

WBSC Europe Softball Commission video meeting

April 27th 2022 at 19:00

Attendance

Gabriel Waage, Vice President Softball; ("GW")

Kostis Liarommatis; ("KL")

Sophie Khidasheli; ("SK")

Petra Čizmić Pokrajec; ("PČP")

Daniela Castellani; ("DC")

Cornelia Chwojka; ("CC")

Mike Jennings; ("MJ")

Also present:

Kruno Karin; WBSC Europe President; ("KK")

Mette N Jakobsen, Member at Large SB; ("MJ")

Kristian Pälviä, Member at Large SB; ("KP")

Secretariat: Kristina Uroić; ("KU"), Communications Director Elda Ghilardi; ("EG")

1. Welcome

KK congratulates to all of the appointed Commission Members and is sure that everyone will contribute to make the WBSC Europe better.

GW:

- Welcome all the Commission Members and EB Members on the first Softball Commission meeting.
- The meeting will have two parts: 1. Information about the structure and 2. Softball Issues

2. Minutes

GW:

- Softball Europe Window Minutes from Congress in Ljubljana, February 11, 2022: We didn't have any major changes in the competitions. The change was for the Masters competition in the age group. It was increased to +40; and there was a change in age limit for U16 to U15.

3. Structure of WBSC Europe

GW:

- Explains the WBSC Europe Structure to the Commission Members
- Thanks the Commission Members for accepting the part in the Commission
- Points out that there are 3 pillars: 1. Technical & Competition, 2. Enhancement Committee and 3. Performance Committee
- For the Technical & Competition, Chair of this Committee is Mike Jennings with Nacho Pardo as a Director of Umpires in Chief, Dennis Duin as a Chairman Scorers in Chief and Cornelia Chwojka as an Competitions Chief
- Enhancement Committee will have Petra Čizmić Pokrajac as a Chair and Sophie Khidasheli as a Vice Chair; I'm expecting from Petra and Sophie to be connected to development of the sport/game,

project like ESCA, various clinics; using all the Regional competitions like Euroleague, Baltic Cup, Pony League to see how to develop the sport.

- Performance Committee with Kostis Liarommatis as a Chair, and Daniela Castellani as a Vice Chair will be in charge for player eligibility and player market (how to regulate players coming from outside of Europe); to look into how to develop the transfer cards for the players It needs to be seen what to do with the gap in 2024 for top women players
- The structure will be sent out after the meeting
- Softball Europe Commission Duties will be to run softball (business), prepare documents, regulations. The job of the Commission will be to implement all the decisions of the WBSC Europe Executive Board.
- Timing of meetings: We will start by video meeting, but I will see each of the Commission members during the year personally at tournaments. We will have the physical meeting at the Congress. It will be decided later if the meetings will be on-line or in person in spring and autumn.

4. SE Competitions 2022, SE Calendar 2022-2024

GW:

- The calendar was sent to the Commission Members
- Informs the Members about World Cup Qualifier in 2023 that might be hosted in Italy, Valencia and Ireland. That means those 3 Countries will participate for sure and will be added by 3 best placed teams at the European Championship this year. There will be announcement before the European Championship in Spain about this news.

MJ:

- Inquires if the systems are the same for all the World Cups

GW: There are 2 stages for Female, Male and U18 Female WC and the others are in one stage.

GW:

- Letter will be sent before the tournaments and GW will make the announcement
- For U15F, U23M and U18M, 2 best placed teams are going to the World Cup

- The Schedules for 2022 are almost done.

MJ:

- Explains the working sheet of the tournaments

GW:

- Informs the Commission Members regarding the Ukraine situation and that WBSC Europe is working together with WBSC and the organizers of the tournament to cover the costs for Ukraine teams participating at the tournaments.

Ukraine is playing in 3 tournaments. One in Czech Republic where the cost of accommodation and food will be covered; one in Spain where the local government will give the financial support to Ukraine team; and one in the Netherlands where it still needs to be found the way to cover the cost for Ukraine team

CC:

- We are ready to change the schedule at the last moment if the Ukraine teams are not able to come to the tournaments, or leave the schedule and just register the games 7:0 if Ukraine doesn't show.

PČP:

- It would be more fair to the participants if the schedule is changed

KK:

- Proposes to ask Ukraine 15 days before the tournament if they are coming and if they say no, change the schedule; if they say yes, wait till the last moment to change the schedule if they don't come in the end.

GW:

- Ask Ukraine team 2-3 weeks before each tournament if they are coming and then act accordingly.
- Legislative SE – We updated the competitions regulations for 2022

5. Finance

GW:

- For this season the cost for the competitions are booked to the previous federations: CEB and ESF; after this season all cost will go to WBSC Europe.

6. Other Issues

MJ:

- Proposes the use of the personal bottles for all the officials at the WBSC Europe tournaments because of the Environmental issues
It will be looked into it how many officials are in softball and baseball tournaments and personal bottles with WBSC Europe logo will be made (GW & KK)

Action Item: GW and KK; *Set the numbers of how many bottles will be need from SB side and KK will also deal with the BB side.*

EG:

- Group email will be made for the Commission members.

MJ:

- There were some questions regarding the bat list; we use the current list from WBSC
The list will be copied to WBSC Europe web page

KP:

- The transfer forms for WBSC Europe are needed

KK:

- There is a meeting tomorrow where the transfer forms will be discussed.

7. AOB

Action Items

Action Item	Responsible	Date due	Status	Remarks
<i>Set the numbers of how many bottles will be need from SB side and KK will also deal with the BB side.</i>	Gabriel Waage BB and Kristina	10.5		