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WBSC Europe BASEBALL - COMPETITION REGULATIONS 2026

These are the WBSC Europe Baseball Competition Regulations, published by the World Baseball Softball Confederation Europe (WBSC Europe). Its application is compulsory in all competitions.

In the whole document everything that is written in masculine applies also to the feminine:

e.g.: he = she, his = her

1. WBSC EUROPE BASEBALL COMPETITIONS

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2. BIDDING PROCEDURES FOR THE WBSC EUROPE BASEBALL COMPETITIONS

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3. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

If not otherwise foreseen in the specific competition rules, the obligations of the Organizing Committee (LOC) are as follows:

- a) Communicate to the WBSC Europe Baseball the specific dates and a plan of activities for the Championship. The final decision on the date and venues, shall be made at least 6 months prior to the opening day of the Championship, unless exceptional circumstances.
- b) To have availability of ratified playing grounds for the assigned Competition at least one year before the start of the competition and according to the requirements set by WBSC Europe for each playing level.
- c) To have availability of a WIFI or ADSL Internet connection at the fields and in the hotel of the officials to transmit the reports and results of the competition to the WBSC Europe Website in “Play by Play mode”. On the fields a dedicated internet connection for the play-by-play is mandatory. If the LOC does not provide a proper internet connection, it will be fined according to art. 15 and additionally has to cover all additional costs that may occur.
- d) To supply the competition balls of a well-known brand and of high quality. WBSC Europe has the right to specify a ball from a specific manufacturer/brand if a corresponding contract exists. This will be regulated in the respective host agreement.
For all competitions WBSC Europe has the right to supply the game balls to organizers if a sponsor contract between WBSC Europe and a ball manufacturer is agreed.

- e) To receive the members of the Technical Commission in charge for the control of the playing grounds and all other arrangements like hotel, transport etc. for due ratification.
- f) To plan the competition time-schedule as set up at item 19 of these rules for approval by the Baseball Technical Commission. The Baseball Technical Commission may allow deviations. The Organizing Committee provides also adequate training fields for the participating teams. The schedule for the use of the training fields will be prepared by the Organizing Committee and approved by the Baseball Technical Commission.
- g) Insure against all kind of risks of general liability of all participating officials and athletes from the arrival until departure, after having completed their obligations in the competition and to submit the documentation to the Baseball Technical Commission before the start of the competition. WBSC Europe can never be held responsible for any accident whatever.
- h) To receive the WBSC Europe officials before the competition and guarantee their corresponding functions during the event.
- i) Create, print, and distribute an official program for the competition.
- j) To supply adequate arrangements for the press, radio and television (this includes e.g. a reserved seating area and adequate and reserved work space.
- k) To provide medical aid and if needed transport to the nearest medical Centre or hospital and police guard at the playgrounds during all games.
- l) Only the schedule, results, and statistics published on the WBSC Europe website are recognized as official and valid. The LOC is not permitted to publish schedules, results, or statistics on any other website or platform; only the information on the official WBSC Europe events website may be used for all public communications.
- m) To make available a suitable meeting room for the Baseball Technical Commission for the full period of the competition.
- n) To reserve seating for the following designated groups:
 - Seating reserved in the first rang, for the members of the WBSC Europe Executive Committee (if present).
 - Seating for all other WBSC Europe international officials.
 - Seating reserved in the first row for the Baseball Technical Commission.
 - Seating behind home plate for coaches of the participating teams and scouts.
 - Seating in a reserved section for the athletes and all other participants.

- o) Within 15 days from the official communication by WBSC Europe Baseball of the list of participating teams, the Organizing Committee shall send all necessary information and an official invitation to every team. If a visa is required also a copy to the organizing country's embassies located in the participating country with a copy to the concerned federation. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine of 400,00 €.
- p) To comply with specific rules and financial obligations established for said competition. The federation of the country, in which the chosen city is situated, shall be able to ensure that the competition is organized according to the rules and financial regulations for the competition.
- q) To supply and present the competition trophies and awards, with name and logo of WBSC Europe, as stipulated in these rules under item 12.
- r) The WBSC Europe Executive Committee reserves the right to nullify the site of a country, which does not comply with the established norms.
- s) Pay at the prescribed time the fees related to organization, which correspond to each competition. The fees should be paid and received into the account of WBSC Europe before the 1st of March in the year the competition is played.
- t) In case of a withdrawal of the Organizer the federation involved will be fined with a maximum of the organizing fee and a minimum of Euro 2.500 to be decided by the WBSC Europe Executive Committee.
The federation or club who withdraws as organizer cannot be participant in the same year as the event takes place and relegation is the consequence.
- u) Ensure access of the members of the Technical Commission of the tournament, the Baseball Technical Commission and the WBSC Europe Executive Committee to all areas of the venues during the tournament (including VIP areas).
- v) Bottled potable water should be provided to the playing teams and WBSC Europe officials during their games (including pre-game practice).
- w) Provide sufficient flagpoles at the main field in a clearly visible place for the flags of the participating countries and the official WBSC Europe flag. The WBSC Europe office will provide the official flag of WBSC Europe before the start of the tournament to the LOC. After the tournament, the flag must be returned to the WBSC Europe office. Failure to return the flag results in a fine of 100,00 €.
- x) If WBSC Europe provides banners from WBSC Europe or possible sponsors of WBSC Europe apply these banners on the fence in a clearly visible place. Failure to return the banners results in a fine of 100,00 €.

4. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

If not otherwise foreseen in the specific competition rules, the financial obligations of the Organizing Committee (LOC) are as follows:

- a) Assume the costs for local transportation and hotel of the Technical Commissioner-Controller to inspect the playing grounds where the European competition will be held.
- b) Assume the financial conditions relative to accommodation, food and local transportation necessary for all assigned umpire supervisors, scoring director, umpires, scorekeepers (local and international) and media officers, to and from all games. The accommodation and meals for these officials will be paid for a period beginning one day prior to the competition and including one day after its conclusion. Each umpire will receive 9 (nine) Euro for each playing day as indemnity.
- c) Assume the cost of the financial conditions relative to accommodation, food and local transportation at all time, as stipulated for each WBSC Europe Baseball competition for Technical Commissioner(s) who carry out functions at the competition for a period beginning one day prior to the start of the competition and including one day after its conclusion. The Technical Delegate shall arrive one day before the scheduled date of the technical meeting. All Competition officials will be lodged separated from the participating teams.
- d) To supply the trophies and awards.
- e) To provide the maintenance, all costs for custodial care required maintaining cleanliness at the fields.
- f) All costs related to doping control (if provided).
- g) Insurance against General Liability for all athletes and officials who participate in the competition.

The terms "international transportation" or "travel expenses" always means: 1st class travel expenses railway or boat, including meals in route or boat and Economy class airlines.

Accommodation

It is provided 1st class hotel. The hotel for all competition officials must not be the same as used by the teams. All Competition Officials must be lodged at the same hotel.

Technical delegates/commissioners/ umpire supervisors as well as the scoring director have to be lodged in separate (single) rooms, scorers and umpires can be lodged in double (twin) bedroom.

Food

Meals are to be provided either in hotel, restaurants or on the field, anyhow arrangements for all appointed competition officials are to be made so that meals may be always taken, according to the game schedule. Non- appointed officials must be ensured to have meals at the same hotel where they are booked or at a restaurant or at the field provided that adequate transport is arranged. When the meals are served on the field there must be a separate room, only for the officials. There must be at least 1 warm quality meal with fresh vegetables and fresh fruit per day. It is not ok when officials need to eat every day “fast food”. We advise that the breakfast can be taken in the hotel where the officials are logged. Provide at least 2 free drinks per day for each official.

5. OBLIGATIONS OF FEDERATIONS OR CLUBS PARTICIPATING IN WBSC EUROPE BASEBALL COMPETITIONS

If not otherwise foreseen in the specific competition rules, the obligations of the federations or clubs participating in a WBSC Europe Baseball competition are as follows:

- a. To subscribe by use of the specific form within the term established for each competition and anyway before **December 1st** in the year before the competition is played.
- b. Pay at the prescribed time the fees related to participation and organization, which correspond to each competition. The fees should be paid and received into the account of WBSC Europe before the 1st of March in the year the competition is played.
- c. If demanded by WBSC Europe, arrange the payment of the guaranteed sum. The guaranteed sum should be paid and received into the account of WBSC Europe before the 1st of March in the year the competition is played. Each federation or club will register its players following these rules:
- d. In the Championships for National Selections all players must have the nationality of the country they represent (see Eligibility item 7). Six (6) officials-technicians are allowed to accompany the team on the playing field. For the eligibility of the players for the cup competitions see the specific regulations.
- e. All teams are responsible for their travel expenses to arrive at and depart from the Competition venue, as well as all board, lodging, and food throughout the event. All teams are additionally responsible for all their local travel throughout the event, including to/from the TC Meeting and to/from the field(s) for games and ceremonies.
- f. The WBSC Europe Baseball Insurance Form (Affidavit) should be undersigned by the participating club or federation delivered together with the FTR printed out of the my.wbsc-system at the Technical Meeting the day before the start of the tournament. Failing of delivering of this insurance document will cause removal of the team from the event.
<https://www.wbsceurope.org/en/documents/search?keyword=insurance>
- g. Each Affiliated Federation is responsible for the traveling expenses to and from any baseball competition (or to a baseball Umpire Training Course) for as many Umpires as the teams this Affiliated Federation enters in the current year. If the participating team fails to provide the appointed international baseball umpire(s), WBSC Europe will impose a fine of 500,00 €. on the federation.

- h. Supply at least 30 days before arrival to the competition a complete list of the official delegation including its directors and the projected arrival and departure times to the host country.
- i. To be present at the venue the day before the start of the competition at the meeting with the Technical Commission. In case this obligation is not fulfilled a sum of 200,00 € will be fined by WBSC Europe to the transgressor.
- j. Any damage incurred by any member of a delegation to installations, baseball stadiums, transportation vehicles or any other competition area or any logistic category will be the responsibility of the federation that person or persons represent.

Neither the host country, Organizing Committee nor WBSC Europe is responsible for the financial situation of any participating delegation or team.

6. COMPETITION OFFICIALS

a. Technical Commission

For every Baseball competition, the WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee will designate the Technical Delegate(s), the Technical Commissioner(s), the Umpire Supervisor and the Scoring Director required for the control of the games.

The functions and responsibilities of the Technical Commission are:

- Control of the eligibility and credentials of the players.
- In cooperation with the umpire supervisor and scoring director designate the umpires and scorekeepers.
- Reschedule suspended games.
- Apply competition rule 13. i. (Equality of games) including calculating the TQB.
- Judge protests and rules violations.
- Disciplinary cases involving players and coaches.
- Control the respect of the obligations of the Organizing Committee.
- All other tasks mentioned in these rules for the Technical Commission.

Travel expenses for appointed Technical Delegate(s) and Commissioner(s) for Championships for National Seniors selections (including ECh Women) and all Youth Championships (U23, U18, U15, U12) and all Cup competitions are on account of WBSC Europe.

At least one member of the Technical Commission for the competition shall be present at each game to supervise all technical aspects of the game and the fulfilment of the present rules.

During the development of the competition, the Technical Commission will make the decision regarding any topic that is not specifically covered in the Statutes, Rules and Norms as approved.

If the Technical Commission has to judge protests or rule violations and there is a TV coverage of the game, the Commission may evaluate the TV recordings to get the right decision.

Within two weeks after the end of the competition the Technical Delegate shall send to the Chairman of the Baseball Technical Commission, the game results and the final standings. The general complete report will be sent within one month.

b. Technical Delegate

For every Baseball Competition, the WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee will designate a Technical Delegate.

The functions and responsibilities of the Technical Delegate are:

- The Technical Delegate, designated by the WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee, is the highest authority of WBSC Europe at the competition. His duties begin with arrival to the competition venue one day prior to the Pre-Competition Technical meeting and last until the end of the competition. The Technical Delegate is chairman of the Technical Commission working at the competition.

The responsibilities of the Technical Delegate are:

- Ensuring that he has the FTR rosters from the participating teams in his possession. These can be found on the my.wbsc.org and will be send by the WBSC Europe office or the Baseball Technical Commission before the start.
- Ensure that WBSC Europe Baseball rules are complied with.
- Supervise, upon his arrival, the final arrangements with organizers, which include all logistical aspects related to the competition, such as transportation, food in special cases, technical information, results, etc.
- Harmonize the interests represented by the Organizing Committee and the Technical Commission working at the competition and to mediate between them to reach agreements whenever it should prove necessary.
- Act as the official WBSC Europe spokesperson with the media in all matters relative to the competition, except for changes to the competition schedule.
- Advise the Technical Commission working at the competition on any necessary changes to the competition schedule due to games that have been suspended or postponed.
- Take care of all the contacts with the responsible person who is in charge for the broadcasting during the tournament yourself, or delegate it to a technical commissioner.
- Prepare the official final report at the end of the competition for the consideration of the WBSC Europe Executive Committee.

c. Technical commissioners

For every Baseball Competition, the WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee will designate Technical commissioners.

The following number of technical commissioners is recommended:

Games per day	Fields	Minimum TC's	Optimum TC's
2	1	1	2
3	1	2	3
3	2	2	3
4	2	4	6
5	2	5	6

d. Umpires

All member federations must submit their list of international umpires to the Baseball Umpire commission no later than November 15th every year. If a member federation fails to submit their list before January 1st of the current season, the federation will be charged by WBSC Europe with a fine of € 500. In addition to that, the Baseball Umpires commission can nominate umpires from other federations as substitutes.

The panel of umpires shall consist of a number of umpires from various countries together with a sufficient number of umpires supplied by the federation of organizers to make up the total number needed for the competition. All umpires for the competition must be chosen and appointed by the Baseball WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee in cooperation with the Umpires Committee.

Umpires shall arrive on the day of the settled date of the Technical Meeting or in case a clinic is provided before the competition, the same date stated in the convocation. As a rule, Umpires must wear dark blue shirts in the games.

Participation to the clinic is mandatory for all umpires assigned to the competition. The Baseball WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee may inflict a disciplinary action against absent umpires.

Each umpire must make the commitment to stay for the duration of the competition, including play-offs if needed. Failure to abide by this rule may result in a suspension of the umpire from participation at WBSC Europe competitions. Umpires must be able to talk and understand the English language.

As a rule, an umpire shall not be allowed to take part as plate umpire in a game where his country is taking part. The appointment of the umpires for each game will be done by the Technical Commission and Umpire Supervisor, as a rule, the day before the game starts. Per game, in principle, two, three or four umpires of a different nationality of the teams involved will be appointed by the Technical Commission.

In case of disciplinary action, the umpire involved must draw up, at the end of the game, a report about the happening by precisely describing the circumstances. This must be done on paper.

e. Umpire Supervisor

In the main competitions one of the members of the Technical Commission shall be nominated by Baseball Umpire commission as umpire supervisor. The responsibilities of the Umpire supervisor are:

- Prepare the umpire assignments for the Technical Delegate.
- Submit the proposals for these assignments 24 hours before game time to the Technical Delegate, if possible.
- Notify the Umpires about their approved assignments at least 12 hours before game time, if possible. Assignments should only be distributed maximally for the following two tournament days.
- Hold an umpire meeting together with the Technical Delegate and the nominated umpires before each tournament (e.g., right before or after the Technical Meeting). A representative of the LOC should also attend this meeting.
- Hold daily umpire meetings (as chair), if required.
- Complete the umpire evaluation forms, if needed. The Umpire Supervisor on duty is still responsible for filling out the umpire evaluation form after each game.
- Ask the Technical Commission for general impressions about the work of the umpires (on and off the field).
- Submit a complete report approved by the Technical Delegate to the Chairman of the Baseball Technical Commission and the Chairman of the WBSC Europe Baseball Umpire Commission.

f. Scoring Director

All Scoring directors for the competition will be chosen and appointed by the WBSC Europe Baseball Commission in cooperation with the WBSC Europe Baseball Scoring Commission.

The Scoring director oversees the organization and supervision of the work of all scorers during the tournament (in coordination with and according to the guidelines given by the WBSC Europe Baseball Scorers Commission). The Scoring director is responsible for the management of the competition website, play by play and the daily reports (initial, daily and final reports) in accordance with guidelines of the WBSC Europe Baseball Scorers Commission and subject to approval by the Technical Delegate.

After the tournament the score sheets have to be scanned and sent to the WBSC Europe Baseball Scorer Commission.

g. Scorers

All member federations must submit their list of international scorers to the WBSC Europe Baseball Commission no later than November 15th every year.

The Local Organizing Committee must be aware of the importance of scorekeeping and have the responsibility to select qualified and trained scorers to assume correct and uniform decisions, using the WBSC Scoring System. The LOC is responsible that there are sufficient scorers to cover the competition.

Bearing in mind the daily game schedule, at least 2 scorers (one for the paper scoring, one for the data entry) are mandatory in all WBSC Europe competitions. For the Baseball European Championship A-Pool, 3 scorers per game are mandatory.

For each game the role of scorers will be appointed by the Scoring Director of the tournament.

The following number of scorers is recommended:

Games per day	Fields	Minimum scorers	Optimum scorers	Scorers per game
2	1	2	4	2
3	1	4	6	2
3	2	4	6	2
4	2	4	8	2
5	2	6	8	2
U12, U15, U18 (European Championships with Pitch Count)				
3	1 or 2	6		3
4	1 or 2	6		3
European Championship Seniors A-Pool				
2	1	6		3
3	1	6		3
4	2	6		3

The Scoring director is not to be included in the recommended number of scorers.

For every tournament the LOC has to propose two months before the start of the tournament to the WBSC Europe Baseball Scorers Commission a list of the selected scorers - who will be available during the whole competition - for approval. The selected scorers have to be on the submitted list of international scorers. If the LOC does not propose the number of scorers needed for the competition, the WBSC Europe Baseball Scorer Commission will appoint other international scorer(s) to cover the competition on account of the LOC.

The score sheets will be transmitted to the Scoring director immediately after the game.

All scorekeepers must be able to talk and understand the English language.

No WBSC Europe official mentioned in this article may serve in a function for his club or his national federation in the same tournament he is appointed as a WBSC Europe official.

7. ELIGIBILITY

Nationality of Competitors

- a. A player in any WBSC Europe competition including the Olympic qualifying competitions must be a national of the country of the federation that is entering him.

Any competitor in any European Championship for national selections must be a national of the country of the federation and must have the stipulated age during the calendar year of the competition; however, the minimum age required to play in any adult competition is 15 (fifteen) years in the year of the competition.

For Cup competitions, what is provided in the specific competition rules will apply.

To establish the nationality of the players, their valid passport or European Union identity card with photo that mentions the nationality, issued by the governmental authorities shall be presented to the Technical Commission. All participants from Non-European Union countries must have passports.

- b. All matters relating to nationality shall be resolved by the WBSC Executive Board in accordance with the WBSC By-Laws and with the Olympic Charter.
- c. A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of those countries, as the competitor may elect. However, after having represented one country in the WBSC Tournaments, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognised by the WBSC, the competitor may not represent another country unless at least three years have passed since the competitor last represented the competitor's former country. This period may be reduced or even cancelled, with the agreement of the two National Federations and the approval of the WBSC Executive Board.
- d. Should an eligibility violation occur, and a player be proven to be ineligible prior to any games being played, the player is automatically removed from his team roster and will not be allowed to participate in any game of the competition. This player cannot be replaced. The Technical Commission of the Competition will notify the WBSC Europe Executive Committee for further action.

- e. Should a violation be discovered during the competition and after the athlete has played in one or more games, the player is automatically removed from the roster, and any game in which he participated shall be considered a forfeited game for his team. The team shall continue to play in the competition and the infraction shall be reported by the Technical Commission of the Competition to the WBSC Europe Executive Committee for further action. A player removed for any eligibility violation cannot be replaced by another player.

8. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS FOR COMPETITIONS

a. National team Competitions

Each year the federations shall complete,

- **A1)** at least 30 days before the national team competitions, the list of the selected players for their PTR (preliminary team roster) through <https://my.wbsc.org>.

No players will be able to be added after this deadline.

The PTR must state for each player:

Legal Name / Legal Surname / Gender

Date of Birth / Country of Birth / Nationality

Position / bats / throws

For all national teams the PTR consists of 40 players.

- **A2)** at least 3 days before the national team competitions, the list of the selected players for their FTR (final team roster) through <https://my.wbsc.org>.

In addition to the requested information of the PTR the following informations have to be provided through <https://my.wbsc.org> for each player on the FTR:

- headshot (uploaded)
- passport or ID number
- uniform numbers

For the European Championship Seniors and B-Pool the FTR consists of 24 players for all other national team competitions of 20 players.

- **A3)** A maximum of 3 players is allowed to be replaced on the Final team roster (FTR). The new players must have been listed on the PTR. A player who is not listed on the PTR and FTR will not be admitted to the tournament.

A minimum of 15 players is obligatory for national teams.

Teams with less than 15 players at the time of registration (technical meeting) are banned from the competition.

b. Club Competitions

Each year the federations shall complete,

- **B1)** at least 30 days before the Cup competitions, the list of the selected players for their PTR (preliminary team roster) through <https://my.wbsc.org>
No players will be able to be added after this deadline.

The PTR must state for each player:
Legal Name / Legal Surname / Gender
Date of Birth / Country of Birth / Nationality
Position / bats / throws

For all Cup competitions the PTR consists of 40 players.

- **B2)** at least 3 days before the cup competitions, the list of the selected players for their FTR (final team roster) through <https://my.wbsec.org>.

In addition to the requested information of the PTR the following informations have to be provided through <https://my.wbsec.org> for each player on the FTR:

- headshot (uploaded)
- passport or ID number
- uniform numbers

For all Cup competitions the FTR consists of 24 players.

- **B3)** A maximum of 3 players is allowed to be replaced on the Final team roster (FTR). The new players must have been listed on the PTR.
A player who is not listed on the PTR and FTR will not be admitted to the tournament.

A minimum of 12 players is obligatory for club teams. Teams with less than 12 players at the time of registration (technical meeting) are banned from the competition.

- c. Federations or clubs which complete the PTR after the respective deadline, will be sanctioned with a fine of 400,00 € per day late, for a maximum of 5 days (maximum fine: 2000,00 €). If the PTR is not completed after 5 days the team is not allowed to play in the tournament (the fine stays).
The fine of 400,00 € is for all competitions except the European Championship.
For the European Championship the fine is 1000 € per day late (maximum fine: 5000,00 €)

Federations or the clubs which do not complete the FTR in time, will not be allowed play in the tournament.

No player will be allowed to the competition when he has not been registered at <https://my.wbsec.org>.

- d. The PTR and FTR details can only be entered by a person authorized by the appropriate Affiliated Federation. Federations may designate multiple individuals within their organization to access my.wbsec.org for this purpose.
- e. The Technical Commission shall meet with the team-delegate of each participating federation on the day before the start of the competition at a time to be announced to the Technical Commission.

The team-delegate shall present to the Technical Commission at that time the following:

- I. The final team roster (FTR) including all personal details of the players printed from <https://my.wbsc.org>.
- II. A valid passport or EU Identity Card with photo, which confirms the nationality for each athlete for verification by the Technical Commission. Upon request from the Technical Commissioner, the manager must present the valid passport(s) or Identity Card and his player(s) at any time during the tournament.

Following verification of athletes and validation of the registration forms, there will be no changes of roster permitted under any circumstances for the duration of the competition.

- f. Other members of the delegation such as officials, managers, coaches, trainers, equipment manager, doctor, masseur etc. shall appear on the final roster. All players and coaches must wear a specified number on the back of the uniform. If players have different numbers for different uniforms, the number by color of uniform must be specified. Numbers cannot be changed during the competition unless exceptional circumstances justifying such changes arise. Any changes must immediately be announced to the Technical Commission for approval and, before the next game, be informed to the chief umpire and the Technical Commissioner(s) of the game.
- g. The Technical Commission will obtain from each delegate during the Technical Meeting the color of the uniforms to be used as the visiting team. The home team shall wear light tops and the visiting team a shirt of darker color.
There will be no changes allowed to the established uniforms without prior approval of the Technical Commission.
- h. Teams that do not submit rosters with all necessary data for registration (jersey numbers, ...) will be fined with a fine of 200 €.
- i. Affidavit – Insurance form
During the technical meeting each team delegation must deliver to the Technical Delegate a signed affidavit form, which confirms the insurance coverage for the respective team. This form is compulsory to be allowed to participate in the tournament and can be found at:
<https://www.wbsceurope.org/en/documents/search?keyword=insurance>

9. PROTESTS

- a. Protests regarding the status of a player who is to participate in the competitions, must be made to the Technical Commission at the moment of the irregularity has been discovered and in any case within the end of the competition. The decision of the Technical Commission is final.

When a participating Delegation protests the participation of any athlete; the protest shall be presented to the Technical Commission of the Competition prior to the conclusion of the competition.

- b. Protest relating to organizational matters and the aspects of the game, out of the baseball field, should be made to the Technical Commission and be decided in accordance with the WBSC Official Rules of Baseball for that year.

If the protest does not refer to an action of the game, it must be submitted in writing to the Technical Commission, explaining the reasons that state for it and the due dispositions that supposedly apply to it.

- c. When a protest is made by a Team Manager over a suspected misapplication or misinterpretation of WBSC Official Rules of Baseball, it shall be presented to the home plate Umpire according to the WBSC Official Rules of Baseball. When such protest is made, the Homeplate Umpire shall stop the game, inform the Team Manager of the opposing team, the Technical Commissioner(s) assigned to work that game, and the audience that a protest has been filed. The manager or acting manager shall notify the Home Plate Umpire, before the next play, that he is protesting a misapplication or misinterpretation of Official Rules of Baseball. He must tell the Umpire what rule he is protesting. The Home Plate Umpire will then notify the Technical Commissioners assigned to that game. If the game has video review in place, they will notify the Video Review Official working that game for assistance. The Umpires will then rule on the protest. If the game does NOT have video review in place, then the Technical Commissioners and the Umpires will get together and render a ruling. In both instances, the Umpires and the Technical Commissioners may contact the Technical Delegate and the Umpire Supervisor to let them know of the protest. The presentation of a protest will incur a cost of € 200 to be directly deducted from the National Federation's participation guarantee fee. If the protest occurs on the game-ending play, the desire to submit a protest must be announced by the Team Manager to the Home Plate Umpire or the Technical Commissioner(s) assigned to the game. They will inform the opposing team and the other necessary parties that a protest has been filed. After consultation a decision will be taken immediately by the Technical Commissioner(s) assigned to work that game. The opposing team must wait for the decision before they leave the playing field.

Any decision of the Technical Commissioner(s) regarding the WBSC Official Rules of Baseball is final and not subject to appeal.

10. EJECTIONS AND PENALTIES

List of the penalties to be imposed:

- a. Player, manager, coach, or technician sent from the field for having insulted another player, manager, coach, or technician:
 - first time in the competition – warning and a fine of 50 €
 - second time in the competition - suspension for one game in the competition and a fine of 100 €
 - third time in the competition - suspension for the rest of the competition and a fine of 200 €
- b. Player, manager, coach, or technician sent from the field for having insulted an umpire, a WBSC Europe official or the public:
 - first time in the competition – suspension for one game in the competition and a fine of 100 €
 - second time in the competition – suspension for three games in the competition and a fine of 200 €
 - third time in the competition – suspension for the rest of the competition and a fine of 400 €
- c. Player, manager, coach or technician sent from the field for attempting aggression (with no physical contact) towards another player, manager, coach or technician:
 - first time in the competition – warning and a fine of 50 €
 - second time in the competition – suspension for one game in the competition and a fine of 100 €
 - third time in the competition – suspension for three games in the competition and a fine of 200 €
- d. Player manager, coach or technician sent from the field for attempting aggression (with no physical contact) towards an umpire, a WBSC Europe official or the public:
 - first time in the competition – suspension for one game in the competition and a fine of 100 €
 - second time in the competition – suspension for three games in the competition and a fine of 200 €
 - third time in the competition – suspension for the rest of the competition and a fine of 400 €

- e. Player manager, coach or technician sent from the field for using physical violence at another player, manager, coach or technician:
 - first time in the competition – suspension for two games in the competition and a fine of 200 €
 - second time in the competition - suspension for the rest of the competition and a fine of 400 €
- f. Player manager, coach or technician sent from the field for using physical violence at an umpire, a WBSC Europe official or the public:
 - first time in the competition – suspension for four games in the competition and a fine of 400 €
 - second time in the competition - suspension for the rest of the competition and a fine of 800 €
- g. Player sent from the field for using or attempting to use an illegal bat according to rule 9.7.2 of the WBSC Official Rules of Baseball:
 - first time in the competition – warning and a fine of 50 €
 - second time in the competition - suspension for one game in the competition and a fine of 100 €
 - third time in the competition - suspension for the rest of the competition and a fine of 200 €
- h. Player sent from the field for unsportsmanlike conduct during a collision at home plate:
 - first time in the competition – warning and a fine of 50 Euro
 - second time in the competition - suspension for one game in the competition and a fine of 100 €
 - third time in the competition - suspension for the rest of the competition and a fine of 200 €
- i. For any violation/suspension not mentioned above, the Technical Commission may decide which penalty and fine would be appropriate.
- j. All decisions of the technical commission on fines for ejections are final and no subject for appeal.
- k. Any suspension that cannot be executed during the present competition will remain valid and will be executed in the next competition/s the player is registered for.

- I. In case any competition participant is charged with any kind of conduct that requires any sanction, or the Organizing Committee does not fulfil the general and/or financial obligations for the competition, the Technical Commission shall send a report to the WBSC Europe Executive Committee, accompanied, if necessary, by the umpire(s) report(s), for further sanction.

The accused party will have the right to defend itself at a hearing. After the decision of the WBSC Europe Executive Committee the accused party can appeal, within one month, to the Court of arbitration for Sports (CAS). Its decision will be final.

11. DOPING CONTROL

- a. In WBSC Europe competitions selected for doping tests, testing will be conducted in accordance with these doping-rules and applicable international rules and standards.
- b. The WBSC Europe Anti-Doping Delegate is responsible for selection of players to be tested. Players may be randomly selected. In games selected for doping tests, one or more players from each team shall be selected for testing.
- c. For games in which an anti-doping control will be made, the following procedure shall be followed:
 - At the end of the first half of the fourth inning the Doping Control Officer (DCO), the WBSC Europe Anti-Doping Delegate and the Technical Commissioner(s) in charge of the game shall assemble in the box of the Technical Commission or in the Doping Control Station with an interpreter (when needed).
 - Selections will be made based on the Final Team Roster (FTR).
 - If random selection is made, a mobile app or numbered cards shall be used.
 - If two players from the team are to be tested, the first selection will be made from the players listed on the starting line-up. The second selection will be made from the FTR. If only one player is to be tested, the selection will be made from the FTR.
 - The names of the players selected shall not be communicated before the end of the game.
 - A player may be subject to doping control on more than one occasion during the competition.
- d. If a player selected gets seriously injured and needs to be immediately hospitalized, another player of the same team shall be randomly selected at the end of the game. In such case, medical evidence on the serious status of the injury has to be given to the WBSC Europe Anti-Doping Delegate.
- e. If a player selected is not on the site of the game, his team delegate shall advise him using all means available, to appear in due time to undergo the anti-doping control. If the player cannot be found and therefore does not undergo the anti-doping control, he shall appear at the place, date and time as officially advised by the WBSC Europe Anti-Doping Delegate to undergo the control, which in any case will be considered as a competition control for all purposes.
- f. If a player tests positive, the following sanctions shall apply:
 - On the first occasion in a competition that a player is found positive in a doping test, the player concerned shall be suspended and expelled from the competition and the player shall not be replaced on the team roster.

- If on a second occasion, within the same competition, another player within the same team is found positive in a doping control, that player shall be suspended and expelled from the competition and shall not be replaced on the team roster. In addition, the team shall be penalized by recording a forfeit (losing by 9-0) for the game or games in which the player concerned took part, at or since the game in which his doping control showed a positive result. The team penalty must be imposed even if that second player has not actually taken part in a game.
 - If on a subsequent occasion, within the same competition, another player within the same team is found positive in a doping test, that player shall be suspended and the team shall immediately be expelled from the competition, and all titles and possible medals won by the players, or the team concerned shall be lost and/or returned.
- g. For results management, the WBSC Anti-Doping Rules shall apply.

12. TROPHIES AND AWARDS

- a. The leading hitter of the competition shall be determined by the WBSC Official Rules of Baseball. In case of a tie, the decision shall be based on the slugging average as defined in the WBSC Official Rules of Baseball.
Minimum plate appearance coefficient (as mentioned in the WBSC Official Rules of Baseball)

- European Championship A-Pool	2.7
- Cup Competitions, Seniors B, U-23, U-18, U-15, Women	2.1
- U-12	1.6

- b. The Best Pitcher shall be selected by the Technical Commission of the competition according to his performance in the games, his relevance to the tournament and crucial games, as well as their stats and earned runs.
If there is a tie for the title the pitcher who has pitched more innings shall win the title.
Minimum plate appearance coefficient (as mentioned in the WBSC Official Rules of Baseball)

- European Championship A-Pool	0.8
- all other competitions	1.0

- c. The player who has hit the most home runs will win the home run trophy. If there is a tie for the title of most home runs, the one with fewest number of plate appearances minus the number of BB minus the number of HBP will win the award.
That is: $HR\ leader = PA - (BB + HBP)$.

- d. Determination of the awards mentioned above shall be based on the statistics at the end of the day before the final ranking games.
If the teams have played a different number of games the Technical Commission and the Scoring Director of the tournament in consultation with the WBSC Europe Baseball Scoring Commission decide which games to include for the determination of the awards.
Only statistics that count for the determination of the awards will be published in the Daily Report.

- e. The Most Valuable Player (MVP) and the Outstanding Defensive Player shall be selected by the Technical Commission of the competition.

Team Trophies and Medals for all European Championships A-Pool:
(Men, Women, U-23, U-18, U-15, U-12)

First place:	Team: Trophy WBSC Europe Challenge Trophy (if existing) Individual: Gold Medal (30)
Second place:	Team: Trophy Individual: Silver Medal (30)
Third place:	Team: Trophy Individual: Bronze Medal (30)

Team Trophies for all National Team Championships B-Pool (Men, U-23, U-18, U-15, U-12) and all Cup Competitions:

First second, third placed Team: Trophy

Individual Awards European Championship (A-Pool):

Leading hitter with the highest batting average	Trophy
Best pitcher	Trophy
Most home runs	Trophy
Outstanding defensive player	Trophy
Most valuable player (MVP)	Trophy

Individual Awards European Championships Women, U23, U18 and U15, all European Championships B-Pool and all Cup Competitions:

Leading hitter with the highest batting average	Individual Award
Best Pitcher	Individual Award
Most valuable player (MVP)	Individual award

Individual Awards European Championships U12

Due to the age of the participants no individual award shall be given to players based on comparable skills or accomplishments.

All awards must bear the name and the logo of WBSC Europe.

13. TECHNICAL ASPECTS

a. Competition venues

All competition venues and installations will have the requirements established by the WBSC Europe and the WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee will control the playing ground where the European competitions will be held, on dimensions established etc.

It is allowed to play on playing grounds with artificial turf under permission of the WBSC Europe Executive Committee.

If a competition is played on two or more venues, the distance between them should be no more than 100 kilometers.

For all Adults, U18 and U15 competitions the baseball field's dimensions are those approved by WBSC and WBSC Europe:

- Official dimensions: 98 - 122 and 98 meters
- It is mandatory that the distance from home base to the backstop, and from base lines to the nearest fence, stand or other obstruction on foul territory shall be 18,25 meters or more.

For U12 are as follows:

- Official dimensions: 61 - 76 and 61 meters
- Exceptional (minimum): 61 - 61 and 61 meters
- It is mandatory that the distance from home base to the backstop, and from base lines to the nearest fence, stand or other obstruction on foul territory shall be of 7,65 meters or more.

b. Ground rules

Ground rules related to the stadium(s) will be approved by the Technical Commission prior to the start of the competition. These rules shall be printed in English and distributed to all coaches and umpires and discussed thoroughly at the Technical Meeting prior to the start of the competition.

c. Scoreboard message

A scoreboard, which follows the course of the game, in cooperation with the official scorer, is obligatory adjacent to the playing field.

The use of the scoreboard and public address system for the purpose of arousing the public shall not be allowed.

d. Bat boys

For all games the Organizing Committee shall furnish the bat boy(s). The bat carrier of each team shall be kept close to the dugout when the team is at bat. They must wear uniforms and double earflap helmets. Infraction may result in ejection of the bat carrier. Minimum age of the batboy/girl must be 12 years.

e. Cameramen and photographers

No cameramen and photographers shall be allowed to enter the playing field when a game is underway. Cameramen are allowed to enter the playing ground only when opening and closing ceremonies are held and before and after the game is played. A special section shall be reserved at the stadium for cameramen.

f. Interpreters

Each team shall designate prior to the game a person who speaks the language of the team and French or English and who will act as interpreter during games. This person shall sit in an assigned seat in the stands close to the dugout.

g. Practice schedule

I. Pre-competition practice

The Organizing Committee shall set a pre-competition schedule for all teams (when foreseen), approved by the Technical Commission.

The practice (one per team) should be a two-hours period and should be arranged for the last two days prior to the start of the competition. If more than one stadium is to be used, the Organizing Committee will assign the stadium to be used for practice. Assignments can be made based upon arrival of the competing teams.

II. Pre-game practice

1. *If held on the field of the competition:*

a) First game of the day, starting 2 (two) hours before game time:

Home team	40 minutes batting practice
Visiting team	40 minutes batting practice
Home team	10 minutes infield practice
Visiting team	10 minutes infield practice
Field maintenance and Umpire/Coaches meeting	

b) Additional games of the day:

As soon as the previous game is completed, the groundskeepers shall

begin to repair the field. When the chief-groundskeeper announces the field is ready, if 2 hours or more remain until game time, the schedule in II.1. a) shall prevail. If less than 2 hours remain, the time from that moment until 30 minutes prior to game time shall be divided equally between the home team and visiting team. If less than one hour remains until game time, there will be no batting practice on the field.

2. If held on alternate field(s):

- a) The starting time shall be determined by the length of time needed to get the team from the batting practice site to the competition site at least 15 minutes before they are scheduled to take infield practice.
- b) The home team will hit first for 40 minutes followed by the visiting team for 40 minutes.
- c) If two batting practice sites are used, the teams may be scheduled for practice simultaneously.
- d) Infield practice will be held at the competition site as outlined in II 1a.
- e) If alternate practice fields are used, the Organizing Committee shall recommend practice schedules to the WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee at least 1 month in advance of the competition. After approval by the WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee, the WBSC Europe shall circulate the practice schedules to all the participating teams.

h. Games schedule

The game schedule based upon the WBSC Europe Competition Rules art 19. will be created by the WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee at least four months in advance for Championships for national selections and three months in advance for Cup competitions.

The LOCs have the right to propose game times and special wishes concerning the playing times of the local team.

In general, all tournaments end with the finals to be played on Saturday. If an Organizing Committee aims to play the finals on Sunday WBSC Europe has to be notified immediately after the tournament is awarded.

Between the Organizing Committee and the WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee proposed schedule will be studied, and changes will be made if necessary and then approve the schedule within one month.

Subsequently the WBSC Europe shall then circulate the approved schedule to all participating teams and publish them on the WBSC Europe website.

The WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee will decide on the program regarding the hour on which the games start. The decision will be taken after consult with the Organizing Committee. In case the organizer does not dispose of a playing field with light installation, the last game of the day will begin at least 4 (four) hours before sundown, local time.

With two or more games scheduled on the same day on the same field, there shall be at least 30 minutes interval between games. It is suggested that a minimum of four hours time period be scheduled for the practice and playing of all competition games.

The games of the competition will be played in one or more cities that have a distance between them, as a rule, of no more than 100 kilometers. Deviations from this must be approved in advance by the WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee.

No team must be obliged to play two games on the same day unless special circumstances for instance postponed games. In all the schedules the home team is mentioned in the first place except when it concerns play-off games. In this case the Technical Commission will indicate the home team by drawing of lots.

In case of withdrawal of one or more team(s) before the start of the competition, the WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee, may scratch the games concerned or revise the original schedule according to the competition format as laid out in these rules. In any case, no draw of lots will be made.

If a team is not represented at the Technical Meeting or has not arrived at the venue of the competition without prior notification to the Technical Commission or organizer, the team will be taken out of the competition.

i. Equality (Ties) of games

All ties after the preliminary round will be settled as follows (in order):

1. The team that won the game(s) between the teams tied shall be given the higher position.
2. The team that has the best Team's Quality Balance (TQB*)

Note: If three or more 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 defence). 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.
3. The team that has the best-Earned Runs Team's Quality Balance (ER-TQB).
4. Highest batting average in games between the teams tied.
5. A coin flip.

The TQB is calculated with four decimal places. The fifth decimal place is used to round up or down.

When calculating the TQB only the games between the teams tied in the specific playing round (e.g. round robin) have to be included.

For TQB Calculation Examples please refer to Appendix I.

j. Starting line-up

Managers shall file a tentative line-up with the official scorer at least 90 minutes before the scheduled start of the game; this line-up is for publicity purposes only. This shall include the name, uniform number, and field position of each player in the starting batting order plus the pitcher. All other players on the approved roster will be considered as possible substitutes for all the games. The official scorer shall have a copy of the approved roster of each team. The official line-up will be given to the umpire in chief at the meeting at home plate just prior to the start of the game, copy that shall be given to the official scorer and Technical Commissioner in charge of the game.

The team that does not observe this rule has to pay a fine of 200,00 €.

After the tentative line-up has been entered into the scoring software, the LOC should provide a printed version of this line-up to the press and media as soon as possible (mandatory for European Championship and European Champions Cup, recommended for all other competitions).

k. Technical meeting

Following verification of the athletes, the Technical Commission shall discuss with the team delegate and representatives of the coaching staff the following:

- Relationship of the Technical Commission, umpires, coaches and delegates
- conduct of the game
- Competition Regulations
- Official ball - the official competition ball must be of high quality see point 3d.
- Practice schedule
- Speed-up rules
- handling protests
- handling ejections
- Team transportation
- Sanctions / penalties against teams or players
- Information on play-offs and finals
- Communication between the Technical Commission and the teams
- General information

l. Forfeited games.

A game won on forfeit shall have the final result 9-0 in 9 innings game or 7-0 in 7 innings game and 6-0 in 6 innings game (for U12 & U15). All statistics (except winning and losing pitcher) up to the point that caused the forfeit shall be valid for that game.

m. Dug-outs

Home team is to be located at 3rd base dugout and the visitors in the 1st base dugout.

Only persons permitted by rules and registered on the roster are allowed to stay in the dugout.

It shall be the responsibility of the 1st and 3rd base umpire to make sure that unauthorized persons do not occupy the dug-out and that the players and the coaches stay in the dugout during the game.

14. COMPETITION REGULATIONS (PLAYING RULES)

All competitions shall be played by the WBSC Official Rules of Baseball of the year the competition is played (hereinafter as the “WBSC ORB”). All other rules not affected by this addendum shall remain intact. All previous provisions of the Competition Rules affecting the Playing rules are replaced by the following. All citations used here below refer to the WBSC ORB.

a. Designated hitter

WBSC ORB 9.3 - Designated hitter is applicable only for adult, U23 and U18 competitions.

b. The Bat

Wooden bats approved by WBSC Europe may be used in all competitions.

The use of an **aluminium bat** is permitted only in U15 and U12 competitions and in the European Championship Women.

The use of **Composite bats** is only allowed in the following competitions:

- European Championship B-Pool
- Women’s Baseball European Championship
- U-23 Baseball European Championship - B-Pool
- U-18 Baseball European Championship – B-Pool
- U-15 Baseball European Championship & B-Pool
- U-12 Baseball European Championship & B-Pool
- Federations Cup
- Federations Cup Qualifier

No other than wooden bats (especially, no composite bats) are allowed in the following competitions:

- European Championship A-Pool
- U-23 Baseball European Championship
- U-18 Baseball European Championship
- Baseball European Champions Cup
- Baseball European Cup

For the use of wooden bats and composite bats, WBSC Europe will announce a list of approved bats. (<https://www.wbsceurope.org/en/organisation/baseball/documents>)

Use of a **non-approved bat**

If a batter entering the batter's box is discovered with non approved bat or is discovered having used non approved bat prior to the next player entering the batter's box, the plate Umpire has to warn the manager of the offensive team in case it would be the first violation. At the second violation the manager of the team will be ejected from the game. The non approved bat will be taken out of the game by the technical commissioner.

Use of an **illegal bat**

WBSC ORB 9.7.2 A ball is hit with a bat that is an illegal bat. A bat that, in the Umpire's judgement has been altered or tampered with

Comment: A batter shall be deemed to have used or attempted to use an illegal bat if he brings such a bat into the batter's box.

No advancement on the bases will be allowed (except advancements that are not caused by the use of an illegal bat, e.g., stolen base, balk, wild pitch, passed ball) and any out or outs made during a play shall stand. In addition to being called out, the player shall be ejected from the game.

The brand and type number of the bat must be legible on the bat in case of a bat check in order to be able to clearly identify the bat (e.g. especially the fact whether it is a composite bat or not). If the bat cannot be clearly identified by the umpire(s) or Technical Commissioner(s), the team of the player who used or tried to use the bat has to prove to the Technical Commissioner(s), that the bat is legal according to this rule.

Bats for U15:

See art. 24 F of these Competition Regulations.

Bats for U12:

See art. 25 F of these Competition Regulations.

c. Protective equipment

Double earflap helmets will be mandatory for the hitter and the base runners. It is recommended that base coaches wear a protective helmet, with or without ear flaps.

d. Weather and Field Conditions

In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen conditions, the technical commissioners assigned to the game have the responsibility of determining the (re)start of a game.

e. Additional remarks to WBSC Official Rules of Baseball

Rule 9.5 The Batter's Box Rule

For a batter's second or subsequent violations of this rule in a game, the umpire shall award a strike without the pitcher having to deliver the pitch. The ball is dead, and no runners may advance.

Furthermore: If after the pitcher starts his windup or comes to a "set position" with a runner on, he does not go through with his pitch because the batter has stepped out of the box, the umpire shall not call a balk. Such action by the batter shall be treated as a violation of the Batter's Box Rule and shall subject a batter to the penalties set forth in Rule 9.5

Rule 13.4 Warm-Up Pitches

The number of preparatory pitches before the first inning and for pitchers new in the game is limited to eight (8), in between innings the maximum number is five (5).

Rule A1.2 Number of Innings and Run Difference Rule

For Senior competitions (except Federation Cup and Federation Cup Qualifier):

For Senior competitions a regulation game consists of 9 innings.

- If after 7 (seven) complete innings for the visiting team or 6½ innings for the home team, there is a 10 (ten) runs score difference between the teams, the game is ended.
- If after 5 (five) complete innings for the visiting team or 4½ innings for the home team, there is a 15 (fifteen) runs score difference between the teams, the game is ended.

For Women, U23, U18, U15, Federation Cup and Federation Cup Qualifier:

For Women, U23, U18, and U15, Federation Cup and Federation Cup Qualifier a regulation game consists of 7 innings.

- If after 5 (five) complete innings for the visiting team or 4½ innings for the home team, there is a 10 (ten) runs score difference between the teams, the game is ended.
- If after 4 (four) complete innings for the visiting team or 3½ innings for the home team, there is a 15 (fifteen) runs score difference between the teams, the game is ended.
- If after 3 (three) complete innings for the visiting team or 2½ innings for the home team, there is a 20 (twenty) runs score difference between the teams, the game is ended.

For U12:

For U12 a regulation game consists of 6 innings.

- If after 5 (five) complete innings for the visiting team or 4½ innings for the home team, there is a 10 (ten) runs score difference between the teams, the game is ended.
- If after 4 (four) complete innings for the visiting team or 3½ innings for the home team, there is a 15 (fifteen) runs score difference between the teams, the game is ended.
- If after 3 (three) complete innings for the visiting team or 2½ innings for the home team, there is a 20 (twenty) runs score difference between the teams, the game is ended.

Rule A1.4.2 Extra Inning Rule

If the game remains tied after the completion of nine (9) innings, the following procedures will be implemented during extra innings (For Women, U23, U18, U15, Federation Cup and Federation Cup Qualifier after seven (7) innings, for U12 after six (6) innings):

- Each team will begin the first extra inning (10th, 8th or 7th) (and any subsequent necessary extra innings) with a player on first and second, no outs.
- The batting order in any extra inning will be determined by how the previous inning ended.
- That is, if the 9th inning ends with the #6 hitter having the last plate appearance (PA), then the 10th inning begins the #7 hitter at bat, and the #5 hitter at 2B and the #6 hitter at first base.
- With the exception of beginning the inning with runners on 1B and 2B with no one out, all other “WBSC Official Rules of Baseball” and “WBSC Europe Baseball Competition Rules” will remain in effect during extra innings required to determine a winner.
- No player re-entry is permitted during extra innings.
- The traditional system of the visiting team hitting in the top of the inning and the home team hitting in the bottom of the inning (if needed) will remain in effect until a winner is determined.

(e): If a game is postponed or otherwise called before it becomes a regulation game, it will become a suspended game.

Rule 7.7.3 Regulation Game

If a game scheduled for 7 or 6 innings (e.g., U15 and U12) is called, it is a regulation game:

- (1) If four innings have been completed.
- (2) If the home team has scored more runs in three or three and a fraction half-innings than the visiting team has scored in four completed half-innings.

- (3) If the home team scores one or more runs in its half of the fourth inning to tie the score.

All suspended, tied, or postponed games shall be rescheduled by the Technical Commission and the Organizing Committee in order to resume or start them following the suspension order. The scheduling of these games shall be given priority by the Technical Commission in order to complete them as soon as possible.

Nevertheless, if there are difficulties concerning the closing date, only the important games shall be scheduled. No team shall be asked to play more than two games on the same day, unless the case warranted by exceptional circumstances, for instance postponed games and decided by the Technical Commission.

For the U12, the Technical Commission will, under extraordinary circumstances in conjunction with the Organizing Committee, adjust the game schedule as necessary.

The procedures for postponed games, suspended games, and tie games are at the jurisdiction of the Technical Delegate and/or the Technical Commissioners of a competition.

Rule 18.2.1 Winning Pitcher

The winning pitcher is that pitcher who was in the game (pitching) when his team takes the lead on the scoreboard or during the offensive inning in which said pitcher is removed from the game and his team does not lose such advantage. A starting pitcher to claim the win in the game must pitch at least the minimum of innings as specified below.

Tournaments with 9 inning games:

- 5 innings
- 4 innings in a regulation game of 5 innings

Tournaments with 7 inning games:

- 4 innings
- 3 innings in a regulation game of 4 or 5 innings
- 2 innings in a regulation game of 3 innings

Tournaments with 6 inning games:

- 4 innings
- 3 innings in a regulation game of 4 or 5 innings
- 2 innings in a regulation game of 3 innings

Rule 18.2.3 Saved Game (Relief Pitchers)

18.2.3.4 Meets one of these conditions:

- He enters the game with a lead of no more than three runs and pitches at least one inning.
- He enters the game, regardless of the count, when the possible tying run is on base or is one of the first two batters he faces (is the batter at bat, or is the batter in the on-deck circle); or

- He pitches at least:

Tournaments with 9 inning games:

- Three innings.

Tournaments with 7 inning games:

- Two innings, only if the game lasts at least 5 innings.

Tournaments with 6 inning games:

- Two innings, only if the game lasts at least 5 innings.

A 3.1 Electronic Devices

The use of electronic devices is forbidden during the games. None of the electronic devices such as cellular phones, laptops, tablets, video cameras, walkie-talkies, shall be used to communicate to on-field personnel, those in the dugout, bullpen, clubhouse and stands. The only exception to this rule is the use of phone/ cellular phone to communicate between dugout and bullpen, however such device must be approved by WBSC Europe in advance. No microphones or cameras are permitted in the dugout, bullpens or on the field of play without approval of WBSC Europe.

Fine: 1.000,00 € fine and a suspension of one or two games (to be decided by the TC) for the manager.

A3.2 Smoking or smokeless tobacco

Any members of team delegation are not permitted to smoke in places that are visible to the public including audiences on media outlets such as TV, Internet streaming. It is the responsibility of team delegation leader to ensure such smoking is not seen by public as long as they are in game venues and practice facilities as well as other tournament official activities. In addition, team delegations should only smoke in a smoking area if one is designated by LOC. Any violation of this rule will be taken seriously, and violators would be subject to disciplinary action as WBSC may deem appropriate. The use of smokeless tobacco is also prohibited for team delegation members during televised interviews or appearances. While spectators are permitted into the stadium, the delegation leader must ensure that such tobacco products (including tobacco tins or packages) are not visible to audience.

Offensive Meetings

Teams are allowed a maximum of three (3) "offensive meetings" per game. An "offensive meeting" shall be charged any time a Coach delays the game for any length of time to talk with an offensive player; whether it is the hitter, a base-runner, an on-deck batter going to the plate, or to another Coach.

If the game goes to the extra innings, "offensive meetings" not done during the game will not be accumulated and only one additional "offensive meeting" shall be permitted for each three (3) extra innings.

Failure to observe this rule will result in a warning to the Team Manager and if it occurs again the Team will be fined and the Team Manager shall be ejected from the game.

No offensive trip will be charged if the offense discusses strategy during a delay for which they are not responsible (e.g. trip to the mound, injury, player change, etc.) proving they cause no further delay.

Appendixes to the WBSC ORB

Appendix 01.

Official Baseball WBSC events

All rules of this appendix which are valid in WBSCE Baseball competitions have been adjusted and integrated into these competition regulations.

Appendix 02.

Umpire Video review protocol & regulation

This appendix is not valid for European competitions as no video review is used.

Appendix 03.

Game management clocks regulations

This appendix is not valid for European competitions as no game management clocks are used.

In case WBSCE decides to use clocks in certain competitions the specific regulations will be published separately.

15. FINES

Infraction of specific WBSC Europe Baseball Competition Rules will automatically incur a fine.

The violator will have two months from the date of modification to either pay the fine or appeal to the WBSC Europe Executive Committee for the review of the infraction.

All infractions fall under two categories:

1. "A" level - are infractions of rules that are considered pivotal for competition success, those that cause serious negative effects on international baseball.

The monetary penalty for an "A" level infraction is 400,00 €.

2. "B" level - are infractions of rules which are logistical and/or routine in nature.

The monetary penalty for a "B" level infraction is 200,00 €.

"B" level fines will be for violation of these rules: starting line-up, no regular registration to the technical meeting, absence to the technical meeting, umpires, etc.

16. PUBLICITY AND TV RIGHTS

a. Radio and TV rights

The WBSC Europe owns the rights to radio, recording, film, television and internet at each of its official competitions.

The right can be transferred to the Organizing Committee by a written agreement between WBSC Europe and the involved federation.

The organizer is obliged to present all the contracts to WBSC Europe for the liquidation of the financial agreements.

b. Media operations

1) Media operations at WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions shall be the responsibility of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).

2) The LOC shall appoint a Media Responsible and ensure compliance with the WBSC Europe Media Regulations, including photography, streaming, branding, and communications.

3) For Major Championships designated by WBSC Europe (including European Championships and other top-tier events as defined by WBSC Europe), WBSC Europe may appoint a Media Officer.

4) In such cases, the LOC shall provide accommodation, meals, and local transportation for the appointed Media Officer.

5) WBSC Europe shall retain final approval and oversight rights over all media, branding, and broadcast matters at all competitions.

c. Publicity on uniforms and equipment

(1) All players and coaches in a team must be uniformed alike.

(2) Home team: white / light shirt. Visitor / Away team: Dark shirt.

a. Teams are required to give information about the color of their uniforms to avoid any potential color clashes.

(3) A player may wear one or two warming sleeves (compression) provided that each is of the same solid color that is a team uniform color and that color matches all other undershirts worn by any player on that team.

(4) In the European Championships, National team players must show the name of their country, or an emblem depicting their national origin, on the front of the uniform.

- (5) The WBSC Executive Committee has approved the freedom for the continents to have publicity on uniforms and helmets for continental European Championships in the A-Pool.
- (6) The WBSC Europe rules for European Championships in the A-pool are:
- a. name of the country and uniform number (15.2 cm height) must be on the shirt.
 - b. name of the sponsor (max. 16 x 40 cm)
 - c. on the back the name of the sponsor can be above and/or under the number in combination with the name of the player.
 - d. on each sleeve of the shirt one publicity; each side no longer than 20 cm
 - e. on the helmet one publicity each side or one at the back. Max. 35 cm².
 - f. On the caps, on one side a manufacturer logo or national team sponsor, max. 35 cm².
 - g. for the warm-up jackets the same as for the shirt.
- (7) For all European Championships B-Pool and European Club competitions the rules are the same as for the European Championships A-pool with the extra possibility of publicity on warm-up jackets and pants without restrictions, other than the general restrictions on advertising in sports.
- (8) General restrictions:
- a. Content and Morality: Advertising must not violate public decency.
 - b. Advertising for alcohol, tobacco, drugs and betting are not allowed.
- (9) For all teams playing in WBSC championships the rules and guidelines of WBSC are in place.

17. GENERAL DISPOSITION

Transfer of players from one country to another

The transfer of players has to be handled according to the “WBSC Athlete Transfer Rules”.

18. APPLICATION OF THESE RULES

The WBSC Europe Executive Committee shall decide any matters not provided for in these rules. In case of qualification competitions for WBSC World Cups and/or Championships and Olympic games the WBSC regulations will be strictly applied.

19. WBSC EUROPE BASEBALL COMPETITION TERMS

A a.1 Registration

The closing day for entries shall be not later than December 1st prior to the start of the competition. Requirement for registration is to send the fully signed WBSC Europe subscription form to WBSC Europe.

a.2 Organizing fee

From 2023 the content of this article has been transferred to the document "Financial Appendix Baseball".

a.3 Participating fee

From 2023 the content of this article has been transferred to the document "Financial Appendix Baseball".

a.4 Guarantee fee

If there is a reason of doubt about the participation of a national team or a club team, WBSC Europe will demand from the federation or the club a guarantee sum of Euro 6.000 for the European Championship A-Pool and for all other events Euro 2.000 per team.

The guarantee sum should be paid and received into the account of WBSC Europe before the 1st of March in the year the competition is played.

In case of a withdrawal of a team after the 31st of January in the year of the competition, the federation or club involved will be fined with Euro 6.000 for the European Championship A- Pool and Euro 2.000 for the other events. The federation has to pay the fine on first demand of WBSC Europe. The fine will be paid by WBSC Europe to the Organizer.

Furthermore, the club team in question will be suspended of all international activity in respective competition level during 2 (two) years and in case of a national team the federation will be suspended of all international activity in the respective category.

If European Baseball is harmed by a withdrawal after the 31st of January from any WBSC Europe Baseball Competition of any national team, the WBSC Europe Executive Committee can take additional suspension against the federation or against teams of the involved federation.

If a game is forfeited due to early departure of the team, the extra fine is losing (or to pay) the guarantee sum for the respective level.

a.5 Pools of Nationalteam competitions

If there are more than 16 subscriptions for European Championships B-Pool the WBSCE Baseball technical commission has the right to create a C-Pool competition of the respective European Championship.

B Formation of groups

For all competitions in which the teams are split-up, the following system must be used: Each group will be formed according to the standings of the previous competitions. The promoted or relegated teams and teams not participating in previous competitions will be placed in one group each by drawing of lots.

Group 1	Group 2
1 st	2 nd
4 th	3 rd
5 th	6 th
8 th	7 th
9 th	10 th

C Schedule system

For the starting Round Robin, the Organizing Committee must use this schedule system to propose to the WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee for approval. WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee may allow deviations.

Teams	Schedule system			
6	1 st day	5-1	4-2	3-6
	2 nd day	1-3	2-5	6-4
	3 rd day	1-4	2-6	3-5
	4 th day	1-2	3-4	5-6
	5 th day	2-3	6-1	4-5
5	1 st day	1-4	5-3	Rest 2
	2 nd day	4-5	2-3	Rest 1
	3 rd day	1-2	3-4	Rest 5
	4 th day	3-1	2-5	Rest 4
	5 th day	5-1	4-2	Rest 3
4	1 st day	1-4	2-3	
	2 nd day	3-1	2-4	
	3 rd day	1-2	4-3	
3	1 st day	1-3	Rest 2	
	2 nd day	2-1	Rest 3	
	3 rd day	3-2	Rest 1	

20. Baseball European Championship

20/I. Baseball European Championship

A Period

The Baseball European Championship takes place every two years.

B Participants

The participants are:

- the first 14 ranked countries of the previous Baseball European Championship
- the 2 winners of Baseball European Championship B-Pool

Players have to have a minimum age of 15 years in the year the competition is played.

C Formation of Groups

The formation of the 4 groups (A, B, C, D) will be done by drawing of lots. The participating teams will be placed in 4 bowls according to the following system:

- Bowl 1: The first 4 ranked teams of the previous ECh
- Bowl 2: Place 5 – 8 ranked teams of the previous ECh
- Bowl 3: Place 9 – 12 ranked teams of the previous ECh
- Bowl 4: Place 13 – 14 and the 2 winners of the ECh B-Pool

The organizing country will be placed in group A.

D Competition System

First Phase:

The first part of the competition will be for each group a round robin (3 games in 3 consecutive days). At the end of this phase the standing will be made.

The first 2 teams of each group will go the second phase of the tournament after one day of rest and will play the quarter finals, semifinals and finals or ranking games for the places 5 till 8 when the teams are eliminated in the quarter finals.

The day 4th of the competition is a day of rest.

Second Phase:

On the day 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th of the competition, the top two teams of each group will play a play-off round (quarterfinals, semifinals, final game) as follows:

5 th day	(a)	A1	-	B2	A1 is home team = quarter final
	(b)	C1	-	D2	C1 is home team = quarter final
	(c)	B1	-	A2	B1 is home team = quarter final
	(d)	D1	-	C2	D1 is home team = quarter final

6 th day	(e)	W (a)	-	W (b)	Home team by draw = semi final
	(f)	W (c)	-	W (d)	Home team by draw = semi final
	(g)	L (a)	-	L (b)	Home team by draw = 5-8 place game
	(h)	L (c)	-	L (d)	Home team by draw = 5-8 place game

7 th day	(i)	L (g)	-	L (H)	Home team by draw = 7-8 place
	(j)	W (g)	-	W (h)	Home team by draw = 5-6 place

8 th day	(k)	L (e)	-	L (f)	Home team by draw = 3-4 place
	(l)	W (e)	-	W (f)	Home team by draw = 1-2 place

Explanation: W = winner, L = loser

On the day 4th to 7th of the competition, the bottom two teams of each group will play for the ranking 9th to 16th place.

4 th day	(m)	A3	-	D4	A3 is home team = relegation
	(n)	C3	-	B4	C3 is home team = relegation
	(o)	D3	-	A4	D3 is home team = relegation
	(p)	B3	-	C4	B3 is home team = relegation

5 th day	(q)	W (m)	-	W (n)	Home team by draw = relegation
	(r)	W (o)	-	W (p)	Home team by draw = relegation

6 th day	(s)	L (m)	-	L (n)	Home team by draw = relegation
	(t)	L (o)	-	L (p)	Home team by draw = relegation

7 th day	(u)	L (s)	-	L (t)	Home team by draw = 15-16 place
	(v)	W (s)	-	W (t)	Home team by draw = 13-14 place
	(w)	L (q)	-	L (r)	Home team by draw = 11-12 place
	(x)	W (q)	-	W (r)	Home team by draw = 9-10 place

E Relegation and Promotion

The teams that finished 15th and 16th place are relegated to the next Baseball European Championship B-Pool.

20/II. Baseball European Championship B-Pool

A Period

The Baseball European Championship B-Pool takes place every two years.

Players have to have a minimum age of 15 years in the year the competition is played.

B Participants

The subscription for the Baseball European Championship B-Pool is open for all countries who are not qualified for the Baseball European Championship.

C Formation of the groups

2 groups, each with a maximum of 6 teams will be formed. If more than 18 countries subscribe, WBSC Europe Competition and Technical Committee will decide on the number of teams in the groups.

D Competition System

The competition system will be established after the subscription of the teams and the formation of the groups according to the rules of article 19.

E Promotion and Relegation

The winners of the groups of the Baseball European Championship B-Pool are qualified for the next Baseball European Championship.

21. Women's Baseball European Championship

A Period

The Women's Baseball European Championship takes place every two years.

B Participants

The subscription for the Women's Baseball European Championship is open for all countries.

Players have to have a minimum age of 15 years in the year the competition is played.

C Competition System

First Phase:

The competition system and the schedule will be determined according to the number of teams subscribed.

At the end of this phase the standing will be made.

Second Phase:

The first 2 teams will play a final game and the winner of this game is qualified for the WBSC Women's Baseball World Cup.

D Bat regulations for WBSC Europe Women's Baseball Competition

The use of non-wooden bats is authorized, as long as they comply with the following requirements:

- The entire bat must be round with a constant radius at any point and the finish of the hitting area must be smooth.
- There must be a direct line from the center of the knob to the center of the large end. The knob and end plug (if applicable) must be firmly attached.
- The maximum length is 36 inches (91.4 cm) and the maximum diameter is 2 ¾ inches (6.99 cm)
- A bat may not weigh, numerically, more than five units less than the length of the bat (e.g. a 35-inch-long (88.9 cm) bat cannot be less than 30 ounces (850,5 grams) in weight)
- It is mandatory that all bats have an identification mark 18 inches (45.7cm) from the end of the handle.

The use of wooden bats is also authorized, if they comply to the requirements above.

22. U23 Baseball European Championship

22/I. U23 Baseball European Championship

A Period

The U23 Baseball European Championship takes place every two years.

B Participants

The participants are the 6 first classified teams of the previous U23 Baseball European Championship and the winner of each group of the last U23 Baseball European Championship B-Pool.

The players have to have a maximum age of 23 years and a minimum age of 15 years in the year the competition is played.

C Competition System

First Phase:

The eight teams will be divided into two groups. Each group will play a single round-robin (3 games in 3 consecutive days).

At the end of this phase the standings will be made.

Group 1	Group 2
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4

Second phase:

The first two teams of each group will play cross-over game and final as follows:

(a)	1 st G1	-	2 nd G2	1 st G1 is home team
(b)	1 st G2	-	2 nd G1	1 st G2 is home team
(c)	W (a)	-	W (b)	Game for gold and silver medals
(d)	L (a)	-	L (b)	Game for bronze and fourth place

Home team in the games (c) and (d) is decided by drawing of lots.

The teams that finished third and fourth in each group play a single round-robin (counting the game already played between the two teams from the same group) to decide which teams will be relegated to the next qualifier.

The single round-robin will be played as follows:

3 rd G1	-	4 th G2	3 rd G1 is home team
3 rd G2	-	4 th G1	3 rd G2 is home team
3 rd G1	-	3 rd G2	Home team to be decided by drawing of lots
4 th G1	-	4 th G2	Home team to be decided by drawing of lots

D Promotion and relegation

The teams that finished 7th and 8th place are relegated to the U23 Baseball European Championship B-Pool.

The winners of the groups U23 Baseball European Championship B-Pool promote to the U23 Baseball European Championship.

22/II. U23 Baseball European Championship B-Pool

A Period

The U23 Baseball European Championship B-Pool takes place every two years.

B Participants

The subscription for the U23 Baseball European Championship B-Pool is open to all countries not qualified for the U23 Baseball European Championship and the 2 relegated teams from the U23 Baseball European Championship.

The players have to have a maximum age of 23 years and a minimum age of 15 years in the year the competition is played.

C Competition System

The WBSC Europe Baseball Technical Commission will decide for each edition the format of the competition based upon the number of subscriptions. This includes also the decision if the competition will be played in one, two or more groups.

D Promotion and relegation

The teams that finished 7th and 8th place in the U23 Baseball European Championship are relegated to the U23 Baseball European Championship B-Pool.

The winners of the groups of the U23 Baseball European Championship B-Pool promote to the U23 Baseball European Championship.

23. U18 Baseball European Championship

23/I. U18 Baseball European Championship

A Period

The U18 Baseball European Championship takes place every two years.

B Participants

Only 2026:

The participants are the 10 first classified teams of the previous U18 Baseball European Championship and the winner of each group of the last U18 Baseball European Championship B-Pool.

For 2028 the number of participating teams will be reduced to 10, for 2030 the number of participating teams will be reduced to 8.

The players have to have a maximum age of 18 years and a minimum age of 15 years in the year the competition is played.

C Competition System (only 2026)

First Phase:

The teams will be divided into two groups. Each group plays a single round-robin. At this stage the standings will be made.

Group 1	Group 2
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6

Second phase:

The first two teams of each group will play cross-over game and final as follows:

(a)	1 st G1	-	2 nd G2	1 st G1 is home team
(b)	1 st G2	-	2 nd G1	1 st G2 is home team
(c)	W (a)	-	W (b)	Game for gold and silver medals
(d)	L (a)	-	L (b)	Game for bronze and fourth place

The third and fourth team of each group will play cross-over game and ranking games as follows:

(e)	3 rd G1	-	4 th G2	1 st G1 is home team
(f)	3 rd G2	-	4 th G1	1 st G2 is home team
(g)	W (a)	-	W (b)	Game for place 5 and 6
(h)	L (a)	-	L (b)	Game for place 7 and 8

The fifth and sixth team of each group will play cross-over game and ranking games as follows:

(i)	5 th G1	-	6 th G2	1 st G1 is home team
(j)	5 th G2	-	6 th G1	1 st G2 is home team
(k)	W (a)	-	W (b)	Game for place 9 and 10
(l)	L (a)	-	L (b)	Game for place 11 and 12

D Promotion and relegation

From 2026 to 2031 the teams will promote and relegate according to the following system:

2026	A-Pool	12 teams	Bottom four relegate
2027	B-Pool	2 groups of 7	Winners promote to A-Pool
2028	A-Pool	10 teams	Bottom four relegate
2029	B-Pool	2 groups of 8	Winners promote to A-Pool
2030	A-Pool	8 teams	Bottom two relegate
2031	B-Pool	2 groups of 8	Winners promote to A-Pool

E Pitch count

The intent of this rule is to protect young athlete's arms during the growth period, therefore setting a pitch limit for U18 Baseball European Championships. It is the responsibility of the team coaches to track their pitchers' pitch counts at all times, and to ensure that no athletes go beyond the maximum number of pitches.

If a pitcher reaches the maximum number (105) of pitches during an active at bat, the pitcher may finish the same batter but must be removed at the end of the at bat. All other thresholds (40-55-75-90) are the real maximum number of pitches, even when this means that the pitcher has to be replaced during an active at bat.

If the Team Manager fails to substitute the pitcher prior to surpassing the maximum number of pitches allowed, for the safety of the athlete the Technical Commissioner will ask the Home Plate Umpire to stop the game and the pitcher shall be substituted. The Team Manager and/or the National Federation will then be subject to the corresponding infraction penalties (see specific penalties below).

Each pitcher must observe a day(s) rest as follows:

Number of Pitches	1 – 40	41 – 55	56 – 75	76 – 90	91 - 105
Rest days	No rest	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days

(no more than 105 pitches will be allowed)

The Technical Commissioner will ultimately determine the accurate pitch count by using all the information gathered from the Official Scorers plus his own work and render any final decisions on protests.

- Note:
- Pitch count is to be accurately recorded by Official Scorers and pitchers who are not available to pitch will be listed in a daily report.
 - Pitch count thrown by the same pitchers in games on the same day will be added to determine availability of pitchers.
 - A pitcher can only pitch on three (3) consecutive days if pitch count on the two previous days does not exceed forty (40) pitches. It should be noted when a pitcher pitches on consecutive days, their pitch count from the previous day(s) will be used to determine the number of pitches allowed for the day. For example, if a pitcher throws 39 pitches over two days, they are allowed to throw the third day because the pitch count total was under 40, but they can only throw a maximum of 66 pitches on the third day (maximum of 105 minus the 39). Whatever the amount of pitches thrown on the three consecutive days will determine the days rest needed. In the above example, the pitcher would require the full 4 days of rest.
 - If pitch count is forty-one (41) or above on those two days, the said pitcher will require one (1) day of rest.
 - Pitcher cannot pitch four (4) consecutive days. At least one (1) day-rest is needed.
 - When a pitcher reaches any of the thresholds, he may not play as a pitcher according to the corresponding rest day(s), however the pitcher is allowed to play as a position player during such rest.

- Penalty:
- Ejection of the Team Manager.
 - Team Manager suspended for at least the next scheduled game (including possible re-scheduled games) of the team in the same competition.
 - National Federation fined with A-Level infraction, pitch count limit violation.

Example of Pitch count Rule:

PITCHER	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
PITCHER 1	25	16	X				
PITCHER 2	50	X					
PITCHER 3	65	X	X				
PITCHER 4	80	X	X	X			
PITCHER 5	95	X	X	X	X		
PITCHER 6	15	20	4	X			
PITCHER 7	15	20	20	X			
PITCHER 8	15	20	21	X	X		
PITCHER 9	15	20	41	X	X	X	
PITCHER 10	15	20	70 (max)	X	X	X	X

- Pitcher availability
- 55 Sample number of pitches
- X Mandatory rest day pursuant to WBSC U-18 BWC Regulations

23/II. U18 Baseball European Championship B-Pool

A Period

The U18 Baseball European Championship B-Pool takes place every two years.

B Participants

The subscription for the U18 Baseball European Championship B-Pool is open to all countries not qualified for the U18 Baseball European Championship and the 2 relegated teams from the U18 Baseball European Championship.

The players have to have a maximum age of 18 years and a minimum age of 15 years in the year the competition is played.

C Competition System

The WBSC Europe Baseball Technical Commission will decide for each edition the format of the competition based upon the number of subscriptions. This includes also the decision if the competition will be played in one, two or more groups.

In case this competition played in two different countries, the WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee will try to form regional groups.

D Promotion and relegation

From 2026 to 2031 the teams will promote and relegate according to the following system:

2026	A-Pool	12 teams	Bottom four relegate
2027	B-Pool	2 groups of 7	Winners promote to A-Pool
2028	A-Pool	10 teams	Bottom four relegate
2029	B-Pool	2 groups of 8	Winners promote to A-Pool
2030	A-Pool	8 teams	Bottom two relegate
2031	B-Pool	2 groups of 8	Winners promote to A-Pool

E Pitch count

Same as U18 Baseball European Championship.

24. U15 Baseball European Championship

24/I. U15 Baseball European Championship

A Period

The U15 Baseball European Championship takes place every two years.

B Participants

The participants are the 6 first classified teams of the previous U15 Baseball European Championship and the winner of each group of the last U15 Baseball European Championship B-Pool.

The players have to have age of 13, 14 or 15 years in the year the competition is played.

A maximum of 3 (three) players of 12 years will be allowed.

C Competition System

First Phase:

The eight teams will be divided into two groups. Each group will play a single round-robin (3 games in 3 consecutive days).

At the end of this phase the standings will be made.

Group 1	Group 2
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4

Second phase:

The first two teams of each group will play cross-over game and final as follows:

(a)	1 st G1	-	2 nd G2	1 st G1 is home team
(b)	1 st G2	-	2 nd G1	1 st G2 is home team
(c)	W (a)	-	W (b)	Game for gold and silver medals
(d)	L (a)	-	L (b)	Game for bronze and fourth place

Home team in the games (c) and (d) is decided by drawing of lots.

The teams that finished third and fourth in each group play a single round-robin (counting the game already played between the two teams from the same group) to decide which teams will be relegated to the next qualifier.

The single round-robin will be played as follows:

3 rd G1	-	4 th G2	3 rd G1 is home team
3 rd G2	-	4 th G1	3 rd G2 is home team
3 rd G1	-	3 rd G2	Home team to be decided by drawing of lots
4 th G1	-	4 th G2	Home team to be decided by drawing of lots

D Promotion and relegation

The teams that finished 7th and 8th place are relegated to the U15 Baseball European Championship B-Pool.

The winners of the groups of the U15 Baseball European Championship B-Pool promote to the U15 Baseball European Championship. If there is only one group, the first 2 teams will be promoted.

E Pitch count

The intent of this rule is to protect young athlete's arms during the growth period, therefore setting a pitch limit for U15 Baseball European Championships.

It is the responsibility of the team coaches to track their pitchers' pitch counts at all times, and to ensure that no athletes go beyond the maximum number of pitches.

If a pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches (95) during an active at bat, the pitcher may finish the same batter but must be removed at the end of the at bat. All other thresholds (35-50-65-80) are the real maximum number of pitches, even when this means that the pitcher has to be replaced during an active at bat.

If the Team Manager fails to substitute the pitcher prior to surpassing the maximum number of pitches allowed, for the safety of the athlete the Technical Commissioner will ask the Home Plate Umpire to stop the game and the pitcher shall be substituted. The Team Manager and/or the National Federation will then be subject to the corresponding infraction penalties (see specific penalties below).

Each pitcher must observe a day(s) rest as follows:

Number of Pitches	1 – 35	36 – 50	51 – 65	66 – 80	Max. 95
Rest days	No rest	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days

(no more than 95 pitches will be allowed)

The Technical Commissioner will ultimately determine the accurate pitch count by using all the information gathered from the Official Scorers plus his own work and render any final decisions on protests.

- Note:
- Pitch count is to be accurately recorded by Official Scorers and pitchers who are not available to pitch will be listed in a daily report.
 - Pitch count thrown by the same pitchers in games on the same day will be added to determine availability of pitchers.
 - A pitcher can only pitch on three (3) consecutive days if pitch count on the two previous days does not exceed thirty-five (35) pitches. It should be noted when a pitcher pitches on consecutive days, their pitch count from the previous day(s) will be used to determine the number of pitches allowed for the day. For example, if a pitcher throws 34 pitches over two days, they are allowed to throw the third day because the pitch count total was under 35, but they can only throw a maximum of 61 pitches on the third day (maximum of 95 minus the 34). Whatever the amount of pitches thrown on the three consecutive days will determine the days rest needed. In the above example, the pitcher would require the full 4 days of rest.
 - If pitch count is thirty-six (36) or above on those two days, the said pitcher will require one (1) day of rest.
 - Pitcher cannot pitch four (4) consecutive days. At least one (1) day-rest is needed.
 - When a pitcher reaches any of the thresholds, he may not play as a pitcher according to the corresponding rest day(s), however the pitcher is allowed to play as a position player during such rest.

- Penalty:
- Ejection of the Team Manager;
 - Team Manager suspended for at least the next scheduled game (including possible re-scheduled games) of the team in the same competition; and
 - National Federation fined with A-Level infraction, pitch count limit violation.

Example of Pitch Count Rule:

PITCHER	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
PITCHER 1	25	11	X				
PITCHER 2	50	X					
PITCHER 3	65	X	X				
PITCHER 4	80	X	X	X			
PITCHER 5	95	X	X	X	X		
PITCHER 6	15	15	4	X			
PITCHER 7	15	15	15	X			
PITCHER 8	15	15	21	X	X		
PITCHER 9	15	15	36	X	X	X	
PITCHER 10	15	15	65 (max)	X	X	X	X

	Pitcher availability
55	Sample number of pitches
X	Mandatory rest day pursuant to WBSC U-15 BWC Regulations

F Bats

The bat shall be made of wood or of other materials as it complies with Rule 3.2.1 of the Official Rules of Baseball and the below WBSC specifications:

- Non-wood (one piece and multi-piece) or composite / multi-piece wood bats must be "Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR)" certified which must be clearly indicated on the bat.
- One piece wood bats can be used as long as they are included in the current year's Official Approved Wooden Bats List by the WBSC.
- The maximum length is 34 inches (0.86 m).
- A bat may not weigh, numerically, more than three units less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 34-inch (0.86 m) long bat cannot be less than 31 ounces (0.87 kg) in weight).

24/II. U15 Baseball European Championship B-Pool

A Period

The U15 Baseball European Championships B-Pool takes place every two years.

B Participants

The subscription for the U15 Baseball European Championship B-Pool is open to all countries not qualified for the U15 Baseball European Championship and the 2 relegated teams relegated from the U15 Baseball European Championship.

The players have to have age of 13, 14 or 15 years in the year the competition is played.

A maximum of 3 (three) players of 12 years will be allowed.

C Competition System

The WBSC Europe Baseball Technical Commission will decide for each edition the format of the competition based upon the number of subscriptions. This includes also the decision if the competition will be played in one, two or more groups.

In case this competition played in two different countries, the WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee will try to form regional groups.

D Promotion and relegation

The teams that finished 7th and 8th place in the U15 Baseball European Championship are relegated to the U15 Baseball European Championship B-Pool. The winners of the groups of the U15 Baseball European Championship B-Pool promote to the U15 Baseball European Championship. If there is only one group, the first 2 teams will be promoted.

E Pitch count

Same as U15 Baseball European Championship.

F Bats

Same as U15 Baseball European Championship.

25. U12 Baseball European Championship

25/I. U12 Baseball European Championship

A Period

The U12 Baseball European Championship takes place every year.

B Participants

The participants are the 6 first classified teams of the previous U12 Baseball European Championship and the winner of each group of the last U12 Baseball European Championship B-Pool.

The players have to have the age of 10, 11 or 12 years in the year the competition is played.

A maximum of three players of 9 years will be allowed.

C Competition System

First Phase:

The eight teams will be divided into two groups. Each group will play a single round-robin (3 games in 3 consecutive days).

At the end of this phase the standings will be made.

Group 1	Group 2
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4

Second phase:

The first two teams of each group will play cross-over game and final as follows:

(a)	1 st G1	-	2 nd G2	1 st G1 is home team
(b)	1 st G2	-	2 nd G1	1 st G2 is home team
(c)	W (a)	-	W (b)	Game for gold and silver medals
(d)	L (a)	-	L (b)	Game for bronze and fourth place

Home team in the games (c) and (d) is decided by drawing of lots.

The teams that finished third and fourth in each group play a single round-robin (counting the game already played between the two teams from the same group) to decide which teams will be relegated to the next qualifier.

The single round-robin will be played as follows:

3 rd G1	-	4 th G2	3 rd G1 is home team
3 rd G2	-	4 th G1	3 rd G2 is home team
3 rd G1	-	3 rd G2	Home team to be decided by drawing of lots
4 th G1	-	4 th G2	Home team to be decided by drawing of lots

D Promotion and relegation

The teams that finished 1st to 6th place are qualified for the next U12 Baseball European Championship.

The team that finished 8th place will be relegated to the next U12 Baseball European Championship B-Pool.

If the U12 Baseball European Championship B-Pool has more than 6 subscriptions, also the team that finished 7th place will be relegated to the next U12 Baseball European Championship B-Pool and the runner up of the U12 Baseball European Championship B-Pool will then also be promoted to the next U12 Baseball European Championship.

E Pitch Count

The intent of this rule is to protect young athlete's arms during the growth period, therefore setting a pitch limit for U12 Baseball European Championships.

It is the responsibility of the team coaches to track their pitchers' pitch counts at all times, and to ensure that no athletes go beyond the maximum number of pitches.

If a pitcher reaches the maximum number of pitches (85) during an active at bat, the pitcher may finish the same batter but must be removed at the end of the at bat. All other thresholds (30-45-60-75) are the real maximum number of pitches, even when this means that the pitcher has to be replaced during an active at bat.

If the Team Manager fails to substitute the pitcher prior to surpassing the maximum number of pitches allowed, for the safety of the athlete the Technical Commissioner will ask the Home Plate Umpire to stop the game and the pitcher shall be substituted. The Team Manager and/or the National Federation will then be subject to the corresponding infraction penalties (see specific penalties below).

Each pitcher must observe a day(s) rest as follows:

Number of Pitches	1 – 30	31 – 45	46 – 60	61 – 75	Max. 85
Rest days	No rest	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days

The Technical Commissioner will ultimately determine the accurate pitch count by using all the information gathered from the Official Scorers plus his own work and render any final decisions on protests.

- Note:
- Pitch count is to be accurately recorded by Official Scorers and pitchers who are not available to pitch will be listed in a daily report.
 - Pitch count thrown by the same pitchers in games on the same day will be added to determine availability of pitchers.
 - A pitcher can only pitch on three (3) consecutive days if pitch count on the two previous days does not exceed thirty (30) pitches. It should be noted when a pitcher pitches on consecutive days, their pitch count from the previous day(s) will be used to determine the number of pitches allowed for the day. For example, if a pitcher throws 29 pitches over two days, they are allowed to throw the third day because the pitch count total was under 30, but they can only throw a maximum of 56 pitches on the third day (maximum of 85 minus the 29). Whatever the amount of pitches thrown on the three consecutive days will determine the days rest needed. In the above example, the pitcher would require the full 4 days of rest.
 - If pitcher's day 1 + day 2 exceeds thirty (30), they require at least one (1) day rest. Pitcher cannot pitch four (4) consecutive days. One (1) day rest is needed.
 - When a pitcher reaches any of the thresholds, he may not play as a pitcher according to the corresponding rest day(s), however the pitcher is allowed to play as a position player during such rest.

- Penalty:
- Ejection of the Team Manager;
 - Team Manager suspended for at least the next scheduled game (including possible re-scheduled games) of the team in the same competition; and
 - National Federation fined with A-Level infraction, pitch count limit violation.

Example of Pitch Count Rule:

PITCHER	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7
PITCHER 1	25	11	X				
PITCHER 2	45	X					
PITCHER 3	60	X	X				
PITCHER 4	75	X	X	X			
PITCHER 5	85	X	X	X	X		
PITCHER 6	15	5	5	X			
PITCHER 7	15	5	15	X			
PITCHER 8	15	5	26	X	X		
PITCHER 9	15	5	41	X	X	X	
PITCHER 10	15	5	65 (max)	X	X	X	X

	Pitcher availability
55	Sample number of pitches
X	Mandatory rest day pursuant to WBSC U-12 BWC Regulations

F Rules of Baseball

The games will be played according to these WBSC Europe Baseball Competition rules for U12.

We point out the following dispositions:

- a. Protective equipment
 - use of helmets by the batter, on-deck batter and all base runners is mandatory
 - each helmet shall have a double ear-flap
 - all players must wear metal, fibre or plastic type cup
 - catchers must wear long model chest protector with neck collar, throat guard, shin guards and catcher's helmet
 - catchers must wear a mask, throat protector and catchers helmet during practice, pitcher warm-up and games
 - the use of metal spikes is not allowed.

If the umpire observes any violation of these rules, he shall direct the violation to be corrected. If the violation is not corrected within a reasonable time in the umpire's judgement, the umpire shall eject the offender from the game, and disciplinary action, as appropriate, will be recommended.

b. Differences for U12 to WBSC Official Rules of Baseball

WBSC ORB 10.2 (in addition to the WBSC ORB)

When a pitcher is in contact with the pitcher's plate and in possession of the ball and the catcher is in the catcher's box ready to receive delivery of ball, base-runners shall not leave their base until the ball has been delivered and has reached the batter.

The violation by one base runner shall affect all other base runners.

When a base runner leaves the base before the pitched ball has reached the batter and the batter does not hit the ball, the runner is permitted to continue. If a play is made on the runner and the runner is out, the out stands. If said runner reaches safely the base to which the runner is advancing, that runner must be returned to the base occupied before the pitch was made, and no out results.

- i. When a base runner leaves the base before the pitched ball reached the batter and the batter hits the ball, the base runner or runners are permitted to continue. If a play is made and the runner or runners are put out, the out or outs will stand. If not put out, the runner or runners must return to the original base or bases or the unoccupied base nearest the one that was left. In no event shall the batter advance beyond first base on a single or error, second base on a double or third base on a triple. The umpire in chief shall determine the base value of the hit ball.
- ii. When any base runner leaves the base before the pitched ball reached the batter and the batter bunts or hits a ball within the infield no run shall be allowed to score. If three runners were on the bases and the batter reaches first base safely, each runner shall advance to the base beyond the one they occupied at the start of the play except the runner on third base, this runner shall be removed from the base without a run being scored.

EXCEPTION: if at the conclusion of the play there is an open base, paragraph (a) and (b) will apply.

- iii. A1.5.3
No headfirst slides to home plate are permitted.

Note: The runner sliding headfirst into home plate is called out. The ball stays in play until all play has stopped.

WBSC ORB 13.10 ABROGATED

This means: There will be no balk, only illegal pitch (quick pitch).

c. Schedule

No team shall be scheduled to play two games in one day unless the case warranted by exceptional circumstances, for instance: postponed games and decided by the Technical Commission. If two games involving four teams are played on the same field, the first game must be completed before the second game starts (exception under condition of rule 7.02).

d. Night games

U12 games may be played after sundown under artificial light. In any case, no inning shall start after 10.00 p.m. prevailing time. It will be held that an inning starts the moment that the third out is made, completing the preceding inning.

e. Field dimension

From home-plate to fence: 61 m.
Pitcher's plate: 15,20 cm. A pitching mound is mandatory.
Distance from the back of home plate (point) to pitcher's plate: 14,00 m.
From home-plate to backstop: 7,60 m.
From home-plate to second base: 25,85 m.
Distance between bases: 18,30 m.

f. Bats

The bat shall be made of wood or of other materials as it complies with Rule 3.2.1 of the WBSC ORB and the below specifications.

- One piece wood bats can be used as long as they are included in the current year's Official Approved Wooden Bats List by the WBSC / WBSCE.
- Non-wood (one piece or multi-piece) or composite/multi-piece wood bats shall have a Bat Performance Factor (BPF) of 1.0 or less. If the BPF is not visibly indicated on the bat, manufacturer's proof and/or alternate equivalent certification may be presented to the Technical Commission for approval.
Exception for 2026: Bats with a BPF of 1.15 are still allowed.
- The bat shall not be more than 33 inches (83.82 cm) of length.

In addition to bats with a BPF of 1.0 or less, bats which meet the new standard of USA Baseball four youth bats are also allowed. These bats have to be marked with the USA Baseball logo as shown below (logo also possible in different colors).



NOTE: An illegal bat must be removed. Any bat that has been altered shall be removed from play.

PENALTY: If a batter entering the batter's box is discovered with an illegal bat, or is discovered having used an illegal bat prior to the next player entering the batter's box, the plate umpire has to warn the manager of the offensive team, in case it would be the first violation. At the second violation the manager of the team will be ejected from the game.

If the batter hits the ball using an illegal bat he should be called out, however the manager of the defensive team may advise the plate umpire of the decision to decline the penalty and accept the play. This decision shall be communicated immediately at the end of the play.

25/II. U12 Baseball European Championship B-Pool

A Period

The U12 Baseball European Championships B-Pool takes place every year.

B Participants

The subscription for the U12 Baseball European Championship B-Pool is open to all countries not qualified for the U12 Baseball European Championship and the relegated team(s) from the U12 Baseball European Championship.

The players have to have the age of 10, 11 or 12 years in the year the competition is played.

A maximum of three players of 9 years will be allowed.

C Competition System

The WBSC Europe Baseball Technical Commission will decide for each edition the format of the competition based upon the number of subscriptions. This includes also the decision if the competition will be played in one, two or more groups.

In case this competition played in two different countries, the WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee will try to form regional groups.

D Promotion and relegation

The winner, and if the U12 Baseball European Championship B-Pool has more than 6 subscriptions, also the runner-up of this competition is promoted to the U12 Baseball European Championship.

In case the competition is played in two different countries, the winner of each group promotes to the U12 Baseball European Championship.

E Pitch count

Same as U12 Baseball European Championship.

F Rules of Baseball

Same as U12 Baseball European Championship.

26. EUROPEAN CUP AND QUALIFIER COMPETITIONS

European Cup Competitions

The European Cups are competitions of European Baseball on the highest club level, organized by WBSC Europe Baseball.

The European Cups are played in the following categories: Confederation Cup, European Cup, Federations Cup and Federations Cup Qualifier.

The European Cups are for National Champion teams of the highest division and/or for the runner-up of the national championship of the highest division. The National Federation decides which teams are allowed to subscribe.

A Period

The Cup Competitions are usually played in the month of June.

The games of the competitions will be played in one or more cities, which have a distance between them of no more than 100 kilometers. Deviations from this must be approved in advance by the WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee.

B Participants

- a. Confederation Cup (6 teams)
 - Relegated team from the federation from the Champions Cup.
 - Teams from federations which finished 2nd to 4th place in the European Cup of the previous year.
- b. European Cup
 - Teams from federations which finished 5th to 7th place in the European Cup of the previous year.
 - The teams from the federation that finished 1st to 4th place in Federation Cups depend on the number of qualification groups in the previous year
- c. Federations Cups
 - The teams from the federation that finished 3rd to 5th place depend on the number of qualification groups in the previous year.
 - Promoted teams from federations that finished 1st to 3rd in the federation cup qualifier depend on the number of qualifying groups in the previous year.

d. Federations Cup Qualifiers

- Teams from federations which teams were not promoted to the Federations Cup due to the results of the Federations Cup Qualifier of the previous year.
- Runner up of the federations that have only one representative in the Champions Cup or Confederation Cup or Federations Cup,
- Champions of all other federations which are not participating in Champions Cup or Confederation Cup or Federations Cup,
- Runner up of the best ranked federations which are not participating in Champions Cup or Confederation Cup or Federations Cup.

- e. A team can only subscribe for the level of competition it is qualified for. It cannot subscribe for a lower level of competition.
- f. In case a team renounces to participate it can be replaced by another team of the country concerned.
- g. The federation of the clubs which has the right to participate in one of the Cup competitions will enforce the participation of their club.
- h. In case a subscription for one of the Cup competitions does not arrive at WBSC Europe before the fixed date foreseen by these rules, WBSC Europe will warn the president of the national federation involved and consequently the team of that federation will be replaced.
- i. In case a country renounces to participate in one of the Cup competitions it will be replaced by a country qualified for the competition of the next lower level and the renouncing country (club) will go to next lower competition level for the following year.
- j. In case a country refuses to participate in the one of the Cup competitions, this country cannot organize a Cup competition the next year, unless it is the only candidate.
- k. If there are two or more pools or groups of a competition, participating teams of one country cannot be assigned to the same pool/group.

C Organizing country

For the Cup competitions all participating countries can enter the candidature for organisation by their entitled club before November 1st. In case of more than one candidature for the same competition the WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions and Technical Committee will, based on vast criteria, assign the organiser.

The organisers will inform WBSC Europe Baseball, before the 31st of January, of the exact date of the start and the end of competition.

D Promotion-Relegation system

- Confederation Cup (6 teams 2026)
No team will promote, no team will relegate.
- European Cup (8 teams 2026)
The 2 best placed teams federations are promoted to the Confederation Cup in the next year.
No team will relegate.
- Federations Cup (10 teams / 2 groups 2026)
The best placed teams federation of each of the groups is promoted to the European Cup.
The last teams federation of each of the groups is relegated to the Federations Cup Qualifier.
- Federations Cup Qualifiers (8 teams 2026)
The federations of the winner and the runner-up are promoted to the Federations Cup.

E Players

e.1 Eligibility

Players must have the minimum age of 15 years in the year the competition is played.

All the players participating in the European Cups shall be:

- regularly registered with their club.
- regularly registered in the national competition with their club the running year, with which they participate in the European Cup competition.

All the players mentioned on the Final Team Roster (FTR) are not allowed to play for another team, worldwide, in the period 30 days prior to the competition of the European Cups. For players mentioned on the FTR who play at college level in the USA there is the possibility to get a waiver from the former mentioned restriction. To get a waiver, the national federation has to send a list to the WBSC Europe office together with the FTR. The list has to include name of the college player, date of birth, member of the club since when, college team in the USA.

e.2 Team composition

Each team will be composed of a minimum of 12 (twelve) players and a maximum of 24 (twenty-four) players.
Teams with less than 12 (twelve) players are rejected from the competition.

e.3 Foreign players

The participation of foreign players in the Cup competitions is regulated as follows:

The players who have a different nationality than that of the country the team represents and have a different nationality than one of the WBSC Europe member federations, are considered foreign players.

e.4 Team Rosters

The limitation of foreign players on the Final Team Roster (FTR) is maximum 3 (three). The Federation put the FTR roster in the platform my.wbseurope.org and confirms herewith that the players are regularly registered according to WBSC Europe rules. (Edit if there is a change in the registration rule)

Teams not complying with this rule to submit the forms will pay a fine of 1.000 Euro for the Confederation Cup and European Cup and 500 € for the Federations Cup and the Federations Cup Qualifier.

F Competition system

f.1 Confederation Cup

One group of six teams.

The competition will start on Monday to end on Saturday, or will start on Tuesday to end on Sunday, which means six consecutive playing days without a day of rest.

The competition system follows the rules of chapter 19.

First phase:

The teams play a single round-robin to decide all positions.

Second phase:

The first two teams play one final game for the gold and silver medals. Home team will be the winner of the single round robin.

f.2 European Cup

Two groups of four teams.

The competitions will start on Monday to end on Saturday or will start on Tuesday to end on Sunday, which means ~~five~~ six consecutive playing days without a day of rest.

The competition system follows the rules of chapter 19.

First phase:

Each group plays a single round-robin (three games in three consecutive days). At the end of this phase the standings will be made.

Second phase:

The first two teams of each group (G) will play cross-over games and final as follows:

1st G1	-	2nd G2	1st G1 is home team
1st G2	-	2nd G1	1st G2 is home team
W(a)	-	W(b)	Final Game, home team to be decided by drawing of lots
L(a)	-	L(b)	Game for 3rd Place, home team to be decided by drawing of lots

The teams that finished third and fourth in each group play one game against the team from the other group which was ranked in the same position as follows:

3rd G1	-	3rd G2	Home team to be decided by drawing of lots
4th G1	-	4th G2	Home team to be decided by drawing of lots

f.3 Federations Cup

Two pool of 5 (five) teams at two locations.

The competition will start on Monday to end on Saturday, or will start on Tuesday to end on Sunday, which means six consecutive playing days without a day of rest.

The competition system follows the rules of chapter 19.

First phase:

The teams play a single round-robin to decide all positions, one team has a day off.

Second phase:

The first two teams play one final game for the gold and silver medals. Home team will be the winner of the single round robin.

f.4 Federations Cup Qualifiers

Two groups of four teams.

The competitions will start on Monday to end on Saturday or will start on Tuesday to end on Sunday, which means six consecutive playing days without a day of rest.

The competition system follows the rules of chapter 19.

First phase:

Each group plays a single round-robin (three games in three consecutive days). At the end of this phase the standings will be made.

Second phase:

The first two teams of each group (G) will play cross-over games and final as follows:

1st G1	-	2nd G2	1st G1 is home team
1st G2	-	2nd G1	1st G2 is home team
W(a)	-	W(b)	Final Game, home team to be decided by drawing of lots
L(a)	-	L(b)	Game for 3rd Place, home team to be decided by drawing of lots

The teams that finished third and fourth in each group play one game against the team from the other group which was ranked in the same position as follows:

3rd G1	-	3rd G2	Home team to be decided by drawing of lots
4th G1	-	4th G2	Home team to be decided by drawing of lots

27. ALTERNATE DETERMINATION OF CHAMPION

In case of rain during the championship round, the following will be made:

If rain disrupts the championship round before completion, all efforts will be made to determine a champion by playing only the game(s) which remain to determine the title. If a decision regarding a medal must be made without playing a game, the tie breaking criteria TQB shall apply (see art. 13 i). The same procedure will be followed for subsequent positions if necessary.

If two or more teams did not play each other, the TQB will be applied, including all the games played in the tournament, to establish the final standings.

28. APPENDIX I: Six Examples of the application of the Tie Breaker Criteria

Scenario 1:

Game 1: Team A - Team B 5 – 4

Game 2: Team D - Team E 9 - 1

Standings after single round robin:

Team A 3 Won, 1 Lost *

Team B 3 Won, 1 Lost *

Team C 2 Won, 2 Lost

Team D 1 Won, 3 Lost **

Team E 1 Won, 3 Lost **

* Criterion 1: Team A finishes higher than Team B, because of the result of game 1.

** Criterion 1: Team D finishes higher than Team E, because of the result of game 2.

Scenario 2:

Game 1: Team A - Team B 5 - 4 (8 ½ innings)

Game 2: Team C - Team A 2 - 0 (8 2/3 innings)

Game 3: Team B - Team C 8 - 2 (8 ½ innings)

Standings after single round robin:

Team A 3 Won, 1 lost *

Team B 3 Won, 1 lost *

Team C 3 Won, 1 lost *

* Criterion 1: No decision between any of the teams A, B and C.

Criterion 2: Team B finishes higher than A, which finishes higher than C, because of the **TQB** in games 1, 2 and 3.

Team	Runs Scored	Offens. Innings	Ratio	Runs Allowed	Def. Innings	Ratio	TQB
A	5	17	0.2941	6	17.67	0.3396	-0.0454
B	12	17	0.7059	7	17	0.4118	0.2941
C	4	17.67	0.2264	8	17	0.4706	-0.2442

Team B: 12 runs scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.7059; 7 runs allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.4118 → TQB = 0.2941

Team A: 5 runs scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.2941; 6 runs allowed in 17.67 defensive innings = 0.3396 → TQB = -0.0454

Team C: 4 runs scored in 17.67 offensive innings = 0.2264; 8 runs allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.4706 → TQB = -0.2442

Scenario 3:

Game 1: Team A - Team B 6 - 4 (8 ½ innings)

Game 2: Team A - Team C 0 - 2 (9 innings)

Game 3: Team B - Team C 8 - 2 (8 ½ innings)

Standings after single round robin:

Team A 3 Won, 1 lost *

Team B 3 Won, 1 lost *

Team C 3 Won, 1 lost *

* Criterion 1: No decision between any of the teams A, B and C.

Criterion 2: Team B finishes higher than A, which finishes higher than C, because of the **TQB** in games 1, 2 and 3.

Team	Runs Scored	Offens. Innings	Ratio	Runs Allowed	Def. Innings	Ratio	TQB
A	6	17	0.3529	6	18	0.3333	0.0196
B	12	17	0.7059	8	17	0.4706	0.2353
C	4	18	0.2222	8	17	0.4706	-0.2484

Team B: 12 runs scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.7059 8 runs allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.4706 → TQB = 0.2353

Team A: 6 runs scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.3529; 6 runs allowed in 18 defensive innings = 0.3333 → TQB = 0.0196

Team C: 4 runs scored in 18 offensive innings = 0.2222; 8 runs allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.4706 → TQB = -0.2484

Scenario 4

Game 1: Team A - Team B 3 - 4 (11 2/3 innings)

Game 2: Team A - Team C 8 - 5 (9 2/3 innings)

Game 3: Team B - Team C 3 - 7 (9 innings)

Standings after single round robin:

Team B 3 Won, 1 lost *

Team C 3 Won, 1 lost *

Team A 3 Won, 1 lost *

* Criterion 1: No decision between any of the teams A, B and C.

Criterion 2: Team C finishes higher than A, which finishes higher than B, because of the **TQB** in games 1, 2 and 3.

Team	Runs Scored	Of. Innings	Ratio	Runs Allowed	Def. Innings	Ratio	TQB
A	11	21.67	0.5076	9	21.67	0.4153	0.0923
B	7	20.67	0.3387	10	21	0.4762	-0.1375
C	12	19	0.6316	11	18.67	0.5892	0.0424

Team A: 11 runs scored in 21.67 offensive innings = 0.5076; 9 runs allowed in 21.67 defensive innings = 0.4153 → TQB = 0.0923

Team C: 12 runs scored in 19 offensive innings = 0.6316; 11 runs allowed in 18.67 defensive innings = 0.5892 → TQB = 0.0424

Team B: 7 runs scored in 20.67 offensive innings = 0.3387; 10 runs allowed in 21 defensive innings = 0.4762 → TQB = -0.1375

Scenario 5:

Game 1: Team A - Team B 7 - 4 (8 ½ innings), in earned runs 3 - 4

Game 2: Team B - Team C 7 - 4 (8 ½ innings), in earned runs 5 - 2

Game 3: Team C - Team A 7 - 4 (8 ½ innings), in earned runs 5 - 1

Standings after single round robin:

Team A 3 Won, 1 Lost *

Team B 3 Won, 1 Lost * **

Team C 3 Won, 1 Lost * **

* Criterion 1: No decision between any of the teams A, B and C.

Criterion 2: No decision between any of the teams A, B and C.

Team	Runs Scored	Offens. Innings	Ratio	Runs Allowed	Def. Innings	Ratio	TQB
A	11	17	0.6471	11	17	0.6471	0.0000
B	11	17	0.6471	11	17	0.6471	0.0000
C	11	17	0.6471	11	17	0.6471	0.0000

Criterion 3: Team B finishes higher than Team C and Team A because of the TQB in games 1, 2 and 3.

Team	Earned Runs Scored	Of. Innings	Ratio	Earned Runs Allowed	Def. Innings	Ratio	ER-TQB
A	4	17	0.2353	9	17	0.5294	-0.2941
B	9	17	0.5294	5	17	0.2941	0.2353
C	7	17	0.4118	6	17	0.3529	0.0588

Team B: 9 ERuns scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.5294; 5 ERuns allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.2941 → TQB = 0.2353

Team C: 7 ERuns scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.4118; 6 ERuns allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.3529 → TQB = 0.0588

Team A: 4 ERuns scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.2353; 9 ERuns allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.5294 → TQB = -0.2941

Scenario 6:

Game 1: Team A - Team B 5 - 4 (9 innings)
 Game 2: Team B - Team C 5 - 0 (8 ½ innings)
 Game 3: Team C - Team D 8 - 4 (8 ½ innings)
 Game 4: Team D - Team E 9 - 0 (8 ½ innings)
 Game 5: Team E - Team A 5 - 2 (8 ½ innings)
 Game 6: Team A - Team C 1 - 3 (9 innings)
 Game 7: Team B - Team D 3 - 5 (9 innings)
 Game 8: Team C - Team E 1 - 3 (9 innings)
 Game 9: Team D - Team A 0 - 8 (9 innings)
 Game 10: Team E - Team B 3 - 7 (9 innings)

Standings after single round robin:

Team A 2 Won, 2 Lost *
 Team B 2 Won, 2 Lost *
 Team C 2 Won, 2 Lost * **
 Team D 2 Won, 2 Lost * **
 Team E 2 Won, 2 Lost *

- * Criterion 1: No decision between any of the teams A, B, C, D and E.
 Criterion 2: Teams B finishes higher than Team A, C, D and E because of the **TQB** in games 1 thru 10.

Team	Runs Scored	Of. Innings	Ratio	Runs Allowed	Def. Innings	Ratio	TQB
A	16	36	0.4444	12	35	0.3429	0.1016
B	19	35	0.5429	13	36	0.3611	0.1817
C	12	35	0.3429	13	35	0.3714	-0.0286
D	18	35	0.5143	19	35	0.5429	-0.0286
E	11	35	0.3143	19	35	0.5429	-0.2286

Team B: 19 Runs scored in 35 offensive innings = 0.5429; 13 Runs allowed in 36 defensive innings = 0.3611 → TQB = 0.1817
 Team A: 16 Runs scored in 36 offensive innings = 0.4444; 12 Runs allowed in 35 defensive innings = 0.3429 → TQB = 0.1016
 Team C: 12 Runs scored in 35 offensive innings = 0.3429; 13 Runs allowed in 35 defensive innings = 0.3714 → TQB = -0.0286
 Team D: 18 Runs scored in 35 offensive innings = 0.5143; 19 Runs allowed in 35 defensive innings = 0.5429 → TQB = -0.0286
 Team E: 11 Runs scored in 35 offensive innings = 0.3143; 19 Runs allowed in 35 defensive innings = 0.5429 → TQB = -0.2286

- ** Criterion 1: Team C finishes higher than Team D, because of the result of game 3