

**A. GENERAL NORMS****A1. PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY**

A1.3. A competitor who is a national of two or more countries or at the same time may represent either one of them, as he may elect. However, after having represented one of them (in any WBSC Sanctioned Event) he may not represent another country or region unless he meets the conditions set forth in the following paragraph that apply to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality. (Note: other non-official WBSC Invitational Tournaments are considered exceptions to this rule).

A1.4. A competitor who has represented one country in any WBSC Sanctioned Event, and who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality shall not participate in any of the aforementioned competitions to represent his new country or region until three years after such change or acquisition. (Note other non-official WBSC Invitational Tournaments are considered exceptions to this rule). This period may be reduced or even cancelled with the agreement of the initial National Federation and the approval of the WBSC Executive Board.

A1.5. If an associated state, province or overseas department, a country or colony acquires independence, if a country becomes incorporated within another country by reason of a change of border, or if a new NOC is recognized by the IOC, a competitor may continue to represent the country or region to which he belongs or belonged. However, he may, if he prefers, choose to represent his country or be entered in the WBSC official competition or the Olympic qualifying tournaments by his new Federation or NOC if one exists. This particular choice may only be made once.

A1.6. In all cases not expressly addressed in this By-law, in particular in those cases in which a competitor would be in a position to represent a country other than that of which he is a national or have a choice as to the country or region which he intends to represent, the WBSC Executive Board may take all decisions of a general or individual nature, and, in particular, issue specific requirements relating to nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of the competitors, including the duration of any waiting period.

A1.7. Should an eligibility violation occur, and a player be proven to be ineligible prior to any matches being played, the player is automatically removed from his team roster and will not be allowed to participate in any matches of the competition. The Game Official's Director of the Competition will notify the WBSC Executive Board for further action.

A1.8. Should a violation be discovered during the competition and after the athlete has played in one or more match, the player is automatically removed from the roster, and any match in which he actually played shall be considered a forfeited match for his team. The team shall continue to play in the competition, and the infraction shall be reported by the Game Official's Director of the Competition to the WBSC Executive Board for further action.

A1.9. Should a violation of eligibility be discovered after the competition, the case can be submitted by the Tournament Director, or by the National Federation, directly to the WBSC Executive Board for further action. In any case the Executive Board may act officially should a violation of eligibility be discovered after the competition.

A1.10. A player, removed for any eligibility violation, cannot be replaced by another player. A team can be penalized for eligibility violation only if a player has actually played in a match.



A1.11. In any case, it is the obligation of the Delegation or the National Federation, officially protesting the ineligibility of a player, to produce valid proof, the documentation and all the information regarding the violation in writing at the moment when filing the protest.

## **A2. FINAL TEAM ROSTER – (FTR)**

A2.5. The non-fulfillment of the deadline to submit the documents mentioned under point A 2.2., the incomplete submission or lack of fulfillment of any of the sections shall be sanctioned with a USD five hundred (500) fine per day until the problem is corrected.

A2.6 Once the athletes' verification is over, no changes of the FTR will be permitted for the duration of the competition. Copies of the FTR shall be provided to each Delegation Leader, Tournament Director, Game Officials, Anti-Doping Commissioner and Media before the start of the competition.

## **A3. PRE-TOURNAMENT TECHNICAL/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

A3.2. The Pre-Tournament Technical/Organizational Meeting will be chaired by the Game Official's Director (or Assistant assigned for the competition a representative of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and a representative of the WBSC

The following items will be discussed in this meeting:

- Relationships between the Executive Director, Tournament Director, Game Official's Director, Game Officials, Delegation Leaders, Coaches, LOC.
- Conduct of the matches.
- Competition Norms.
- Ground Rules (if necessary).
- Handling protests.
- Handling ejections.
- Sanctions/penalties against teams or players
- Information on the final phase of the Competition.
- Communication between the Game Official's Director of the Competition and the teams.
- Teams transportation (information provided by the LOC).
- Housing and food (information provided by the LOC).
- General information (information provided by the LOC).
- Open/Free day, if any.
- Laundry Service (information provided by the LOC).
- Hotel Conduct (information provided by the LOC).
- Team Uniform (colours must be assigned per each match of the opening round)
- Impact of TV production (if televised).
- Relationship with the media and teams' media obligations

Note: All materials handed out at this meeting should be printed in English and Spanish at a minimum.

### A4. DOPING CONTROL

A4.2. During an official competition of any Baseball5 event under WBSC control, unless agreed with the WBSC Anti-Doping Program, the frequency of doping controls shall be as follows.

- Opening Round: at least one match from each group each day with two players selected per team. The intention in the Opening Round is to test each team at least once and preferably twice. However, such testing shall be limited to up to 2 matches per day.
- Super Round/Qualification Round: two players per team may be selected from all Super Round, Qualification Round and Medal Matches.

A4.3. WBSC will appoint a WBSC Anti-Doping Commissioner to oversee the anti-doping program. The WBSC Anti-Doping Commissioner may vary the test distribution in consultation with the head Doping Control Officer (DCO).

A4.4. For matches in which doping controls will be conducted, the following procedure shall be followed:

- At the first inning of the first game the head DCO, the WBSC Anti-Doping Commissioner and a Game Official not on duty, with a copy of the starting Line-ups, shall meet in the Doping Control Station. The head DCO will have a copy of the FTR for the selection process.
- The Delegation Leader has to confirm to the Game Official that all players are at the match and if one is missing (for injury, sickness, etc...) why and where the player is (for Doping test reason).
- The head DCO will provide a random system. In the case of no available system, player names or numbers will be written on pieces of paper and cut up.
- A random selection process will be conducted for each team. This will include selection of reserve players in the event the original selected player/s are seriously injured during the match.
- If one player from each team is being selected, all players will be included in the draw, and one reserve player selected. If two players from each team are being tested, the first selection will be from the Starting Line-up, the second from the full player roster. The reserve selections will be made from the full list.
- While a player may be subject to doping control on more than one occasion, the WBSC Anti-Doping Commissioner may ask for a redraw if the player has already been tested twice at the same tournament.
- The selections will be marked on the Starting Line-up, signed by the parties in attendance and given to the DCO.
- The names of the selected players shall not be communicated to the teams before the end of the match.

A4.5. Players must stay at the field for the duration of the match. The Game Official(s) assigned to the match and the Tournament Director shall be informed immediately in case of a player needs to be absent from the field or tournament at any time.

### A6. INFRACTIONS AND FINES

A4.6. If a selected player gets seriously injured and needs to be immediately hospitalised, the reserve player selected from the same team shall be tested instead. In such a case, medical evidence on the serious status of the injury must be given to the WBSC Anti-Doping Commissioner. The injured player may still be selected for a doping control by WBSC once they have recovered. *For example:* a player is hurt before the doping procedure on a Monday and goes to the hospital. On Tuesday, the player is taken off the roster but is still in the country at the hotel or at the match. That player is still eligible to be tested just as the rest of the players on the initial FTR are eligible to be tested. In short, any player who is injured or removed from the roster is still subject to the same drug testing procedures as the rest of the team.

A4.7. Any players on the Final Team Roster (FTR) not present at the match may be selected by WBSC for a doping control whether still in the host city or not.

A4.8. The LOC is responsible for getting the Doping Control Station properly equipped and ready for use.

A4.9 Doping control will take place at all WBSC Baseball5 World Cups.

A6.2. The following is the list of infraction levels and associated fines and suspensions:

A level fines: A minimum of \$1000

B level fines: \$500 - \$999

C level fines: \$100 - \$499

#### A level infractions:

A level is infraction of rules that are considered crucial for competition success, those that cause serious negative effects to the image of the sport. The fine for an A level infraction is a minimum of \$1000.

The following are examples of A level infractions:

- Foreign substance
- Physically aggressive behaviour or fighting
- Non-presence of a team in the tournament after confirming the participation

#### B level infractions:

B level is infraction of rules that are considered important for matches operations and/or also is a behaviour that is considered unsportsmanlike. The fine for a B level infraction is \$500 - \$999.

The following are examples of B level infractions:

- Not leaving dugout after ejection
- Contacting a Game Official
- Ejection

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### C level infractions:

C level is infraction of logistical and/or routine rules in nature. The fine for a C level infraction is \$100 - \$499.

The following are examples of C level infractions:

- Delay or absence in technical meeting without prior notice
- Failure by the host to follow guidelines on venue use and maintenance
- Failure by the host to notify all participants regarding the ground rules at each competition site
- Failure by the host to meet the protection and security regulations of the players in the playing field
- When non-authorized personnel enters/does not leave the dugout, after being instructed by a GO.

The following incidents are examples of potential infractions and fines. These incidents will serve as guidelines for the types of fines and/or suspensions that the Game Official's Director and the Executive Director will use when rendering judgments:

Infraction Level	Action	Fine	Suspension
C	Delay or absence in technical meeting without prior notice	\$300	
C	Failure by the host to follow guidelines on venue use and maintenance	\$350	
C	Failure by the host to notify all participants regarding the ground rules at each competition site	\$350	
C	Failure by the host to meet the protection and security regulations of the players in the playing field	\$400	
C	Failure by the host to adhere to the Tournament Regulations regarding scheduling of games	\$400	
C	Failure to submit starting line ups in time	\$450	
C	Failure by the host to use the WBSC official Baseball5 balls	\$450	
C	Prolonged arguing	\$500	
C	Non-authorized personnel enters/does not leave the dugout, after being instructed by GOs	\$500	
B	Communication between dugout and stands detected during games	\$500	
B	Inappropriate comments directed at a game official	\$500	
B	Violently throwing equipment	\$500	
B	Inappropriate gestures at a game official	\$500	
B	Restrained from confronting game official/player	\$500	
B	Actions causing benches to empty	\$600	
B	Team personnel ejection	\$600	
B	Failure by the host to provide adequate scorekeeping personnel and resources	\$650	

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B	Actions during bench clearing (not physical violence)	\$650	0 to 3 games
B	Throwing equipment/debris onto field from dugout	\$700	0 to 6 games
B	Not leaving dugout after ejection	\$800	1 to 3 games
B	Contacting a game official	\$800	1 to 6 games
B	Fighting	\$950	3 to 8 games
A	Throwing equipment in game officials' direction	Minimum of \$1,000	1 to 6 games
A	Foreign substance	Minimum of \$1,500	10 games
A	Non-compliance with WBSC uniform advertising regulations	Minimum of \$1,500	
A	Physically aggressive behaviour against or fighting with a fan, a WBSC Official, a player, coach, manager or other persons involved in a game	Minimum of \$2,000	3 games to suspension of up to two years
A	Causing a forfeit game	Minimum of \$2,000	0 to 6 games

A6.3. In case any tournament participants are charged with conduct that requires stronger sanctions than the above, the Game Official's Director may impose a penalty and/or suspension they find appropriate and justified. Any appeal of the decision will be taken up by the Jury of Appeal.

A6.4. Conduct on or off the field: damages caused by any member of a Delegation to the installation where they are housed, the competition facilities or transport units, or to any other area, will be the direct responsibility of the Federation they represent. The host country and/or Organising Committee shall not be responsible for the financial situation of any Delegation or team. The WBSC Executive Director may impose any penalty he finds appropriate and justified. Any appeal of the decision will be taken up by the Jury of Appeal, which will make the final decision.