

WBSC Europe Softball Window

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belgrade, Serbia

Friday February 10, 2023, 1 pm – 4 pm

Presented by WBSC Europe Softball Commission

Attendance

Gabriel WAAGE, WBSC Europe Softball Vice President (GW)
John Michael JENNINGS, WBSC Europe Softball Commission Member (JJ)
Cornelia CHWOJKA, WBSC Europe Softball Commission Member (CC)
Petra ČIZMIĆ POKRAJAC, WBSC Europe Softball Commission Member (PCP)
Sophie KHIDASHELI, WBSC Europe Softball Commission Member (SK)
Nacho PARDO, WBSC Europe Softball Director of Umpires (NP)

Kruno KARIN, WBSC Europe President (KK)
Eddy VAN STRAELEN, WBSC Europe Treasurer (EvS)
Craig CRESS, WBSC Softball Division Chairman (CrC)

Notes by Elda GHILARDI (EG)

1. **Opening** - Gabriel Waage, WBSC Europe VP
2. **Welcome** – Craig Cress, WBSC SD Chairman and Kruno Karin, WBSC Europe President

GW: Welcome. Thank all for attending. 2022 was a big year and 2023 will be even a bigger one.

CrC: WBSC calendar will be a full one. Several softball World Cups, including three in Europe. We encourage to get involved to host world cups.

KK: Thank you for inviting me. It has been a great year to be part of this softball community. Loved the Women's Softball European Championship atmosphere.

3. **Roll Call**

22 NFs at roll call:

AUT, BUL, CRO, CZE, DEN, FIN, GEO, GER, GBR, GRE, IRL, ISR, ITA, KOS, LTU, MLT, NED, NOR, SVK, SWE, SWI, UKR

4. **ESCA and NFCA Report** – Petra Cizmic, Softball Commission Member

5. **SE Competitions Report** - Mike Jennings, SE Technical and Competitions Director

6. **Competitions 2023 situation** – Mike Jennings

1. Final allocation of the events

BUL: Women's Softball European Cup is an issue, some teams might not see it worthwhile to go as there will not be many games and the competition low standard.

CC: feedback is needed as March 1st is the deadline. Our goal is to give the teams an opportunity to play.

DEN: The regulations high standards make it difficult for hosts.

MJ: We are flexible and open to talk.

CZE: super6 clarification

GW: TBD, conditions will be to play both baseball and softball in the same venue.

2. Final Entries

3. **Changes of Competitions Regulations** – Cornelia Chwojka, Softball Commission Member

- Teams need to bring their uniforms to the TC meeting
- Change of Daily Report
- Accreditations for journalists, Photographers via my.wbsc.org
- Bid can be from a nonqualified team
- Disciplinary Code will be reviewed
- Layout of Regulations will be changed (Bid procedure will be in separate document...)
- Term "Ratings" will be replaced with "Standings"
- Format for the MESC is under review for 2024
- U16 Competitions and younger: Face masks required for 1st, 3rd and Pitcher and Batter's helmet must have a protective mask
- 60 sec clock will be introduced at the WECh 2024
- Format for the WECh under review – proposals?
- FTR to be sent one day in advance

7. **SE Financial Statement 2022** - Eddy van Straelen, SE and WBSC Europe Treasurer

GW: thanks to EvS for an amazing job since 1993. I would not trust anyone more.

8. **Competitions 2023 – 2029 situation** – Gabriel Waage

9. **Development of Umpires 2023** – Nacho Pardo, SE Director of Umpires

10. **ESF and Softball Europe official closing** – Gabriel Waage

GW: when I started with the ESF, I would have never expected one day we would be closing it. We are closing, however it is so we can better ourselves gain more visibility. There is a bright future ahead.