

Softball Europe Informal meeting

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New system:

- MLK: players liked it. Hard for GRE (late end and early start). Not contacted SWE, TUR, RUS.
- CC: good system. One suggestion of two pools. Little sleep. Though for all but comes with the job.
- MJ: structure is right. A bit of uncertainty. 3 games a day. Positive my.wbsc
- KL: one more chance for the quarter final.
- GW: good system. We should have more clarity for scheduling. Umpire management must be better, 2.1 games a day is okay. Scoring system, we failed in understanding how it works. Time to evaluate. We need more inputs.
- KL: 2 pools and 2 levels?
- CC: we do not want it.
- GW: problems with funding
- MNJ: problems with umpires. Two umpires' teams (morning/afternoon) or better resting spaces.
- CC: with 22 teams the schedule it would have been packed. If one game were to be rained out, it would have been difficult. Extra day or field might be an idea but realize it is difficult. Maybe 6 fields by WBSC Europe.

3 years gap:

- GW: Qualifier for World Games.
- MLK: 3-year gap is problematic, for national teams' program support. Chance for countries to participate. ECh better than tournaments. Super6 not working.
- GW: 2 years gap seems good. No organisers from ITA and NED in the next years until 2024. We need to investigate further for organisers.
- CC: Vienna would work. No manpower.
- GW: proposal 2024 ECh.
- MJ: yes
- MNJ: yes
- DC: yes
- GW: deadline for bids November.
- AB: proposal for executive and then announce right away **ACTION ITEM**

World Cups first stage

- GW: July, one week after another, three weeks in a row. First two-week IRL/ITA and then third week in ESP. Funding might not arrive in time. September is too late because Asian games. U-18 WECh. MECh.

TCs will be used in first stage on WBSC WC.

Extra:

- DC: mask compulsory for pitchers for EMRYT to U-18.
PROPOSAL
- DC: Not possible to share players between one team to another.
- KK: great tournament. Congrats. One more chance for lower teams. Best interest of the teams. 2024 good decision. Maybe three groups, more phases.
- MJ: B5
- GW/AB: structure for B5. B5 is part of the family.
- KL: super6
- GW: marketing product, good for environment. ESP problems connected to funding. 6 teams.

- EG: media ruling stronger for loc.

PROPOSAL

- MJ: clearer on the bids. One more page for the bid.

PROPOSAL

- KL: VAR?
- GW: first world level.

- CC: clock 60 seconds in between innings, maybe just a tablet. We have 2 minutes in between innings. 7 minutes per team, 14 per game, per 6 games. Enforce the 60 seconds rules.
- MLK: sensible depending on fields and difficulties.
- CC: 20 seconds is more difficult. We need an extra umpire, set of clocks.

PROPOSAL

- CC: Daily report: now a burden. First one with roster important.
- GW: umpire assignments need to be there.
- MNJ: umpires need to be taken care of.

- GW: goal of scheduling needs to be addressed.

- GW: structure for slowpitch

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