

## WBSC Europe Executive Board online meeting

October 12th 2023, 20:00 hrs

### Attendance

Krunoslav Karin, President ("KK")	Ami Baran, Secretary General; ("AB")
Gabriel Waage, Vice President Softball; ("GW")	Eddy Van Straelen, Treasurer; ("EvS")
Mette N Jakobsen, Member at Large SB; ("MJ")	Jürgen Elsishans, Member at Large, BB; ("JE")
Kristian Pälviä, Member at Large SB; ("KP")	François Collet, Member at Large BB; ("FC")
Youri Alkalay, Member at Large SB; ("YA")	Kostis Liarommatis, Member at Large SB; ("KL")
Martina Lackner-Keil, Athlete representative SB ("ML")	

Corporate Activities Director Kristina Uroić; ("KU"), Communications Director Elda Ghilardi; ("EG")

### **1. Case 2023.01: Lithuanian BBA co/ V. Neverauskas**

AB: We have received the Report about the case and we have received the Recommendation from the Panel.

The proposals will be voted on one by one:

- a) Mr. Neverauskas is issued an 8-year suspension from representing Lithuanian BBA in any WBSC Europe or WBSC event or holding any official role or function in any event organized by WBSC Europe or WBSC

The EB discussed the recommendation.

JE: I believe we can only issue a suspension for the WBSC Europe.

AB : We will send our decision to WBSC and they will need to make their own decision.

YA:

I believe 8 years of suspension is too much. Virmidas Neverauskas is the only person who holds all the teams in Lithuania and with this decision we might seriously hurt baseball and softball in the country.

KP:

He should be suspended to represent any other organization in WBSCE

KK:

I propose to reduce the proposal for the suspension to 4 years.

#### **Proposal:**

- **2 proposals were put to the vote with different duration of the suspension:**
  - 1. 4-year suspension: 2 votes**
  - 2. 8-year suspension: 9 votes**

**Decision:** Mr. Neverauskas is suspended for 8-years from representing Lithuanian BBA or any other organization in WBSC Europe or WBSC event or holding any official role or function in any event organized by WBSC Europe and recommend to the WBSC to do the same.

- b) The Lithuanian BBA is mandated to conduct in-person passport and Final Team Roster (FTR) checks for all players at any WBSC Europe event for a 2-year period and recommend to the WBSC to do the same.**

#### **Decision:**

The recommendation was unanimously approved. 11-0

- c) Lithuania U18 shall forfeit all games played in the tournament in question 9-0. All other teams move up accordingly in the final standings.**

#### **Decision:**

The recommendation was unanimously approved. 11-0

- d) Lithuania BBA shall receive no WBSC ranking points for their participation in the tournament. All other teams shall receive additional ranking points based on their updated standings as applicable. This will be conveyed to the WBSC.

**Decision:**

The recommendation was unanimously approved. 11-0

**The WBSC will be notified about it.**

- e) The Executive Board should consider investigative steps regarding the identity of the players that prematurely departed the tournament together with Mr. Neverauskas before the final game of the tournament, which prima facie is an indication of complicity in additional acts of age fraud.

KK:

It would be impossible to find out the truth, in my opinion. I propose to not do it.

**Decision:**

It was unanimously decided to not investigate the identity of the players that prematurely departed the tournament. 11-0

- f) The Executive Board should consider forwarding the matter to the proper authorities for possible criminal prosecution

**Decision:**

It was unanimously decided to not proceed with a criminal prosecution. 11-0

- g) The Panel is given extra time to allow proper hearings of all other necessary personnel considered involved in the fraud including but not limited to the Secretary General, the coaches and staff and the players before a final decision can be made regarding their level of involvement and possible sanctions.

**Decision:**

The EB unanimously approved the extra time to the Panel to allow proper hearings. 11-0

**Additional proposals of the EB:**

JE:

We should consider the suspension of the Federation as well.

**Proposal:** To ban the Federation from voting or proposing motions at WBSCE Congress for 2 years

**Decision:**

Votes: 9 YES  
2 NO

The proposal is approved.

**Proposals: to ban the Lithuanian baseball teams from participating at the tournaments:**

1. Ban all ages from participating at WBSCE tournaments for 2 years:

**Decision:**

Votes: 1 YES  
10 NO

The proposal was not approved.

2. Ban U18 category from participating at WBSCE tournaments for 2 years:

**Decision:**

Votes: 1 YES  
10 NO

The proposal was not approved.

**3. To suspend the players who were participating at this tournament for 2 years:**

**Decision:**

Votes: 4 YES

7 NO

The proposal was not approved.

**Proposal:**

**4. to ban the coaches who were on the FTR at the tournament for 2 years:**

**Decision:**

The proposal was unanimously approved. 11-0