

2023 Competitions Regulations Changes

Excerpt from 2023 WBSC Europe Congress

The following changes to SE Competition and Technical Regulations, which will apply for 2023, were announced at Congress in Belgrade:

1. **U16 Competitions and younger:** Face masks are now required for Defensive positions 1st, 3rd and Pitcher, and Batter's helmets must have a protective mask across the face. Federations are encouraged to implement such safety measures throughout their domestic leagues.
2. **Daily Reports**, other than Day 0, (which remains unchanged with all rosters listed), will now contain only the Game Results for the past day and the names of Officials assigned to the following day's games. All other daily statistics will continue to be available on the event site via wbsc.org. Final Report consists the complete information including all results and statistics from all of the games.
3. **WECh Competition format:** There will be a slight change in the first round only of future WECh events to enable the Top Eight group to play their first games earlier than previously.
4. **Bids to Host all WBSC Competitions:** Regulations over the submission of all future Bids are now governed by the Hosting Bid Outline, issued by the Board in September 2022. They cover both Baseball and Softball events: references to the previous Bidding process will be removed from SE Competitions and Technical Regulations dated 2023.
5. **Terminology:** All references to Teams' **RATINGS** to determine their placing in the listings of Entries for Competitions will be replaced by **STANDINGS**, which are their relative positions as achieved in the previous edition of each event.
6. **60 second clock:** Starting with WECh 2024, SE will introduce a sixty-second clock to better regulate the delays experienced in changing over teams between innings.
7. **Uniform colours at TC meeting:** Teams will now be asked to bring one each of the different colour shirts they intend to wear during competitions, for direct comparison with opponents. This should help eliminate colour clashes during the event.
8. **Accreditations for Delegation Members & Media:** Accreditation for delegation members and media attending the event, previously administered by the Hosting organisation, must now be obtained in advance via registration and application through my.wbseurope.org.
9. **Disciplinary Code:** The scope of the Regulations will also cover actions against team-mates and colleagues as well as opponents and officials.
10. **PTR to FTR:** Switch players from PTR to FTR on my.wbseurope.org has to be done two days before start of Competition.



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