

WBSC Europe Baseball Commission meeting
Prague, May 27th - 28th 2022

Attendance

Petr Ditrich, Vice President Baseball; (“PD”)

Marco Mannucci; (“MM”)

František Bunta; (“FB”)

Jorge Miqueleiz; (“JM”)

Darja Grimšič; (“DG”)

Also present:

Gabriel Waage; WBSC Europe Vice President Softball; (“GW”)

Jürgen Elsishans, Member at Large BB; (“JE”)

Virmidas Neverauskas, Member at Large BB; (“VN”)

Secretariat: Kristina Uroić; (“KU”)

1. Competition

FB:

- We need to be earlier with the preparations for the tournaments. The Competition Rules should be published earlier.
- As for the situation with Ukraine teams, we are hoping they will come. If not, we will deal with it.

PD:

- Gave the overview of the tournaments.
We are prepared to have the Ukraine team in the Federations Cup Qualifier in Kutno.

VN:

- Points out that there is no chance that ATMA will participate at the tournament and the schedule should be made without them.

FB:

- The schedule for Champions Cup needs to be changed. It's not by the Competition Rules.

VN:

- Regarding the U23 Qualifier in Utena, I would like to have the timing of the first game at 11:00 hrs.

FB:

- There are some problems with the organizers in Budapest for U15. They are not responding to any teams. I will go there as a Technical Delegate as soon as possible to check everything out and to see where the problem is.

GW:

- Gave the overview of the Softball Completion System: We have a chart for all the tournaments with the information about the teams and the officials who are nominated for each tournament.
- We have a media officer and it's a mandatory for the organizer, as well as the Board member at the tournament. This is in the Competition Rules.
- We have 2 separate positions for each tournament: Chair TC and Umpire in Chief. Umpire in Chief is responsible for the umpires.
- We have all the relevant documents on line.
- Every two years we have the Biennial Meeting for all the officials.
- Nomination of the umpires is done in the manner that each federation needs to send the list with the number of umpires that aligns with the number of tournaments they are participating at.

JE:

- We have too many technical commissioners at some of the tournaments. This needs to be reviewed in the future.

PD:

- We should implement the same rule for the umpires that Softball has.

JE:

- The Bidding procedure is nearly done.

European League

PD:

- Explain the procedure for the European League

JE:

- It's too late for information about relegation of the 2 teams this year; this needs to be implemented in the Tournament rules.

Decision: There will be no changing of the Tournament Rules for this year and only 1 team will be relegated from Champions Cup. The Tournament rules will be changed for 2023 for 2 teams to be relegated from Champions Cup.

Competition Rules

PD:

- Competition Rules have been published on the web page, but we need the formal Approval of the Rules

The Competition Rules 2022 have been approved by the Commission.

- The discussion needs to be done regarding the passport being mandatory for the tournaments.

International Transfers

PD:

- Gave the overview of the proposal

VN:

- Spain is asking for money for the transfer of players from their federation.

JM:

- We have a transfer tax for the administration purposes.
- I would like to point out that the players are not involved in transfer documents in any form and this needs to be changed. They need to be in the copy of the emails.

Decision: Postpone the decision regarding the proposal. It needs to go through the legal commission first.

Ukraine situation

PD:

- There will be the joint effort by the WBSC, WBSC Europe and the organizers of the tournaments to finance the participating Ukraine teams for this year.

2. WBSC Europe

PD:

- Gave the overview of the WBSC Europe structure and the working plan.

3. Baseball Commission Operation

MM:

- I would like to know the task of the committee.
- I agree to keep 3 committees of the Competitions

Conclusion: There should be the job description for Enhancement and Performance Committee done before their set up.

4. Media, PR

PD:

- We are not in good position. We need to find people to do it for the baseball tournaments.
- Elda Ghilardi will take the task for baseball as well.

JE:

- I can now confirm that Philipp Wuerfel will help with the web page for baseball side.

5. Umpire - Development plan proposal

PD:

- Presents the Development plan for the umpires done by the Umpire Committee.

JM:

- Will take the task regarding the umpires

6. Winter League

PD:

- Gave the overview of the last winter league and the plans for this year's Event.
- The deadline is at the end of September

7. Coaches program

PD:

- We have been contacted by the WBSC to give the contact of the person responsible for the coaches.

MM and DG will deal all regarding the coaches and the programs for coaches from Baseball side.

8. Various

Youth club competition

PD:

- We have a proposal from Belarus to add the youth clubs' tournaments in Baseball Europe competitions
- We have a lot of tournaments and not enough officials as it is.

Decision: It is not the right time for this kind of tournaments for now.

Protocol for the Individual awards

The protocol needs to be refreshed and changed.

Next meeting: By Video link on the 28th June at 14:00 hrs.