

WBSC Europe Softball Commission Fall Meeting

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Absent with apologies: Daniela Castellani (DC)

1. Welcome

GW: Welcome, good to be in person.

WBSC Europe athletes representative Martina Lackner is invited and will join us in the afternoon.

WBSC Congress: two people elected in the Board. Competition decisions pushed back to focus on Taiwan.

Men's Softball World Cup in New Zealand. CZE and DEN will represent Europe.

U-23 Men's Softball World Cup in Argentina pushed back for political instability. Pushed to 2023 and host will be announced.

No progress on Slowpitch World Cup.

U-12 World Cup in Taiwan fixed situation.

Europe: U-18 Women's ECh ISR end of July/beginning of August

WBSC Europe EB hosted in Lausanne in April, and second one will be Sofia in November

Congress invitation: Softball Commission members will be invited to Congress by WBSC Europe.

2. Minutes

Minutes: **APPROVED**

Action Item: EG minutes to be uploaded on website

3. SE Competitions 2022 review

MJ: TC report comprehensive.

Problematic Event 1: field okay, transportation from airport/train station disregarded, number of rooms problematic.

Proposal is to retain the guarantee of the 2022 MSPECh.

APPROVED

Action item: GW will send note to LOC + NF.

Action item: BID documents need to be sent to TC commission (mjennings@wbsceurope.org, cchwojka@wbsceurope.org).

Proposal: TC meeting is at 20. Umpire meeting could be after the TC meeting.

APPROVED

Action item: DoU needs to be informed.

Action items: CC will take care of the slowpitch scheduling.

U-22 WECh: all good. small fields.

Maybe good to have higher fences.

Proposal:

TCs might create a certification based to level of field (1,2,3).

Proposal: Accreditations: compulsory to use my.wbsc.org

APPROVED

Action item: Documents will reflect the choice (MJ).

PTR/FTR: To be understood the problems and solve them (TCs+EG+Scoring Commission).

Action item: EG will organize a meeting (CC, MJ, EG, GW, DD).

Action item: after the meeting EG will request to WBSC IT department.

Letter of guarantee or deposit – discussion about plus and cons with no conclusion

Problems with scorers.

We need a register of European scorers.

Action item: SiCs can evaluate scorers.

Action item: SiC can do a clinic the day before “at risk” event.

Proposal:

Fielding: ALL U-16 and lower competitions: pitcher, first base and third base face protective mask.

Hitting: ALL U-16 and lower competitions: hitters helmet with protective mask (NO guard).

Recommendation for everyone.

APPROVED

Action item: Documents will reflect the choice (MJ).

Proposal: 60 seconds tablet provided by LOCs for seniors.

APPROVED for 2024 WECh.

Red cross: first aid is sufficient. No ambulance needed.

WECh competition system Top 8:

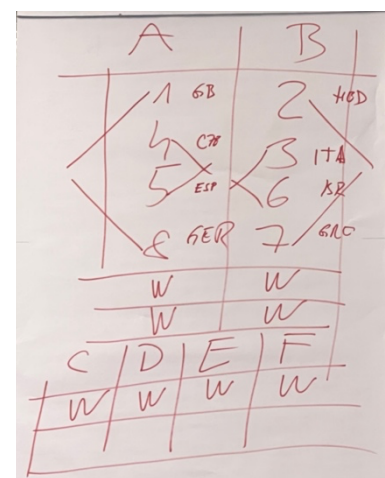
Issues with umpires' assignments.

New competition system proposal: top 8 2 pools playing 1VS8, 4VS5, 2VS7, 3VS6. Low ratings teams in 4 pools, snake system. Winner of each pool C, D, E and F in top 12 based on rating.

APPROVED for 2024 WECh.

Proposal: second SiC for big events.

DENIED.



| A | | B | |
|-------|-------|---|---|
| 1 GB | 2 HED | | |
| 4 CH | 3 ITA | | |
| 5 ESP | 6 SR | | |
| 8 GER | 7 GLO | | |
| W | W | | |
| W | W | | |
| C | D | E | F |
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Proposal: Daily report: Rosters on first day. Only results + assignments.

APPROVED

Porposal: Recognition for 13th place.

DENIED.

EMRYT SE level umpires needed.

France: abuse problem during WECWC B.

Action items: power to ALL Officials in disciplinary regulations (MJ).

MESC problematic: TC meeting + rain rescheduling.

When more UiCs are involved, scheduling of umpires can happen just at night.

TC report should involve all officials.

Big tournaments procedures: smaller group meeting prior to event.

Action item: MJ/CC will implement procedure for TCs.

Name in front of the tournament: "Kingdom" for NED.

Violation of CR.

Proposal:

Statement against it. Pecuniary fine of €500.

APPROVED.

Action item: GW will communicate the decision + Board will be informed.

Action item: shirt uniforms must be brought at the TC meeting.

Proposal: all regulations changes ready at the Congress.

APPROVED

Shirt for all Officials – needs to be

4. SE Calendar 2023 – 2024

Several NFs intend to host the 2023/2024 events. Official bids will follow.

5. Finance

Action items: Buy balls for slowpitch. Order balls for fastpitch (GW).

Proposal: Umpires development plan.

APPROVED.

6. Development:

ESCA:

60+ players and coaches. High quality for pitchers.

Well organized.

NFs did not back us up in communicating with coaches and players.

WBSC coaches certification will happen in ESCA.

Level 1 list of Coaches.

Action items: GW understand WBSC support.

Next years: regional clinics.

Euroleague:

3 countries (CRO, HUN, SVK), 7 teams.

NFs need to be involved.

Baltic OPEN:

played in June in Stockholm.

MLK: Presentation attached

- Feedback about the new playing system
- Networking Opportunities in Europe
- How to facilitate playing opportunities
- A version of Athletes Unlimited in Europe
- Safety and Injury prevention.

7. Other issues

SK: WBSC Europe App?

MJ:

New TCs in each region.

Groundmen recognition.

Advent calendar for staff?

CC:

New format for MESC

Action item: CC will come up with a new proposal

EG:

New media officers needed.

Marketing commission working, new contracts.

Streaming / Photos will be implemented in 2023.

KL:

Like the presentation

VAR to be discussed

How to improve the community feeling

Merch

PC:

Erasmus+

Action item: PC+EG article with experience

New contacts needed for ESCA.

MLK:

Action item: EG article about MLK + declaration

Good work for media.

EvS:

Fondly remembered in Europe: Chris Moon.

GW:

Good to see in person. Thanks for coming here. Thanks to CC and EvS for organizing.

Action item: next meeting Congress 2023 in Serbia.