

WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions 2023

WBSC EUROPE BASEBALL TECHNICAL DIRECTOR REPORT

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WBSC Europe Baseball tournaments 2023:

In the 2023 season, we organized 13 events, the biggest tournament was the Men's European Championships, which took place this season in the Czech Republic. We organized the tournaments without any major problems, even though at the beginning of the year we had problems with the organizers, mainly in cup competitions. However, we communicated with the countries and in the end, we organized all the events as planned.

In 2023, we updated the competition rules, we know that there were errors in the document, and for the new season we are already working on removing the errors and making the document high-quality. An authorized group is working on the new competition rules, and we are also cooperating with the committee of scorers and baseball umpires. I am only mentioning the work on the baseball part, common things between baseball and softball will be incorporated into the rules after the communication of both sports.

At the 2023 tournaments, we used the function of supervisors for umpires for the first time. The goal was to improve the work of baseball umpires at tournaments. From my point of view, this step worked out very well for us and the response from the umpires themselves was very positive. The technical commissioners cooperated with the supervisors very well, it was the first year and we still need to finalize the exact naming of powers and I believe that this way we will get the level of matches and tournaments to a higher level.

2023 seasonal activities:

- we organized 13 baseball tournaments
- in 12 countries - on 20 pitches
- with the number of 93 club and national teams
- 225 baseball games were played
- you can find all the results and statistics on the wbsceurope.org webpage

Disciplinary actions:

- you can find a complete report in the attachment to the document - here is a summary of fines according to CR2023
- Teams withdrew from 3 tournaments after 31st January, from the cup competition it was the team from Malta - the executive board has already decided, then there is the team from Kutno in the cup competition and Spain withdrew from the European Championships after the deadline. According to CR 2023, the following are the sanctions:

a.4 Guarantee fee of the Federation.

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. Payment should be received by the WBSC Europe Treasurer latest on 31st January before the annual WBSC Europe Congress.

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.

SUMMARY

Baseball European Champions Cup - NO

Baseball European Confederation Cup - NO

Baseball European Federation Cup – SUI – 200€

Baseball European Federation Cup Qualifier – Pool A – POL – 2000€

Baseball European Federation Cup Qualifier – Pool B - NO

Baseball European Federation Cup Qualifier – Pool C – HUN – 50€, SVK – 50€

Baseball European Championship – ESP – 50€, NED – 150€

U-23 Baseball European Championship – CZE – 50€, BEL – 50€

U-18 Baseball European Championship Qualifier Pool A Ireland - NO

U-18 Baseball European Championship Qualifier Pool B Switzerland - NO

U-15 Baseball European Championship - GER – 50€, HUN – 50€, ESP – 2000€

U-12 Baseball European Championship - FRA – 50€, NED – 50€

U-12 Baseball European Championship Qualifiers - NO

BEL	50€ to WBSC Europe
CZE	50€ to WBSC Europe
ESP	50€ to WBSC Europe
ESP	2000€ to WBSC Europe – WBSC Europe to organizer – SVK
FRA	50€ to WBSC Europe
GER	50€ to WBSC Europe
HUN	100€ to WBSC Europe
NED	200€ to WBSC Europe
POL	2000€ to WBSC Europe – WBSC Europe to organizer – SWE
SVK	50€ to WBSC Europe
SUI	200€ to WBSC Europe

Umpires:

- the report from the umpire's commission will be prepared by the umpire's commission for the congress

Scorers:

- a report from the scorers committee will be prepared by the scorers committee for the congress

Technical commissioners:

- a report from the work of the TC and a complete final report from the tournaments will be prepared for the congress

We already have tournament dates for the 2024 season and organizers for most of the tournaments. In a few days I will communicate with the organizers, and we will specify the exact date of the tournaments. In the future, I would suggest that the question when the organizer wants to end the tournament on Saturday or Sunday should be asked directly in the BID form. The WBSC Europe Secretariat is currently preparing a document with registered teams for the 2024 events.

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