



# **SOFTBALL TECHNICAL REGULATIONS**

Organisation of Softball European Competitions

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## 1. CANDIDATES FOR ORGANIZING A COMPETITION

- 1.1. *All bids to host a WBSC Europe competition must comply with the Hosting Bid Outline. Any requirements specific to SE competitions are included in these Technical Regulations and in Competition Regulations.*
- 1.2. The Bid must include the exact location(s) where this competition will take place and must demonstrate that the Competition venue(s) fulfill(s) the requirements set out in 08.01.
- 1.3. Every Bid to host a European Competition shall include a payment of a bona fide deposit of 20 percent of the guarantee sum specified for organizing this competition or Letter of Guarantee for the full amount.
- 1.4. Every Bid shall include a completed **Advertising, Merchandising and Broadcasting Appendix 1** to the bid. Note: If the Letter of Guarantee, as required by 1.3 is sent by email, *the original Letter of Guarantee must be presented to [SECompetitions@wbsceurope.org](mailto:SECompetitions@wbsceurope.org) no later than the beginning of the Congress.*
- 1.5. The performance of the competition host, guaranteed by the Affiliated Federation involved, must include appropriate insurance to cover any contingencies specified by SE or the Technical Commission.
- 1.6. Every Bid for an SE competition must clearly propose a date in accordance with **Competition Regulations (CR)** or **Specific Competitions Regulations (SCR)** preferred dates, or provide a rationale for their alternative proposed dates. In the event of no nomination for a European Competition being made, the following shall apply:
  - 1.6.1. If no nomination to host a European Competition is received by the date(s) specified in 1.1, nominations remain open until the start of the Technical and Competitions Committee

meeting prior to the Annual General Congress, until which time nominations will be received and considered at this meeting. Should there be no candidate elected to host a SE Competition by the end of this meeting, the limit date to receive candidatures shall be extended until the last day of February of the given year.

- 1.6.2. Should there be more than one candidate to host an SE Competition submitted by the last day of February of the given year, the final choice shall be made by the Board. Should there be no candidate to host an SE Competition after the last day of February of the given year; the Competition shall be cancelled for the current year.
- 1.7. All correspondence with SE shall be in English.
- 1.8. After the assignment of the European Competition, the Organizers shall conform to all requirements, duties and obligations as described in **SE Regulations**.
- 1.9. If the host Federation or Club opted to pay the 20 % deposit and has been officially appointed, they shall pay an additional 30 % of the guarantee sum specified for organizing this Competition within 10 days after the official announcement. The balance of 50 % of this guarantee sum shall be paid at the latest forty (40) days pre-Competition.
- 1.10. The guarantee sums paid by the candidate Organizers not appointed will be refunded.

## 2. INSPECTION OF COMPETITION ORGANIZATION

- 2.1. Once it has been officially appointed, the host Federation or Club shall return completed the Pre-Inspection Forms provided by SE Director, Competitions & Technical, who shall distribute them to the Tournament Technical Commissioner.
- 2.2. The Technical Commission shall appoint an Inspector to visit the venue(s) and, confirming the information in the Pre-Inspection Forms, examine the total organization of each Competition as soon as possible after appointment.
- 2.3. The travel costs of the Inspector to the Organizers' country are the responsibility of SE. The expenses for local transportation, board, accommodation and related costs of the Inspector are the responsibility of the Organizers and shall comply with the requirements for the accommodation of Officials during events.
- 2.4. The Inspector shall send a Report to the Director, Competitions & Technical.
- 2.5. If the Inspection reveals that the requirements, duties and obligations expected of the Organizers have not been met or may not be carried out, the Organizers must correct these omissions before the opening of the Competition.
- 2.6. In case of serious and legitimate doubt, SE may decide to conduct a second Inspection to verify if the revealed or potential omissions have been corrected. All the costs of this second inspection shall be the responsibility of the Organizers.
- 2.7. In case of continuing doubts, the SE Director, Competitions & Technical may additionally decide that the CTC should attend the venue one day in advance of normal arrival.

## 3. ORGANIZERS LIAISON WITH PARTICIPATING TEAMS

- 3.1. The Organizers shall provide the means and assistance to ensure the efficient flow of correct information about the Competition to participating Teams.
- 3.2. Once it has been officially appointed, the host federation or Club shall send within one month to the participating teams, copying to the Director, Competitions & Technical, a list of at least three appropriate hotels in different price ranges / levels available for the accommodation of teams, to be referred to as "recommended hotels".
- 3.3. Organizers shall assist teams in introducing them to local transportation providers and, if possible, by facilitating preferential arrangements. Teams shall assist organizers by providing the required information in a timely manner and should make early application for a pre-event practice session, if desired.

## 4. APPOINTMENT & ATTENDANCE OF OFFICIALS

- 4.1. The Officials assigned to European Competitions represent SE and shall act as such in all circumstances. They shall perform their duties in full neutrality, objectivity and impartiality, and with the appropriate attitude and behaviour. In particular, no Official shall wear any indication of nationality or of belonging to a national Federation or a Team.
- 4.2. Officials for SE competition are defined as follows:
- 4.2.1. **EC – Executive Commissioner:** a Delegate from SE to represent SE. EC acts as the final arbiter for any appeals from any additional sanctions imposed by the Technical Commission after an ejection. SE may also designate that WBSC Europe vice-President Softball be present for all or part of a Competition if deemed necessary.
- 4.2.2. **CTC – Chair, Technical Commission:** chairs the Technical Commission, which includes other SE-appointed Technical Commissioners, UICs and SiC. The number of nominated TCs should be equal to the number of the playing fields used, to a maximum of 3.
- 4.2.3. **UIC – Umpire in Chief:** and Assistant UICs are appointed by the Director, Competitions & Technical on a proposal of the Director of Umpires. There shall generally be as many UICs appointed as fields used, to a maximum of 3.
- 4.2.4. **SiC – Scorer in Chief:** is appointed by the Director, Competitions & Technical on a proposal of the Chair of Scoring Commission.
- 4.2.5. **Media Officer:** The Director of Communications or their nominee may be assigned to an event as required by SE, to be responsible for all SE media activity including the web streaming of all games.
- 4.2.6. SE shall make the final approvals of all appointments above upon the respective recommendations.
- 4.2.6.1. In European Championships, “A Division” Cup Competitions and Super Cups, the attendance of the appointed EC is for the entire duration of the competition.
- 4.2.6.2. In “B Divisions” Cup Competitions or below, the attendance of the appointed EC for the entire duration of the competition, either only the last days of the competition or not attending at all, will be subject to the decision of the host Club.
- 4.2.6.3. In the event that no EC is assigned or is absent at any time during the competition, the CTC will assume the EC responsibilities.
- 4.3. The Chair of the Technical Commission is responsible for the coordination and the supervision of the Technical Committee of the Competition. The CTC shall be present for the entire duration of a European Competition. In particular, the CTC is in charge of the scheduling of the Competition, and of the respect by the Organizers of the organization requirements.
- 4.3.1. Technical Commissioners act under the authority of the CTC.
- 4.3.2. A Technical Commissioner shall be present throughout each game at SE Competitions.
- 4.4. The Technical Committee shall be responsible for and enforce the technical aspects of the Competitions, and ensure that the Rules of Softball, and all SE Regulations are scrupulously respected. In particular, the Technical Committee shall:
- 4.4.1. Check the identity and eligibility and qualification of the participating players;
- 4.4.2. Check when necessary the respect of the legal requirements for participating players and teams;
- 4.4.3. Check the conformity of the Competition’s installations and facilities with the Rules of Softball, and the Competitions and Technical Regulations;
- 4.4.4. Rule on any sanctions in excess of the mandated minimum if imposed when a player or team member has been ejected from a game;
- Note: Decisions of the TC according to 4.4.4. can be appealed to the EC present at the Competition.
- 4.4.5. Take any appropriate decision in case of a Protest.

- 4.4.6. Control and verify the accuracy and availability of the statistics produced by the SiC and their team.
- 4.4.7. Propose to SE any penalty mandated by SE Regulations in cases of violation or disrespect of any SE statutory obligations by the Organizer, a team or a team member.
- 4.5. The Umpire-in-Chief (UiC) is responsible, of the management, the assignments, the follow-up and evaluation of the Umpires during the Competition. The UiC is responsible for the technical training of the Umpires during the Competition in order to maintain and guarantee the required technical level of umpiring.
  - 4.5.1. The Umpires assigned to a Competition must be present at the venue in time for a pre-tournament meeting as specified by the Technical Committee.
- 4.6. Sufficient scorers should be nominated by the Organizers, for approval by the SiC and Scoring Commission, to provide enough qualified scorers as in 4.6.1. the List of assigned scorers shall be sent to the CTC at least one month before the beginning of the Competition.
  - 4.6.1. The host Federation or Club shall make available at least two approved scorekeepers for each game. *Scorekeepers shall be experienced in softball, and qualified for their function, and have appropriate knowledge of the WBSC Paper Scoring system, and of the "WBSC Electronic Scoring System Myballclub".* The official Scorekeepers for each game shall be accommodated in a Scoring House adjacent to the field as stipulated in these Technical Regulations and, with the SiC, be provided with facilities to enable them to complete all reporting responsibilities.
- 4.7. If requested by the Organizers, and at their cost, one or more Officials may visit the venue of the Competition for the purposes of Public Relations with Local Authorities and / or Sponsors.

## 5. OFFICIALS: TRANSPORTATION & ACCOMMODATION

- 5.1. The Organizers are responsible for the reservation and payment of hotel rooms for the Officials from 24 hours prior to the first pitch of the tournament until the day after the Competition finishes.
  - 5.1.1. Hotels shall be at a reasonable distance, max. 25 km, from the playing fields, and shall be of at least three stars, or equivalent standard.
  - 5.1.2. All Officials shall be lodged in the same hotel, preferably where no teams are accommodated. Organizers, who want to deviate from this should so specify on the Pre-Inspection Form and obtain permission from by the Director, Competitions & Technical following the Inspector's Report.
  - 5.1.3. One room for a maximum of two (2) persons, with individual beds, will be required for the Umpires, including Umpires who may live locally.
  - 5.1.4. Scorers who do not live locally should be appropriately accommodated for the duration of the competition.
  - 5.1.5. Single rooms shall be provided for members of the Technical Commission, any WBSC Europe members assigned to the event and the SE Director of Communications or their alternate Media Officer.
- 5.2. Meals for the Officials, of acceptable quality and quantity, shall be served at the locations and times requested. They shall be available according to the games' schedule and not be restricted to public opening times.
  - 5.2.1. If Officials have their meals in the same location as the Teams, there must be a clear separation between spaces allocated to the Officials and to the Teams.
  - 5.2.2. A free beverage and / or cafeteria service shall be available for the Officials at the fields, including soda / sports drinks for umpires when conditions require.
  - 5.2.3. It is not required that fresh drinking water for Officials at the fields be provided in one-use bottles. Alternative supply includes water-cooler or drum, and the use of recyclable cups or Officials' personal water-bottles.
- 5.3. A pickup service shall be provided, *on the day before the start of the tournament*, for all Officials from the designated airport to their hotel on their arrival and from the hotel to the airport



at their departure. If a regular and direct train service is conveniently available between airport and venue station, then the organizer may, at their cost and in agreement with the TC Inspector, substitute this arrangement for the above.

- 5.3.1. The transportation of Officials shall be separate from the transportation of the Teams.
- 5.3.2. Transportation of Umpires and Scorers from their hotel(s) to the playing fields and vice versa shall always be available appropriate to their duties. When not on duty, Umpires and Scorers shall not be obliged to stay on the playing fields as a consequence of transportation schedules.
- 5.3.3. Members of SE and the Technical Committee shall have transportation upon request at all times during the Competition.
- 5.4. The Organizers shall make sure that there is no reference, in the Competition's documents, programs or accreditation system, to the nationality or country of affiliation of any Official.

## 6. TECHNICAL MEETING

- 6.1. The Technical Meeting shall take place before the commencement of each Competition at a suitable venue provided by the Organizers and with the requisite equipment and facilities:
  - 6.1.1. A meeting room sufficient for all Officials and at least two representatives of each participating team to be seated.
  - 6.1.2. Sufficient space to provide for at least two stations where Passport Control may be accommodated. Teams participating in a Competition shall complete their FTRs *on the WBSC Europe Competition site, my.WBSC.org, two days in advance of the TC Meeting, present a hard-copy Excel export thereof* and produce the Passports and / or recognized ID cards of all players listed.
  - 6.1.3. Federations wishing to use national identity cards/documents instead of Passports to identify their players shall provide Pro-forma copy of such document in advance to [SECompetitions@wbsceurope.org](mailto:SECompetitions@wbsceurope.org).
- 6.2. Facilities to accommodate a Bat Testing area, where the UIC is responsible for organizing the checking and recording all bats brought by the participating teams. Only bats approved by this inspection may be used in the competition, and will be accordingly applied with an SE label.
  - 6.2.1. A bat not approved may be retained by the teams but must not be brought into any Dugout at any time throughout the Competition.
- 6.3. Copying facilities for the provision of any documentation for distribution to the teams as required by the TC should be available before and / or during the TC Meeting.
- 6.4. The TC meeting provides the opportunity for the organizer to give information and answer questions about catering, accommodation, practice / warm-up facilities and any requirements for recycling or preferred disposal of waste.

## 7. FINANCIAL & OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF ORGANIZERS

- 7.1. The Organizers shall be responsible for:
  - 7.1.1. Airport pickup / return, accommodation, board and local transportation for all Officials, Member(s) of SE, the Members of the Technical Committee, the Scorers and the Umpires. Provisions shall be made for this from the day before the start of the Competition up to and including the day after the end of the Competition as under 5. and for an additional day in advance for the CTC, if required under 2.7.
  - 7.1.2. General expenses for administering the Competitions.
  - 7.1.3. Presence of qualified First Aiders immediately adjacent to each field throughout every game.

- 7.1.3.1. No game will be allowed to start or continue without the presence of qualified First Aid assistance, which shall be able to take charge and provide for evacuation in case of emergency.
- 7.1.4. Game balls for the Competition, to the standards specified by WBSC Rules, unless provided by a sponsor via SE. If required, the Organizers must provide a place on the fields for sponsor's publicity and / or sales stand. Organizers are responsible for appointing people to retrieve foul balls.
- 7.1.5. Flags of all participating nations shall be provided by organizers and displayed at the main venue throughout the Competition.
- 7.1.6. National Anthems of the teams at European Championships shall be provided by organizers and played prior to the start of each game. (Such anthems are available for download from SE website.)
- 7.1.7. Awards as stipulated in 10.5 – 10.7.
- 7.1.8. Provision of an effective Broadband service sufficient to support the web hosting of play-by-play recording *and streaming* of all games. Broadband access may also be provided to spectators and others, but not at the prejudice of the official SE needs.
- 7.1.9. Insurance to cover their responsibilities and liabilities within the framework of the organization of the Competition, and fully meet any local legislative requirements regarding the safety of participants, officials and spectators.
- 7.2. An area designated for Press and Media use shall be available at each field of competition and for the entire duration of the competition, located so as to provide a good and unobstructed view of the field of play. Only accredited photographers and media/newspapers shall be allowed to use those designated areas. They may not also appear on the Final Team Roster accredited for dugout access.
- 7.2.1. Copies of line-up sheets for each game in the competition shall be made available to press and media representatives in the Press and Media area or at a location designated by the Technical Commissioner not later than 15 minutes before the designated start time of each game.
- 7.2.2. Press and Media area (Press Room) should be a separated area or room equipped with tables, chairs and internet connection. A storage area for photo equipment should be provided, if possible, within the host location. Photographers themselves are solely responsible for their equipment, wherever located.
- 7.2.3. Area(s) for photographers should be made available, if possible, around the fields with a preference for:  
Behind home plate, close to 1st and 3rd base and / or a location with a good overview of the field of play. In the case of restricted availability of such locations, priority will be given to photographers recognized as operating on behalf of SE: others may be accommodated according to a rotation schedule.
- 7.3. The Local Organizing Committee should set up pre-competition practice sessions for all teams, if practical considering the time of their arrival and availability of fields etc. Practice sessions should preferably be a two-hour period, arranged when convenient for teams. If more than one stadium is to be used, Organizer will assign the field(s) to be used.
- 7.4. When any requirements, duties and obligations required of the Organizers have not been completely provided, SE may, upon a proposal of the Technical Commission, determine a penalty to which the Organizers are subject including, but not limited to, the recall of some or all of the written financial guarantee.

## 8. FIELDS & PLAYING FACILITIES

- 8.1. All Playing fields must conform to WBSC and SE Rules. Playing Fields shall be provided for each SE Competition to the standards defined below, divided into three (3) Categories as follows:
- 8.1.1. **A: Elite SE Competitions: WECh, WEPC, WECWCA, MECh, MESC**

Necessary conditions for potential organizers:

- three regular size diamonds (MESC: 4) and access to a fourth field to be made available

if required by the number of teams entered

- two fields have clay sand infield and grass outfield
- two fields have complete fences
- two fields have roofed dugouts
- main field has electronic scoreboard: elsewhere manual scoreboard acceptable
- two (MESC: 3) fields have adequate lights
- main field has stand for minimum 400 spectators
- venue has special space for warm-up and batting
- venue has infrastructure for spectators
- tarpaulins as required by 8.2.1

8.1.2. **B: High SE Competitions: WECWCB, WEC, U22 WECh, U18 WECh, U15 WECh, CSPECh, MSPECh, CSPESC, MASTERS**

Necessary conditions for potential organizers:

- two regular size diamonds, and access to a third field to be made available if required by the number of teams entered
- main field has clay sand infield and grass outfield
- main field has complete fences: elsewhere must have at least radial fence
- both fields have roofed dugouts
- main field has electronic scoreboard: elsewhere manual scoreboard acceptable
- main field has stand for minimum 200 spectators
- venue has infrastructure for spectators
- tarpaulins as required by 08.02.01

8.1.3. **C: Development SE Competitions: U23 MECh, U18 MECh, U16 MECh, EMRYT**

Necessary conditions for potential organizers:

- one regular size diamond
- space for second field at disposal
- field has complete fences
- field has roofed dugouts
- stand for spectators

Where the LATERAL fence does not exist, it shall be designated by a white line.

The BACKSTOP shall be at least 4.00 meters high.

The DUGOUTS shall be designed to seat twenty-five (25) team members and protected from the weather. They shall be separated from general public areas and provided with waste bins segregated for disposal or recycling, and fresh drinking water, preferably from tap or drum to personal water-bottles, and failing this to recyclable cups.

8.2. Field maintenance crew(s) shall be present and available on call for each field for the entire duration of the Competition. The playing surface and playing lines shall be the subject of special attention.

8.2.1. For all fields at an A tournament, and at least at main field at a B tournament, there should be tarpaulins readily available in case of rain sufficient to fully cover at least the batter's box, pitcher's circle and sliding paths for 3m into each base.

8.3. An SE Officials Office shall be available for the sole use of the Executive Commissioner and the Technical Committee at the venue and for the duration of the Competition. It shall be equipped with phone, computer with internet connection and printer, and a photocopy machine.

8.4. A suitable room shall be available for the I.D. Control, Bat Control and other meetings.

8.5. An SE Officials Area, reserved for the sole use of the Executive Commissioner and the Technical Committee of SE and their possible Honorary Guests, shall be available at each field of the Competition for the entire duration of the Competition.



- 8.5.1. SE Officials Area shall be located as close as possible to the playing field, between first base and third base dugouts, shall be cordoned off from areas open to the general public, equipped with sufficient seats and protected from the weather.
- 8.5.2. Access control to SE Officials Area shall be the responsibility of the Organizer.
- 8.6. Suitable facilities for the SiC and their team, to produce and publish statistics, shall be available at the main venue.
  - 8.6.1. A Scoring House Area shall be available at each field for the entire duration of the Competition. Access to the Area shall be restricted to appropriate Officials only.
  - 8.6.2. The Scoring House shall be located at the most appropriate place for scoring purposes, between first base and third base dugouts, and separate from areas open to the general public. Ease of communication between the Scorers and the Umpires shall be an essential criterion.
  - 8.6.3. The Scoring House shall be equipped with tables and chairs for at least two persons and shall be protected from the weather.
- 8.7. An SE Umpires Area shall be cordoned off for the sole use of SE Umpires at each field for the duration of the Competition, appropriately signed as 'Reserved', and shall be protected from weather conditions.
  - 8.7.1. The facilities for the Umpires shall consist of a changing room with lockers, restroom, and sanitary equipment (WC & showers), separate for each gender.
- 8.8. Organizers should ensure that all local requirements for the proper disposal / recycling of waste, including segregated bins etc. are complied with. The TC will support any such efforts.

## 9. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- 9.1. After each game, the CTC shall collect any Game Report made by the TC of the game. At the end of each day, the CTC and SiC shall ensure that all required game data is accurately recorded either on the WBSC Management System or within TC records.
- 9.2. The required electronic scoring system is the WBSC Management System for recording and reporting all SE events. Paper scoring systems (on specific softball scoring sheets) shall remain as backup support for the electronic scoring system, and play-by-play capability must also be supported by assured internet service.
- 9.3. Each morning the results of the previous day's games *and the names of the following day's Officials assigned* shall be communicated to the Officials and the Teams. This can also include electronic transmission directly to recipients, and / or distribution by paper at the venues. *All Competition Rosters (on Day 0 Report) and daily games statistics will be posted automatically on the website <https://www.wbsceurope.org/en/calender/>*
- 9.4. Within fourteen (14) days after the end of the Competition the Scorer in Chief shall send a comprehensive report with all results and statistics to SE, the Director of Competitions & Technical and the Teams. All results and statistics shall conform to WBSC and SE Rules.
- 9.5. The CTC will retain the Game Reports referring to Ejections, Injuries or Protests. After the Competition these Reports will be included with the TC Competition Report to SE Director, Competitions & Technical, who will copy all reports to the Director of Umpires, Chair Competitions Commission, Scorer in Chief and Disciplinary Commission, and a summary of all Reports for submission to SE.

## 10. CEREMONY PROTOCOLS & AWARDS

- 10.1. The programs for Opening and Closing Ceremonies shall comply with the provisions of **SE Protocol Regulations**.

- 10.1.1. The programs for Opening and Closing Ceremonies shall be submitted to and agreed in advance by the Organizers to the Official Executive Delegate and the Technical Commission.
- 10.2. The medals for the first, second and third places (gold, silver and bronze) of all European Competitions are provided and settled by SE.
- 10.3. The European Challenge Trophies for European Competitions shall be presented by the President of SE, if present, or the event EC to the winning team after each Competition. The winner holds the Trophy until the next Competition. They shall engrave their name and the year of victory on the Trophy.
- 10.4. Each Title Bearer holding a European Challenge Trophy shall be responsible to bring it to the next Competition.
- 10.5. The host Federation or Club is responsible for a Trophy for the top three teams, apart from the SE perpetual European Challenge Trophy for the winning team.
- 10.6. The host Federation or Club must make sure that the engravings of all awards provided by them are written at least in English and include WBSC Europe name or logo and the official name and date of the Competition.
- 10.7. The Organizers may at their discretion provide trophies/souvenirs for other teams and / or Umpires and Officials.

## 11. ACCREDITATION OF MEDIA

- 11.1. No person may record a game at an SE Competitions, whether or not for profit, by any means than in conformity with the provisions of this Regulation.
- 11.2. The Federation of a participating club or national team may receive permission from the Organizers to record one or more games at an SE Competition.
- 11.3. The following conditions apply to every license granted under this provision:
  - 11.3.1. Recording equipment may be operated only by accredited personnel designated a Team Camera Operator (TCO).
  - 11.3.2. The organizer shall provide the procedure of accreditation according to the guidelines of SE. CTC at such competitions must be informed about the procedure. The Organizer has to provide a list of all accredited media to EC SE or CTC SE, if EC is not present.
  - 11.3.3. Electronic broadcasting is permitted from wherever the Organizer allows, except from behind the backstop / home plate: broadcasting must not cause any disturbance to spectators. Only CTC SE can make an exception for electronic broadcasting behind the backstop for National TV, special recording provided by SE or for any other special reason.
  - 11.3.4. EC or CTC at an SE Competition may impose other requirements to ensure compliance with this provision and the Competition Regulations in general.
- 11.2. Each violation of these provision shall result in a fine of not less than €2.000 payable by the Affiliated Federation of the team involved or, if the situation warrants, further disciplinary action as appropriate.

## 12. ADVERTISING, MERCHANDISING & BROADCASTING

- 12.1. All advertising for the tournament and all written communications must display *WBSC Europe* logo prominently and must be reviewed and approved by *WBSC Europe* prior to printing and publication. The placement of advertising at the fields must be approved by *WBSC Europe*. *WBSC Europe* partners and sponsors will be entitled to have their advertising placed at the field in a manner not less prominently than those of the tournament sponsors.
- 12.2. *WBSC Europe will coordinate with the Local Organising Committee for all decisions concerning broadcasting (TV, internet / web site, radio, etc.) and broadcast rights. This includes arrangements, agreements, and live, delayed and relayed broadcasts in any format. Only with*

the prior written consent of SE may the organizer engage in any arrangements for broadcasts. All rights in the tournament and the broadcasting of any aspect of the tournament are vested fully in SE and the organizer may not take any act or permit anyone to take any act to impair these rights.

- 12.3. Subject to the prior written approval of SE, the tournament organizer will market and sell the official merchandise. All official tournament merchandise must have on it the *WBSC Europe* logo, either printed or embroidered. Size, display area on the merchandise and all other relevant factors as to *WBSC Europe* logo must receive the approval of the *WBSC Europe Marketing Department*.
- 12.3.1. A place / stand / area designated for exhibition and sale of SE merchandise shall be available at least at the main venue of competition and throughout the competition. Such a place / stand / area may be combined with the organizer or third-party souvenir stand or shop. *WBSC Europe* merchandise should be displayed easily visible to the public.
- 12.3.2. The delivery to and return from the competition of *WBSC Europe* merchandise will be organized by *WBSC Europe Marketing Department*. The receipt of merchandise should be confirmed from the organizer to *WBSC Europe Marketing Department*, and the accounting for all sales receipts should be made to the EC present at the competition, failing this the Technical Commissioner.
- 12.3.3. The Organizer shall be entitled to 10% of the receipts from the sale of *WBSC Europe* merchandise unless otherwise agreed.
- 12.4. Tournament organizers shall pay to *WBSC Europe* a fee for merchandise rights as determined in the **Financial Appendix**.
- 12.5. A penalty (defined in the Financial Appendix) may be charged to the organizer if any product related to the tournament should be sold without *WBSC Europe* logo and / or without the permission of the *WBSC Europe Marketing Department*.
- 12.6. Local suppliers and dealers may sell equipment and goods at the tournament. An official supplier of SE has the right to be able to sell its equipment and goods equally alongside a local supplier engaged in the same activity.
- 12.7. All other decisions involving advertising, merchandising, broadcasting, marketing and media relations will be made by SE in consultation with the organizer. In the event of a disagreement, the views of SE shall prevail.

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