

WBSC Europe Baseball Commission video meeting

June 15th 2023

Attendance

Petr Ditrich, Vice President Baseball; ("PD")
František Bunta ("FB")
Jorge Miqueleiz; ("JM")
Darja Grimšič; ("DG")
Oleg Boyko; ("OB")
Stephen Lesfargues; ("SL")

Also present:

Ami Baran, Secretary General WBSC Europe; ("AB")
Virmidas Neverauskas, Board Member WBSC Europe; ("VN")
Jürgen Elsishans, Board Member WBSC Europe; ("JE")
Elda Ghilardi ("EG"), Communications and Marketing Director
Kristina Uroić; ("KU"), Corporative Activities Director

1. Competitions 2023

FB:

We already finished 2 tournaments.

We had some problems:

- regarding the Competition Rules – timing approval. The Rules were approved by the Executive Board with the changes sent from the umpiring committee, but were not approved by the Baseball Commission. The difference was with the rule in the tie break. As we are going with the OBR from 2022 – the runner is placed on the first and the second base.
- The second problem was with the Schedule in the Champions Cup. They were not by the Competition Rules. The Competition Rules needs to be revised for the 2024.
- Rules for the FTR (20 days before the tournament) needs to be changed for 2024.

JE:

We checked all the schedules for other tournaments and all is in order.

VN:

The Competition Rules were published really late. We need to have them earlier. More people should work on the Rules.

KU:

There was a request from Poland to open the roster until 25th June. The deadline has passed.

Decision: The fine will be sent to Polish Federation, but the roster will be opened until 25th June.

2. Competition Rules 2024

PD:

We should have the Competition Rules early. The Rules will be revised.
Commission to change this.

3. European League, new Cups' structure preparation

PD:

There was a meeting with Federations of Italy, Netherlands, Czech Republic, Germany during the Champions Cup.

Everyone is interested to have the European League. We will have the proposal really soon.

4. EC 2025, Super 6

PD:

Federations have the problem with organizing the European Championship. We don't have any federation interested to host the 2027 EC.

As for EC 2025 in Israel, we have some concerns regarding the organization. We need some guarantees from the host that the fields will be ready.

AB will prepare the letter requesting for the update and for the guarantees from the Israeli federation.

PD:

There is no interest to play Super 6. It was a good idea at the time, but now we see the interest has decreased.

I suggest to cancel the Super 6 competition.

All are in favor to cancel Super 6.

PD will propose to the Board to cancel Super 6 tournament.

5. Various

Winter League

KU:

We have 26 players applied until now. The deadline is today.

JM:

We need to promote the Event more on the website.

EG:

The banner will be made for the Event.

Next meeting – 14th August at 16 hrs