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HOSTING BID OUTLINE

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INTRO

This World Baseball and Softball Confederation Europe (henceforth “WBSC Europe”) Hosting Bid Outline is intended for any organisation seeking to host a WBSC Europe competition in the capacity of 'Local Organising Committee' (henceforth “LOC”).

1. WBSC Europe Competitions

- a) The Competitions of WBSC Europe are organized in full compliance with WBSC Europe Regulations, which are obligatory for Member Federations, participating teams, Technical Commission, Officials, LOC and all others responsible for these events.
- b) All Member Federations or Clubs intending to organize, any official WBSC Europe are required to certify acceptance of, and must comply with, all conditions herein.
- c) WBSC Europe authorises its Member Federations to organise International European Baseball, Softball, Baseball5 and special event competitions as listed in 2.d. below.
- d) WBSC Europe Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 competitions for National teams will be entrusted to its Member Federations, while Cup competitions will be assigned to Clubs which are members of a Member Federation of WBSC Europe.
- e) The Member Federation of the country where the competition remains responsible to WBSC Europe for delivering all requirements herein, even if an LOC is in charge of all competition management, including Cup competitions.

2. Bidding Procedures for WBSC Europe Competitions

- a) The WBSC Europe Executive Board has the exclusive right and authority to appoint the organisers of all WBSC Europe competitions.
- b) Member Federations of WBSC Europe intending to organize any competition must apply for appointment by the WBSC Europe Executive Board by submitting the appropriate Bid form. The Bid should be sent to bids@wbsceurope.org.

If more than one LOC from a Member Federation wants to apply for organizing the same competition in the same year, the Member Federation must itself decide which application is submitted to WBSC Europe.

- c) The deadline for submitting bids is November 1st every year, anticipating the competition itself by a certain number of years as follows:

COMPETITION	HELD EVERY	BID IN ADVANCE
<u>Baseball Championships (National Teams)</u>		
Baseball European Championship and Qualifier(s)	2 years	4 years
Women's Baseball European Championship	2 years	4 years
U-23 Baseball European Championship and Qualifier(s)	2 years	2 years
U-18 Baseball European Championship and Qualifier(s)	2 years	2 years
U-15 Baseball European Championship and Qualifier(s)	2 years	2 years
U-12 Baseball European Championship and Qualifier	Annually	2 years
<u>Baseball Cup Cups (Club Teams)</u>		
Baseball European Champions League	Annually	No bid
Baseball European Champions League Final Four	Annually	No bid
Baseball European Cup	Annually	1 year
Baseball European Federation Cup	Annually	1 year
Baseball European Federation Cup Qualifiers	Annually	1 year
<u>Softball Championships (National Teams)</u>		
Women's Softball European Championship	2 years	4 years
Men's Softball European Championship	2 years	4 years
Men's Slowpitch European Championship	2 years	4 years
Coed Slowpitch European Championship	2 years	4 years
U-22 Women's Softball European Championship	2 years	4 years
U-23 Men's Softball European Championship	2 years	4 years
U-18 Women's Softball European Championship	2 years	4 years
U-18 Men's Softball European Championship	2 years	4 years
U-15 Women's Softball European Championship	2 years	4 years
U-16 Men's Softball European Championship	2 years	4 years
<u>Softball Cup (Club Teams)</u>		
Women's Softball European Premiere Cup	Annually	1 year
Women's Softball European Cup	Annually	1 year
Women's Softball European Cup Winners Cup A	Annually	1 year
Women's Softball European Cup Winners Cup B	Annually	1 year
Men's Softball European Super Cup	Annually	1 year
Softball European Masters Cups	Annually	1 year
Coed Slowpitch European Super Cup	2 years	2 year
<u>Baseball5 Championships (National Teams)</u>		
Baseball5 European Championship	2 years	4 years
Youth Baseball5 European Championship	2 years	2 years
<u>WBSC Europe Special Events</u>		
European Massimo Romeo Youth Trophy (EMRYT)	Annually	No Bid

- d) The completed Bid form shall be submitted to bids@wbsceurope.org. It must include the exact location(s) where the competition is intended to take place and certify that the competition venue(s) fulfil(s) all requirements specified in the respective WBSC Europe competition Regulations, including the date on which the event is to be held. Then:
- 1: WBSC Europe evaluates the submitted hosting proposals, (reserving the right to schedule a visit to evaluate the proposal, if deemed necessary);
 - 2: WBSC Europe Executive Board selects the most suitable candidate for each competition;
 - 3: WBSC Europe announces the successful host for each competition.
- e) The organisation of the Championships is entrusted by WBSC Europe to the Member Federation involved. The Member Federation may delegate its duties to a special LOC, which must be approved by the WBSC Europe Executive Board. WBSC Europe bears no financial responsibilities in connection with the organisation and management of any such competitions.
- f) The LOC entrusted with the management of the European competition must make all necessary arrangements subject to approval of the WBSC Europe Executive Board.

3. Hosting Agreement

Once the organisation of a WBSC Europe Competition is awarded, a legally-binding contract / agreement is developed between WBSC Europe, the Member Federation and the LOC (if separate from the Member Federation) and must be signed within thirty (30) days of receipt. The Hosting Agreement shall stipulate the obligations and responsibilities of WBSC Europe, Member Federation and the LOC and makes reference to the respective competition Regulations.

The hosting fee amount, payment date and potential penalties for non-compliance will also be stipulated in the Hosting Agreement as per the Financial Appendix.

4. WBSC Europe standards and compliance inspection procedure

After being awarded the hosting of a WBSC Europe competition, the LOC shall be responsible for all renovations or upgrades to facilities that do not yet meet the standards outlined in the competition Regulations. The LOC shall schedule an inspection visit for a WBSC Europe Representative in order to inspect the competition venues, practice venues and proposed hotels to ensure compliance with WBSC Europe standards. These standards apply to both new and existing facilities, and the venue and hotel inspection shall be considered during the inspection. The cost of accommodations and other expenses, other than travel for the site visit, shall be covered by the hosting Member Federation / LOC.

After the inspection, a full Technical & Competitions Commission's Inspection Report shall be developed identifying strengths, and the weaknesses and issues that may need to be addressed in order to meet critical requirements related to the playing field, player safety, venue infrastructure, hotel quality, etc. These improvements and other recommendations shall become part of the Hosting Agreement between the host and WBSC Europe. If needed, a schedule of construction /

improvement work shall be agreed between the LOC and WBSC Europe, which may be followed up by WBSC Europe on a timely basis to ensure that preparations are on track.

During the visit, the WBSC Europe Representative may also evaluate other aspects of the Event organisation such as security, event promotion, medical services, transportation plans, etc.

If the Host has already successfully organised a similar competition recently, the Inspection visit itself may be waived at the discretion of the Representative.

5. Legal remark

In the event of a dispute between WBSC Europe and the hosting Member Federation regarding the application of the competition Regulations expressed in the Host Agreement, efforts shall be made in the first instance to reach a resolution through negotiation in good faith. In the event that no resolution can be reached in this way, the matter shall be put before the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) based in Lausanne, Switzerland, for mediation or, if necessary, arbitration. Under no circumstances may WBSC Europe or the Member Federation resort to court proceedings.

The Parties agree to abide by the rules of CAS and to abide by and accept in good faith any ruling the CAS may hand down.

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