

WBSC Europe Softball Commission Meeting

Video meeting

26th May 2025

Attendance

Gabriel Waage, WBSC Europe Vice President Softball; (“GW”)
John Michael Jennings; (“JMJ”)
Sophie Khidasheli; (“SK”)
Wout Isbouts; (“WI”)

Kruno Karin WBSC Europe President; (“KK”)
Cornelia Chwojka, Member at Large for Softball; („CC“)
Mette Nissen Jakobsen, Memeber at Large for Softball; („MNJ“)
Elda Ghilardi, WBSC Europe Communications and Marketing Director (“EG”)
Kristina Uroić; WBSC Europe Corporative Activities Director (“KU”)

20:00 hrs

1. Welcome

By the President, KK, and Vice President for softball GW.

2. Minutes

Minutes from SE Video Meeting from March 25, 2025 were unanimously approved.

3. Information by Gaba

GW:

- The update for the Lithuania Softball is that they are part of the European Championship.
- Portugal added softball to the Federation and was approved by the WBSC. They will participate in a slow pitch tournament
- WBSC Congress will be held in October in Bangkok
- Gave the update from WBSC EB April meeting in Barcelona

KK:

We have new staff in WBSC Europe office. Elda will continue for couple of months to ease the way to new staff – Petra Čizmić Pokrajac and Izzy Lilburn. Izzy will be responsible for media issues and Petra will take various task from Elda.

KK:

Explained the situation with Joymo. The new deal was negotiated and by the new contract, the profit will be shared 50-50%

KK:

We have a new regulation for Transfers of players.

GW:

It is possible to play in two federations at the same time if the agreement is made by the federations.

No transfer is needed in this case.

For the pick-up players, the short transfer is needed.

We need to inform the federations.

4. Softball Competitions 2025

GW:

The Regulations are on-line, all the game schedules (except EMRYT and Masters) are on-line.

U18:

We have some problems with U18 Women's ECh – Local government doesn't want Israel to participate.

KK:

I've been in Spain and had a meeting with them. It's a left-wing party in charge and this is a political issue.

GW:

Pablo wants to send the letter to the participating countries. I believe we should wait until the final decision. They have a meeting on Wednesday.

EMRYT/Masters:

GW: We have 18 teams in EMRYT.

WI: We are waiting for the names of the umpires.

Masters:

GW: 3 fields will be used – the additional field will be Montjuic.

6 umpires will be from WBSCE and 6 umpires from Spain – I'm waiting for written confirmation.

This is the proposal, and I want your opinion.

MNJ: We need to consider this as the original idea of this tournament socializing and with the Montjuic field, it will be harder.

I need a couple of days for the decision.

Proposal:

To give a couple of days to decide if 13+8 teams and an additional field is approved for Masters.

Decision:

The proposal is approved.

GW:

As for the media officers at the Masters and EMRYT, we didn't have any before because those are the special tournaments and we are leaving up to the organizers to set up their media people. I will speak to Izzy about it.

WBSC Europe tournaments from LOC point of view, from WBSCE point of view

GW: We need to see if it's time to redefine the positions in Competitions. We will talk about it throughout the season.

Calendar 2025-2028

GW: Men's Slow pitch 2026 in Belgium, Coed in London

2026 Stage 1 Women's World Cup in Prague (June)

2027 U18 Men's World Cup in Havlíčkův Brod and Ledence

5. AOB

WI:

Question regarding the accommodation of the officials for the Super Cup

GW:

Umpires should be in the different hotel than teams.

GW:

We still don't know anything about the Slow pitch World Cup

Notes made by Kristina Uroić

Approved by Gabriel Waage