Youth Baseball5 World Cup made history with the debut of the [WBSC Refugee Team](#) – their first-ever appearance in a WBSC World Cup. Representing Syria, the Refugee Team showed grit and heart in their debut game against Tunisia, despite falling 2-0 (7-4, 13-3). Ahmed Hadroos claimed a historic first – the team's first-ever hit. In the third inning of the first set, Ahmad Alshehadat became the first Syrian player to score a run.

"We are deeply thankful for the opportunity provided to us at this tournament, and we will continue doing our best to learn and upskill ourselves," commented head coach Amjad Alatoon. "Not only

has it been a great education on the court, but also a great cultural experience off it with all the other participating teams being so welcoming and fun.”

Federation of the Year Award

During the 2025 Congress in Bangkok, the WBSC added Baseball5 to the **Federation of the Year** awards for the first time.

The Baseball5 Federation of the Year 2022 was the Tunisian Baseball and Softball Federation (FTBS), “for its sporting achievements in Baseball5 as a model for a strong African National Federation.”

The Turkish Baseball Softball Federation earned the 2023 Award, “for embracing Baseball5 as a new discipline and for excelling in it, and not only for hosting a World Cup for the first time.”

The Baseball5 Federation of 2024 was the Baseball Association of Hong Kong, China (BAHKC) “for making Baseball5 shine and making it urban in the best way.”

The Cuban Baseball Softball Federation (FCBS) earned the 2025 Award “for being a beacon in the development of Baseball5, for showing excellence in it.”

Expanding Participation and Education Worldwide

The WBSC continues to support refugee communities through its partnership with the African Higher Education in Emergencies Network (AHEEN) and Olympic Solidarity, running a Baseball5 project at **Kenya’s Kakuma Refugee Camp and the Kalobeyei integrated settlement.**

In January, the WBSC introduced Baseball5 to **VIRTUS** members through two dedicated webinars. VIRTUS – the International Federation for athletes with intellectual impairment – has played a key role in global para-sport since its founding as INAS in 1986 and is a founding member of the International Paralympic Committee.

Japan also strengthened its Baseball5 development pathway, with BFJ President Masatake Yamanaka introducing former Nippon Professional Baseball (NPB)

pitcher **Yuki Saito** as the new Baseball5 Supervisor. In February, the College of Health and Welfare at Oberlin University, in collaboration with the Junk Baseball5 Team, hosted the first Tokyo Metropolitan **Special Needs Schools Baseball 5 Experience & Exchange Day.**

The Malta Baseball & Softball Association (MBSA) announced in March the **intention to introduce Baseball5** into the Maltese education system while the WBSC, in collaboration with the Italian Baseball Softball Federation (FIBS), held a certification course for school teachers in October.

The WBSC also **presented the opportunities** offered by Baseball5 at the fourth Congress of the Association of Portuguese-Speaking Olympic Committees (ACOLOP, *Associação dos Comitês Olímpicos de Língua Oficial Portuguesa*) in April.

That same month, the WBSC published a new Baseball5 Toolkit, including an update on the Sport for Protection (SfP) approach, the tool based on the Quality Physical Education concept and used

by the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) to help displaced youth achieve well-being and social inclusion.

A joint partnership among the Palau Softball Federation, the Palau Baseball Federation, and the Ministry of Education announced the introduction of Baseball5 into the Elementary Schools' physical education programme across the Oceania archipelago.

Baseball5 in Action: Community, Inclusion and Play

From the beaches of Port Leucate in France's Aude Department to the schoolyards of southern Occitania, Baseball5 once again proved that "play everywhere" is more than a slogan. In May, 350 students from 15 schools participated in a **week-long sports festival** organised through USEP, placing Baseball5 at its core.

Uruguay also joined the movement in June, becoming one of the newest WBSC Members to invest in Baseball5 development.

In China, the power of Baseball5 to pro-

mote inclusion was on full display as around 250 children with physical or intellectual disabilities took part in the historic first **Chinese National Para-Baseball5 Tournament in Wuxi**, representing 33 teams from 11 provinces and cities.

Even legendary NPB home run king **Sadharu Oh** embraced the sport in 2025. During NPB's Mynavi All-Star Game THE FESTIVAL in Yokohama, the 85-year-old greeted participants at the Baseball5 event and even tried the discipline himself.

Baseball5 also made its successful debut at the SEA Games in Thailand – the latest milestone in a series of multi-sport inclusions following its appearance at the **Youth Bolivarian Games Sucre 2024**.



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EXPANSION, EXCITING MOMENTS HELP PAVE PATH FOR THE FUTURE IN WBSC eBASEBALL™ SERIES

The World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) had one of its biggest years for eSports in 2025, bringing competitive eBaseball™ to more places than ever before, creating an expanded field for the WBSC eBaseball™ Series, and crowning a new champion heading into 2026.

Following the success of the HUGAN WBSC ePremier12 in 2024, WBSC continued its eSports journey with the third edition of the WBSC eBaseball™ Series in 2025. The flagship tournament for WBSC's eSports programme began in April and brought WBSC eBASEBALL™: POWER PROS to more countries and regions than ever before with an expanded tournament and over 15 online qualifying tournaments. The Series culminated in the World Finals from 8-9 November at the North Carolina State University Gaming and Esports Lab in Raleigh, North Carolina, USA.

Eight players made it through all the qualifying rounds to make it to the campus of North Carolina State University for the World Finals: Japan champion Tomoya “Tomokun” Baba, Chinese Taipei

champion She “SHE SHE” Wen Fu, Mexico champion Daniel “benzen” Bencomo, Italy champion Matteo “MSQA” Mailetti, Global Qualifier champion Ryohei “POME” Osaka of Japan, Women's Qualifier champion Rena “Hig Yurune” Higuchi of Japan, United States champion Carter “compass” Copus, and Wild Card player Jonathan “Jon'sCopyright” Vazquez of the United States.

In one of the most competitive World Finals events thus far, POME became just the second different champion of the WBSC eBaseball™ Series, joining fellow countryman SHORA, defeating Tomokun in a 2-0 sweep in the best-of-three final.

This year's tournament was one of the most diverse fields yet thanks to the number of online tournaments held in countries all across the globe. National online qualifying events were held in Hong Kong, China, Lithuania, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Chinese Taipei, France, Argentina, India, Japan, Mexico, Korea, and the United States. In addition to Chinese Taipei and the United States, who have

previously organised in-person eBaseball™ events, Lithuania reached a significant milestone by hosting their first physical national championship during their debut in the WBSC eBaseball™ Series.

Adding to the diversity was the inclusion of the first-ever Women's Qualifier, an effort by WBSC to promote diversity and inclusiveness in the eBaseball™ community and create new avenues for all players to be able to compete in the annual competition.

Along with the Japan and Chinese Taipei champions, the champions of Mexico, Italy, Korea, Switzerland, Argentina and France were the initial qualifiers to the tournament, playing in the Opening Round of the World Finals in September.

The WBSC continued and further strengthened its collaboration with Konami Digital Entertainment Co., Ltd. (KONAMI) in 2025, as well as partnering with USA Baseball—who has supported the Series by hosting key events across 2023, 2024, and 2025—and World Finals' presenting sponsor Visit Raleigh. The part-

nerships increased the reach of the game and its tournaments, as well as its status in the world of eSports.

With the renewal of the WBSA's agreement with Newdin Contents and the launch of the WBSA Virtual Cup 2026-2028, the future looks very bright for the WBSA's eSports discipline. The extended collaboration with Newdin will bring new competitive opportunities worldwide and help enhance WBSA's long-term eSports initiatives.



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The year 2025 marked a period of transition for WBSC marketing and the beginning of a new cycle defined by the WBSC Premier12 and the Olympic Games. While transitional in nature, it was also a strategically important year that laid the foundations for sustained growth and renewed global visibility in the years ahead.

Throughout 2025, the WBSC Marketing Department focused on delivering and enhancing the core WBSC event portfolio, while simultaneously advancing key strategic initiatives. Among these was the continued development of eBaseball, where we worked closely with our partner KONAMI to expand digital engagement and connect with millions of baseball fans worldwide. In parallel, we continued to grow Gametime.sport, the WBSC's official OTT platform, strength-

ening our direct-to-consumer presence and expanding access to our events globally.

Media rights distribution remained a central pillar of our activity. Leveraging the 2025 event calendar, we further expanded the WBSC's global broadcast footprint and delivered significant audience growth. A notable milestone was the WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup in Okinawa, Japan, which became one of the most-watched sporting events in the country in 2025 - a testament to both the strength of our competitions and the effectiveness of our distribution strategy.

We also maintained strong relationships with our commercial partners, delivering world-class events and sustained brand value. We are proud of the continued

trust placed in the WBSC by partners such as RAXUS, KONAMI, Kowa, and Nippon Express, alongside our growing network of supplier and technology partners who contribute significantly to enhancing the viewer experience and expanding the reach of our sport.

As baseball and softball return to the Olympic programme at LA28, and with Baseball5 included in the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026, the years ahead represent a period of renewed opportunity and responsibility. Building on the foundations established in 2025, the Marketing Department remains committed to expanding global engagement, strengthening commercial partnerships and driving sustainable growth for our sport worldwide.

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SOCIAL MEDIA: A STRONG FORCE DRIVING WBSC VISIBILITY

In 2025, the WBSC's social media platforms continued to solidify their position as a powerful engine to promote international Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 around the world.

Although 2025 featured a lighter competition calendar, key tournaments - such as the WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup, the WBSC U-18 Women's Softball World Cup and the WBSC Youth Baseball5 World Cup - played an essential role in showcasing young talent. At the same time, Baseball/Softball made significant advancements on the Road to the LA28 Olympic Games.

Across all platforms, the WBSC's social media following experienced an impressive 25% growth, surpassing 1.7 million total followers.

On Instagram, the WBSC surpassed 191k followers, marking an 18% increase, while the dedicated WBSC Premier12 account continues to build momentum ahead of next year's qualifiers, reaching 24k followers.

TikTok maintained its strong growth trajectory, climbing to close to 124k followers, a 23% increase on 2024.

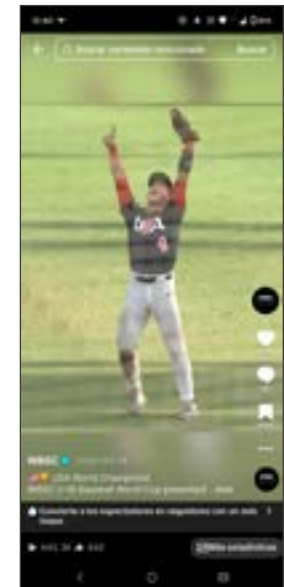
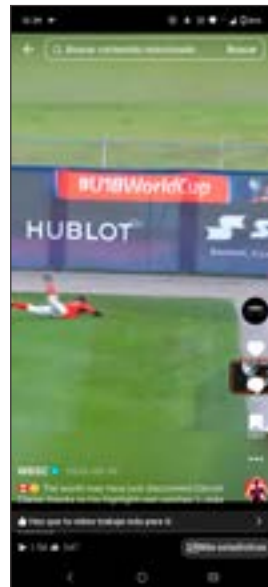
The WBSC's Facebook page grew by another 10% - matching its pace from 2023 and 2024 - to reach 755k followers, remaining the organisation's largest social media platform. The Softball World Cups Facebook profile also posted strong results, rising 16% to reach 72k followers.

On X, the WBSC maintained its position as a leading source for official news, with its profile remaining stable at around 127k followers. The dedicated WBSC Premier12 account also held steady throughout the year, closing with nearly 40k followers.

Digital initiatives became fan favourites throughout the year, with series such as Gametime Classics, Player of the Day, and Path to Glory helping shape a content strategy that meets audience expectations and deepens engagement.

With an offering of fast-paced, fan-oriented content, the dedicated Baseball5 and Gametime Instagram accounts also played a key role in expanding the WBSC digital ecosystem, reaching nearly 67k and 7k followers respectively.

To close, the WBSC YouTube channel - home to full-game highlights and premium long-form content - grew by 8%, reaching 220k subscribers.



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BLIND BASEBALL AND BASEBALL5 POWER ANOTHER YEAR OF GROWTH



Blind Baseball and Baseball5 continue to stand at the heart of the WBSC Paralympic Commission's work in 2025, reinforcing their role as a powerful driver of inclusion, innovation and international cooperation.

Throughout 2025, Blind Baseball and Baseball5 were central pillars of the WBSC's Sports for All initiatives.

In close collaboration with the Italian Blind Baseball Association (AIBxC), a WBSC Associate Member, the WBSC supported activities aimed at expanding Blind Baseball participation, strengthening structures and increasing visibility for the discipline.

The WBSC also further strengthened its commitment to inclusive sport by introducing Baseball5 - the WBSC's five-on-five version of Baseball/Softball - to people in different social situations including **those with intellectual disabilities, broadening access** and reinforcing the organisation's wider inclusion strategy.

The WBSC's partnership with VIRTUS, the International Federation for Athletes with

Intellectual Impairment, also continues to go from strength to strength with the **introduction of Baseball5** to its members.

Growing Blind Baseball movement across Europe...

In early October, five national teams - Italy, Great Britain, the Netherlands, Czechia and Germany - competed for the Blind Baseball European title at the historic Steno Borghese Stadium in Nettuno, the city south of Rome known in Italy as La Città del Baseball. Italy confirmed their status as Europe's leading nation in the discipline, completing an undefeated run to retain the continental crown.

While AIBxC continues to lead Blind Baseball development in Europe, other countries are rapidly following suit. The Netherlands, a relatively new entrant to the discipline but a traditional home of paralympic sport, launched a notable accessibility initiative during the European Championship. At the Neptunus Familjestadion in Rotterdam, the Royal Dutch Baseball Softball Federation (KNBSB) introduced dedicated stands for blind and

visually impaired spectators, welcoming around 100 fans and their companions.

The initiative was inspired by the experience of Paralympic swimming champion Liesette Bruinsma, who in 2024 became the first athlete to establish a dedicated grandstand for blind spectators at a major international sports event outside football. Her work not only enhanced access to elite sport but also provided a model for other disciplines to follow. In recognition of her impact, Bruinsma received the Pahud de Mortanges Trophy at the General Assembly of the Dutch National Olympic Committee, honouring the most inspiring role model in Dutch sport.

Czechia also marked important milestones during the year with Prague Baseball Week in June featuring an historic blind baseball training session described by organisers as "groundbreaking", with support from the Czech Baseball Association. The Eagles Prague built on that momentum by hosting a **Blind Baseball Clinic** in August, which organisers hailed as "a huge step" for the discipline's development in Europe.



....and beyond

Blind baseball's reach extended well beyond Europe in 2025. AIBxC partnered with the Mother Africa ([Mamma Africa](#)) non-profit organisation to [introduce blind baseball in Madagascar](#). Two Italian Blind Baseball League clubs, Leonessa Brescia and Umbria Redskins, donated balls and uniforms, while AIBxC supported the education of local coach Elisera Rakotonomenjanahary, who went on to establish a blind baseball programme in the country.

Chinese Taipei also [joined the blind baseball global movement](#), officially launching a national programme with a target to participate in the 3rd WBSC Blind Baseball International Cup in 2026. On 14 September, Chinese Taipei held its first-ever training session, marking the beginning of a new chapter for the sport in the region. The project was initially conceived in 2024, when the Chinese Taipei Baseball and Softball Association for the Disabled travelled to the United Kingdom to attend the [2nd WBSC Blind Baseball International Cup](#).

Another milestone came with the inaugural [Play for Peace Blind Baseball tournament](#), organised by the Pakistan Blind Baseball Association in partnership with the Leonessa club under the guidance of Sarwar Ghulam, who chairs both organisations. An Africa selection won the tournament, defeating Latin America in the final, while Europe overcame Asia in the third-place game. The event brought together players from Italy and five other countries of origin – Morocco, Senegal, Pakistan, India and Peru – alongside athletes from Great Britain and Hungary. Hosted in October at the Sebastiano Chia Field in Bergamo, in Italy's Lombardia region, the tournament is expected to return for a second edition in 2026.

Leadership within Blind Baseball also took an important step forward in 2025. In October, AIBxC elected Eva Trevisan as its new President. Born in 1980, Trevisan has been a prominent figure in Italian softball for more than three decades and played 36 games for Pianoro Blue Girls in 2025, posting a .390 batting average and a .467 on-base percentage. She has rep-

resented Italy internationally 213 times, ranking third on the national all-time list, and also participated in the [ASOIF's Women Lead Sports Programme](#) in March 2024, underlining the growing role of women in leadership positions across the international baseball and softball community.

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DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES 2025-2028

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**WBSC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY DRIVES GROWTH WORLDWIDE
THE WBSC CLOSED ANOTHER YEAR OF STEADY EXPANSION IN
2025, UNDERPINNED BY A DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY DESIGNED
TO STRENGTHEN BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, BASEBALL5 AND ESPORTS
WORLDWIDE.**



Following the publication of its Development Programmes 2025–2028 booklet in **English** and **Spanish**, the WBSC formally presented its ongoing **Development Strategy** to delegates at the Ordinary Congress in Bangkok, Thailand, in October. The roadmap outlines a coordinated approach to long-term growth, combining targeted investment with practical support for Members across all regions.

Strategic investment across all levels

WBSC Development Commission Chair Angelo Vicini delivered an in-depth update to Congress delegates, highlighting how development grants continue to reinforce the sport's foundations while expanding participation pathways globally. The WBSC's Development Strategy prioritises sustainability, capacity-building and inclusion across the WBSC's four core disciplines.

Funding allocated to athlete and sport development supports elite athletes, national teams, umpires, technical commissioners and scorers, alongside technical education programmes for coaches and

officials. Complementary resources dedicated to administration and promotion assist National Federations and Continental Associations in strengthening governance structures, management capacity and operational efficiency.

Additional grants support the establishment and growth of baseball and softball academies, the development of playing facilities, and the provision of technical equipment. Community-based and school programmes also remain a key focus, helping introduce the sport to new audiences and younger generations.

Vicini explained that the WBSC Executive Board defines the global framework and priorities, while Continental Associations tailor regional development plans and monitor the progress of their affiliated National Federations.

Development Programmes 2025-28

Released shortly before the Congress, the Development Programmes 2025–2028 booklet serves as a comprehensive reference for WBSC Members. The publication

provides step-by-step guidance on how National Federations and Continental Associations can leverage the WBSC's global network, expertise and resources to drive sustainable growth at all levels of the game.

“This new edition of the Development Programmes serves as a guide for our members, athletes and officials who wish to benefit from the ever-growing WBSC network established over the past years,” wrote WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari in his opening message. “It represents both a continuation of our shared vision and a renewed commitment to supporting every corner of the global Baseball/Softball community.”

Member highlights from 2025

Across 2025, WBSC Members delivered a wide range of initiatives reflecting the diversity and reach of the development strategy.

In February, a combined team of SOTO and Kongo Basic School students from Ghana's Greater Accra Region captured the inaugural Ghana Koshien Baseball Championship at Labone Senior High



School, winning the final 12-9. The four-team tournament was delivered as part of the **Japan-Africa Baseball & Softball Foundation**'s Africa 55 Koshien Project. **Tanzania** became the first African country to launch a Koshien-style championship, with Kenya, Nigeria, Ghana, South Sudan, Benin, Cameroon and Zambia expected to follow.

In Switzerland, the **Minotaures** club from Martigny introduced baseball to young participants during Junior Days, organised by the **Connectivia Foundation**. Working in collaboration with the WBSC, the club provided batting cages, pitching machines and beginner-friendly stations, creating a safe and engaging environment for children to experience the sport.

Coach education remained a priority in Türkiye, where the **Turkish Baseball and Softball Federation** hosted a four-day Level 3 softball coaching seminar in Ankara from 1 to 4 February. Led by Argentine coach Guillermo Spotorno, the clinic combined theory and practice and awarded national certification to 15 participants.

Youth competition took centre stage in Asia as the Baseball Association of Hong Kong, China hosted the inaugural Hong Kong International Youth Baseball Classic from 14 to 16 March. The event welcomed 13 teams from the Greater Bay Area and Indonesia, offering young players valuable international exposure.

In late April, former Chinese Taipei ace Chien-Ming Wang conducted a high-performance clinic with the Palau baseball team at the National Taiwan Sports University, providing hands-on guidance to a 25-player squad aged 17 to 33.

Government support also featured prominently in Korea, where the Korea Baseball Softball Association announced a **partnership with the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism** to support the 2025 Youth Club League (i-League), strengthening the structure and stability of grassroots baseball.

In South America, the Brazilian Baseball and Softball Confederation delivered grassroots clinics in two cities in the São

Paulo region, engaging more than 200 children through **on-field activities** led by national coaches and instructors.

Infrastructure development marked another milestone in June, as the Taichung City Government unveiled plans for a new domed stadium with a **capacity of more than 30,000 seats**. The Super Dome, projected to open in 2030, is set to become the largest indoor multi-functional venue in central-southern Taiwan.

Looking ahead, Baseball Canada announced the launch of **The Road to Okotoks**, a new U-19 national championship featuring 16 elite teams. The competition will culminate in Okotoks, Alberta, from 14 to 19 July 2026, with teams competing for the Morneau Cup, named in honour of Canadian baseball icon **Justin Morneau**.

WBSC initiatives in 2025

The WBSC also advanced its own development programmes throughout the year.

In March, the WBSC Academy released the second edition of the Baseball Tech-



nical Commissioner Continuing Development Course, a mandatory programme for maintaining WBSC TC licensing. The three-lesson course addresses key rule differences with MLB, recent regulatory updates and best practices for managing WBSC events.

In April, the WBSC joined the Global Observatory for Gender Equality & Sport, reinforcing its commitment to advancing equality across the sport. “With the **GO**, we share the mission of tackling inequalities encountered by women and girls in both sport and society,” President Fraccari said.

That same month, the WBSC took part in the fourth Congress of the Association

of Portuguese-Speaking Olympic Committees in Cape Verde, where Baseball5 was discussed as a potential discipline for future Lusophony Games.

International outreach continued in July and August at the **XXXI World Children’s Baseball Fair** in Japan, hosted in Akita Prefecture. Former international catcher **Luis Camargo** led the **WBSC coaching staff**, supported by Daishin Nakamura (Japan), Robin Wallace (USA), Marc Carrillo (Spain), Hitoshi Hasegawa (Japan) and Ayako Rokkaku (Japan).

October saw the WBSC sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the **International School Sport Federation** in

Lausanne, strengthening cooperation in school-based sport development. The organisation also participated in Olympic Week at the Olympic Museum, showcasing baseball, softball and Baseball5 with support from the Lausanne Indians baseball club.

The year concluded with technical education once again in focus, as Toulouse, France, hosted a joint WBSC-WBSC Europe Baseball Umpire Clinic from 27 to 30 November. The programme offered 30 participants the opportunity to earn dual certification and will form the foundation of the forthcoming Level 1 Baseball Umpire Licensing Programme on the **WBSC Academy Platform**.

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WBSC STRENGTHENS CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

IN 2025, THE WBSC PUBLISHED ITS FIRST MATERIALITY ASSESSMENT REPORT, STRENGTHENING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY TOWARDS STAKEHOLDERS. SAFEGUARDING AND GENDER EQUALITY ALSO REMAIN KEY PILLARS OF THE ORGANISATION'S STRATEGIC PLAN.



As outlined in the [2022-28 WBSC Strategic Plan](#), strengthening governance and reputation while increasing transparency and sustainability remains a central priority for the WBSC.

Sustainability and Governance

In 2025, the WBSC reached a significant milestone by completing its first-ever Materiality Assessment, reinforcing its long-term commitment to sustainability and responsible governance. The project was delivered in collaboration with DEKRA Assurance Services GmbH (Germany).

The assessment identified the most relevant environmental, social and governance (ESG) topics for the organisation and its stakeholders. Key areas include ethical management, compliance and transparency; health and safety for athletes, staff and spectators; fair working conditions; diversity and inclusion; community engagement; waste management; and human rights. It also highlighted financially material priorities such as CO₂ emissions, renewable en-

ergy use, sustainable partnerships and responsible procurement.

The resulting WBSC Materiality Assessment Report strengthens transparency and accountability towards stakeholders, including National Federations, the IOC, sponsors and fans. It provides a robust foundation for risk management and long-term sustainability planning, further positioning the WBSC as a leader among International Federations in the integration of ESG principles into governance.

In parallel, the WBSC continues to align its policies and activities with the United Nations' [Sustainable Development Goals](#), adopted as a global roadmap to 2030.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding remains a cornerstone of the WBSC's Corporate Social Responsibility framework. In 2025, the WBSC further strengthened its commitment to protecting children and vulnerable participants in sport by joining the [International Safeguards Network](#).

WBSC safeguarding policies are built on two core pillars: prevention, through measures that minimise risks to children, and response, through clear actions when a child may be at risk or experiencing harm or abuse.

Throughout the 2025 season, the WBSC reinforced safeguarding awareness through the WBSC Integrity Unit's #SafeCall campaign, screening a 30-second video at every WBSC event. The initiative targeted players, coaches and officials, with a particular focus on youth categories, and underlined the protection of athletes' rights and best interests.

Available in [English](#), [Spanish](#), [Japanese](#) and [Chinese](#), the video was driven by the WBSC Athletes' Commission and complemented the work of Safeguarding Officers, who have been present at all WBSC events since 2021. These officers provide confidential support to athletes and ensure that concerns are handled with care and respect for privacy.

Diversity and Inclusivity

The WBSC continues to champion gender equality, diversity and inclusion across all its disciplines. The organisation sanctions both women's and men's events in baseball and softball and has also launched Baseball5, a dynamic mixed-gender discipline designed to promote inclusivity and equality. Baseball5 will make its Olympic debut at the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026.

To further advance these priorities, the WBSC has established two dedicated bodies: the Diversity and Inclusivity Commission and the Women's Baseball Development Commission.

In April 2025, the WBSC joined the Global Observatory for Gender Equality & Sport (**GO**), founded in 2021 under the auspices of UNESCO and supported by the Swiss Confederation. The GO serves as a global hub for research, dialogue and expertise on gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls through physical education, physical activity and sport.

As a member of the GO's Advisory Council, the WBSC plays an active role in shaping global initiatives on gender equality in sport and ensuring that a wide range of stakeholder perspectives are represented. During the year, the WBSC participated in the GO's **annual conference** and Advisory Council meetings held on 10 June and 29 September.

Women in Leadership

The WBSC strongly supports gender balance and female representation in leadership positions across sport governance, coaching and administration.

In support of this commitment, the WBSC joined the **Women Lead Sports Programme** of the Association of Summer Olympic International Federations (ASOIF).

WBSC Paralympic Commission Member Eva Trevisan and Priscilla Brandi of the Association of International Blind Baseball represented the WBSC at the programme, alongside Nomeda Neverauskaitė, Secretary General of the Lithuanian Baseball and Softball Federation,

and former Australian women's baseball player and administrator Narelle Gosstray.

In addition, Shari Reiniger (Canada), WBSC Baseball Technical Commissioner, and Mette Nissen Jakobsen (Denmark), WBSC Europe Executive Board Member, completed the Women Lead Sports Master Programme, organised by the International World Games Association (IWGA) **from 24 October to 14 November 2025**.

The WBSC also **nominated three coaches** to participate in the Women in Sport High Performance Pathway Programme (**WISH**), an IOC-supported initiative designed to advance leadership and coaching opportunities for women in high-performance sport.

The 21-month, values-driven programme brings together outstanding women coaches from around the world, supported by Olympic Solidarity and several International Federations. Haylee Scott-Maree, who led South Africa to the **Women's Baseball African Championship**, joined WISH Cohort 5

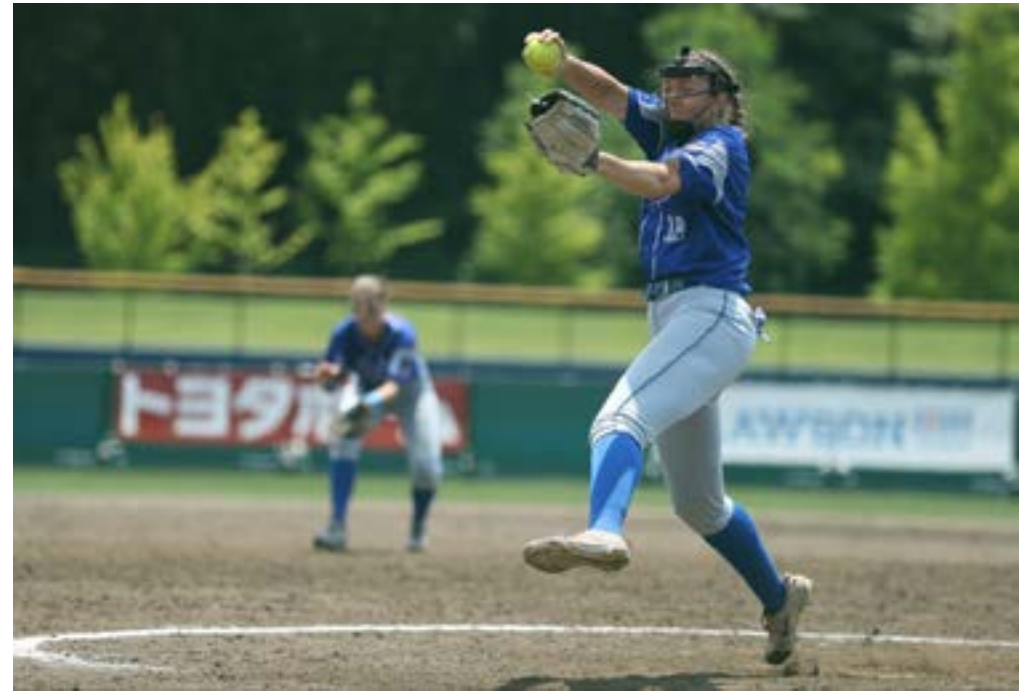
in May 2025. Softball Olympians [Greta Cechetti](#) (Italy) and [Saskia Kosterink](#) (Netherlands) joined Cohort 6 in December 2025.

WBSC staff member Carine Esoua participated in the [Women's Leadership Workshop](#), organised by ASOIF and delivered by Equal Careers, further strengthening leadership capacity within the organisation.

The Map of Skills

As part of its recruitment and appointment process for Commissions, the WBSC requires candidates to submit a [Map of Skills](#) relevant to the respective Commission. This tool promotes diversity by bringing together individuals with complementary backgrounds, cultures and expertise.

The Map of Skills also serves as a performance evaluation tool at the end of each Commission member's term, supporting informed decision-making and ensuring the continued effectiveness of WBSC governance structures.



WBSC LEGACY CLUB

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DELIVERING LASTING IMPACT THROUGH BASEBALL5

THE WBSC LEGACY CLUB SEEKS TO LEAVE A LASTING FOOTPRINT THAT EXTENDS BEYOND COMPETITION – GROWING BASEBALL/SOFTBALL WHILE MAKING IT RELEVANT IN PEOPLE’S DAILY LIVES, AND CREATING A MEANINGFUL LEGACY FOR HOST COMMUNITIES, EVENT ORGANISERS, AND FUTURE GENERATIONS WITH BASEBALL5 A KEY TOOL.



Since its launch on 6 April 2023, the **WBSC Legacy Club** has positioned sport as a vehicle for meaningful social change. Created with a focus on contributing to education, health and social and economic development, the WBSC Legacy Club has found its most powerful expression through Baseball5 and its work with displaced communities.

At the heart of that journey stands the **Azraq Refugee Team** – the first success story of the WBSC Legacy Club and a symbol of what can be achieved when access to sport meets opportunity.

“The Azraq Refugee Team inspired everyone watching, a true reminder of the unity and hope sport can create,” WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari said on their debut

appearance, representing Syria, at the WBSC Youth Baseball5 World Cup 2025.

Baseball5 and the Refugee Project

The Azraq Refugee Camp in Jordan became the first setting for this vision to take shape. Coached by Amjad Alatoon, alongside assistant coach Reem Hadroos, the programme has focused on participation, inclusion, and well-being. By 2025,

more than 100 boys and girls were actively playing Baseball5 in Azraq, a milestone highlighted by President Fraccari during the **third Hope and Dreams Festival**, held from 30 April to 3 May.

“It’s really a touching experience because it’s not only about teaching them sport, but also about giving them hope for a better future,” President Fraccari said.

That momentum carried into competition as the Azraq Refugee Team stood out at the **Kingdom’s Ramadan Baseball5 Tournament** at the Al Maher Foundation in Balila, in north-western Jordan, competing across multiple age groups and claiming titles in the U-17 and U-11 categories. Their participation in the Hope and Dreams Festival at the Azraq and Za’atari refugee camps further reinforced Baseball5’s role in bringing young people together through sport.

Expanding the legacy to Kenya

The WBSC Legacy Club expanded its reach to Africa in August 2024, introducing Baseball5 to the **Kakuma Refugee**

Camp and the Kalobeyei Integrated Settlement. The initiative was delivered in partnership with the African Higher Education in Emergencies Network (**AHEEN**), which supports displaced youth in completing secondary education as a pathway to higher education and employment.

By January 2025, both Kakuma and Kalobeyei had established teams of 30 players, with structured programmes offering three training sessions per week. The WBSC’s support extended beyond the field, providing nutrition, education, and equipment, including balls and training materials. Partner schools contributed facilities for Saturday education sessions, while tailored learning programmes addressed varying levels of literacy and numeracy.

The project’s first-year report recorded 60 active Baseball5 athletes, girls and boys, competing across seven tournaments and friendly matches, as well as one national tournament. Coached by Denis Mitei, with support from Susan Nadai and Issa Rhamadhani, the programme generated strong local spectator interest and fostered co-

operation across communities.

In November, the **WBSC and AHEEN confirmed the renewal of their partnership**, extending the Kenya project through to December 2026 including the continued training and development of local coaches. Under the renewed agreement, the initiative is financed by the WBSC with the support of Olympic Solidarity and delivered in close collaboration with the National Olympic Committee of Kenya, Kenya’s National Baseball and Softball Federations, and AHEEN.

Partner support strengthens delivery

The impact of the WBSC Legacy Club has also been reinforced through partner contributions. WBSC partner Synergy Sports made a Development Donation in support of the Refugee Project and broader Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 development across Africa and Asia. The symbolic cheque was presented to the WBSC and WBSC Africa during the WBSC Congress 2025 in Bangkok by Synergy Sports Assistant Director for International Baseball and Softball, Hide Sueyoshi.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2024

Statement of income and expenditure for the year ended December 31
2024 (in CHF)

INCOME:

Wbsc Membership Fees, LOC Contributions, Sponsoring	494,460
World Cups, Partners, TV Rights, Licensing	2,816,076
Premier 12	10,667,671
Other Incomes	945,451
(Loss) / Profit On Debtors	-4,458
Total Income	14,919,200

EXPENDITURES:

Administration, Payroll, Social Charges	4,643,226
Competition Costs	8,215,147
Development Program	512,638
Olympic Reinstatement Campaign	92,544
Institutional Bodies And Commissions	294,790
New Projects - Wbsc Commercial Projects	320,009
New Headquarters - Expenses, Taxes And Financial Interests	209,953
Expenses	14,288,307
Depreciations	611,990
Extraordinary Income	-1,182
Total Expenses	14,899,115
Excess of Income for the Year	20,085

Balance sheet at December 31 2024 (in CHF)

ASSETS:

Current Assets	10,397,192
Tangible Fixed Assets - New Headquarters	14,509,892
Other Non Current Assets	81,671
Total Assets	24,988,755

LIABILITIES AND FUNDS

Trade Payables And Short Term Liabilities	3,784,226
Mortgage Loan For New Headquarters	5,700,000
Swiss Government (Covid-19 Loan)	250,758
Total Liabilities	9,734,984

FUNDS

Funds As Of 31/12/2023	15,233,773
Total Liabilities and Funds	24,988,755

The financial statements related to the year 2024, approved by the WBSC Executive Board and Congress do not put into evidence any financial difficulty thanks to the constant commitment in providing new income which allows the WBSC to carry out its various initiatives, and most of all to the great attention paid by the EB and the finance department in limiting the numerous expenses.

In order to have a clearer vision, the various amounts related to incomes and expenses can be summarized as follows:

- Total Income for 2024 = CHF 14,919,200
- Total Expenses for 2024 = CHF 14,899,115
- Surplus for the year 2024 = CHF 20,085

The total expenses indicated above include depreciation which amounts to CHF 611,990.

On December 31, 2024, the WBSC has a total value of assets of CHF 24,988,755. This amount is given by the value of the WBSC Headquarters of CHF 14,509,892 and CHF 10,478,862 of cash and cash equivalents.

The liabilities instead amount to CHF 9,734,984 and are referred to as: payables and short-term liabilities, mortgage loan for the new headquarters, Swiss Government Covid-19 loan and accrued expenses a deferred income. The above-mentioned values give a profit carried forward of CHF 15,253,773.

After the period influenced by the Covid-19 pandemic, all the WBSC activities and events have been re-established. The WBSC is also in the process of renewing the TV rights contract for the Premier12 and World Cups. It is important not only to renegotiate the amounts trying to achieve the best result, but it is necessary to investigate all other possibilities to rationalise them as best as possible so as to obtain maximum benefits through careful management of the various activities. Only in this way, will it be possible to replenish our reserves and guarantee the full accomplishment of the planned initiatives for the future.

In conclusion, it is my duty to inform you that the external auditors, FIBEXA SA Société Fiduciaire conducted their examination and completed their audit in May 2024 in accordance with the Swiss Standard. After having examined the financial statements, (balance sheet, statement of income and expenditure and notes) they declare, "Nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not comply with Swiss law and the Company's articles of incorporation."

ANGELO VICINI
WBSC Treasurer

WBSC WORLD RANKINGS

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WBSC MEN'S BASEBALL WORLD RANKING

1	 JAPAN	6676 PTS	-
2	 CHINESE TAIPEI	5112 PTS	-
3	 USA	4357 PTS	-
4	 SOUTH KOREA	4192 PTS	-
5	 VENEZUELA	3653 PTS	-
6	 MEXICO	3606 PTS	-
7	 PUERTO RICO	3393 PTS	-
8	 PANAMA	2934 PTS	-
9	 NETHERLANDS	2690 PTS	▲ 1
10	 CUBA	2622 PTS	▼ 1
11	 AUSTRALIA	2615 PTS	-
12	 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	2050 PTS	-
13	 COLOMBIA	1831 PTS	-
14	 ITALY	1729 PTS	-
15	 CZECHIA	1544 PTS	-
16	 NICARAGUA	1330 PTS	-
17	 CHINA	1136 PTS	-
18	 GERMANY	996 PTS	-
19	 GREAT BRITAIN	975 PTS	-
20	 CANADA	744 PTS	-
21	 ISRAEL	662 PTS	-
22	 BRAZIL	593 PTS	-

23	 SOUTH AFRICA
24	 PHILIPPINES
25	 FRANCE
26	 SPAIN
27	 AUSTRIA
28	 HONG KONG, CHINA
29	 CURAÇAO
30	 THAILAND
31	 PERU
32	 CROATIA
33	 ARGENTINA
34	 SWITZERLAND
35	 SWEDEN
36	 GUAM
36	 PALESTINE
38	 BELGIUM
39	 COSTA RICA
40	 BAHAMAS
41	 U. S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
42	 GUATEMALA
43	 PAKISTAN
44	 HONDURAS
















A	479 PTS	-
	465 PTS	-
	388 PTS	-
	359 PTS	▲ 1
	358 PTS	▲ 1
CHINA	319 PTS	▲ 1
	252 PTS	▼ 3
	216 PTS	▲ 1
	183 PTS	▲ 16
	176 PTS	▲ 1
	175 PTS	▼ 2
D	167 PTS	-
	163 PTS	-
	159 PTS	▼ 6
	159 PTS	-
	148 PTS	▼ 1
	136 PTS	-
	128 PTS	▲ 3
ISLANDS	112 PTS	▼ 3
	108 PTS	▲ 8
	97 PTS	▼ 4
	90 PTS	▲ 2


44	LITHUANIA	90 PTS	▼ 3
46	SINGAPORE	87 PTS	▲ 3
47	LAOS	84 PTS	-
48	HUNGARY	83 PTS	▼ 6
49	UGANDA	81 PTS	▲ 6
50	GREECE	80 PTS	▼ 7
51	CHILE	71 PTS	▼ 6
52	ECUADOR	58 PTS	▲ 15
53	SRI LANKA	55 PTS	▼ 2
54	EL SALVADOR	50 PTS	▲ 2
54	INDONESIA	50 PTS	▲ 11
54	POLAND	50 PTS	▼ 2
57	ZIMBABWE	43 PTS	▼ 3
58	ARUBA	39 PTS	new
59	MARIANA ISLANDS	34 PTS	▲ 3
60	NEW ZEALAND	33 PTS	▼ 3
61	SLOVAKIA	32 PTS	▼ 3
62	PALAU	30 PTS	▼ 3
63	KENYA	26 PTS	-
64	INDIA	25 PTS	▼ 4
64	IRAN	25 PTS	▼ 4
64	SOUTH SUDAN	25 PTS	new

64	SINT MAARTEN	25 PTS	▼ 11
68	SERBIA	20 PTS	▼ 5
69	IRELAND	18 PTS	▼ 4
70	MALAYSIA	17 PTS	▲ 1
70	NORWAY	17 PTS	▼ 2
72	SLOVENIA	14 PTS	▼ 3
72	UKRAINE	14 PTS	▼ 3
74	VIETNAM	12 PTS	new
75	MICRONESIA	10 PTS	▼ 3
76	BANGLADESH	9 PTS	▼ 3
77	ROMANIA	8 PTS	▼ 3
78	BENIN	7 PTS	▼ 3
79	CAMBODIA	5 PTS	▼ 3
80	AFGHANISTAN	4 PTS	▼ 3
80	FINLAND	4 PTS	▼ 1
80	TANZANIA	4 PTS	▼ 3
83	BULGARIA	3 PTS	▼ 4
83	FIJI	3 PTS	▼ 4
83	TÜRKIYE	3 PTS	▼ 4

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WOMEN'S BASEBALL WORLD RANKING

1	 JAPAN	1310 PTS	-
2	 USA	918 PTS	-
3	 CANADA	755 PTS	-
4	 MEXICO	746 PTS	▲ 2
5	 VENEZUELA	710 PTS	▼ 1
6	 CHINESE TAIPEI	654 PTS	▼ 1
7	 CUBA	352 PTS	▲ 2
8	 HONG KONG, CHINA	312 PTS	-
9	 PUERTO RICO	297 PTS	▼ 2
10	 AUSTRALIA	264 PTS	▲ 3
11	 INDONESIA	224 PTS	-
12	 SOUTH KOREA	212 PTS	▼ 2
13	 INDIA	171 PTS	▼ 2
14	 FRANCE	164 PTS	▲ 1
15	 GREAT BRITAIN	160 PTS	▲ 13

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THAILAND	146 PTS		1
PAKISTAN	125 PTS		3
CZECHIA	112 PTS		4
CHINA	96 PTS		1
SRI LANKA	94 PTS		1
PHILIPPINES	80 PTS		5
NICARAGUA	65 PTS		3
MALAYSIA	57 PTS		3
CAMBODIA	37 PTS		1
ARGENTINA	20 PTS	new	
SOUTH AFRICA	20 PTS		2
IRAN	16 PTS		1
NETHERLANDS	16 PTS		3
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	6 PTS		8

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WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD RANKING

1	 JAPAN	3649 PTS	-
2	 USA	3490 PTS	-
3	 PUERTO RICO	3010 PTS	-
4	 CANADA	2667 PTS	-
5	 CHINESE TAIPEI	2276 PTS	▲ 1
6	 NETHERLANDS	1988 PTS	▼ 1
7	 MEXICO	1825 PTS	▲ 1
8	 CHINA	1686 PTS	▼ 1
9	 ITALY	1542 PTS	-
10	 CZECHIA	1520 PTS	▲ 1
11	 AUSTRALIA	1380 PTS	▼ 1
12	 GREAT BRITAIN	1053 PTS	-
13	 PHILIPPINES	993 PTS	▲ 3
14	 CUBA	906 PTS	▼ 1
15	 SPAIN	860 PTS	▼ 1
16	 VENEZUELA	777 PTS	▼ 1
17	 BRAZIL	602 PTS	-
18	 PERU	554 PTS	-

19	 GERMANY
20	 ISRAEL
21	 FRANCE
22	 SINGAPORE
23	 NEW ZEALAND
24	 AUSTRIA
24	 UKRAINE
26	 COLOMBIA
27	 IRELAND
28	 BELGIUM
29	 GREECE
30	 ARGENTINA
31	 SOUTH KOREA
32	 HONG KONG, CHINA
33	 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
34	 SWITZERLAND
35	 POLAND
36	 SOUTH AFRICA

	464	PTS	▲	1
	451	PTS	▲	1
	443	PTS	▲	1
	425	PTS	▲	3
IND	413	PTS	▲	3
	405	PTS	▼	1
	405	PTS	▼	1
	358	PTS	▼	7
	336	PTS	-	
	300	PTS	▲	1
	298	PTS	▲	1
	295	PTS	▼	2
A	280	PTS	▲	1
CHINA	268	PTS	▲	1
REPUBLIC	259	PTS	▼	3
D	253	PTS	-	
	248	PTS	-	
A	240	PTS	▲	1

37	 EL SALVADOR	227	PTS	▲	1
38	 CROATIA	207	PTS	▼	2
39	 SWEDEN	186	PTS	▲	1
40	 DENMARK	185	PTS	▼	1
41	 GUATEMALA	171	PTS	-	
42	 AMERICAN SAMOA	145	PTS	▲	1
43	 U. S. VIRGIN ISLANDS	126	PTS	▲	4
44	 THAILAND	124	PTS	▲	4
45	 CHILE	123	PTS	▼	1
46	 BOTSWANA	120	PTS	▼	4
47	 FINLAND	118	PTS	▼	2
48	 SLOVAKIA	103	PTS	▼	2
49	 CURAÇAO	85	PTS	-	
50	 TÜRKIYE	80	PTS	-	
51	 INDIA	75	PTS	-	
52	 LITHUANIA	73	PTS	-	
53	 UGANDA	66	PTS	new	
54	 ARUBA	48	PTS	▼	1

55	 MALAYSIA	31	PTS	▲	1
56	 GUAM	30	PTS	▼	1
57	 PAPUA NEW GUINEA	25	PTS	-	
58	 HUNGARY	20	PTS	-	
59	 PANAMA	19	PTS	new	
59	 PALAU	19	PTS	-	
61	 INDONESIA	15	PTS	new	
62	 MICRONESIA	14	PTS	▼	2
62	 NICARAGUA	14	PTS	new	
64	 KENYA	12	PTS	▼	10
65	 MARIANA ISLANDS	9	PTS	▼	4
66	 BELIZE	8	PTS	new	
67	 BOLIVIA	5	PTS	▼	6
68	 MARSHALL ISLANDS	4	PTS	▼	4
69	 HONDURAS	3	PTS	new	
70	 B. V. ISLANDS	2	PTS	▼	5

WBSC MEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD RANKING

1	 JAPAN	2989 PTS	-
2	 VENEZUELA	2621 PTS	-
3	 ARGENTINA	2325 PTS	-
4	 CANADA	2165 PTS	-
5	 USA	1964 PTS	-
6	 AUSTRALIA	1934 PTS	-
7	 NEW ZEALAND	1726 PTS	-
8	 MEXICO	1481 PTS	▲ 1
9	 CZECHIA	1416 PTS	▼ 1
10	 SINGAPORE	1078 PTS	▲ 1
11	 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	1052 PTS	▼ 1
12	 GUATEMALA	879 PTS	-
13	 COLOMBIA	642 PTS	-
14	 SOUTH AFRICA	425 PTS	-
15	 HONG KONG, CHINA		
16	 ISRAEL		
17	 PHILIPPINES		
18	 CHINESE TAIPEI		
19	 DENMARK		
20	 NETHERLANDS		
21	 CUBA		
22	 PANAMA		
23	 BELGIUM		
24	 HONDURAS		
25	 GREAT BRITAIN		
26	 INDIA		
27	 THAILAND		
28	 COSTA RICA		

NA	371 PTS	-
	356 PTS	-
	290 PTS	▲ 2
	289 PTS	▼ 1
	279 PTS	▼ 1
	239 PTS	-
	204 PTS	-
	196 PTS	▲ 2
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	80 PTS	▲ 1



















29	 CROATIA	74 PTS	▼ 1
30	 BOTSWANA	73 PTS	▲ 2
31	 NICARAGUA	64 PTS	▲ 2
32	 MALAYSIA	60 PTS	▼ 3
33	 SLOVAKIA	41 PTS	▼ 2
34	 PERU	40 PTS	-
35	 EL SALVADOR	20 PTS	-
36	 SWEDEN	18 PTS	-
37	 BELIZE	12 PTS	▲ 3
38	 AMERICAN SAMOA	9 PTS	▼ 1
39	 KENYA	7 PTS	-
40	 LESOTHO	6 PTS	▼ 2
40	 UGANDA	3 PTS	▼ 1

WBSC BASEBALL5 WORLD RANKING



1	CUBA	5827 PTS	-	19	BELGIUM
2	JAPAN	4527 PTS	-	20	DENMARK
3	FRANCE	4375 PTS	-	21	NETHERLANDS
4	CHINESE TAIPEI	4149 PTS	-	22	ZAMBIA
5	TUNISIA	3606 PTS	-	23	ITALY
6	MEXICO	3343 PTS	-	24	HONG KONG, C
7	VENEZUELA	3324 PTS	-	25	TANZANIA
8	LITHUANIA	2863 PTS	-	26	ARGENTINA
9	KENYA	2538 PTS	-	26	DOMINICAN REP
10	TÜRKIYE	2300 PTS	▲ 1	26	GREECE
11	SOUTH KOREA	2098 PTS	▼ 1	29	AUSTRALIA
12	CHINA	1716 PTS	-	30	PUERTO RICO
13	SPAIN	1644 PTS	-	31	BULGARIA
14	SOUTH AFRICA	1621 PTS	-	32	GERMANY
15	ROMANIA	1123 PTS	▲ 5	33	CAPE VERDE
16	MALAYSIA	1092 PTS	▼ 1	34	POLAND
17	GHANA	1055 PTS	▼ 1	35	ESTONIA
18	THAILAND	1031 PTS	-	36	IRAQ

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	880 PTS	▼ 4
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	826 PTS	▼ 2
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	500 PTS	▼ 1
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	408 PTS	▲ 1
	373 PTS	▲ 1
	338 PTS	▲ 1
	325 PTS	▲ 6
	320 PTS	▲ 8
	276 PTS	▲ 10
	275 PTS	▼ 1

37	 SAUDI ARABIA	255 PTS	▼ 1
38	 MOLDOVA	254 PTS	▲ 6
39	 INDIA	250 PTS	▼ 2
39	 SERBIA	250 PTS	▼ 2
41	 SINGAPORE	237 PTS	▼ 1
42	 SYRIA	198 PTS	▼ 1
43	 UKRAINE	168 PTS	new
44	 FINLAND	163 PTS	▼ 15
45	 LESOTHO	159 PTS	▼ 2
46	 BOLIVIA	117 PTS	-
47	 NIGERIA	116 PTS	-
48	 PERU	103 PTS	-
49	 CANADA	100 PTS	-
49	 CHILE	100 PTS	-
49	 CURAÇAO	100 PTS	-
49	 MALTA	100 PTS	-
49	 PORTUGAL	100 PTS	-
49	 RUSSIA	100 PTS	-

49	 USA	100 PTS	-
56	 BURKINA FASO	98 PTS	▲ 3
57	 CROATIA	96 PTS	new
58	 ZIMBABWE	78 PTS	▼ 2
59	 UGANDA	47 PTS	▼ 1
60	 INDONESIA	28 PTS	new
60	 SENEGAL	28 PTS	-
62	 IVORY COAST	17 PTS	▼ 1
63	 BENIN	13 PTS	▼ 1
64	 TOGO	12 PTS	▼ 1
65	 JAMAICA	9 PTS	▼ 1
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U-18 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

THE WBSC U-18 BASEBALL WORLD CUP RETURNED TO JAPAN AFTER 10 YEARS. ASIA WON THE HOSTING RIGHTS FOR THE SIXTH TIME OUT OF THE LAST EIGHT EDITIONS AND WILL MAKE IT SEVEN OUT OF NINE WHEN THE WBSC U-18 BASEBALL WORLD CUP 2027 TAKES PLACE IN CHINA.

IN OKINAWA, THE ASIA TEAMS CLAIMED THREE OF THE FOUR SPOTS IN THE MEDAL ROUND, WITH CHINESE TAIPEI DEFEATING KOREA IN A THRILLING BRONZE-MEDAL GAME. STILL, USA STEPPED ON TOP OF THE PODIUM WITH AN IMPRESSIVE TEAM EFFORT AND THE STRONGEST PITCHING STAFF.

ONCE AGAIN, THE WBSC U-18 BASEBALL WORLD CUP PROVED THE BEST TALENT SHOWCASE IN INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL, ATTRACTING SCOUTS FROM THE ASIAN PROFESSIONAL LEAGUES AND MULTIPLE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ORGANISATIONS.

FROM 5 TO 14 SEPTEMBER
AT OKINAWA CELLULAR STADIUM NAHA
(OKINAWA, JPN), NISHIZAKI
STADIUM
(ITOMAN CITY, JPN)

12 TEAMS
240 ATHLETES
50 GAMES





FINAL STANDINGS

1. USA
2. JAPAN
3. CHINESE TAIPEI
4. KOREA
5. PUERTO RICO
6. PANAMA
7. CUBA
8. AUSTRALIA
9. ITALY
10. GERMANY
11. CHINA
12. SOUTH AFRICA



ALL-WORLD TEAM

MVP COLEMAN BORTHWICK (USA)

C WILLIAM BRICK (USA)

1B SHENG-EN ZENG (TPE)

2B RYOTA OKUMURA (JPN)

3B GRADY EMERSON (USA)

SS AIDEN RUIZ (USA)

OF JIHO PARK (KOR)

OF LUIS RIVERA (PAN)

OF KAI-QI LI (TPE)

P GIOVANNI ROJAS (USA)

DH CARLOS CASTILLO (PAN)



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER



24 BORTHWICK Coleman



FOR THE TITLE OF
WORLD CHAMPION



FOR THE TITLE OF
WORLD CHAMPION





FACTS AND FIGURES

- USA won their 11th WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup, tying Cuba for most wins.
- USA Baseball named Coleman Borthwick, the tournament's MVP, their Player of the Year, while Borthwick also won USA Baseball Performance of the Year Award.
- WBSC partner Synergy Sports reported that Borthwick averaged a 90.8 miles-per-hour (146 kmph) velocity through the 121 pitches he delivered during the World Championship Final.
- Borthwick was not the fastest pitcher in Okinawa. Genki Ishigaki (Japan) topped 157 kmph (or 97.5 miles) per hour.
- A record 16,993 fans attended the World Championship Final at Cellular Stadium in Naha.
- NPB superstar and WBSC Premier12 alum Livan Moinelo and his Fukuoka SoftBank Hawks teammates donated baseball gear and equipment to the Cuban National Team.
- The XXXII WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup had the support of 29 sponsors, including the title sponsor RAXUS and five more WBSC Global Sponsors - Kowa Company, Ltd. , MUFG Bank, Ltd. , NIPPON EXPRESS HOLDINGS, INC. and Daiso Industries Co. Ltd. .
- China will host the XXXIII WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup in 2027 in Pingtan. Manager Guojun Lai, a former international pitcher, started working on his expanded roster just after the conclusion of the tournament in Okinawa. "We will be ready to compete," he stated.





U-12 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

USA WON THEIR SIXTH WBSC U-12 BASEBALL WORLD CUP AND THEIR THIRD IN A ROW AFTER SURPRISINGLY MISSING THE SUPER ROUND IN 2019. THEY BEAT JAPAN IN THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GAME FOR THE FIRST TIME. CHINESE TAIPEI, THE ONLY OTHER PROGRAMME TO WIN THE TOURNAMENT, MISSED THE PODIUM FOR THE FIRST TIME AFTER LOSING THE BRONZE-MEDAL GAME TO KOREA.

THE 12 PARTICIPATING TEAMS HAD TO COME TO TERMS WITH INCLEMENT WEATHER, WHILE BASEBALL FANS DISCOVERED THE UNSUNG HEROES OF THE U-12 BASEBALL WORLD CUP – AN ARMY OF 40 COLLEGE BASEBALL PLAYERS FROM THE CTBC UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY THAT FORMED THE GROUND CREW. THEIR LEADER WAS JOU-KAI YANG, A FORMER COLLEGE BASEBALL PITCHER AND NOW THE COACH OF THE CTBC UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY BASEBALL TEAM. HE CONFESSED THAT HE WAS THE BAT BOY WHEN THE TAINAN ASIA PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL STADIUM HOSTED THE WBSC U-12 BASEBALL WORLD CUP FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 2019.

FROM 25 JULY TO 3 AUGUST
AT ASPAC B, ASPAC YOUTH
(TAINAN CITY, TPE)

12 TEAMS
216 ATHLETES
50 GAMES



FINAL STANDINGS

1. USA
2. JAPAN
3. KOREA
4. CHINESE TAIPEI
5. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
6. MEXICO
7. CUBA
8. PANAMA
9. AUSTRALIA
10. CZECHIA
11. GERMANY
12. SOUTH AFRICA





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FOR THE TITLE OF
WORLD CHAMPION



#BaseballWorldCupU12



ALL-WORLD TEAM

MVP CHRISTOPHER CHIKODROFF (USA)

C GASTON GAXIOLA (MEX)

1B RIKU SAHASHI (JPN)

2B JOSE ARMENTA (MEX)

3B KRISTIAN VALADEZ (USA)

SS CHENG HSIEH (TPE)

OF CHRISTOPHER CHIKODROFF (USA)

OF CHENG-EN HU (TPE)

OF SEAN GARCIA (CUB)

P SHOTARO HASHIMOTO (JPN)



FACTS AND FIGURES

- The Chinese Taipei Baseball Association (CTBA) has been the sole host of the WBSC U-12 Baseball World Cup, welcoming the tournament five times to Tainan, including four times at the Asia Pacific International Baseball Fields and Training Centre.
- The summer monsoon season disrupted the eighth edition of the WBSC event with the youngest age-group with torrential rain, meaning the WBSC and the Local Organising Committee scheduled four games on the final day, August 3, to complete the Placement Round while the closing ceremony took place indoors for the first time in the history of the event.
- Japan and USA met for the first time in the World Championship Final.
- When Korea beat Chinese Taipei in the bronze-medal game, they earned their first win against the hosts in the history of the U-12 Baseball World Cup.
- Chinese Taipei missed the U-12 Baseball World Cup podium for the first time in eight editions.
- The total number of home runs dropped from 72 in 2023 to 33 in 2025.
- After hitting 22 home runs in 2022 and 18 in 2023, USA had the most this time with seven.
- USA star Christopher Chikodroff earned MVP honours with a superb but not overpowering performance. He posted a .533 batting average, .563 on-base percentage and a .700 slugging percentage.
- Bats with a Bat Performance Factor (BPF) of 1.15 are now no longer allowed in the WBSC U-12 Baseball World Cup. The BPF measures how much faster a ball rebounds off a bat compared to a wall. It essentially indicates the bat's trampoline effect.
- Japanese right-hander Shotaro Hashimoto pitched two complete games without allowing a run.
- Three girls - Adriana Salabova (Czechia), Mona Brauch (Germany) and Renee Murillo (Mexico) - featured on the WBSC U-12 Baseball World Cup 2025 rosters.
- The Tainan City Government arranged for 12 local elementary schools to accommodate the visiting athletes, with the rest day originally set aside for a cultural exchange, however some of the teams were unable to participate due to schedule changes on the back of the inclement weather. Schools still made sure to welcome the teams warmly.







BASEBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE AMERICAS

SIX TEAMS REPRESENTING SIX LEAGUES IN THE AMERICAS PARTICIPATED IN THE FIRST BASEBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE AMERICAS.

THE MEXICAN BASEBALL LEAGUE (LMB) HOSTED THE EVENT AT THE ALFREDO HARP HELÚ STADIUM IN MEXICO CITY, THE HOME OF THE 2024 CHAMPIONS DIABLOS ROJOS. THE OTHER FIVE LEAGUES JOINING THE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE AMERICAS WERE THE PUERTO RICO SUPERIOR DOUBLE-A LEAGUE, NICARAGUA POMARES LEAGUE, CURAÇAO DOUBLE-A LEAGUE, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL AND CUBA SERIE NACIONAL. THE DIABLOS ROJOS WON THE TOURNAMENT UNDEFEATED.

THE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE AMERICAS IS PART OF A PROJECT INTENDING TO LAUNCH THE BASEBALL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE GLOBALLY IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE LONG-TERM GOAL IS TO HAVE A BASEBALL WORLD CHAMPION AWARDED IN A GLOBAL CHAMPIONS LEAGUE TOURNAMENT.

“A TOURNAMENT FOR THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS DIDN’T EXIST,” COMMENTED WBSC PRESIDENT RICCARDO FRAC-CARI. “BASEBALL NEEDED THIS. IT OFFERS A GREAT CHANCE TO GIVE THE PARTICIPATING CLUBS INTERNATIONAL VISIBILITY AND MORE CHANCES TO RAISE FUNDS. THIS EVENT HAS A LOT OF POTENTIAL. I’M POSITIVE IT WILL BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS THE BASEBALL WORLD CUP BECAUSE IT OFFERS SOME HIGH-PROFILE BASEBALL.”

FROM 8 TO 13 APRIL
AT ESTADIO ALFREDO HARP
HELÚ (MEXICO CITY, MEX)

6 TEAMS
168 ATHLETES
11 GAMES





FINAL STANDINGS

1. DIABLOS ROJOS (MEX)
2. LAS TUNAS LEÑADORES (CUB)
3. KANE COUNTY COUGARS (USA)
4. SANTA MARIA PIRATES (CURAÇAO)
5. CHINANDEGA TIGRES (NCA)
6. FLORIDA TITANES (PUR)

ALL-WORLD TEAM

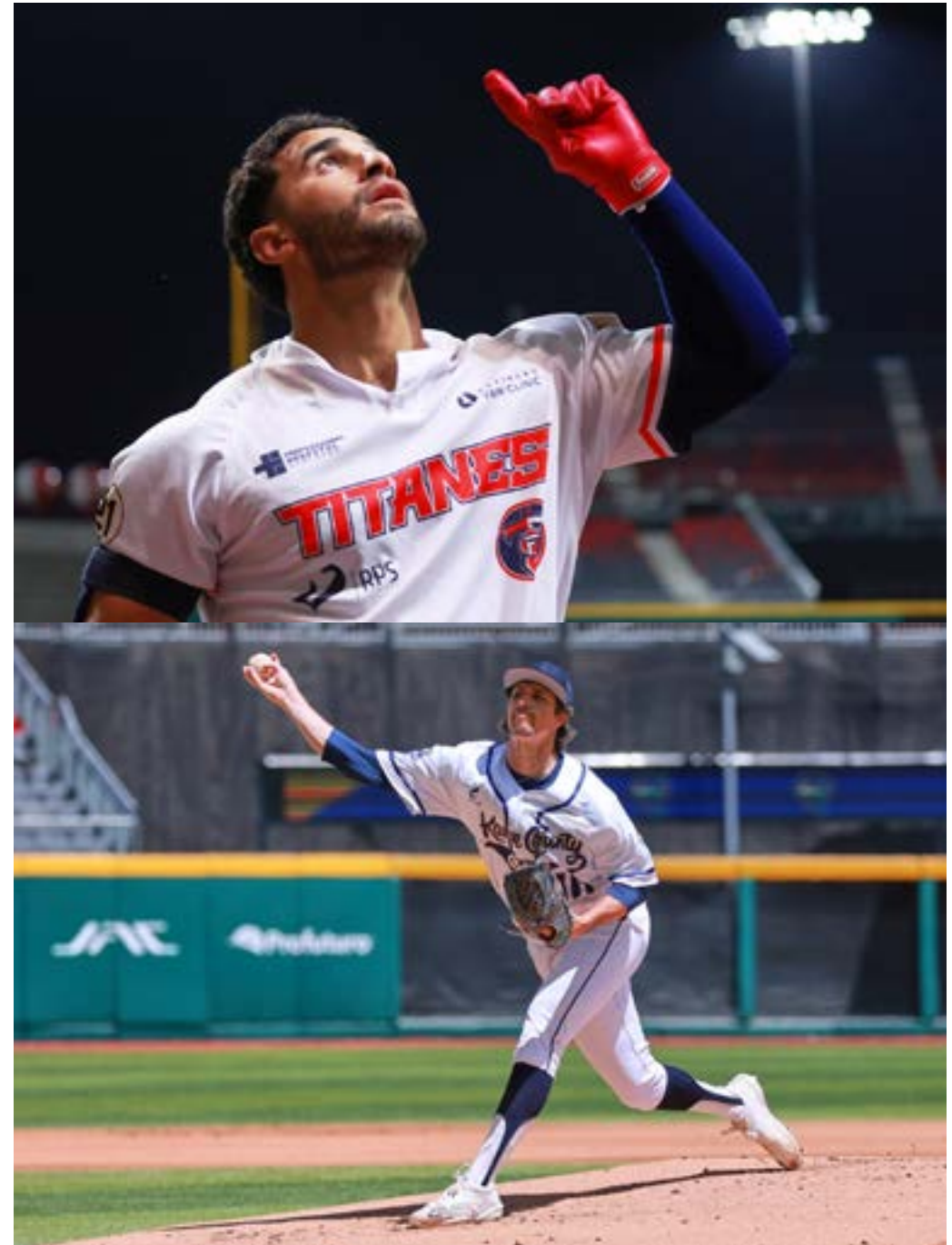
MVP ROBINSON CANO (DIABLOS ROJOS)





FACTS AND FIGURES

- After the WBSC and the Mexican Baseball League ran a Baseball Champions League Americas four-team test event in 2023, the Baseball Champions League Americas officially took off in 2025, with the Mexico City Diablos Rojos hosting the first edition.
- The 2025 Baseball Champions League Americas was a six-team event.
- Former MLB All-Star and 2013 World Baseball Classic winner Robinson Cano dominated the Championship Final, going 4-for-5 with a home run and earning MVP honours.
- Mexico will also host the third edition of the Baseball Champions League Americas in 2026.







MEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP FINALS

THE 2025 EDITION MARKED THE FIRST WBSC MEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP TO BE PLAYED UNDER THE NEW TWO-STAGE FORMAT. A TOTAL OF 57 GAMES WERE PLAYED ACROSS THE GROUP STAGE IN 2024, WHICH WAS HELD ACROSS THREE HOST LOCATIONS.

THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND AUSTRALIA ADVANCED FROM GROUP A, WHILE ARGENTINA AND NEW ZEALAND QUALIFIED FROM GROUP B. USA AND JAPAN SECURED THEIR PLACES FROM GROUP C. VENEZUELA AND CANADA RECEIVED A WILD CARD FOR THE FINALS AS THE TOP-RANKED NATIONS AMONG THE THIRD-PLACE FINISHERS. THE TOP EIGHT TEAMS THEN MET IN THE HIGHLY-ANTICIPATED FINALS IN PRINCE ALBERT, BRINGING TOGETHER THE WORLD'S BEST MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAMS. AFTER SIX DAYS OF INTENSE COMPETITION, VENEZUELA BECAME THE SIXTH NATION TO WIN THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS MEN'S SOFTBALL EVENT IN THE WORLD, JOINING NEW ZEALAND (7), USA (5), CANADA (4), AUSTRALIA (2) AND ARGENTINA (1).

"WE'RE BACK AMONG THE GREATS. OUR SOFTBALL IS NOW ON PAR WITH ARGENTINA, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND OR USA. THIS GIVES US HUGE SATISFACTION," HEAD COACH DELIO LOPEZ SAID AFTER THE HISTORIC FINAL.

FROM 8 TO 13 JULY
AT PRIME MINISTERS' PARK
FIELD I (PRINCE ALBERT, CAN)

8 TEAMS
128 ATHLETES
22 GAMES



FINAL STANDINGS

1. VENEZUELA
2. NEW ZEALAND
3. USA
4. JAPAN
5. CANADA
6. ARGENTINA
7. AUSTRALIA
8. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC







ALL-WORLD TEAM

C RAFAEL FLORES (VEN)

1B SETH GIBSON (NZL)

2B ANGEL ADAMES (VEN)

3B RILEY JAMES (AUS)

SS CAM SCHILLER (USA)

OF KOKI SATO (JPN)

OF BEN ENOKA (NZL)

OF TEI HAMAMOTO (JPN)

P LIAM POTTS (NZL)

DP JENDRY TORRES (DOM)



FACTS AND FIGURES

- Venezuela defeated New Zealand 3-0 to win the country's first ever WBSC Men's Softball World Cup title.
- This final marked Venezuela's second appearance in a World Cup Final, following their previous participation in 2013, when they lost to New Zealand 4-1 and claimed the silver medal.
- For New Zealand, it was their 11th appearance in a World Cup Final. They have won the title six times (1984, 1996, 2000, 2004, 2013 and 2017), and finished runners-up in five editions (1988, 1992, 2009, 2015 and 2025). In 1976, they shared the gold medal with Canada and USA after the playoffs could not be completed.
- USA claimed the bronze medal at the WBSC Men's Softball World Cup Finals 2025, with a solid 10-1 win against Japan.
- It represented the second consecutive bronze medal for USA in the premier men's softball tournament and fifth overall, the most bronze medals won by any nation.
- It was also the 11th medal overall for USA in the history of the tournament (behind Canada with 14 and New Zealand with 13), including five world titles and one silver.
- Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro extended his congratulations to the Men's National Softball Team following their historic triumph at the WBSC Men's Softball World Cup Finals 2025 in Prince Albert, Canada.
- The Venezuelan Men's National Softball Team was named as flag bearers for The World Games 2025 in Chengdu.
- "This is the greatest thing I've had in my life, after my family. It's the best thing that's ever happened to me, of course," said Venezuelan catcher Rafael Flores.









U-18 WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP FINALS

THE WBSC U-18 WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP FINALS WERE PLAYED AT DEVON PARK IN OKLAHOMA CITY, USA, THE VENUE THAT WILL HOST SOFTBALL COMPETITIONS AT THE OLYMPIC GAMES LA28.

DEVON PARK HOSTED THE EVENT FOR THE SECOND TIME, HAVING PREVIOUSLY STAGED THE TOURNAMENT IN 2015. THE EVENT CONCLUDED THE FIRST-EVER TWO-STAGE TOURNAMENT, WHICH STARTED IN 2024 WITH THE GROUP STAGE IN BRAZIL, CHINA AND THE USA.

COUNTING LAST YEAR'S GROUP STAGE, THE WBSC U-18 WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP HAS BEEN STAGED 11 TIMES IN THE AMERICAS (BRAZIL, CANADA, PERU AND USA), THREE TIMES IN ASIA (CHINA AND CHINESE TAIPEI), ONCE IN OCEANIA (AUSTRALIA), ONCE IN AFRICA (SOUTH AFRICA) AND ONCE IN EUROPE (THE NETHERLANDS). TOGETHER WITH THE WBSC MEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP, IT IS ONE OF ONLY TWO WBSC EVENTS TO HAVE BEEN PLAYED ON EVERY CONTINENT.

FROM 27 SEPTEMBER TO 1 OCTOBER
DEVON PARK, OKLAHOMA CITY, USA

8 TEAMS
128 ATHLETES
22 GAMES

DEVON PARK



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FINAL STANDINGS

1. USA
2. JAPAN
3. MEXICO
4. CHINA
5. CANADA
6. CZECHIA
7. PUERTO RICO
8. CHINESE TAIPEI





WBSC
U-18 WOMEN'S
SOFTBALL
WORLD CUP
FINALS
OKLAHOMA CITY 2025

WBSC.ORG

ALL-WORLD TEAM

C YUMEKA KAGEN (JPN)

1B KARINA RODRIGUEZ (MEX)

2B WEI-CHI LIN (TPE)

3B HANA NAKANISHI (JPN)

SS MCLAINE HUDSON (USA)

OF ASPEN BOULWARE (USA)

OF YARUI WANG (CHN)

OF DAN LI (CHN)

P SHION YAMAMOTO (JPN)

DP JULIANA HUTCHENS (USA)

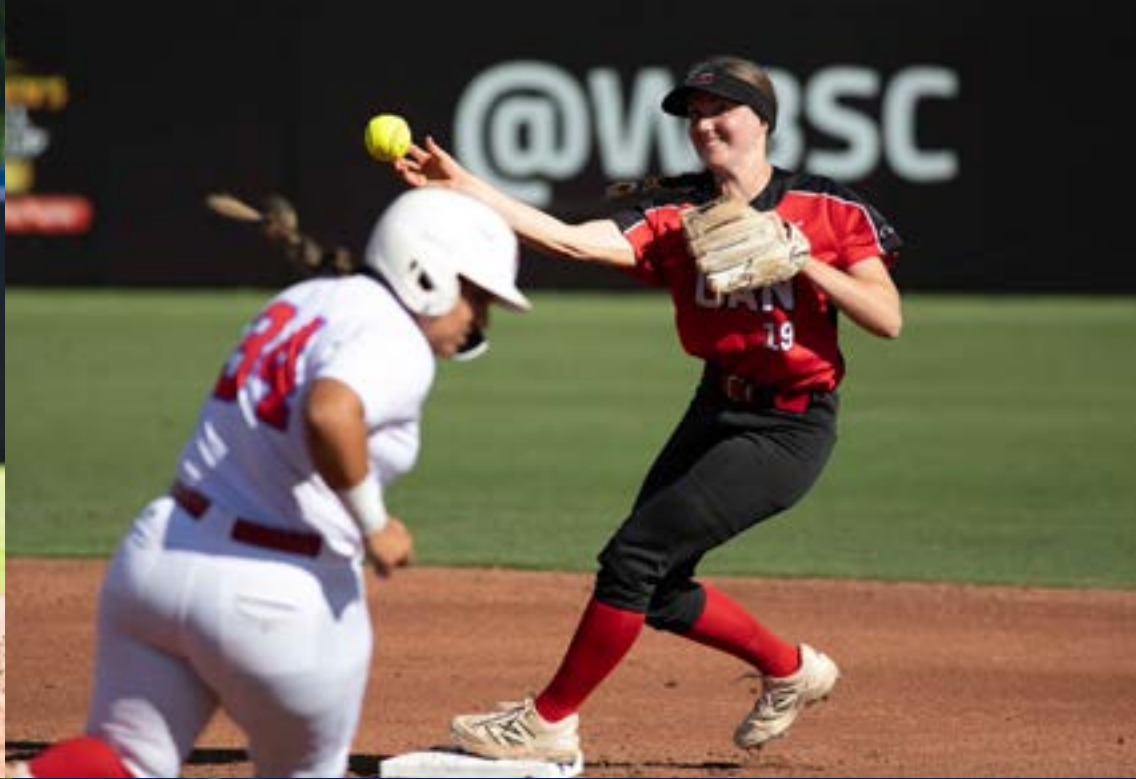




FACTS AND FIGURES

- USA secured a record-setting fifth consecutive World Cup in this category, and its ninth overall title. They currently boast a 48-game winning streak, having gone undefeated to claim the last four world titles.
 - This final marked the 12th time Japan and USA faced each other for the title in the WBSC U-18 Women's Softball World Cup. With this victory, USA have now claimed seven wins against their biggest rivals in championship games.
 - USA remain the only nation to reach the podium in every edition of the WBSC U-18 Women's Softball World Cup, with 15 medals – nine gold, five silver and one bronze. Japan will also be celebrating their 14th podium finish, having only missed out once, in 2021.
 - “I think that’s just the tradition every athlete before has established. Whenever you put those letters [USA] on,
- your job is to uphold that tradition,” said head coach Kyla Holas. “Every athlete that came before us put that pressure on this team, and we embrace it – because that’s what we expect from USA when you put those letters on.”
- Behind a stellar all-around performance from Analia Lopez, Mexico defeated China 4-2 to capture the bronze medal. It marks the nation’s first-ever medal in any Women’s Softball World Cup.
 - Head coach Adriana Perez reflected on the achievement: “We had one thing in mind coming into this tournament, and this was to be in the top three and make sure we go home with a medal. And we accomplished that. I’m speechless, speechless – what an honour to always wear Mexico across our chest, especially for me, having been a player and now a coach, to see the process of our programme grow. I’m super proud of the girls.”
- China, which finished fourth, have medalled three times in the tournament, including one gold, one silver and one bronze.
 - USA catcher Juliana Hutchens was named Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the WBSC U-18 Women’s Softball World Cup Finals 2025, leading all players in batting average (.778), RBIs (8) and home runs (2) across six games (final excluded).
 - “It feels great. I had a lot of confidence going into the tournament,” Hutchens said. “We have a great team, I’ve got a great team behind me, so you can go out there and play with all the confidence in the world. I honestly don’t look at the numbers at all, but it’s just an honour to be able to play and then to put up those numbers.”





U-15 WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP

ITALY HOSTED THE II WBSC U-15 WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP IN THE LOMBARDIA REGION, ONE OF THE CRADLES OF THE DISCIPLINE IN NORTHERN ITALY. NINE OF THE TOP 10 TEAMS IN THE WBSC WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD RANKINGS PARTICIPATED.

THE SAME THREE TEAMS SHARED THE PODIUM IN THE TWO EDITIONS. PUERTO RICO FINISHED SECOND BOTH TIMES, WITH USA WINNING THE INAUGURAL EDITION IN JAPAN BEFORE JAPAN BECAME THE WORLD CHAMPIONS IN ITALY.

IN A HITTERS' TOURNAMENT, JAPAN TRIUMPHED THANKS TO THEIR WORLD-CLASS PITCHING. JAPAN HAD THREE PITCHERS - HARU KITAMURA, RAN NAGATA AND SAYA NAKAMURA - THROWING MULTIPLE INNINGS WITHOUT ALLOWING A RUN.

AMERICAN SAMOA PARTICIPATED IN A WBSC WORLD CUP FOR THE FIRST TIME, WHILE SPAIN AND SINGAPORE MADE THEIR DEBUT AT THE U-15 WOMEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP LEVEL.

FROM 27 JUNE TO 5 JULY

**AT CENTRO SPORTIVO PEPPINO COLOMBO (LEGNANO, ITA),
CAMPO SOFTBALL FRANCESCO
NESPOLI (CARONNO PERTUSELLA, ITA)**

12 TEAMS

192 ATHLETES

50 GAMES



FINAL STANDINGS

1. JAPAN
2. PUERTO RICO
3. USA
4. MEXICO
5. CHINESE TAIPEI
6. CZECHIA
7. CANADA
8. AUSTRALIA
9. ITALY
10. AMERICAN SAMOA
11. SINGAPORE
12. SPAIN





ALL-WORLD TEAM

MVP MIOKA MOCHIZUKI (JPN)

C NYLA MELENDEZ (PUR)

1B MIOKA MOCHIZUKI (JPN)

2B GEORGETTE LORA (MEX)

3B MAKENZIE THOMAS (USA)

SS SHU-JUNG LIN (TPE)

OF MELODY SOTO (USA)

OF MIA ENNIS (USA)

OF YAZMINE JOHNSON (USA)

P RAN NAGATA (JPN)

DP YUEQI LI (SGP)





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FACTS AND FIGURES

- Japan won the WBSC U-15 Women's Softball World Cup 2025 allowing only one run in 57 innings
- Haru Kitamura pitched three complete games without allowing a run and earned three wins, pitching 22.1 innings.
- Ran Nagata, the All-World Team pitcher, appeared in six games without allowing a run. She earned a win and three saves.
- Puerto Rico had the most strikeouts (73).
- Canada's Rachel Clegg topped the tournament with 43 strikeouts in 31 innings, 71.6% of her team's total (60).
- It was a hitters' tournament. The 12 teams combined 424 runs scored, up from 326 in the inaugural edition, on 577 hits, including 12 home runs.
- USA had the best batting average (.387) and the best defence (six errors) but it didn't prove enough to make the World Championship Final.
- Only the TQB calculations kept Czechia out of the medal round after tying with Mexico and Chinese Taipei in fourth place. It would have been a milestone for European women's softball.
- American Samoa participated for the first time in a WBSC World Cup and Cadence Buscher threw a complete game against Australia to give them their historic first win.
- Spain beat American Samoa in an extra-inning thriller to give them their first win in the U-15 Women's Softball World Cup.
- Italy's Anita Bissa participated in her second WBSC World Cup. She represented her country in the U-12 Baseball World Cup 2022 and was the starting pitcher against the hosts Chinese Taipei.





THE WORLD GAMES MEN'S SOFTBALL

DESPITE BEING AN ESTABLISHED GLOBAL SPORT WITH A WIDE INTERNATIONAL FOOTPRINT, MEN'S SOFTBALL MADE ITS DEBUT AT THE WORLD GAMES AT CHENGDU 2025. WHILE THE DISCIPLINE HAS LONG BEEN PART OF THE ASIAN GAMES AND THE PAN AMERICAN GAMES, IT WAS THE FIRST TIME MEN'S SOFTBALL FEATURED IN A TRULY GLOBAL MULTI-SPORT COMPETITION.

SOFTBALL WAS THE LONGEST SPORT IN THE WORLD GAMES 2025 PROGRAMME, SPANNING 10 COMPETITION DAYS. MEN'S SOFTBALL, TOGETHER WITH FLOORBALL, OPENED THE CHENGDU 2025 SCHEDULE ONE DAY BEFORE THE OPENING CEREMONY.

A TOTAL OF 20 GAMES WERE SCHEDULED IN THE COMPETITION, BUT ONLY 18 WERE COMPLETED, INCLUDING 12 IN THE OPENING ROUND AND SIX ACROSS THE SEMIFINALS AND THE PLACEMENT ROUND. JAPAN BEAT CANADA 6-1 IN THE FIRST SEMIFINAL, WHILE USA DEFEATED VENEZUELA 7-0 IN THE SECOND SEMIFINAL.

FROM 6 TO 10 AUGUST

AT XINDU BETTER CITY SOFTBALL ARENA FIELD 1, XINDU BETTER CITY SOFTBALL ARENA FIELD 2 (CHENGDU, CHN)

8 TEAMS

120 ATHLETES

18 GAMES





FINAL STANDINGS

1. JAPAN
USA
3. CANADA
VENEZUELA
5. ARGENTINA
6. CZECHIA
7. AUSTRALIA
8. SINGAPORE



ALL-WORLD TEAM

C TAIYO KATAOKA (JPN)

1B ERICK OCHOA (USA)

2B MITCHELL MCKAY (CAN)

3B KAITO MASAKI (JPN)

SS PEDRO FLORES (VEN)

OF JONATHAN LYNCH (USA)

OF YUSEF DAVIS JR (USA)

OF BRAD EZEKIEL (CAN)

P HIROKI IKEDA (JPN)

DP TY SEBASTIAN (USTA)





FACTS AND FIGURES

- Heavy rain in Chengdu during the early hours of the day forced the cancellation of the two medal games scheduled on Sunday, resulting in the awarding of two gold medals and two bronze medals.
- Japan and USA were both awarded the gold medal at The World Games Men's Softball competition in Chengdu, China. Canada and Venezuela earned the bronze medal.
- For Japan, the gold medal marked their first title in a major international men's softball competition, after finishing runners-up in the 2000 and 2019 World Cup finals.
- "Every international event is a very precious time for us," said Japan head coach Shinji Eguchi. "It's a great honour for us to win. I'm very happy. We would have preferred to win in a different way, but there's nothing we can do about it."
- For USA, the title is also a milestone – their first championship in a major international men's softball event since 1988 in Saskatoon, Canada.
- "It's sort of a realisation of everything we've put in," said USA head coach Ron Hackett. "I've been associated with the programme since about 2015, starting with the futures programme with a lot of young kids, and they're all here now. I became head coach in 2019, and it's been a nice journey. It's the medal we wanted, not the way we wanted it, but we have no control over that. I think it would have been a great game, but I'm not disappointed in anything."
- Venezuela's medal completed a remarkable summer in which they also won the WBSC Men's Softball World Cup 2025/2026 in Prince Albert, Canada one month earlier.
- The last time a major men's softball event could not be completed due to rain was the WBSC Men's Softball World Cup 1976, when the playoffs were rained out and the championship was shared by Canada, New Zealand and USA.
- Japan's ace Hiroki Ikeda was named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of The World Games men's softball competition. Ikeda led the tournament in wins (2), complete games (2), innings pitched (17) and strikeouts (23).





THE WORLD GAMES WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

USA DEFEATED CHINESE TAIPEI 5-0 BEHIND A SHUTOUT PERFORMANCE BY MEGAN FARAIMO TO CLINCH THEIR FOURTH CONSECUTIVE GOLD MEDAL AT THE WORLD GAMES. A THREE-RUN HOMER BY SAHVANNA JAQUISH AND A TWO-RUN SHOT FROM SKYLAR WALLACE POWERED USA TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

A 10-RUN FOURTH INNING, HIGHLIGHTED BY A BASES-CLEARING DOUBLE BY YUUKI KAMATA, FUELLED JAPAN'S 11-1 VICTORY AGAINST CANADA TO CLAIM THE BRONZE MEDAL AT THE WORLD GAMES 2025.

THIS WAS THE FOURTH OFFICIAL APPEARANCE OF WOMEN'S SOFTBALL AT THE WORLD GAMES, FOLLOWING EDITIONS IN SANTA CLARA 1981, LONDON 1985 AND BIRMINGHAM 2022. IT WAS ALSO FEATURED AS AN INVITATIONAL SPORT IN KAOHSIUNG 2009 AND CALI 2013.

FROM 13 TO 17 AUGUST

AT XINDU BETTER CITY SOFTBALL ARENA FIELD 1, XINDU BETTER CITY SOFTBALL ARENA FIELD 2 (CHENGDU, CHN)

8 TEAMS

120 ATHLETES

20 GAMES





FINAL STANDINGS

1. USA
2. CHINESE TAIPEI
3. JAPAN
4. CANADA
5. AUSTRALIA
6. PUERTO RICO
7. NETHERLANDS
8. CHINA



ALL-WORLD TEAM

C LI SZU-SHIH (TPE)

1B MINORI NAITO (JPN)

2B GRACE MESSMER (CAN)

3B EMMA ENTZMINGER (CAN)

SS TIARE JENNINGS (USA)

OF CHIANG TING-EN (TPE)

OF JAYDA COLEMAN (USA)

OF FENG CHEN-LIN (TPE)

P MEGAN FARAIMO (USA)

DP JANA E JEFFERSON (USA)





FACTS AND FIGURES

- USA captured their fourth consecutive women's softball gold medal at The World Games, following previous titles in 1981, 1985 and 2022.
- For Chinese Taipei, this tournament marked their second silver medal at a major international event, after finishing runner-up at the 1982 WBSC Women's Softball World Cup on home soil.
- Tiare Jennings was named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the tournament. She batted .400, recording two home runs, five RBIs and one double, for a .750 slugging percentage. She also led the event with seven runs scored and eight hits. Defensively, she was flawless in 19 chances across five games, splitting time between shortstop and first base.
- The All-World Team features four players from champions USA, three from silver medallists Chinese Taipei, two from Canada (fourth place) and one from bronze medallists Japan.
- With The World Games 2025, the global softball community returned to China after 17 years. This event marked the third time that China has hosted a major global international women's softball competition.
- The last time the sport visited the country for a global event was for the Olympic Games Beijing 2008. This city also hosted the WBSC Women's Softball World Cup 2006, which served as a test event for the Olympic Games.
- The Xindu Better City Softball Arena featured two competition fields, four warm-up fields and a temporary stand accommodating 1,000 spectators.









YOUTH BASEBALL5 WORLD CUP

“THE ATHLETES COMPETING HERE ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FUTURE OF OUR SPORT,” WBSC PRESIDENT RICCARDO FRACCARI DECLARED BEFORE A STUNNING LIGHT SHOW ENDED THE OPENING CEREMONY. “WITH DAKAR 2026 ON THE HORIZON, THE STAGE IS SET FOR THESE YOUNG ATHLETES TO SHINE EVEN BRIGHTER.”

IN A FINAL PLAYED IN FRONT OF A RAUCOUS CROWD, THE FIRST SET SAW CHINESE TAIPEI LEAD 3-0 BY THE TOP OF THE THIRD BEFORE CUBA SCORED FOUR THEMSELVES IN THE BOTTOM HALF. BOTH TEAMS SCORED ONE EACH IN THE FOURTH BEFORE CUBA WRAPPED UP THE FIRST SET 5-4.

AFTER HOLDING OFF CHINESE TAIPEI IN THE FIRST SET, CUBA HAD WIND IN THEIR SAILS AND SCORED FIVE IN EACH OF THE FIRST TWO INNINGS OF THE SECOND SET TO CHINESE TAIPEI’S ONE BEFORE SEALING THE SECOND SET 13-3.

THE WBSC REFUGEE TEAM MADE THEIR FIRST-EVER APPEARANCE IN A WBSC WORLD CUP, REPRESENTING SYRIA. FACING TUNISIA IN THEIR DEBUT MATCH, SYRIA SHOWED GRIT AND HEART DESPITE FALLING (7-4, 13-3). THEY FINISHED 14TH PLACE IN THE COMPETITION.

AHMAD ALSHEHADAT BECAME THE FIRST SYRIAN PLAYER TO SCORE A RUN AT A WBSC WORLD CUP, CROSSING HOME PLATE IN THE THIRD INNING OF THE FIRST SET. “THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I’VE SEEN BASEBALL5 LIKE THIS,” ALSHEHADAT SAID. “IT WAS A GREAT FEELING BEING ABLE TO SCORE. YOU CAN’T DESCRIBE IT WITH WORDS.”

FROM 24 TO 29 SEPTEMBER
AT CANCHAS PARQUE LA LOMA,
FIELD 2 – COMPROMISO, CAN-
CHAS PARQUE LA LOMA, FIELD
1 – LEALTAD (TEPIC, MEX)

14 TEAMS
112 ATHLETES
56 GAMES



FINAL STANDINGS

1. CUBA
2. CHINESE TAIPEI
3. VENEZUELA
4. MEXICO
5. KENYA
6. TÜRKIYE
7. JAPAN
8. LITHUANIA
9. FRANCE
10. SPAIN
11. PUERTO RICO
12. TUNISIA
13. KOREA
14. SYRIA
15. FIJI
16. GHANA





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ALL-WORLD TEAM

1. XUAN-CHEN CHEN (TPE)
2. ALEXANDER GAMBOA (VEN)
3. AXEL GONZALEZ (MEX)
4. IVON KAIGA (KEN)
5. SEYRAN ÖZDEMİR (TUN)





FACTS AND FIGURES

- Defending champions Cuba proved too strong for a spirited Chinese Taipei with a (5-4, 13-3) win in the final of the WBSC Youth Baseball5 World Cup Nayarit 2025.
- Cuba's Rachel Medina and Carlos Rivera were both named MVPs of the tournament.
- Cuba claimed their second youth title, adding to their two senior Baseball5 World Cup titles.
- In the bronze medal game, Venezuela managed to beat Mexico 5-3, 3-2. It was Venezuela's first ever Baseball5 medal on their debut appearance at youth level.
- For the first time in WBSC history, a refugee team participated in a WBSC World Cup. The team represented Syria, became the 80th National Federation to participate in a WBSC World Cup.
- The 14 teams were divided into four groups. Each group played in a round-robin pool format before all teams advanced to the knockout rounds starting with the round of 16.
- Mexico hosted a Baseball5 World Cup for the second time, having previously staged the inaugural WBSC Baseball5 World Cup in Mexico City in 2022.
- Baseball5 will make its debut in the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar, Senegal, in 2026, marking a major milestone for the sport.
- Tepic, the capital of Mexico's western state of Nayarit, hosted a WBSC tournament for the second consecutive year, following the WBSC Premier12 2024 Group A (co-hosted with Guadalajara).
- Cuba extended their dominance with a 16-game winning streak across the first two editions, winning both tournaments undefeated.
- A total of nine athletes had participated in previous [WBSC Baseball 5 World Cups](#)





WBSC eBaseball™ SERIES 2025 WORLD FINALS

FROM 08 TO 09 NOVEMBER

Official licensed video game of the World Baseball Softball Confederation

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The WBSC hosted the third edition of the WBSC eBaseball™ Series in 2025, the sport's flagship eSports tournament, which culminated in the exciting WBSC eBaseball™ Series 2025 World Finals in November.

The tournament was a showcase of the best WBSC eBASEBALL™: POWER PROS players from around the world, with different online and in-person competitions held over a seven-month span, with only eight spots up for grabs in the final round of competition.

The fiercely competitive journey to qualify for the World Finals began in April with national online qualifiers played in more than a dozen countries across four continents.

Lithuania held in-person finals for the first time in Kaunas, featuring the top qualifiers from the qualifying tournaments, while Chinese Taipei's Finals were held at the site of the WBSC U-12 Baseball World Cup 2025 presented by RAXUS in Tainan and

the USA Finals were held in Raleigh, North Carolina.

In addition to the national qualifier tournaments, an historic Women's Qualifier tournament began online in August and concluded with the Finals at the Tokyo Game Show in September. A Global Qualifier competition was also held in late September. The first-ever Women's Qualifier was an initiative by the WBSC to promote diversity and inclusiveness in the eBaseball™ community while creating new avenues for all players to be able to compete in the annual competition. Both the Women's Qualifier and Global Qualifier tournaments directly qualified players to the World Finals.

Of the eight players who qualified for the World Finals, two players, Tomokun (JPN) and SHE SHE (TPE) directly advanced to the Super Round phase thanks to their high Power Rate among national qualifier champions. The other six - MSQA (ITA), Boomer_77 (SUI), Miho (FRA), Nahuel (ARG), benzen (MEX) and Sirochan (KOR) - played in the Opening Round

round-robin throughout September to determine the other two qualifiers for the Super Round phase.

A three-way-tiebreak saw benzen and MSQA emerge victorious from the Opening Round, with Sirochan finishing in a very close third place.

The final four automatic qualifiers were confirmed over the next month, with Hig Yurune (JPN) winning the Women's Qualifier, POME (JPN) winning the Global Qualifier, compass (USA) winning the USA Finals, and Jon'sCopyright (USA) taking the Wild Card spot for finishing runner-up in the USA Finals.

The eight qualifiers then gathered at the North Carolina State University Gaming and Esports Lab on the campus of North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina, for the WBSC eBaseball™ Series 2025 World Finals Super Round and Finals, held on 8-9 November. Players were split into two groups of four players, with a round-robin competition determining the seeding for bracket play.



Tomokun and POME came through the bracket to advance to the Championship Game, played as a best-of-three-game final. Both players showed their tenacity in Game 1, with POME taking a narrow 6-4 win, before a dominant 12-run inning completed the sweep for POME as he won by the mercy rule, and became the second ever WBSC eBaseball™ Champion.

The battle for third place had no shortage of big moments, with compass facing off against Hig Yurune. The sin-

gle-game match went to extra innings, where compass walked it off in the bottom of the frame with back-to-back RBI singles, winning 4-3 and becoming the first player outside of Asia to place in the WBSC eBaseball™ Series.

Outside of the WBSC eBaseball™ Series, the WBSC strengthened its collaboration with Konami Digital Entertainment Co., Ltd. (KONAMI) in 2025, as well as its growing partnership with USA Baseball, which has hosted major Series events over the past three seasons including the

USA Finals in 2023, the USA Finals and HUGAN WBSC ePremier12 Group A in 2024, and both the USA Finals and the WBSC eBaseball™ Series World Finals in 2025 — together with Visit Raleigh as the presenting sponsor.

With the expansion of the WBSC eBaseball™ Series to more countries than ever before, 2025 was a landmark year, helping to solidify the competition's place as a premier event in competitive eSports, one that is truly a global competition for everybody.



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Headquartered in Pully, Switzerland -- adjacent to Lausanne, the Olympic Capital -- the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) is the world governing body for baseball and softball. The WBSC has 204 National Federation and Associate Members in 137 countries and territories across Asia, Africa, Americas, Europe and Oceania, which represent a united baseball/softball sports movement that encompasses over 65 million athletes and attracts approximately 150 million fans to stadiums worldwide annually.

The WBSC governs all international competitions involving official National Teams. The WBSC oversees the Premier12, the World Baseball Classic and Baseball World Cups (U-12, U-15, U-18, U-23 and Women's), Softball World Cups, (U-12 Mixed, U-15 Women's, U-18 Women's, U-18 Men's, U-23 Men's, Women's and Men's), and official disciplines Baseball5 (Senior and Youth World Cups) and E-Sports as well as Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 events at the Olympic Games.

WBSC ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE

TO GUARANTEE THE WBSC INTERACTS WITH ITS MEMBERS AND STAKEHOLDERS EFFECTIVELY, THE WBSC HAS DEVELOPED AN ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE WITH THE AIM OF SETTING A VARIETY OF UNIVERSAL ATTRIBUTES TO ENSURE THE WBSC'S STRATEGY AND ACTIONS ARE OF VALUE TO EVERY SINGLE MEMBER OF OUR AUDIENCE.

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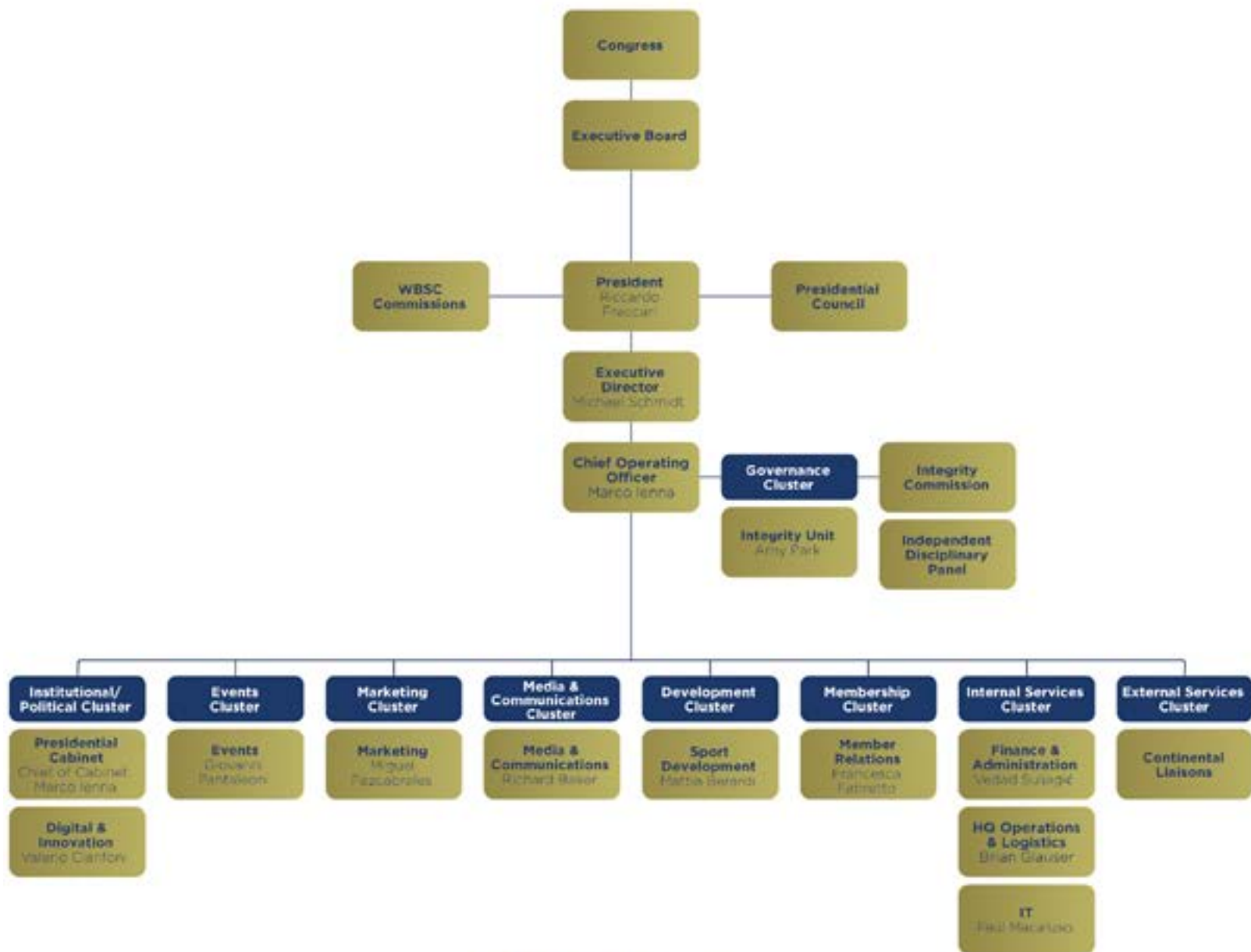


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THE WBSC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IMPLEMENTS THE DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVES WHILE HE OVERSEES THE DAILY WORK OF ALL DEPARTMENTS. OFFICE OPERATIONS ARE STRICTLY INTERCONNECTED AS PER THE NATURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION. THE WBSC WORKING STRUCTURE IS CHARACTERISED BY CONSTANT TEAMWORK BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, AS SHOWN IN THE GRAPHIC.

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THE WORLD BASEBALL SOFTBALL CONFEDERATION (WBSC) IS THE INTERNATIONAL GOVERNING BODY FOR BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL. THE WBSC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION, PROMOTION AND GROWTH OF BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL AROUND THE WORLD AND HAS IDENTIFIED 9 GOALS AS TOP STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR THE 2024-2028 CYCLE, TO HELP OUR SPORT REACH THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE. THE WBSC HAS CREATED A COMPREHENSIVE ROADMAP FOR EACH GOAL, FORMING ITS STRATEGIC PLAN TO GUIDE THE FUTURE OF OUR SPORT.

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STRATEGIC PLAN

AFTER A CAREFUL STUDY MADE BY THE WBSC LEADERSHIP AND ITS DEPARTMENTS, AND CONSULTATION WITH KEY STAKEHOLDERS, THE WBSC UNVEILED THE WBSC 2022-28 STRATEGIC PLAN. THE AIM OF THIS IMPORTANT STRATEGIC PLAN IS TO GUIDE THE WBSC COMMUNITY WITH A MEASURABLE LONG-TERM STRATEGY AND OBJECTIVES.

IT INCLUDES THE WBSC ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE AND WBSC STRUCTURE AS WELL AS OUR GROWTH OBJECTIVES FOR 2028 INCLUDING NINE STRATEGIC GOALS AND 73 SUB-GOALS WITH TARGETED OUTCOMES CREATED TO ACHIEVE OUR AIM TO GROW OUR GLOBAL SPORT BY EXPANDING WITHIN EXISTING MEMBER REGIONS AND TAKING ROOT IN NEW TERRITORIES.

THE MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF OUR INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL OBJECTIVES WILL BE DONE EACH QUARTER OF THE YEAR, ADJUSTING THE CURRENT 244 ROADMAPS AND 436 KPIS ACCORDINGLY. THE WBSC'S OVERALL STRATEGY IS ALIGNED WITH THE IOC'S OLYMPIC AGENDA 2020+5 THROUGH A PILOT PROJECT DONE IN COOPERATION WITH THE IOC.

OUR 2022-28 STRATEGIC PLAN WILL ENSURE THAT THE GLOBAL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL COMMUNITY IS ALIGNED AND GROWING TOGETHER IN THE SAME DIRECTION, TAKING STRENGTH FROM EACH OTHER'S EXPERIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT TO HELP SECURE OUR SPORT'S FUTURE AND ALLOW IT TO MAXIMISE ITS POTENTIAL ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE.

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Paulo Tabirara (PHI)	Member
Santos Vazquez (PUR)	Member
Chris Drumm (USA)	Member
Gian Paolo Pelosi (ITA)	Member
Leigh Evans (AUS)	Member
Florian Lautenschlager (GER)	Member
Laurie Gouthro	Commission Liaison

PLAYER TRANSFERS WORKING GROUPS

Craig Cress (USA)	Chair
Pierluigi Bissa (ITA)	Member
Kruno Karin (CRO)	Member
François Collet (FRA)	Member
Rainer Husty (AUT)	Member
Randolph Oduber (ARU)	Member
María Soto (VEN)	Member

BASEBALL5 GAME OFFICIALS COMMISSION

Andrea D'auria (ITA)	Chair
Ayako Rokkaku (JPN)	Member
Chedli Mokrani (TUN)	Member

Elliot Fleys (FRA)	Member
Eros Bernal (CUB)	Member
Francisco López (VEN)	Member
Jason Bell (RSA)	Member
Nor Hajar Abd Hamid (MAS)	Member
Pablo Jose Leone (ARG)	Member
Rafael Llamas (CUB)	Member
Ruben Bahena (MEX)	Member
Sergio Piccinini (ITA)	Member
Sujeewa Wijayanayake (SRI)	Member
Tony Jones (USA)	Member
Mattia Berardi (SMR)	Commission Liaison

SOFTBALL HALL OF FAME COMMISSION

Dale McMann (CAN)	Chair
Mashilo Matsetela (RSA)	Member
Javier Anaya (COL)	Member
Maria Alanis (MEX)	Member
Laurie Gouthro	Commission Liaison

SUSTAINABILITY AT LARGE COMMISSION

Ana Irene Delgado (PAN)	Chair
Lerina Bright (USA)	Member
Yoori Jung	Commission Liaison

* Passed away in September 2025

LIST OF MEMBERS & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Baseball members **63**

Softball members **58**

Joint members **71**

Total NFs members **192**

Associate members **15**

TOTAL MEMBERS 207

27 Members in Africa

54 Members in Americas

39 Members in Asia

52 Members in Europe

20 Members in Oceania

AFRICA

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Benin	BEN	Combined
Botswana	BOT	Baseball
Botswana	BOT	Softball
Burkina Faso	BUR	Combined
Cameroon	CMR	Combined
Cape Verde	CPV	Combined
Egypt	EGY	Combined
Gambia	GAM	Softball
Ghana	GHA	Combined
Ivory Coast	CIV	Baseball
Kenya	KEN	Baseball
Kenya	KEN	Softball
Lesotho	LES	Combined
Nigeria	NGR	Combined
Senegal	SEN	Softball
Sierra Leone	SLE	Baseball
South Africa	RSA	Baseball
South Africa	RSA	Softball
Tanzania	TAN	Combined
Togo	TOG	Baseball
Tunisia	TUN	Combined
Uganda	UGA	Combined
Zambia	ZAM	Combined
Zimbabwe	ZIM	Baseball
Zimbabwe	ZIM	Softball

AMERICAS

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Argentina	ARG	Baseball
Argentina	ARG	Softball
Aruba	ARU	Baseball
Aruba	ARU	Softball
Bahamas	BAH	Baseball
Bahamas	BAH	Softball
Belize	BIZ	Softball
Bolivia	BOL	Combined
Brazil	BRA	Combined
British Virgin Islands	IVB	Baseball
British Virgin Islands	IVB	Softball
Canada	CAN	Baseball
Canada	CAN	Softball
Cayman Islands	CAY	Softball
Chile	CHI	Combined
Colombia	COL	Baseball
Colombia	COL	Softball
Costa Rica	CRC	Baseball
Costa Rica	CRC	Softball
Cuba	CUB	Baseball
Cuba	CUB	Softball
Curacao	CUW	Baseball
Curacao	CUW	Softball
Dominican Republic	DOM	Baseball
Dominican Republic	DOM	Softball

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Ecuador	ECU	Baseball
Ecuador	ECU	Softball
El Salvador	ESA	Baseball
El Salvador	ESA	Softball
Guatemala	GUA	Baseball
Guatemala	GUA	Softball
Guyana	GUY	Baseball
Haiti	HAI	Combined
Honduras	HON	Baseball
Honduras	HON	Softball
Jamaica	JAM	Baseball
Jamaica	JAM	Softball
Mexico	MEX	Baseball
Mexico	MEX	Softball
Nicaragua	NCA	Combined
Panama	PAN	Baseball
Panama	PAN	Softball
Peru	PER	Baseball
Peru	PER	Softball
Puerto Rico	PUR	Baseball
Puerto Rico	PUR	Softball
Sint Marteen	SMX	Baseball
Trinidad & Tobago	TTO	Baseball
Turks & Caicos Islands	TCA	Softball
U.S. Virgin Islands	ISV	Baseball
U.S. Virgin Islands	ISV	Softball
Uruguay	URU	Softball

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
USA	USA	Baseball
USA	USA	Softball
Venezuela	VEN	Baseball
Venezuela	VEN	Softball

ASIA

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Afghanistan	AFG	Baseball
Bangladesh	BAN	Combined
Bhutan	BHU	Combined
Brunei	BRU	Combined
Cambodia	CAM	Combined
China	CHN	Baseball
China	CHN	Softball
Chinese Taipei	TPE	Baseball
Chinese Taipei	TPE	Softball
Hong Kong	HKG	Baseball
Hong Kong	HKG	Softball
India	IND	Baseball
India	IND	Softball
Indonesia	INA	Combined
Iran	IRI	Combined
Iraq	IRQ	Combined
Japan	JPN	Baseball
Japan	JPN	Softball

COUNTRY

Jordan
 Laos
 Malaysia
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 Mongolia
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 North Korea
 Pakistan
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 Palestine
 Philippines
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 Saudi Arabia
 Singapore
 South Korea
 Sri Lanka
 Syria
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IOC CODE

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EUROPE**COUNTRY**

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COUNTRY

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 Romania
 Russia
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 Serbia
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 Slovakia
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 Slovenia
 Spain
 Sweden
 Switzerland
 Turkey
 Ukraine

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OCEANIA**COUNTRY**

American Samoa
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 Australia
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 Fiji
 Guam
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 Mariana Islands/Saipan
 Marshall Islands
 Micronesia
 Micronesia
 New Caledonia
 New Zealand
 New Zealand
 Palau
 Palau
 Papua New Guinea
 Papua New Guinea
 Solomon Islands
 Tonga

IOC CODE

ASA
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 AUS
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 MNP
 MHL
 FSM
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 NCL
 NZL
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 PNG
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ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

AMERICAN AMATEUR BASEBALL CONGRESS (AABC)
ALTERNATIVE BASEBALL ORGANIZATION INC. (ABO)
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL (AABP)
BABE RUTH LEAGUE INC. (BRL)
CHINESE PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE (CPBL)
KOREAN BASEBALL ORGANISATION (KBO)
LEGA ITALIANA BASEBALL CIECHI & IPOVEDENTI (AIBXC)
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LIGA MEXICANA DE BÉISBOL (LBM)
LIGA MEXICANA DEL PACÍFICO (LMP)
LIGA PROFESIONAL DE BÉISBOL DE PUERTO RICO (LBPRC)
LIGA VENEZOLANA DE BÉISBOL PROFESIONAL (LVBP)
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