

To all media representatives

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World Baseball Softball Confederation

Subject: Regarding the use of the official designation "WBSC World Rankings"

Dear colleagues,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

The World Baseball Softball Confederation is pleased to announce that the names of the official world rankings for Baseball, Softball, and Baseball5 under the jurisdiction of the WBSC will be changed as follows starting from now.

(Official World Ranking Titles)

- WBSC/SHARP World Rankings
- WBSC/SHARP Baseball World Rankings
- WBSC/SHARP Men's Baseball World Ranking
- WBSC/SHARP Women's Baseball World Ranking
- WBSC/SHARP Softball World Rankings
- WBSC/SHARP Men's Softball World Ranking
- WBSC/SHARP Women's Softball World Ranking
- WBSC/SHARP Baseball5 World Ranking

Please use the above "Official World Ranking Titles" when using or quoting the World Ranking in news reports, announcements, TV programmes, etc., as well as in related news and reports.

In principle, the use of any other name than the Official World Ranking Names is not permitted, but if you must use an abbreviation for journalistic reasons, please be sure to use the Official World Ranking Titles at the first mention, before using the abbreviation.

Sincerely,

Richard Baker
WBSC Media & Communications Director