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1. General Norms

- 1.1. The Tournament will be played by applying the “AIBXC RULEBOOK-EDITION 2023”.

2. Competition Administration - Games Mode

- 2.1. Due to organisational needs, games will be played in 5 innings or maximum one hour, tie score will be valid in round games and application of “Mercy” and “Impossible Comeback” Rules (Art. 4.02, 4.03, 4.04 Rulebook).
- 2.2. Should one hour pass by (according to the starting time reported by the Official Score Keeper), the current inning will have to be completed.
- 2.3. EXCEPTION: the game may be declared ended by the Umpire
- 2.3.2 if a new inning is about to begin after 55 minutes of play; or
- 2.3.2 in advance, at the request of the Technical Delegate for logistical reasons (at innings completed).

3. Tournament Format

- 3.1. The tournament will be divided into two rounds:
- Qualifying round
 - Final round.
- 3.2. During the qualifying round, the 5 participating teams will face each other in one-way games.
- 3.3. At the end of the qualifying round, the final round begins, with semi-finals and finals (in a single game) for the top 4 teams:
- 3.3.1 SEMIFINAL A: 1st place – 4th place

- 3.3.2 SEMIFINAL B: 2nd place – 3rd place
- 3.3.3 FINALS: 3rd/4th place: loser semi-final A – loser semi-final B.
- 3.3.4 1st/2nd place: winner semi-final A – winner semi-final B.

4. Tournament Standings

- 4.1. At the end of the two rounds, the relevant rankings will be drawn up and, in case of a tie game, the score in the straight up game will be taken into account.
- 4.2. If three teams are tied and when criterion 1 does not break a tie, the team with the highest TQB will be placed in the first spot. The TQB is calculated as follows: (runs scored / innings played at bat) – (runs allowed / innings playing on defense). For a three-way tie and when the TQB is needed to break the tie, the TQB will place all three teams from highest to lowest placing.
- 4.3. Should the teams still be tied, a coin will be flipped.

5. Tournament Semifinals and Finals

- 5.1. In the straight up elimination game, in case of a tie, the Tie-break rule will be applied (even in case of a game interrupted due to time constraints before the 5th inning).
- 5.2. For logistical reasons, as an exception to the rules, the Tie-break rule will also be applied in the Final.

6. Awards

- 6.1. Individual awards provided by the WBSC Europe will be given at the end of the tournament to:
 - 7.1. Most valuable player (MVP)
Selected by Technical Delegate of the competition, based on individual performance rankings and the greater contribution to the success of his/her team.
 - a. Leading hitter (Best Hitter).
Based on Batting Average rankings, considering the minimum number of at bat needed to enter the standings.
 - b. Outstanding defensive player (Best Defensive Player)
Based on the ranking of Fielding Average, considering the minimum number of defensive opportunities needed to enter the standings.
 - c. Best Youth (Top Prospect)
Selected by AIBXC Technical Commission of the competition from among the Under 30 players, based on individual performance rankings and the player's individual growth prospects.

7. Competition Officials

- 7.2. Executive Delegate
The Executive Delegate is the highest authority in the competitions. The Responsibilities of the Executive Delegate, or in his absence his direct delegate or, in that person's absence, the Tournament Delegate, include the following:

- a. Enforce all WBSC Europe regulations and all agreements between WBSC Europe, the National Federations and the LOC.
- b. Review final arrangements with the LOC Chairperson for the organisation of the competition, which include all logistical aspects such as accommodation, transportation, protocol, etc. and all related aspects.
- c. Harmonise the interests represented by the WBSC Europe, the LOC, the National Federations and the Technical Commission working in the competition.
- d. Arbitrate and have final authority in making a decision regarding any disputes that cannot be resolved by negotiations among any or all of the groups or organisations involved in the competition.
- e. In the absence of the WBSC Europe President, or of his specifically designated representative, represent the WBSC in all formal acts and presentations related to the competition.
- f. Inform the WBSC Europe Executive Board about the matters regarding the competition organisation.
- g. Prepare the final official report for its consideration by the Executive Board.
- h. Take a final decision in regard to game schedule after consulting the Tournament Director and LOC.

7.3. Technical Delegate

WBSC Europe will appoint one person as Technical Delegate. The responsibilities of the Technical Delegate include the following:

- a. Proceed to the final review and approval of competition and practice venues.
- b. Oversee the competition and rule accordingly to the Tournament Regulations when needed.
- c. Liaise with WBSC Europe Events Department regarding game delays, rescheduling.
- d. Gather relevant statistical and game report information.

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