



For the attention of:
WBSC Europe Member Federations

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Items covered in this letter:
WBSC Europe Executive Board meeting, 18-20 November 2022

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Dear Friends,

I hope this information letter finds you all well and preparing your Federations for yet another successful year in 2023 and of course preparing for your holidays coming soon. I have the pleasure to update you on some of the issues that have been dealt with and decisions that have been made during our Executive Board meeting on November 18-19 in Sofia, Bulgaria.

After 9 months of very intensive work, we can say that we finalized our new organizational structure with many people from our member federations jumping on board to help. We are looking forward to the next 3 years of hard work, together with all of you. We have made some progress within our financial department, as we have signed a few contracts that will provide a small income of 50.000 euros in the next 3 years.

We have an interesting agreement with Maybacks Global entertainment from the USA. Maybacks will be bringing our European tournaments to the viewers in USA for a period of 3 years. We have high financial expectations from this agreement.

Our Baseball and Softball commissions and their internal committees have been digging deep into their structure and documentation in order to provide more unified documentations in various departments, such as players transfers, bidding process, tournament rules, etc.

Another example of unifying some of our technical rules are for example the "no pay no play" policy, no more transportation obligation for LOC's and the system of appointment of umpires will be same for all 3 sports.

Finally, I would like to say that we had a great year with our competitions. After 2 years we played all scheduled tournaments, and we are proud that all tournaments were organized according to our rules, with no complaints at all.

Together with the WBSC and local organizers, we were able to provide funding for Ukraine teams to participate this year with 7 teams at our championships in Baseball and Softball. We are very happy that we were able to raise money and make it happen for those boys and girls from Ukraine in this difficult time for them.

Please, let me give you some brief points that have come up lately:

WBSC Europe registration

WBSC Europe is now a registered non profit in Switzerland under the Registre du commerce du canton De Vaud". This is yet another step in taking our Organization to the next level and becoming more professional in the way we will be doing business in the future.

As of December 1st, all financial activities will be under the WBSC Europe.

WBSC Europe Baseball and Baseball5 Events

The following events were allocated by the Executive Board:

- U15 Baseball European Championships 2023 were allocated to Slovakia
- U23 Baseball European Championships 2023 were allocated to Austria
- Baseball Champions Cup were allocated to the Netherlands
- Baseball5 European Championships 2023 allocated to Lithuania

Russia and Belorussian suspension

The Executive Board decided that until further decision made by the IOC and WBSC, WBSC Europe shall continue the suspension/ban of RUS and BLR (teams, coaches, officials) from all European competitions.

Support for Ukraine Teams

As the war in Ukraine continues, the Executive Board has decided to waive entry and membership fees from Ukraine in order for them to try and participate in the 2023 tournaments and we are requesting from all local organizers of the tournaments to try and find some assistance for the Ukraine Teams.

Implementation of Regulations fees and penalties

The Executive Board has decided that the implementation of the "no pay, no play" rule will be enforced as it is expected of all Member Federations to abide by the Regulations of Baseball and Softball.

In addition, the following fees/penalties have been decided:

- The penalty for late payments. Minimum: €350.
- Fee for umpires not showing up. Minimum €475.

Athlete Representative

The process of electing our Athlete Representative in Softball was finalized at the European Championships in Barcelona. The new member of our board is Martina Lackner-Keil from Austria. Elections for the Baseball Athlete Representative will be held during the European Championship in Czech republic, September 2023.

Removal of LOC transportation Obligation

The Executive Board has decided to remove the obligation of transportation from tournament organizers in Baseball (this is already being implemented in Softball). The obligation has not been lifted for the two European Baseball Championships priorly allocated 2023 CZE and 2025 ISR.

New Logo and branding for WBSC Europe

The Marketing and Media Department have presented a new concept based on the WBSC and have introduced to the Executive Board who have approved the move, a new logo and branding concept for the WBSC Europe.

Media Agreement with Maybacks Global Entertainment

The Marketing and Media Department have brought to the WBSC Europe an opportunity which will reach our Members as they will televise games from Europe throughout their global networks and at no cost to WBSC Europe. More to come on this and our Member Federations will also be receiving an interesting opportunity in the near future.

Governance Department Members

The Executive Board has approved the Governance Department Terms of Reference and the following members for the Department:

- John Boyd
- Elliot Fleys
- Bjorn Christian Thode
- An independent person shall be nominated shortly

Baseball Commission committee members

The Executive Board has approved the following members for the committees of the Baseball commission:

- Frantisek Bunta – Chair of Competitions and Technical
- Makouchetchev Serge – umpiring committee
- Zdenek Zidek – umpiring committee

Baseball5 Commission members

The Executive Board has approved the following members for the Baseball5 Commission:

- Vladislav Beltic
- Arnoldas Ramanauskas

PONY Contract

The Executive Board approved the signing of the PONY League agreement which will continue the ongoing successful partnership of years.

Best regards



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