

**WBSC**



**BASEBALL5 AZRAQ  
REFUGEE TEAM  
PROJECT**

## Refugee Crisis

- Between 2014 & 2021 160,000 refugees and migrants tried to cross Mediterranean Sea toward Europe and at least 23,000 died
- 2017 over 105,000 refugees entered Europe
- Today 100 M displaced people.  
1% of Humanity is displaced



## 2016 – Rio Olympics

First-ever IOC Refugee Olympic Team

- 10 Athletes
- 3 IFs (Athletics, Swimming, Judo)
- All IOC Scholarship holders –  
Olympic Solidarity funds for  
preparation, qualification and  
attendance at the OG



**Baseball5** was tested for the first time as a tool for social contribution for displaced people in the refugee camp of Zaatari in 2018 during a two-days pilot event delivered in cooperation with Peace and Sport





**Dec 2020 – UN Global Refugee Forum (IOC-UNHCR-Governments).**

WBSC become signatory of the “Sports Coalition” pledging the followings:

- To promote and ensure access for all refugees, without distinction of any kind, to safe and inclusive sporting facilities;
- To increase availability and access to organised sports and sport-based initiatives for refugee and hosting communities, actively considering age, gender, ability and other diversity needs;
- To promote and facilitate equal access to and participation of refugees in sporting events and competitions at all levels.



March 2020 – The WBSC signed an MoU with the WT and its Humanitarian Foundation to use Baseball5 as a tool for social development in their Humanitarian Sports Centre located in the refugee camp of Azraq, Jordan



## 2021 – Tokyo 2020 OG – IOC

### Refugee Olympic Team

- 56 Athletes
- 21 Host Countries
- 12 Sports
- 2 million USD investment (OS)



**September 2022** – The WBSC

trained online Mr. **Amjad**

**Alatoom** for 3 months.

**January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023** – The WBSC

hired a Mr. Alatoom to be the

Head Coach of the WBSC Azraq

Baseball5 Refugee Team





The **Azraq** refugee camp is located near Azraq, Jordan, and was built for refugees escaped from the Syrian Civil war in 2014.



Developed, and operated by the **UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR)**, in conjunction with the Government of Jordan, the Azraq refugee camp population has reached over 35,000 refugees.



Many refugees in Azraq are in poor physical and mental health, having gone through traumatising events.







The WBSC is working closely with the **TAEKWONDO HUMANITARIAN FOUNDATION** in Azraq to use Baseball5 to encourage social inclusion, social cohesion, integration and teamwork, while promoting health and psychosocial well-being through physical activity.





Baseball5 featured in the first ever Taekwondo Humanitarian Foundation **Hopes and Dreams Sports Festival** held in Amman in Jordan from 25-27 February.

- Feb 25 Azraq Camp Festival
- Feb 27 Amman Championship

## FEB 25<sup>TH</sup> - A DEDICATED BASEBALL5 FIELD WAS OPENED FOR REFUGEES TO USE AT THE AZRAQ REFUGEE CAMP





**THE AZRAQ CAMP  
HUMANITARIAN SPORTS  
CENTRE HAS AN INDOOR  
FACILITY TO TRAIN 365  
DAYS A YEAR**





Around **300 YOUNG REFUGEE ATHLETES** took part in the Hopes and Dreams Sports Festival, on Feb 27, including a refugee team from Afghanistan.

A Team of Baseball5 kids from the near city of Balilla participated with the aim of reduce discrimination and promote inclusion and integration among local communities.



# HOPE AND DREAMS BASEBALL5 REFUGEE CHAMPIONSHIP





## HOPE AND DREAMS BASEBALL5 REFUGEE CHAMPIONSHIP

WBSC President  
Riccardo Fraccari  
awarded WT President  
Chungwon Choue with  
Hope and Dreams  
Baseball5 Refugee  
Championship medals



Representatives from the **ASSOCIATION OF SUMMER OLYMPIC INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION (ASOIF)**, **UNHCR**, and the **INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY SPORTS FEDERATION (FISU)**, were also in attendance



The WBSC is a proud member of the **UNHCR AND INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE (IOC)**  
**“SPORTS COALITION”** and share a commitment to improving access for all refugees to safe and  
inclusive sporting facilities







Looking further ahead, one of the WBSC's key goals is to have a **WBSC BASEBALL5 REFUGEE TEAM** competing at the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026 - First time ever YOG Refugee Olympic Team

In addition, the WBSC will also explore ways to expand its sustainable development strategy towards further **HUMANITARIAN** and **LEGACY PROJECTS** through its **LEGACY CLUB**



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