



To: All Member Federations

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Subject: WBSC Europe Athletes Committee

Dear National Federations,

Jorge Balboa (Athletes Representative Baseball) and Martina Lackner-Keil (Athletes Representative Softball) are forming the WBSC Europe Athletes Committee.

In this Email we are explaining the main goals and the steps, which need to be taken, to include your country's Athlete Representatives in the WBSC Europe Athletes Committee.

Main Goals

The WBSC Europe Athlete Committee will give the Athletes Representatives of our Member and Affiliated Member Federations the chance to connect and form a strong network, that can be used to transport player relevant information directly to the players, discuss topics where the opinion and feedback from the player's perspective is helpful and needed, create working groups and increase the sense of belonging to the WBSC Europe. It is important to bring the best athletes more into the spotlight, to inspire the following generations and to honor the players that have paved the way.

Step 1: Forming the Athletes Committee

We need your help to get in contact with your Athletes Representatives (AR).

In case your Federation doesn't have an Athletes Representative, yet it would still be very important to nominate players to this position until you get to elect the Athletes Representatives for your country.

- One Athletes Representative for Baseball
 - One Male or female baseball player, who represents Baseball for male and female players.
- One Athletes Representative for Softball
 - One male or female softball player, who represents Women's & Men's fastpitch and Women's, Men's and Coed Slowpitch.



The Athletes Representatives need to meet the following criteria and agree to stick to the following principles:

- Have to be 3 different people and can't be the same person.
- Are 18 years and older.
- Must have participated in WBSC Europe competition within the last 5 years.
 - Federations, that haven't participated in an event of the WBSC Europe in that sport or discipline, but have an Athletes Representative for this sport, that they want to bring to the WBSC Europe Athletes Committee, can do this. We want to include all the countries and give everybody the chance to participate, even without a history of participation on WBSC Europe competitions in the past 5 years in that sport.
- Should be able to communicate in English.
- Respectful communication is a condition.
- Nomination will be considered out of any political influence.
- Athletes should contribute to gather information from athletes in their own country, not from their federation, but need to have authorization from the Federation.

[Please fill out this Google Form with the details of your Athletes Representatives.](#)

Step 2: Meeting the Group: 1st Athletes Committee Meeting (online) has already happened in December 2025

Step 3: WhatsApp Community and WhatsApp Group

All the Athlete Representatives will be invited to join the WhatsApp Community "WBSC Europe Athlete Representatives" and its group "European Representatives" which serves as a direct channel to communicate with each other, pass on information and ask questions.

We are very excited to group up with the European players uniting in a strong voice for our sports and disciplines.

If you have any queries or need further information, please contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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Athletes Representatives Baseball and Softball