

BASEBALL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

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General information for the Baseball European Championship 2023

In the material I am sending you, you will find information about the tournament that will be presented at the technical meeting before the tournament. The technical meeting will be held in four cities, in the cities where the first round will be played, and we will be connected online.

In the cities where you will participate in the technical meeting, there will always be one technical commissioner and one umpire supervisor who will answer your questions and who will check passports/ID's according to CR rules 2023.

Game schedules and info pack

The approved game schedules and info pack for the teams you can find on the website of WBSC Europe in the section 'Event Info'.

- Website WBSC Europe

[WBSC Europe](https://www.wbseurope.org/)

- Game schedule:

[European_Championship_2023_schedule-P1 \(wbseurope.org\)](https://www.wbseurope.org/en/european-championship-2023-schedule-p1)

- Info Pack

[Info pack \(wbseurope.org\)](https://www.wbseurope.org/en/info-pack)

- * Website Eurobaseball

[Home | Eurobaseball 2023](https://www.eurobaseball.com/)

Registration of players for competition (Final team roster)

- Each year all National Federations must communicate to WBSC Europe, at least 20 days prior to the beginning of the national team competitions, the Final Team Roster (FTR) through the online platform <http://my.wbsc.org>.
- For the European Championship Seniors, the FTR may have 24 players which will be allowed to participate in the competition.
- A maximum of 3 (three) players are allowed to be replaced on the Final Team Roster (FTR) for WBSC Europe official tournaments. The Technical Director and Scoring Director of the tournament must be informed of such changes during the technical meeting before the tournament.

Eligibility

Nationality of Competitors

- A player in any WBSC Europe competition must be a national of the country of the federation that is entering him. Any competitor in any European Championship for national selections must be a national of the country of the federation and must have the stipulated age during the calendar year of the competition; however, the minimum age required to play in any adult competition is 15 (fifteen) years in the year of the competition.
- To establish the nationality of the players, their valid passport or European Union identity card with photo that mentions the nationality, issued by the governmental authorities shall be presented to the Technical Commission. All participants from Non European Union countries must have passports.

Competition Regulations 2023

The WBSC Europe Baseball Competition Regulations 2023 are published on the WBSC Europe website:

- <https://www.wbsceurope.org/en/documents>
- [Microsoft Word - BaseballCompetitionsRegulations.docx \(wbsc.org\)](#)

Competition regulations (playing rules)

All competitions in the 2023 Championship season shall be played by the Official Baseball Rules 2022 (hereinafter as the “OBR”) edition, with the changes as follows. All other rules not affected by this addendum shall remain intact. All previous provisions of the Competition Rules affecting the Playing rules are replaced by the following.

All citations used here below refer to the OBR

- Official Baseball Rules 2022

<https://static.wbssc.org/uploads/federations/0/cms/documents/470faf09-436a-5b1a-b194-a9fc1be8b51b.pdf>

- Competition regulations – chapter 14

<https://static.wbssc.org/uploads/federations/278/cms/documents/cd1a0222-37cf-fa91-52f3-2e6ce2736242.pdf>

Official Baseball Rules – Modifications applied to WBSC E

- 3.08 Helmets
 - 3.08 (e) - It is recommended that all base coaches wear a protective helmet while performing their duties.
- 5.04(b)(4) The batter's box rule
 - Second violation will result in strike being called.
- 5.07(b) Warm-up pitches
 - Eight warm-up pitches for all pitchers.
- 5.10(g) Three batter minimum
 - Three-batter minimum will be used.

Official Baseball Rules – Modifications applied to WBSC E

- 5.10(l) Visits to the mound requiring a pitcher's removal from the game
 - Switching pitcher to a different position not counted as a visit.
- 5.10(m) Visits to the mound
 - 5 visits to the mound, including the position players.
- 7.01
 - Run-rule difference remains the same.
 - Tie-breaker (extra inning) – runner on second base.

Affidavit – Insurance form

- Please note that during the technical meeting each team delegation must deliver to the Technical commissioner a signed affidavit form, which confirms the insurance coverage. This form is compulsory to be allowed to participate in the tournament and can be found at

<https://www.wbsceurope.org/en/documents>

Official ball and official approved wooden bats

- The official balls will be delivered by WBSC Europe Baseball, this European Championship will be played with Teammate 190.
- The official list of approved bats for the season you can find on the WBSC Europe website.

<https://www.wbsceurope.org/en/documents>

- RULE CHANGE – Use of a **non-approved bat** will be treated as pine tar on bat. Bat will be removed; player will not be ejected.
 - Use of bats can be disputed only before or after an at bat. The batting process will not be interrupted.

Technical aspects

- Ground rules – Umpires will inform you about the ground rules
- Pre-game practice – starts 2 hours before the game
 - Home team 40 minutes batting practice
 - Visiting team 40 minutes batting practice
 - Home team 10 minutes infield practice
 - Visiting team 10 minutes infield practice

If there is no time to organize the whole pre-game practice, the technical commissioner will decide on the division of time on the field.

Technical aspects

Equality (Ties) of games: (Chapter 13i)

All ties after the preliminary round will be settled as follows (in order):

1. The team that won the game(s) between the teams tied shall be given the higher position.
2. The team that has the best Team's Quality Balance (TQB).
3. The team that has the best-Earned Runs Team's Quality Balance (ER-TQB).
4. Highest batting average in games between the teams tied.
5. A coin flip

Starting line-up

- Managers shall file a tentative line-up with the official scorer at least 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the game; this line-up is for publicity purposes only. This shall include the name, uniform number, and field position of each player in the starting batting order plus the pitcher. All other players on the approved roster will be considered as possible substitutes for all the games. The official scorer shall have a copy of the approved roster of each team.
- The official line-up will be given to the umpire in chief at the meeting at home plate just prior to the start of the game, copy that shall be given to the official scorer and Technical Commissioner in charge of the game.
- The team that does not observe this rule has to pay a fine of 200 Euro

Dugouts and uniforms

- The home dugout is the designated dugout on the 3rd base side. If the organizer requests a change of dugout on one of the fields, he will be allowed to do so. The technical commissioner assigned to the group will inform you at the technical meeting.
- For home games, it is mandatory to use white jersey tops in the tournament. If you would like to use a different combination, please inform the visiting team and the technical commissioner assigned to the game.

Protests

- Protests regarding the status of a player who is to participate in the competition, must be made to the Technical Commission at the moment the irregularity has been discovered and in any case within the end of the competition. The decision of the Technical Commission is final.
- Protest relating to organisational matters and the aspects of the game, out of the baseball field, should be made to the Technical Commission and be decided in accordance with the Official Rules of Baseball of the previous year and these Competition rules.
- A responsible official shall make any protest in writing in English to the Technical Commission accompanied by a guarantee sum of 200 Euro, or its equivalent, before action is taken.

Promotion and relegation

- The teams that finished 14th, 15th and 16th place in the Championship A-level are relegated to the next Qualifier B-level.
- The winners of the Qualifier B-level groups are qualified for the next European Championship A-level.