



EUROPEAN SOFTBALL FEDERATION

PRESIDENT'S NOTICE

Dear friends,

Let me welcome all of you, my closest friends, to a most historic Congress. It is exactly one year since our election Congress in Belgrade and a real challenging year is behind us.

I would like to thank all of you for all your efforts in promoting, developing and making Softball a top priority in your Country. Your effort is the most important for all of us, for development of softball, for recognition of softball in every corner of Europe, and finally for me and the ESF board. Your initiatives make me and the board members stronger, because your enthusiasm and dedication in this hard work is a confirmation that we are working in the right direction.

I would like to mention André van Overbeek, who led the ESF for 8 years. I would like to reply to his last paragraph from his last President's Report from the Belgrade Congress. Your leadership was progressive, cooperative and led us in the work we all did but it also included a friendly atmosphere which inspired us to always work hard and dedicate our time for everyone. You have set a great platform from which I will simply continue and evolve with even more inspirational changes.

A new ESF board was elected in Belgrade. I would like to thank all those who dedicated their four years' term and decided not to run for another term. I am happy that the current board consists of different flags and we have representation from all corners of Europe. I am more than happy to have on our Board, excellent players from the past, from Italy and Netherlands, Daniela Castellani and Petra Arends, who will be responsible for top events and the player's forum. The Islands are represented by John Austin, who is responsible for Marketing, Scandinavia is represented by Mette Nissen Jakobsen responsible for operations and also by Kristian Pälviä responsible for Development. The Balkan is represented by our most experienced board member, Youri Alkalay, who is our 1st Vice President. Integrity of our work is guaranteed by two very important people on our board. Treasurer Eddy van Straelen and Secretary General Ami Baran, are my very close fellow workers.

One of the key tools of my Presidency is communication and information, which is very important in our current world. You have received my three reports from this last year, which brought you information and comments of the issues at hand. Your feedbacks were confirmation that all this was needed and helpful.

You also received a lot of information from our Communications Director, Helena Novotna. Also Minutes of the Executive Board Meetings are on the website. Information and transparency is one of the main pillars of our work.

Briefly, here is what transpired over the last year in our softball society. We continued with the Working Plan for our next four years, which was approved at the first EC Meeting in April. This document sets the outline for the next four years and defines the roles and job descriptions of each EC member. Running according to this Working Plan will take us to the next level of recognition and progress. We have arranged another meeting of the ESF Technical staff (March in Rome) with the intention to unify all of our procedures for our competitions. We have established a new position, Technical Director, appointed by the EC ESF. Mike Jennings was appointed and is responsible for all Technical and Competition issues including the preparations for all inspections, tournament assignments, development of competitions for all events and categories of softball. We finally ran, in total 10 events for 112 teams.

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We had a very successful ESCA Camp, organized by our Development Commission (October in Diessen) with two long weekends of athletes and coaches. Almost 60 players and 40 coaches from 15 different European countries stayed at one facility, and they not only trained together, but also attended workshops, and socialized during their free time. Let me thank Ami Baran and Kristian Pälviä for preparation of this project and to Craig Montvidas for the perfect program. ESCA is moving forward and our Coaches will strive to be the best in the World.

*Our top accomplishments from this summer, were a few that have been on my mind for years and finally implemented. The new brand - **Softball Europe** - was introduced during the European Women's Softball Championship. It's not just a logo, it's a concept, that should help us to communicate softball as a sport to everyone, who may not even know our sport as of yet. I really thank ESF VP Marketing John Austin and ESF Communication Director Helena Novotna for making this happen.*

Moving on from internal issues to external ones, which need to be mentioned in my report. The reason being is that many things have happened outside of the ESF which have consequences to European Softball. The most important action occurred in autumn. The WBSC Congress in Botswana provided us with a crucial decision for the future – the approval of the new Statutes. The main question and my main concern was what is the new situation? The answer is very clear, it is the position of the Regional Confederations, which are now described as the Continental Associations. They are now a structural and integral part of the whole organization. We knew it will happen, but the question was what the final version will look like. Based on previous Memorandum of co-operation between ESF and CEB (issued by November 5, 2015) the new leaderships of ESF and CEB, elected in Belgrade, established a Joint Commission headed by both Presidents with the job of preparing a new European structure based on the WBSC structural changes. This Commission met twice, in May in Prague and in December in Paris. With some pressure upon us, the commission did a great job and prepared the structural changes which will be in two steps starting with the WBSC Europe initial Statutes. This process was approved by legal authorities of both ESF and CEB and will be introduced at the upcoming ESF/CEB Congress in Paris.

The WBSC Congress in Botswana also elected a new leadership of the WBSC Softball Division. If our efforts in the new WBSC statutes are considered a success, then regarding the elections, we certainly failed in this area. Europe was inconsistent with their priorities and the result is that I am the only European representative on a 12-member board. Although I plan on being very active, I am sorry to say that the European voice will not be as strong like for example the Americas, who have in total 5 members on the board. I know we are stronger and I know we will overcome our differences and Europe will unify.

The Joint ESF/CEB Congress in Paris is just around the corner. Let me invite you to join us and share with us ideas and be part of the creation of our future. We will have a lot of interesting issues as mentioned like the Marketing Workshop, WBSC Europe, future of our competitions. I am really looking forward with pride and strength. I feel we are on the right way, in the right direction. I know some countries, mainly independent from baseball, are worried about the identity of our sport, of softball. I fully understand this concern. However, being together will make us stronger and we can achieve our goals better and move forward quicker. But we have to be strong enough and it depends on all of us. We are all Softball Europe and we have to know that every moment of our life. We are coming to this union, a marriage if you like, as a self-confident partner with pride in our sport. We have to do the best for our sport without any personal ambitions. This will be our strength.

My last words to you here are to believe me when I say, I was, I am and I will always be behind you on this journey.

Best regards



Gabriel Waage
ESF President



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TECHNICAL AND COMPETITION COMMISSION

2017 TC Report

Competitions in 2017:

Competition	Location	Teams	# Games	# Umps	Injury	Eject
			Plan / Actual			
WECh	Bollate, ITA	23	117 / 117	25	3	-
U16WECh	Ostrava, CZE	12	46 / 46	12	1	-
U19MECh	Prague Joudrs, CZE	5	24 / 24	10	-	-
Joint with;						
U16MECh	Prague Joudrs, CZE	4	16 / 16	-	-	-
CSPECh	Sofia, BUL	6	35 / 35	6	3	3
EMRYT	Collecchio, ITA	13	44 / 44	7	1	-
WEPC	Haarlem, NED	9	40 / 40	11	-	1
WEC	Montegranaro, ITA	10	34 / 34	6	-	-
WECWC	Caserta, MLT, (in Italy)	10	40 / 40	12	3	-
MESC	Amersfoort, NED	20	76 / 76	19	-	1
10 events	TOTALS	112	472 / 472	108	11	5
9 events	2016 Comparisons	101	410 / 400	105	7	5

Individual event TC, UiC and SiC Reports have been provided to the EC. These refer to issues where requirements of ESF Regulations or items recorded / agreed at Inspection were not fully realised, or other unexpected situations arose, worthy of note. All recommendations from TC members and comments from participating teams are considered carefully in preparation for following seasons.

It goes without saying that the efforts of Organisers, their volunteers and the whole ESF team, our 472 games would not have been so well presented: our thanks to them all. Individual event comments follow.

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WECh, Bollate:

Recent terrorism incidents resulted in significant intervention from local Police, who advised on vehicle and spectator security procedures. No incidents occurred during the event.

There were two incidents where both teams declined to play and therefore double forfeits were imposed: a separate note has been addressed directly to the EC for their consideration. As the two games had a scored result they are included in the Competition statistics.

Additional fields were made available by neighbouring Clubs, which enabled a busy schedule of games to be played on good standard fields, but placed a strain on TC / UiC staff covering all locations and observing and assessing the 25-strong Umpire crew.

Significant changes to the playing schedule were accommodated across available fields, but impacted on the organisers' transportation team who had to accommodate every change made. This also led to the cancellation of the central coin-toss with managers present.

Player clinics were provided by two USA coaches with local assistance, sourced via Ami Baran as WBSC (SD) High Performance lead. Some 50+ players took advantage of this opportunity.

U16WECh: Ostrava:

A trial pre-event umpire clinic was run by the Development DoU, with the crew arriving one day early for classroom sessions, scenario discussions and 3-man field -work. This was completed successfully and provides a model for future events where appropriate.

U19MECh and U16MECh: Prague:

These two events were run in parallel at the Joudrs Club: the process was well organised and run, and can be repeated in future as long as the balance of numbers allow.

Some concerns were expressed re the time allowed on the schedule for each game: the situation was worsened by a significant number of substitutions, not all of which were expedited as required by ESF protocols, so wasting more time.

The question of metal cleats worn by U16 male players was raised (only allowed by WBSC at U19 or older). Their use was approved here after reference to the EC present. This raised questions about the role of the TC, which is tasked to administer ESF events conforming closely to WBSC Regulations, and the possible need for EC intervention when considering circumstances which arise during the Competition. We intend to clarify how these potentially conflicting pressures are best managed.

EMRYT, Collecchio:

With the highest number of participants, split into two categories, and hosted by enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers, this was a great introduction to our sport for the youngest age-group we accommodate.

The detailed competition regulations for this event were further developed in collaboration with the teams, defining the criteria for entering each category, and drafting playing rules appropriate for each.

CSPECh, Sofia:

SlowPitch umpire numbers need bolstering, as this tournament had to revert to the two-man system for round robin games.

In 2018 we expect to run two SP events, both the CoEd Super-Cup and a newly-established Men's Championship. We will also be able to use a new specification 11" ball designed for female SlowPitch play, and now approved by WBSC Congress.

WEPC, Haarlem:

An excellently-run Tournament with close cooperation between the hosting Clubs: the UiCs developed a much-improved protocol for the Bat Control process now to be used at all events.

WEC, Montegranaro:

We were delighted to welcome Botswana to this competition: they were well looked after by the club hosts and both gained from and contributed significantly to the competition. This was the first 'overseas' team of female athletes to play competitively in Europe since the pre-Athens qualifier in Macerata, and with the Men's teams mentioned below places Europe as an active leader in providing world-class playing opportunities to all.

Umpires and other officials assigned to the competition found that the relatively few flights serving the designated arrival airport meant several had no choice but to attend a full day in advance.



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WECWC, Caserta, on behalf of Malta Federation:

The ESF group here found a challenging situation as many aspects of the organisation to ESF standards agreed at Inspection – particularly field preparation and maintenance - were not as expected and therefore required significant intervention by our staff. This, along with the efforts of the relatively inexperienced ground- crew eventually solved the various issues. The teams' feedback on their efforts gave a rating of 4.7 out of 5, for which our congratulations.

MESC, Amersfoort:

This competition, with 3 fields of consistent quality located close together, set a high standard by providing a top playing environment.

We were again pleased to welcome an overseas team to this event: Argentina U19's came 5th from the 20 teams entered: they followed the NZ Jnr Black Sox who came 11th from 23 in 2015.

Complying with 'neutrality' rules for umpires can be difficult at the best of times, but during a double-elimination format it becomes even more challenging, and may have to be breached in future where events use more than one location.

The double-elimination finals format can also make it difficult to define standings between two teams who have not played each other, so TC recommended that a protocol for determining standings be put in place to ensure future consistency.

Other general issues:

Spectator numbers:

In addition to the thousands who accessed ESF games through Play-by-Play on the website, during U16WECh and WECh together Playo.TV recorded 61,023 visits from 26,750 unique viewers. Spectators attending all games in 2017 totalled 48,663, compared to 30,071 last year.

Umpires:

Items for consideration for 2018 include use of a fourth official, as now in Soccer, to administer all substitution documentation. This, alongside the possible use of a pitcher's clock as in WBSC events, should save considerable time and disruption when communicating with scorers during games.

Disciplinary:

Regulations were revised for this season, and operated well. Ejections and sanctions, including unspent penalties, are now recorded on a database administered by the Disciplinary Commission. They will also consider any serious infractions reported which may require further action.

Scoring:

Every ESF event was well served by qualified scorers. Several required a specialist report to be produced and in these cases the SiCs involved responded positively, to the benefit of teams, reporters and spectators.

Several scoring / reporting initiatives are now in hand for launch in the 2018 season.

International: ESF Team standings in 2017 WBSC Championships:

XV Men's Worlds, Whitehorse

9 Czech Republic

12 Denmark

13 Great Britain

16 Turkey

XII Junior Women's Worlds, Clearwater

8 Czech Republic

12 Italy

14 Netherlands

15 Great Britain

18 Ireland

25 Turkey

26 Israel

Congratulations to 2017 participants, and Good Luck to all competing in 2018 World's, XII Jr Men's in Prince Albert and XVI Women's in Chiba, as we get ever-closer to Tokyo's Olympics.

2018 in prospect:

ESF will be hosting the first Intercontinental Men's FastPitch Cup in Prague, immediately prior to the MESC in September 2018. The intention is to have representation from every continent, so planned to include Japan, New Zealand, Botswana, USA, Argentina and from Europe, Denmark with hosts Czech Republic.

This also enables the ESF to take the initiative in responding to a critical need as highlighted by WBSC(SD) Umpire Director at the recent Botswana Congress; that of providing a development opportunity for umpires at inter-continental level prior to World Championships and future Olympics.

Later in September, Hoofddorp in the Netherlands will host an Invitational Super Six competition for both Baseball and Softball teams to play in a combined tournament as a showcase for the top players from both sides of the sport.

All this activity supports the strategy of the ESF in providing a progressive structure of top quality competitions here, so European teams are best prepared for further success on the World stage.



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APPOINTMENT of ORGANIZERS of COMPETITIONS

(Approved by ESF Congress February 4, 2017, updated October 1, November 13, November 25)

CALENDAR 2018

June 12 – 16	I. Men's Slowpitch European Championship	Choceň (CZE)
June 25 – 30	XIV. Men's European Championship	Havlíčkův Brod (CZE)
July 16 – 21	XV. U-19 Women's European Championship	Staranzano (ITA)
July 23 – 28	VI. U-22 Women's European Championship	Trnava (SVK)
July 31 – August 4	IX. Coed Slowpitch European Super Cup	Riccione (ITA)
August 15 – 18	VII. European M. Romeo Youth Trophy	Collecchio, Parma (ITA)
August 20 – 25	XLI. Women's European Premiere Cup	Forli (ITA)
August 20 – 25	XXV. Women's European Cup	La Loggia (ITA)
August 20 – 25	XXVII. Women's European Cup Winners Cup	EuroStars – Capelle a.d. IJssel (NED)
Sep 3 – Sep 8	VII. Men's European Super Cup	Prague (CZE)
Sep 19 – Sep 23	Super 6 (Invitational)	Hoofddorp (NED)

CALENDAR 2019

July 29 – August 3 TBA	X. U-16 Women's European Championship	Zagreb (CRO) Kunovice (CZE)
July 8 – 13	XI. U-19 Men's European Championship II. U-16 Men's European Championship	Sezimovo Usti (CZE)
July 14 – 20	XXI. Women's European Championship	Ostrava (CZE)
TBA	XII. Coed Slowpitch European Championship	<i>Nomination open</i>

CALENDAR 2020

TBA	II. Men's Slowpitch European Championship	<i>Nomination open</i>
TBA	XV. Men's European Championship	Ledenice (CZE)
TBA	XVI. U-19 Women's European Championship	<i>Nomination open</i>
TBA	VII. U-22 Women's European Championship	Kunovice (CZE)



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U19 WECh		
U19 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP		
Staranzano (ITA)		
July 16 - 21		
A1	GREAT BRITAIN	GBR
A2	ITALY	ITA
A3	CZECH REPUBLIC	CZE
A4	GERMANY	GER
A5	BELGIUM	BEL
A6	RUSSIA	RUS
A7	SPAIN	ESP
A8	LITHUANIA	LTU
A9	CROATIA	CRO
A10	DENMARK	DEN
A11	SERBIA	SRB
A12	ISRAEL	ISR
A13	NETHERLANDS	NED
A14	AUSTRIA	AUT
A15	FRANCE	FRA
A16	UKRAINE	UKR
A17	POLAND	POL
A18	BULGARIA	BUL
A19	IRELAND	IRL
A20	MALTA	MLT

MECh		
MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP		
Havlíčkův Brod (CZE)		
June 25 - 30		
A1	CZECH REPUBLIC	CZE
A2	DENMARK	DEN
A3	BELGIUM	BEL
A4	NETHERLANDS	NED
A5	GREAT BRITAIN	GBR
A6	ISRAEL	ISR
A7	CROATIA	CRO
A8	ITALY	ITA
A9	GERMANY	GER
A10	SWEDEN	SWE
A11	SLOVAKIA	SVK
A12	LITHUANIA	LTU

MSPECh		
MEN'S SLOWPITCH CHAMPIONSHIP		
Choceň (CZE)		
June 12 - 16		
A1	BELGIUM	BEL
A2	CZECH REPUBLIC	CZE
A3	GERMANY	GER
A4	GREAT BRITAIN	GBR
A5	IRELAND	IRL
A6	ITALY	ITA
A7	LITHUANIA	LTU
A8	NETHERLANDS	NED
A9	SERBIA	SRB

U22 WECh		
U22 WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP		
Trnava (SVK)		
July 23 - 28		
A1	NETHERLANDS	NED
A2	RUSSIA	RUS
A3	CZECH REPUBLIC	CZE
A4	SLOVAKIA	SVK
A5	POLAND	POL
A6	GREECE	GRE
A7	UKRAINE	UKR
A8	LITHUANIA	LTU
A9	ITALY	ITA
A10	CROATIA	CRO
A11	GREAT BRITAIN	GBR
A12	AUSTRIA	AUT
A13	BELGIUM	BEL
A14	IRELAND	IRL
A15	SWITZERLAND	SUI
A16	ISRAEL	ISR
A17	HUNGARY	HUN



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WEPC WOMEN'S PREMIERE CUP Forli (ITA) August 20 - 25		
A0	Bussolengo *	ITA
A1	Forli	ITA
A2	Olympia Haarlem	NED
A3	Zraloci Ledenice	CZE
A4	Mannheim Tornados	GER
A5	Hoboken Pioneers	BEL
A6	Therwil Flyers	SUI
A7	Les Comanches	FRA
A8	Skövde	SWE
A9	Carrousel	RUS

WECWC WOMEN'S CUP WINNERS CUP Euro Stars - Capelle a.d. IJssel (NED) August 20 - 25		
A1	Sparks Haarlem	NED
A2	Royal Greys	BEL
A3	Bollate	ITA
A4	Joudrs	CZE
A5	Wesseling Vermins	GER
A6	Hørsholm	DEN
A7	Atletico de San Sebastian	ESP
A8	Eagles	SUI
A9	BCF	FRA
A10	Stal Bis Kutno	POL
A11	London Angels	GBR
A12	Kalita	RUS
A13	Novi Zagreb	CRO
A14	Apollo	SVK
A15	Akademiks Sofia	BUL
A16	Titans	BOT
A17	Euro Stars (organiser)	NED

WEC WOMEN'S CUP La Loggia (ITA) August 20 - 25		
B1	Fenix Valencia	ESP
B2	Trnava Panthers	SVK
B3	Princ Zagreb	CRO
B4	The Mix	GBR
B5	Witches Linz	AUT
B6	Hrabiny Wroclaw	POL
B7	Amager Vikings	DEN
B8	Angels Dupnitsa	BUL
B9	Dinare	BOT
B10	ISA	NZL
B11	La Loggia (organiser)	ITA



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MESC MEN'S SUPER CUP Prague (CZE) September 3 - 8		
A1	Brasschaat *	BEL
A2	Amager Vikings *	DEN
A3	Bears	BEL
A4	Borgerhout	BEL
A5	Hoboken	BEL
A6	MRKI Medvedi	CRO
A7	Zagreb Giants	CRO
A8	Czech Republic U23	CZE
A9	Hippos	CZE
A10	Spectrum	CZE
A11	Tempo	CZE
A12	Zraloci Ledenice	CZE
A13	Gladsaxe	DEN
A14	Hørsholm	DEN
A15	Stenløse	DEN
A16	Barracudas	FRA
A17	Cavigal Nice	FRA
A18	Meteors	GBR
A19	Tigers	ISR
A20	Hoofddorp Pioniers	NED
A21	Quick	NED

CSPESC COED SUPER CUP SLOWPITCH Riccione (ITA) July 31 - August 4		
A1	H20 *	GBR
A2	Bandits & Witches Linz	AUT
A3	Vienna Wanderers	AUT
A4	Afterburners	BEL
A5	Mortsel Skywalkers	BEL
A6	Akademiks Sofia	BUL
A7	Sparks Mlade Buky	CZE
A8	Waynes World's	CZE
A9	Brevannes	FRA
A10	Mannheim Tornados	GER
A11	UCE Travellers	GER
A12	London Chromies	GBR
A13	Pioneers	GBR
A14	Dodder Dynamoes	IRL
A15	TNT	IRL
A16	Delfini Riccione	ITA
A17	Valmarecchia	ITA
A18	Lisicke	SLO
A19	Ljubljana BSC	SLO

EMRYT - Sport Division M. Romeo Youth Trophy (*) Collecchio (ITA) August 15 - 18		
A1	Italy 1	ITA
A2	Italy 2	ITA
A3	Kalita 1	RUS
A4	Kalita 2	RUS

EMRYT - Future Division M. Romeo Youth Trophy (*) Collecchio (ITA) August 15 - 18		
A1	Italy 3	ITA
A2	Molecules	UKR

* Defending Champion

(*) Entries are opened until April 15, 2018



NOMINATION FORM FOR HALL OF FAME

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The Federation hereafter :
FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA BASEBALL SOFTBALL

Federations' Name

nominee :

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Nominees' Surname, Name

in the category :

(mark the corresponding box)

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Player

☐

Umpire

☒

Coach, Manager

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Administrator, Organizer, Meritorious Service

By submitting this nomination, we certify that this nomination complies with the conditions of article 21 of the Statutes of the ESF

Date: Nov. 6th, 2017

Signature of Legal Representative

Andrea MARCON

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NOTICE

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Add a detailed description of the nominee's career highlighting the accomplishments of the Nominee (see requirements of article 21 of the Regulations) Join a black/white identity photography of the Nominee and his/her usual address



To all ESF and CEB National Federations Presidents

Paris, December 5th, 2017

Mr, Mrs Presidents,

Dear Friends,

As you know the joint CEB-ESF Commission had a meeting in Paris on December 2nd, 2017. This was the third time the commission met this year, the first following the WBSC Congress that took place in Botswana and completed the merger of Baseball & Softball in one combined Federation.

We are pleased to announce that the commission has completed its work and that you'll receive a proposal of Statutes for the birth of a joint Baseball & Softball Confederation by the end of the year.

A *WBSC Europe* Congress will be scheduled on February 10th, 2018, following the regular ESF and CEB Congresses where this proposition will be submitted to your approval.

These temporary Statutes are meant to start the merger of CEB & ESF by 2018. The newly formed WBSC Europe Executive Committee will then work on the final Statutes as well as all other relevant documents - again to be submitted to your approval in the coming years - in order to complete the merger of CEB & ESF by 2021.

We believe it is time to take action and show that European Baseball & Softball can work together. By starting the process of merging in 2018, Europe would be the first continent to walk in the footsteps of WBSC, a strong sign of unity shown to the international Baseball & Softball community.

We would like to take the opportunity of this letter to wish you a happy holiday season and are looking forward to meeting you all during the CEB-ESF/WBSC Europe Congress next year in Val d'Europe.

Gabriel Waage

ESF President

Didier Seminet

CEB President

WBSC



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STATUTES

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CHAPTER 1 – GENERAL PRINCIPLES

ARTICLE 1. NAME

1.1 - The name of this organisation shall be the World Baseball Softball Confederation Europe, and hereinafter referred to as “WBSC Europe”. WBSC Europe is a not-for-profit and apolitical entity, organised as an Association according to the provisions of Swiss Civil Code, Part One, Title Two, Chapter Two.

1.2 - WBSC Europe is a Continental Association established and recognised by the WBSC in accordance with WBSC Statute Article 6.9, for the purpose of managing and organizing the Sport of Baseball-Softball in Europe. WBSC Europe is legally established in accordance with the WBSC Statutes articles 6.8, 6.9, 6.10 and 6.11., and the Swiss Civil Code and it shall be in charge of all Baseball-Softball activities in all disciplines thereof in all the countries and territories within the Region of Europe.

1.3 - WBSC Europe is formed and recognized by the Confederation of European Baseball and the European Softball federation (CEB and ESF), in order to provide a unified voice and governance for the sport of Baseball-Softball and all its disciplines (the “disciplines”) throughout Europe.

1.4 - WBSC Europe is constituted of the Member Federations, Associations or Organisations, which organise, promote and develop Baseball-Softball in the Region of Europe.

1.5 - WBSC Europe is an association whose Member Federations, Associations or Organisations join WBSC Europe voluntarily; Full Member Federations are recognised in each country or territory as being the sole governing body for Baseball and/or Softball in that particular country or territory. By voluntarily affiliating with WBSC Europe, the Member Federation and/or their individual members/organisations/athletes/officials belonging to that Member Federation by participating in WBSC Europe events and/or Tournaments in any capacity whatsoever, implicitly and explicitly agree to adhere to the principles and specific conditions expressed in the Statutes, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations of WBSC and the WBSC Europe Statutes.

ARTICLE 2. LOCATION

2.1 - The headquarters of WBSC Europe shall be registered and located in a city determined by the Executive Board. WBSC Europe may have branch offices in other areas throughout Europe.

ARTICLE 3. DISCRIMINATION

3.1 - WBSC Europe shall not allow any discrimination against Member Federations, Associations or Organisations or individuals (athletes, officials, umpires, delegates, and the like) on the grounds of race, national origin, sex, colour, religion, sexual orientation, ancestry, disability, or political affiliation.

ARTICLE 4. OBJECTIVES

4.1 - The Objectives of WBSC Europe shall be as follows:

- a) To promote, develop and control Baseball and Softball within its geographical limits, ensuring compliance with the WBSC and WBSC Europe Statutes.
- b) To approve and implement its own rules and regulations and ensure they are in accordance with the WBSC Europe Statutes.
- c) To apply with their geographical limits, the specific aspects marked in WBSC Europe Statutes concerning the membership fee, members' obligations and other duties and responsibilities of Members.
- d) To authorise, organise and control, with the prior approval of the WBSC, continental, regional and sub-regional tournaments and competitions, including those in continental, regional and sub-regional multi-sports Games and events, with the exception of championships and events related to the qualifications for the Olympic Games, which remain under the sole competence and authority of the WBSC.
- e) To promote, sponsor and, if needed, found such bodies as may be deemed necessary for the best development and functioning of Baseball-Softball throughout Europe.
- f) To form partnerships, cooperation's or amalgamations with other interested parties to further the promotion and development of Baseball-Softball throughout Europe.
- g) to collaborate with the WBSC Softball Division (WBSC SD) and WBSC Baseball Division (WBSC BD) in order to coordinate and assist the actions of the WBSC SD and WBSC BD within the Region of Europe.
- h) To decide any dispute that may arise between, among or involving Member Federations, Associations and Organisations, including that between, among or involving any individual athlete or official, that is referred to WBSC Europe by an interested party, and to provide for the uniform recognition and application of disciplinary actions.
- i) To establish, organise and administer training, qualification and development programs for athletes, administrators, coaches, managers, umpires, scorers, technicians and any other official.
- j) To carry out studies and investigations and promote and organise seminars, workshops, conferences and other events for the improvement and development of Baseball-Softball throughout Europe.
- k) To establish, collect or cause to be collected and to approve and maintain statistics, statistical compilations and records for access via the web site and elsewhere.
- l) To carry out such other activities as the Executive Board may deem desirable to promote and/or develop the sports of Baseball-Softball.
- m) To fully comply with the Olympic Charter and the WBSC Statutes and to contribute to the realisation of their objectives.
- n) To promote clean sport, fight against doping through prevention and education and adhere to the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC).
- o) To cooperate with the Olympic Movement and WBSC to promote, implement, and achieve these Objectives, and to preserve and guarantee the interests of WBSC and WBSC Europe and its Member Federations, Associations and Organisations and to support and maintain the ideals of the Olympic Movement in all aspects of Baseball-Softball.

- p) To promote the Continental Rankings for Baseball and Softball in accordance to WBSC Ranking methodology at different levels, including for all continental, regional and sub-regional Baseball and Softball competitions.

ARTICLE 5. LANGUAGE

5.1 - The official language of WBSC Europe shall be English and French. When a dispute over interpretation arises, the English text shall prevail.

5.2 - The General Congress official language shall be English only.

CHAPTER 2 – MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 6. MEMBERSHIP

6.1 - The recognised national or territorial sports governing bodies governing Baseball and those governing Softball, or a single body jointly governing Baseball-Softball, which meets the requirements as set forth by the WBSC Europe, shall be eligible for membership in WBSC Europe as a National Federation.

6.2 - The Constitution, By-Laws or Articles of Association and Rules of a Member must not be in conflict with those of the WBSC and /or WBSC Europe. Where there is a conflict, the WBSC and/or WBSC Europe Statutes and Codes shall prevail.

6.3 - Each Member, by accepting membership of the WBSC and WBSC Europe, acknowledges that the WBSC and WBSC Europe are the only recognised bodies in the world and Europe that governs Baseball-Softball in the Region of Europe.

6.4 - A National Federation which governs both Baseball and Softball in its country, may nevertheless choose to organise itself in the form of separate organisations with responsibility for Baseball and for Softball, so long as the Member gives notice to the WBSC of the identity of each such organisation and assumes all responsibility for the actions of such separate organisations. Similarly, separate organisations for Baseball and for Softball in any country or territory may merge or form a single organisation to govern jointly Baseball-Softball so long as the Members give notice to WBSC of the identity of such merged or joint organisation and assumes all responsibility for the actions of such merged or joint organisation.

6.5 - WBSC Europe shall have the following classes of membership:

- a) Affiliated members, which will be categorised as either Full Members or Provisional Members; or
- b) Associate members.

6.6 - To be a Full Member of the WBSC Europe, the following is required:

- c) The applicant must officially apply to the WBSC Europe and its membership shall be approved and ratified by WBSC Europe Congress and the WBSC Congress.
- d) That a National Olympic Board (NOC) exists in the country or territory of the Federation, Association or Organisation applying for affiliation.
- e) The applicant Federation, Association or Organisation must exercise a specific, real and on-going sports Baseball and/or Softball activity and be governed by and comply in all aspects with both the Olympic Charter, WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and the WBSC Europe Statutes.
- f) The applicant Federation, Association or Organisation is recognised by its NOC, or that it is registered to be recognised by the same. Where there is no such NOC recognition, the WBSC may consider such application and the applicant must dispatch to the WBSC Europe copies of the correspondence with the NOC to that effect for WBSC's Europe consideration.

- g) WBSC Europe may recognise in each country or territory only the Federation, Association or Organisation, which is recognised by and forms part of its NOC and complies with all requirements of the WBSC Europe.
- h) The Federation, Association or Organisation affiliated to the WBSC Europe shall be the only authorised body to legislate and pass resolutions, motions and provisions in its country or territory, in all Baseball and Softball competitions organised within its jurisdiction or territory, and shall be authorised to set up relations with other members, in accordance with the WBSC and WBSC Europe Statutes.

6.7 - To be a Provisional Member of the WBSC Europe, the following is required:

- a) The applicant must officially apply to the WBSC Europe and its membership shall be approved and ratified by WBSC Europe Congress and the WBSC Congress.
- b) That applicant Federation, Association or Organisation does not have an IOC-recognised NOC in its country or territory but is recognised by WBSC and WBSC Europe to be the only Federation, Association or Organisation authorised to legislate and pass resolutions, motions and provisions in its country or territory, in all Baseball and Softball competitions organised within its jurisdiction or territory and to set up relations with other members, in accordance with the WBSC and WBSC Europe.

6.8 - To be an Associate Member of the WBSC Europe, the following is required:

- a) The applicant must officially apply to the WBSC Europe and its membership shall be approved and ratified by WBSC Europe Congress and the WBSC Congress.
- b) The applicant must be a self-administered international or major organisation, other than a National Federation, and whose activities or objectives involve the development of Baseball and/or Softball and whose objectives are not in conflict with those of the WBSC and WBSC Europe.
- c) The applicant must meet such other criteria and conditions as may be set by WBSC Europe.
- d) The applicant must agree to and must respect and abide by the WBSC and WBSC Europe Statutes.

ARTICLE 7. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

7.1 - Subject to Article 8, eligibility for membership is open to any organisation that files an application, satisfies the criteria and requirements for membership, and demonstrates that it is eligible for membership in accordance with the provisions of the WBSC Europe Statutes.

7.2 - WBSC Europe shall recognise only one National Federation for Softball and only one National Federation for Baseball, or only one joint National Federation which will govern both Baseball and Softball as the case may be, in a country or territory for which an application is made and approved, the jurisdiction of which shall be limited to the internationally recognised political boundaries of that country or territory. WBSC Europe may not recognise more than one such Federation in any country or territory.

7.3 - For new Members, an applicant for membership as a National Federation shall submit an application addressed to the WBSC Europe Headquarters for recognition as a Member, in such form as the WBSC Europe

may require, which application shall include all supporting documentation and any additional information as required by the WBSC Europe Executive Board. In addition, an applicant must:

- a) be a separate legal entity under the laws of the country or territory in which it is organised;
- b) be a charitable, public service, or not-for-profit entity having as its purpose the advancement of Baseball and/or Softball competitions and activities within its country, and have the managerial and financial capability to plan and execute its obligations;
- c) be recognised by the NOC for its country or territory as the sole national federation for Softball or Baseball (or both, if so organised);
- d) acknowledge the WBSC and WBSC Europe as the sole governing bodies for international and European Baseball and Softball and as the sole sanctioning authority for all WBSC Europe Competitions, and comply with the provisions of the WBSC and WBSC Europe Statutes;
- e) acknowledge all other member National Federations as the only governing authorities for Baseball and/or Softball in their respective nations as the governing body for Baseball and/or Softball on a regional basis, subject to the constitutional limitations of such organisations;
- f) provide a means for and act as a conduit for all correspondence or communications regarding European Baseball and/or Softball affairs;
- g) timely pay such fees, dues, or other financial assessments in full and timely provide such information to WBSC Europe as may be required of member National Federations. The amount of annual membership dues or other financial assessments shall be set by the Executive Board. Dues must be paid on or before March 31st of each year in Euros;
- h) not discriminate in its membership policies and is open to any individual who is an athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, official active in Baseball and/or Softball in its country and not subject to a disciplinary action;
- i) provide any person over which it may have authority to determine eligibility to compete in Baseball and/or Softball or for membership in its organisation, with fair notice and opportunity for a hearing before declaring such person ineligible to participate, or revoking such membership;
- j) be governed by a Board of directors or other such governing Board whose members are selected without discrimination of any form, except that, in sports where there are separate male and female programs, it provides for representation of both males and females on such Board of directors or other such governing Board;
- k) provide and enforce proper procedures for the prompt and equitable resolution of grievances of its members, providing due process in all instances; and
- l) be approved by the WBSC Europe Executive Board, and by a majority vote of National Federations, Members of WBSC Europe, present and eligible to vote at the Congress during which such a vote is taken.

7.4 - If an application for membership as a National Federation is not accepted by the WBSC Europe Executive Board or by a WBSC Europe Congress under Articles 7 and 8 hereof, the applicant may reapply prior to a subsequent WBSC Europe Congress. If the membership is not accepted a second time, then the applicant may only reapply after allowing at least one regular WBSC Europe Congress to pass.

7.5 - An applicant to be a Member from a geographic territory that does not have a recognised NOC may be admitted as a Provisional Member if it meets all the other criteria of Articles 7 and 8 of the WBSC Europe Statutes. The WBSC Europe Congress, in future, may approve other classes of Member by Special Resolution.

7.6 - For new Members, an application for membership as a National Federation shall include the following documents:

- a) A certified copy of its Statutes and Regulations.
- b) The original admission certificate of its NOC or a copy of the application for registration with the NOC. If said application is denied, it must attach a copy of the correspondence pertaining thereto. No admission certificate from a NOC is required for those applicants seeking Provisional or Associated Member status.
- c) The composition of its Board of Directors or such other governing Board as well as its members, with the position, name and addresses of all of its officers and members.
- d) A short description of the national and other competitions, activities and events organised within the country or territory for a period of three (3) years preceding the application and the 3-year plan for the future development of Baseball and/or Softball in the country or territory.
- e) The application form must include a formal statement from the applicant that it will comply with the WBSC and WBSC Europe Statutes and any WBSC or WBSC Europe resolution or directive.

ARTICLE 8. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBERS

8.1 - A Full Member in Good Standing has the following rights ("Rights"):

- a) To attend the WBSC Europe Congress;
- b) to use the services of WBSC Europe;
- c) to have the right to speak in all deliberations at the WBSC Europe Congress;
- d) to vote in all deliberations and matters submitted to the WBSC Europe Congress for a vote;
- e) to take part in WBSC and WBSC Europe sanctioned competitions for which they are eligible;
- f) to be recognised as the only Softball and/or Baseball National Governing Body of its Country by everybody, including its National Olympic Board;
- g) to do or engage in any other act to which a Member that is in Good Standing is otherwise entitled to do; and
- h) to make proposals and submit resolutions to the WBSC Europe for the consideration of the Executive Board and/or the WBSC Europe Congress.

8.2 - A Provisional Member in Good Standing has the following rights ("Rights"):

- a) to attend the Congress;
- b) to use the services of WBSC Europe;
- c) to have the right to speak, but not to vote, in all deliberations or in all matters submitted to the WBSC Europe Congress for a vote;
- d) to do or engage in any other act to which a Member that is in Good Standing is otherwise entitled to do other than those restricted by the IOC or the WBSC; and
- e) to make proposals and submit resolutions to the WBSC Europe for the consideration of the Executive Board and/or the Congress within its specific rights;

8.3 - An Associate Member in Good Standing has the following rights ("Rights"):

- a) to attend the Congress;
- b) to have the right to speak, but not to vote, in all deliberations or in all matters submitted to the WBSC Europe Congress for a vote;

8.4 - The rights of the Members are exclusive and particular to each member as an organisation and as such, these rights cannot be delegated by the Member to any other Member or others. Similarly, a Member can only exercise its rights in a WBSC Europe Congress through a delegate duly and properly appointed and authorised by the Member. A delegate so appointed and authorised by a Member may only represent and vote exclusively on behalf of that Member. A delegate may therefore represent only one Member.

8.5 - All Members are obligated to do the following ("Obligations"):

- a) to support the WBSC Europe in its efforts to achieve its objectives;
- b) to act in accordance with the decisions of the WBSC Europe and the WBSC Europe Congress;
- c) to faithfully carry out the duties and responsibilities entrusted to them, maintaining ethical principles and moral values proper to the organisation;
- d) to pay the annual fee and all other financial obligations timeously;
- e) to maintain itself as a Member in Good Standing;
- f) to inform WBSC Europe concerning the organisation of their national and other competitions, activities and events and the results of the same, and update WBSC Europe of the number of its own membership, athletes and such other information as may be required by WBSC Europe;
- g) to ensure and where necessary, amend, their own Statutes, By-Laws, Rules, Regulations and Policies so that they are consistent with the WBSC and WBSC Europe Statutes;
- h) to notify WBSC Europe of any change of name and/or in its own Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations; and
- i) to ensure that all athletes and other individuals and organisations under the jurisdiction of that Member are bound by and comply with the responsibilities and duties of the Member and with WBSC Europe Statutes.

ARTICLE 9. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

9.1 - Any matter related to disciplinary actions will be decided by the Executive Board and in accordance to either the ESF or CEB disciplinary proceedings or the WBSC Disciplinary By-Laws until such proceedings are authorized.

ARTICLE 10. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

10.1 - The membership status of a WBSC Europe Member may be forfeited on any one or more of the following grounds:

- a) By the Member's written notice of resignation from membership, addressed to WBSC Europe Headquarters.
- b) Through suspension by the WBSC Europe Executive Board for such period as the Board deems fit and proper or de-registration, after a preliminary hearing on the matter concerned.
- c) Through failure to fulfil financial obligations in a period of two (2) consecutive years, after a period of sixty (60) days from the date of receipt of the notice from WBSC Europe to pay the same, whereupon the membership issue shall be brought to the WBSC Executive Board for consideration.

10.2 - All matters relating to the termination of membership will be decided by the WBSC Executive Board and in accordance to the CEB or ESF disciplinary proceedings or the WBSC Disciplinary By-Laws save and except that decisions on the forfeiture and de-registration of membership must be endorsed at the next following WBSC Europe Congress.

CHAPTER 3 – FEES, REVENUES AND EXPENSES

ARTICLE 11. FEES, REVENUES AND EXPENSES

11.1 - WBSC Europe shall be empowered to raise funds to the maximum extent permitted by law, and by whatever means proper under these Statutes. The income and property of WBSC Europe shall be used towards the fulfilment of the Objectives as determined by the Executive Board in the proper exercise of its powers, or the management of WBSC Europe under the control of the Executive Board.

11.2 - Both the European Baseball and Softball Organizations (as defined in Article 1.3) shall be considered and treated as of equal importance and shall be allocated revenues from WBSC Europe on an equal basis for all purposes, including but not limited to operating budgets for their offices and employees, conduct of Competitions, and development of their respective sports throughout Europe. They shall jointly bear the responsibility of WBSC Europe expenses.

11.3 - The Executive Board of the WBSC Europe shall be charged with ensuring compliance with this goal.

11.4 - WBSC Europe is liable for its obligations with its assets. Such liability is limited to these assets. The liability of Members is limited to their dues.

CHAPTER 4 – ORGANISATION OF WBSC EUROPE

ARTICLE 12. ORGANISATION OF WBSC EUROPE

THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF WBSC EUROPE WILL HAVE THE CURRENT CEB AND ESF ORGANIZATIONS AS THE DIVISIONS UNTIL 2021

12.1 - WBSC Europe shall be responsible, through the respective European Organisations of Baseball (the “CEB”, Confederation of European Baseball) and Softball (the “ESF”, European Softball Federation) for the technical rules and competition supervision and organisation, and European development, respectively of the sport of Baseball and all its disciplines and the sport of Softball and all its disciplines.

12.2 - CEB and ESF are authorised and entitled to raise revenue to benefit their respective Divisions and shall create, manage and control competitions in their respective Division, provided, however, that all such competitions shall use the name of WBSC Europe and any sponsorship or third party contract to be entered into by the CEB or ESF which such reference to the WBSC Europe name or logos, or any broadcast agreement to be entered into by the Baseball or Softball Division which the use of the WBSC Europe name or logos shall be submitted to the Executive Board for its approval and such agreement shall be made by the WBSC Europe. Should the Executive Board believe that the proposed competition, the proposed sponsorship or third party contract or the proposed broadcasting contract would conflict with other WBSC Europe agreements or would reflect negatively on WBSC Europe, the WBSC Executive Board may withhold approval for the CEB or ESF.

12.3 - The following entities are established to govern and administer WBSC Europe:

- a) the Congress;
- b) the Executive Board; and
- c) such Commissions as the Executive Board may deem appropriate.

12.4 - The WBSC Europe Executive Office shall perform the administration and management of the WBSC Europe and shall report to and be responsible to the Executive Board.

ARTICLE 13. THE CONGRESS

13.1 - The Congress is the highest authority of the WBSC Europe and shall have the power to decide upon any matters arising in the WBSC Europe. Its legally-adopted resolutions, decisions and dispositions are binding on the Executive Board and its Delegate Organs, for the Member Federations, Associations or Organisations.

13.2 - The Congress shall consist of the following:

a) up to two (2) delegates for each Member Federation in Good Standing who have been appointed by the Member Federation and whose credentials are accepted by WBSC Europe ("Accredited Delegates"). A Member Federation which governs only baseball or only softball in its country shall have a single delegate; a Member Federation which governs both baseball and softball in its country may have up to two (2) delegates, one (1) for each discipline;

Notice of the Appointment of all delegates, certified in writing by the Member Federation's Presidents or Secretary they represent must be lodged with the WBSC Europe Secretary General no less than ten (10) days prior to the opening of the Congress. Only one (1) delegate representing a Member Federation for Softball and one (1) delegate representing a Member Federation for Baseball shall have one (1) vote, provided, however, if a Member Federation for both Softball and Baseball is represented by only a single delegate, such delegate shall be entitled to two (2) votes. A Member that is not in Good Standing on the date of the Congress may attend only through a non-voting representative. Accredited Delegates and non-voting representatives shall not be recognised if they are subject to a disciplinary decision that prohibits participation in a Congress. No Accredited Delegate or representative shall represent more than one (1) Member.

If a Full Member wishes to send more than the permitted voting Accredited Delegate(s), it may do so at such Member's entire own cost and expense, by registering the delegate in the Notice of Appointment. Such extra registered Delegate(s) have the right to speak, but only the permitted Accredited Delegate shall have the right to vote as previously stated. In the said Notice of Appointment, the Member Federation, Association or Organisation, the name of the voting Accredited Delegate with the right to vote, must be clearly stated and indicated. In his or her absence, the vote may be exercised by the other registered Delegates, in the order in which they appear on the Note of Appointment.

At an Ordinary Congress, Board and lodging expenses from the day prior to the start of the Congress to the day after its conclusion, for one (1) Accredited Delegate of each Member Federation (two (2) Accredited Delegates for Member Federations which govern both Baseball and Softball in their country or territory), Association or Organisation of the WBSC Europe present at the Congress throughout the duration of the same shall be at the Member Federations charge.

b) all members of the Executive Board, with the right to speak but no right to vote;

c) Provisional and Associate Members, with the right to speak but no right to vote;

d) all others whose attendance is authorised by the Executive Board, with the right to speak but no right to vote.

13.3 - The Co-Presidents shall control the conduct of a Congress ("Chair"). If neither of the Co-Presidents are available, then the Secretary General shall be the Chair. If no such person is available, the Executive Board shall elect one among them to serve as Chair.

13.4 - WBSC Europe will meet in Congress every year as the Annual General Congress in the second full week-end of February at the location decided by the Previous Annual General Congress

13.5 - Under special circumstances the Annual General Congress may decide other dates for its next meeting.

13.6 - If special circumstances require it, the Executive Board may modify the date and location of the next Annual General Congress.

13.7 - The Secretary General shall advise the exact date and location of every Congress at least three (3) months prior to the fixed date of the meeting, and the exact date and location of every Extraordinary Congress as soon as that Extraordinary Congress is validly called in conformance with Article 13.14. The Secretary General shall send an invitation to all Members, together with the agenda for the Congress and any reports as in Article 13.9 below and together with all duly submitted motions and applications at least one (1) month prior to the date fixed for the meeting.

13.8 - The Congress has a quorum if more than one-half of the eligible voting delegates are represented. If within a reasonable period after the designated start time for a Congress the Secretary General has conducted the Roll Call and established that a quorum is not present, the Congress shall be dispersed and a new date shall be set.

13.9 - The order of business of the Congress shall generally be:

- a) Roll Call and declaration of a quorum;
- b) Approval of the minutes of the previous Congress;
- c) Reports;
- d) Approval of new Members; (if any)
- e) Consideration and approval of bids;
- f) Audited Statement of Accounts;
- g) Amendments to the Statutes, the Codes or Rules;
- h) Election of Officers;
- i) Consideration whether to take up Motions under Article 13.10;
- j) Any other business; and
- k) Adjournment.

13.10 - Motions, applications and proposals for alteration of or addition to the Statutes or any Rules of WBSC Europe shall be considered only if submitted by a Member or by the Executive Board. All motions, applications, and proposals to be considered by the Congress must reach the Secretary General at least two (2) calendar months prior to the date for the Congress and must appear on the agenda given to the Members in accordance with Article 13. On a motion of urgency approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those Members present and voting, the Congress may deal with new proposals not appearing on the agenda.

13.11 - Any amendment of or addition to the WBSC Europe Statutes agreed upon by the Congress shall become effective immediately unless otherwise determined at the time of such approval.

13.12 - Any alteration of or addition to the WBSC Europe Rules and Regulations agreed upon by the Executive Board of the Divisions shall become effective immediately after the decision.

13.13 - The constitution, by-laws or articles of association and rules of CEB and ESF remain the operating documents of CEB and ESF. However, the constitution, by-laws or articles of association and rules of CEB and ESF must not conflict with those of WBSC and WBSC Europe; where there is a conflict, the WBSC Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and WBSC Europe Statutes shall prevail.

13.14 - An Extraordinary Congress may be requested by a petition signed by at least a fifth (1/5) of the current Members in Good Standing, or by the Executive Board. It shall be summoned by the Secretary General within forty-five (45) days following the appropriate request, to convene no later than ninety (90) days after receipt of the petition or the decision of the Executive Board. The Secretary General shall provide notice at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled start of the Extraordinary Congress. Within the same period of time, the Secretary General shall send the Agenda to all the Members, including the location, the time of the first session opening and notification of all the topics to be dealt with which, in any case, will be the only ones on which valid resolutions can be passed.

13.15 - The functions and responsibilities of the Congress shall be:

- a) To elect the Executive Board when elections are to be held;
- b) To suspend on justifiable grounds and/or to accept the resignation of Members of the Executive Board in accordance with the respective regulations.
- c) To be aware, analyse, and approve such resolutions, decisions and dispositions deemed appropriate on any WBSC Europe matter or anything related to it or to its objects.
- d) To analyse and decide any point submitted by the Executive Board or, by due process, by any of its affiliated members.
- e) To examine, and approve or reject the balance-sheets, financial statements and reports presented by the Treasurer and/or by the Executive Board.
- f) To establish the annual fees payable by Members to the WBSC Europe.
- g) To confer upon Members and/or individual or other organisations, such honours and awards as may be recommended by the Executive Board.
- h) Any other business or matter as may be deemed appropriate by the Congress.

ARTICLE 14. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The initial WBSC Europe Board until 2021 will be based on the following structure;

14.1 - The interim Executive Board shall be composed of the following officers

- a) Two Co-Presidents [CEB and ESF existing Co-Presidents]
- b) a Secretary General; [CEB existing Secretary General]
- c) a Treasurer; [ESF existing Treasurer]
- d) Six (6) Vice Presidents, three from each elected Board of ESF and CEB chosen by the relative Executive Committees.
- e) any other person the Co-Presidents may invite they deem appropriate for his or her knowledge in specific areas to attend meetings with the Executive Board, from time to time.

The WBSC Europe Executive Board shall hold office for a four (4) year term, with the exception that the term of the first ratified members above in 2018 will be until the elective Congress in 2021.

All members of the Executive Board must be from different Member Federations.

14.2 - All members of the Executive Board shall have a vote on matters put forth to the Executive Board. Decisions of the Executive Board shall be by simple majority and in the case of a tie the Co-Presidents will have the final decision after deliberations. Voting may be conducted remotely such as by phone, email, facsimile or other means, including signed circular resolutions and other electronic means.

14.3 - Membership on the Executive Board shall not render such member personally liable for the debts and obligations of WBSC Europe. WBSC Europe hereby indemnifies each member of the Executive Board against any liability of that member arising from the discharge of his or her duties whilst acting in good faith and honestly.

14.4 - The members of the Executive Board shall serve until their successors are elected and take office.

14.5 - Where an Executive Board member has been absent from two (2) consecutive meetings without reasons acceptable to the Executive Board, the Executive Board shall have the right to declare that such a member has forfeited his or her position. The Executive Board may then fill such vacancy in accordance with Article 14.10 (5).

14.6 - The rights and duties of the Executive Board shall include the following:

- a) to discuss and make decisions on all matters assigned to them by the Congress;
- b) to interpret and enforce the WBSC Europe Statutes;
- c) to decide and take action on any matter pertaining to the affairs of WBSC Europe;
- d) to submit proposals and motions to the Congress;
- e) to impose penalties and/or sanctions on Members and/or athletes, officials and others and/or on members of such WBSC Europe Members on valid grounds and where they fail to observe, or are in breach of, the WBSC Europe Statutes;
- f) to do everything possible to maintain harmony between its Members and to decide on disputes that might occur between, among or involving Members and/or its athletes, officials and others;
- g) to handle and decide on all matters relating to disputed competitions under the jurisdiction of the WBSC Europe;
- h) to decide on and publish administrative By-Laws, including time and manner of payment of any financial obligations;
- i) to deal with the applications for affiliation in accordance with these Statutes;
- j) to prepare the annual budget, balance sheets, financial statements and annual reports on the financial activities, duly audited, that should be approved by the next Ordinary Congress;
- k) to ratify regulations decided upon by the CEB and ESF for WBSC Europe competitions;
- l) to decide on WBSC Europe awards based on the recommendations of CEB and ESF;
- m) to make decisions in case of emergency;
- n) to establish rules of order for the meetings of the Congress, Executive Board, Commissions, etc., provided that they will not be in conflict with these Statutes;

- o) subject to consultation with CEB and ESF, to determine the dates and sites of WBSC Europe special joint competitions
- p) to provide a written report of its activities to every Congress;
- q) to approve and compile Baseball-Softball records achieved in competitions under the jurisdiction of the WBSC Europe;
- r) propose or in the proper delegation of its authority cause a Commission to propose amendments to the Statutes
- s) monitor, supervise and orient the activities of Commissions, whose members should be appointed at the Co-President's proposal and confirmation of the Executive Board;
- t) to provide a written report of its activities to every Congress;
- u) propose or in the proper delegation of its authority, cause a Commission to propose amendments to the Statutes;
- v) ensure that the decisions of a Congress are timely and properly implemented;
- w) to approve, at the Co-Presidents' proposal, the employment of the WBSC Europe Executive Office; and
- x) review materials to be presented to a Congress and, if required, approve the documents to be presented to the Congress when they are issued under its responsibility or its authority, and issue any recommendations and comments that it deems necessary;
- y) otherwise take all actions as required or necessitated by these Statutes.

14.7 - The Executive Board is not authorised to make any changes in the Statutes and/or the Codes without the approval of the Congress.

14.8 - The Executive Board shall operate as follows.

- a) The Executive Board shall meet at least three times every calendar year, which, during a year in which a Congress is held, may or may not be during the Congress, and a meeting of the Executive Board may take place in whole or in part via electronic means (a "Meeting"). Unless the Executive Board shall approve a meeting on short notice ("Extraordinary Meeting"), notice must be given not less than sixty (60) calendar days before a meeting of the Executive Board, with a request for items or information for the agenda. Any matter to be discussed at a Meeting other than an extraordinary Meeting must be received by the Secretary General at least twenty-one (21) calendar days before the Meeting. The Secretary General shall publish a written notice of such Meeting confirming the date, time, and location of the meeting, and provide agenda items and supporting documentation not less than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to each Meeting. Once a final written notice of a Meeting has been made, the Meeting may only be cancelled by majority vote of the Executive Board.
- b) A quorum of the Board shall consist of one – half of the persons then holding a position on the Board. In the absence of a quorum, the meeting may nevertheless proceed to discuss the matters on the agenda without proceeding to voting. Any decision of the Executive Board must have at least six (6) affirmative votes.
- c) The Co-Presidents shall preside at every Meeting of the Executive Board, if neither of the Co-Presidents are available then the Secretary General preside in his or her place, failing which the members of the Executive Board in attendance shall elect a chair of the meeting.
- d) The Secretary General shall take or cause to be taken the minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Board, provide draft minutes within twenty (20) calendar days after the Meeting and

publish them within thirty (30) calendar days to every Member and on the WBSC Europe web site. At every Meeting of the Executive Board, each member of the Executive Board shall declare any conflict of interest involving any matter on the agenda or otherwise discussed at the Meeting, which conflict(s) shall be recorded in the minutes. A member of the Executive Board may, with the prior written consent of the Secretary General, participate in a Meeting not called as a fully electronic meeting of the Executive Board and be present by telephonic or other means of electronic communication as long as all participants can be clearly heard. A member of the Executive Board attending a Meeting in this way shall be deemed to be present and this will not count as an absence.

- e) No member of the Executive Board shall attend by or give a proxy to another person and no vote shall be taken by or opinion expressed by proxy. A resolution shall be validly passed if adopted by a majority of members of the Executive Board present and voting. Unless otherwise agreed by the Meeting of the Executive Board in question, the minutes of that meeting, in whole or in part, shall be public.
- f) Notwithstanding the above, a member of the Executive Board may request that the Executive Board meet on an expedited basis provided that more than two-thirds of the members agree in writing to hold such a meeting ("Special Board Meeting"). The procedures in this Article, which apply to regular Meetings, shall apply to every Special Board Meeting, but the notice, agenda, and distribution requirements may be waived by vote of the Executive Board.

14.9 - The Executive Board has the power to make By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for the good functioning of the WBSC Europe;

These By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, once approved by the Executive Board, shall come into immediate effect or at such time as determined by the Executive Board.

The Congress, at its absolute discretion, may disallow a particular section, or part, or clause, of the By-Laws, Rules, Regulations upon a vote of two thirds (2/3) of Accredited Delegates present and voting at a valid Congress.

All By-Laws, Rules, Regulations, shall be advised to all Member Federations within thirty (30) days of its adoption.

14.10 -The following shall govern the removal of a Member of the Executive Board:

1. The grounds for the removal of a Member of the Executive Board are as follows:
 - a) failure to properly discharge his or her duties under these Statutes;
 - b) the conviction of a criminal offense that in his or her country would result in the imposition of a monetary fine or a term of imprisonment, or the insolvency, bankruptcy or disqualification to serve as a director of a company of such person;
 - c) the commission or omission of an act that brings WBSC Europe into disrepute; or
 - d) the incapacity of the individual involved.
2. The Member of the Executive Board subject to removal shall be timely notified of the receipt of any such motion for removal. The procedural and substantive provisions of WBSC Disciplinary By-Laws shall apply to every proceeding for a removal or suspension.
3. In the case of a removal, until the elections of 2021, the relevant Executive Committee of the removed member, CEB or ESF, shall bring forth the name of the individual who will replace the removed member. In the case of a suspension, the individual shall be suspended from all activities as regards his or her Office and may not take part in any activities or deliberations of the Executive Board, in accordance with the terms of the suspension.

4. The Executive Board shall have the authority to fill any vacancy which occurs through death or resignation of any Member of the Executive Board based on Article 14.10 (3).
5. In the case the position of a co-President of the WBSC Europe becomes vacant, the next in line of the respective organization [CEB or ESF] shall become the Acting Co-President:

ARTICLE 15. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

15.1 - Co-Presidents:

The Co-Presidents are the legal representatives of the WBSC Europe and their duties and responsibilities include:

- a) To officially represent the WBSC Europe with full powers of attorney in accordance with what is stated in these Statutes;
- b) To summon and preside the sessions of all Congresses and the Executive Board and to sign the corresponding minutes together with the Secretary General.
- c) To elaborate together with the Secretary General and the Treasurer the annual report, distributed to Members of the WBSC Europe and to record in writing and present at the Congress, all WBSC Europe activities to the end of his or her mandate.
- d) To manage and supervise the execution of the decisions of the Congress and the Executive Board, and to present to the latter such reports as may be requested.
- e) To sign all WBSC Europe's contracts with authorisation of the Executive Board.
- f) To propose to the Executive Board the appointment and hire the WBSC Europe Executive Office.
- g) To propose to the Executive Board the appointment of the Chairmen of the WBSC Europe Commissions and all their members.
- h) To propose to the Executive Board the appointment of the Tournament Director and the Jury of Appeal for each official joint or special competition of the WBSC Europe.
- i) To appoint persons to be responsible for carrying out investigations required by the WBSC Europe.
- j) To carry out such other duties and functions as may be deemed necessary under the WBSC Europe Statutes and/or as may be entrusted upon him or her by the Executive Board or Congress.

15.2 - Vice Presidents:

- a) In the absence of one of the Co-Presidents, or in the event of inability to act in a specific event, the Executive Board shall appoint one of the six (6) Vice Presidents to perform the duties of the Co-Presidents, and when so acting shall have the powers of and be subject to the restrictions upon the Co-Presidents.
- b) to provide direction for CEB and ESF; and
- c) such duties and functions as the Executive Board may deem appropriate to each of the Vice Co-Presidents.

15.3 - Secretary General:

The duties and responsibilities of the Secretary General are:

- a) To send out the relevant notices to attend the Congress and the meetings of the Executive Board.
- b) To draw up the minutes of the sessions of the Congress and the Executive Board, jointly signing them together with the Co-Presidents.
- c) To transcribe the minutes of the Congress and the Executive Board and send them in the official WBSC Europe languages to all the Members, within sixty (60) days of the end of each meeting.
- d) To receive all suggestions, requests, queries and any other business and inform the Co-Presidents accordingly and to follow up with necessary action pertaining thereto and to inform Members of the decisions and resolutions taken.
- e) To supervise the functioning and operations of the WBSC Europe Executive Office in its administrative and management functions, including the proper filing and keeping of records and documents at the WBSC Europe Headquarters.
- f) To carry out such other duties and functions as may be deemed necessary under the WBSC Europe Statutes and/or as may be entrusted upon him or her by the Executive Board or Congress.

15.4 - Treasurer:

The duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer are:

- a) To deal with all financial matters related to the WBSC Europe management, organisation and administration including formulating the necessary checks and internal audit processes and procedures.
- b) To keep the books containing all entries relating to the assets and liabilities, income and expenditures of the WBSC Europe up-to-date and ensure that the WBSC Europe accounts are audited by a competent independent audit company appointed by the Congress.
- c) To supervise the administrative and management of WBSC Europe's accounts by the WBSC Europe Executive Office, including the proper filing and keeping of all accounting books and documents up-to-date.
- d) To oversee the payment of fees by Members, and ensure due and proper communication and notification of account statements in relation thereto, including notification of annual fees due by March 31st of the corresponding year.
- e) To prepare the balance sheets and the financial statements and reports within the prescribed period and ensure that the same are sent to the Executive Board, and subsequently to Members of the Congress.
- f) To remit to the Co-Presidents monthly reports on income and expenditures and whenever the Executive Board meets.
- g) To control the financial implementation of contracts and agreements entered into by the WBSC Europe and keep the Co-Presidents informed accordingly.
- h) To control the financial and merchandising aspects of all competitions falling under the jurisdiction of the WBSC and WBSC Europe and propose to the Co-Presidents, whenever he or she deems this necessary, the appointment of a representative charged with checking the fulfilment of the financial commitments contracted with WBSC Europe by the corresponding Organising Board.
- i) Send out the vouchers relating to WBSC Europe's income and expenditures whenever necessary.
- j) To carry out such other duties and functions as may be deemed necessary under the WBSC Europe Statutes and/or as may be entrusted upon him or her by the Executive Board or Congress.

To carry out his or her duties, the Treasurer shall use the services of the WBSC Europe Executive Office.

15.5 - THE WBSC EUROPE EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

The staff are the management and administrative organ of the WBSC Europe.

THE EXISTING STATUTES AND STRUCTURE OF CEB AND ESF SHALL CONTINUE TO EXIST UNTIL 2021 AND SHALL FORM THE BASIS OF THE 2021 STRUCTURE OF DIVISIONS.

ARTICLE 16. THE COMMISSIONS

16.1 - The Executive Board has the power to create any Commission that it deems necessary for the good administration of WBSC Europe and, as applicable, the Objectives or the business of WBSC Europe.

16.2 - The Co-Presidents shall appoint and dismiss Chairpersons and members of Commissions with the approval of the Executive Board.

16.3 - Commissions act on the authority and under the supervision of the Executive Board and report to the Executive Board and the Congress, if required. Every Commission shall have terms of reference and operating procedures, which shall be approved by the Executive Board.

16.4 - The following Commissions are mandatory, shall have jurisdiction over the subject matters for which formed for both Baseball and Softball, and may only be dissolved by a two thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Executive Board:

- a) Financial Commission: acts for the internal control of the finances and budget, establishes and defines budgetary and financial guidelines, advises the Executive Board on budgetary and financial issues, on any budgetary and financial problem within the frame of the WBSC Europe on any budgetary and financial problem.
- b) Legal Commission: The Legal Commission reviews and submits recommendations or proposals by Members, proposes to the Executive Board amendments to the Statutes, By Laws, Codes, Rules and Regulations and advises the Executive Board and the General Congress on legal, discipline and associated such matters.
- c) Anti-Doping and Medical Commission: The Medical and Anti- Doping Commission advises the Executive Board on all matters relating to athlete health and anti-doping, and for implementing the WBSC Anti-Doping Code.

16.5 - Every member of a Commission shall declare any conflict of interest in connection with his or her involvement with that Commission and shall recuse himself or herself from any matter before the Commission and concerning that member or his or her National Federation.

16.6 - The Commissions shall meet whenever there is business to be transacted, all meetings being subject to the approval of the Executive Board. All Commission meetings may be held by electronic means, or in person.

16.7 - If a member of a Commission has been absent from two consecutive meetings without reasons acceptable to the Executive Board, the Executive Board shall have the right to declare that such member has forfeited his or her membership. The Executive Board shall then fill the vacancy.

16.8 - For any Commission, the Executive Board may appoint ex officio an Executive Board member or other person who shall ensure and maintain communications between the Executive Board and the Commission.

CHAPTER 5 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 17. THE INTERNATIONAL PLAY AND THE ATHLETES

17.1 – All WBSC Europe Baseball-Softball competition, match, game, tournament between teams and/or clubs that come under the jurisdiction and/or auspices of one or more Member Federations and/or comprising of one or more players that come under the jurisdiction and/or auspices of one or more Member Federations, shall come under the jurisdiction of the WBSC Europe and shall be subject to these Statutes.

17.2 - WBSC Europe Full Members are the only authorities in each country to select their National Team and have the exclusive right to represent the country or territory name, flag and colours.

17.3 - In situations whereby teams/clubs and/or players are involved in a Continental Baseball or Softball Game or Tournament in contravention of WBSC Europe Statutes, the teams/clubs and/or players, as well as the Member Federation under whose auspices they belong, may be penalised in accordance with these Statutes.

17.4 - For purposes herein, “Continental Baseball-Softball competition, match, game, tournament” means a game or a series of games of Baseball-Softball between national teams or teams representing the country or territory at any level in Europe or teams representing more than one WBSC Europe Member Federation organised in advance in a formal manner.

17.5 - Any athlete playing for his or her national team in a competition, match, game, tournament under the jurisdiction of the WBSC Europe must be nationals of the country or territory or of the Federation, Association or Organisation, which registered him or her for their national team.

17.6 - All matters relating to nationality shall be in accordance with the Tournament Regulations and with the Olympic Charter. Eligibility rules, in accordance with the Olympic Charter, are described in the tournament regulations of each WBSC Europe tournament.

ARTICLE 18. THE STATUTES AND THE TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

18.1 - These Statutes may be amended or supplemented, or rescinded and the corporation dissolved, only in a duly called and quorate meeting of a Congress and only if more than two thirds (2/3) of the Member Federations in Good Standing present and voting at such Congress vote affirmatively for such change or rescission. A copy of every proposed amendment shall be treated as a Motion to be presented before a Congress. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the Motion, every amendment shall come into effect at the close of the Congress at which such amendment was adopted.

18.2 - The Tournament Regulations of CEB and ESF respectively govern all WBSC Europe competitions. The Tournament Regulations may be adopted, amended or rescinded only by a vote of a simple majority of the respective CEB and ESF and according to their respective rules.

18.3 - Save for applicable law, the Statutes are the only governing documents of WBSC Europe.

18.4 - Every power, express or implied, for the administration of Baseball -Softball within Europe shall be vested in CEB and ESF and their respective Boards and Congresses with cooperation of the Executive Board. Each Tournament Regulation, the decision of a Commission and the action taken by a Congress or the Executive Board shall be consistent with these Statutes. In the event of any discrepancy or conflict, these Statutes shall prevail.

18.5 - The jurisdiction to consider, interpret, or resolve any dispute, interpretation or matter arising under these Statutes or between these Statutes and the respective Tournament Regulations is vested in the Executive Board, whose decision shall be final.

ARTICLE 19. DISPUTES

19.1 - Disciplinary Proceedings by National Federations:

a) WBSC Europe recognises the jurisdiction and right of a National Federation and the sports to discipline or disqualify in its own territory and its own sport any person in accordance with the rules of that National Federation or sport, in accordance with the obligations of that National Federation or sport to provide a full and fair opportunity for such person to be present, to be heard, to be represented by counsel and to appeal any such decision.

b) Subject to these Statutes, and applicable law, a National Federation shall have the right to discipline or disqualify a foreign person that, in a WBSC Europe competition sanctioned by that National Federation, violates the rules of that National Federation. After a final determination is made and a decision is made to discipline or disqualify the person, the decision shall be provided to the WBSC and WBSC Europe and the National Federation to which the person belongs. All National Federations and WBSC Europe shall abide by the final determination (if appealed, a determination is not final unless and until affirmed on appeal). Should that foreign person contest any such decision of that National Federation, that person has the right to appeal such decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport ("CAS") under the applicable rules of CAS. The decision of the CAS shall be final.

c) WBSC Europe may discipline or disqualify any person for any offense, which is a violation of these Statutes or a Code, pursuant to Article 9 of these statutes.

19.2 - Dispute Resolution:

a) A complaint seeking a disciplinary ruling may be brought by the Executive Board, any National Federation arising out of an act or omission that involves a matter under these Statutes or a Code, or arising out of a WBSC Europe competition that is not otherwise provided for in these Statutes or a Code. All complaints shall be in writing, state the matter of concern, accompanied by any supporting documentation, and a list of witnesses or other persons having information on which the complaining party wants to rely. Resolution of that complaint is be governed by Article 9 of these Statutes.

- b) A complaint for dispute resolution may not be filed with WBSC Europe unless and until all available administrative remedies provided by any other organisation with authority over such complaint are exhausted.
- c) The sole and exclusive means for dispute resolution shall be as provided for in these Statutes.

19.3 - Arbitration

- a) Any dispute against WBSC Europe, or any appeal from a decision of the WBSC Europe under Article 16 or Article 9, shall be resolved exclusively by arbitration before the CAS. No dispute or any other matter may be brought before a court.
- b) The arbitration shall be conducted in accordance with the rules of the WBSC, CAS, or pursuant to such other rules or modified rules as the parties agree. The decision of the CAS or other agreed arbitration body shall be final, binding upon the parties and non-appealable.

ARTICLE 20. DOPING CONTROL

20.1 - WBSC Europe has adopted and administers and enforces a comprehensive set of anti-doping control programs addressing both in-competition and out of competition testing ("Anti-Doping Program") in cooperation with the WBSC.

20.2 - The initial Anti-Doping Program adopted by WBSC Europe consists of the respective Anti-Doping Codes of the sports, which shall be replaced by a single unified and WADA qualified WBSC Europe Anti-Doping Code at or after the first WBSC Europe General Meeting.

20.3 - The Anti-Doping Program shall be set forth in the WBSC Europe Anti-Doping Code and given to all National Federations, the IOC, and the NOC of every National Federation.

20.4 - Any violation of the Anti-Doping Program shall result in action being taken pursuant the final determination of the hearing body and as provided under the Anti-Doping Code.

CHAPTER 6 – FINANCIAL MATTERS

ARTICLE 21. FINANCIAL MONITORING AND CONTROL

21.1 - The fiscal year of WBSC Europe is the calendar year. For each fiscal year, the Treasurer shall cause to be produced a statement of accounts. These annual statements shall be audited and certified by a Certified Public Accountant, reviewed and approved by the Executive Board.

21.2 - The statement of accounts for any year preceding a regular Congress, and for the multiple-year period since the last regular Congress, shall be sent to all Members in advance of the next scheduled regular Congress as part of the material provided by the Secretary General in accordance with Article 13.

ARTICLE 22. INCOME AND ASSETS

22.1 - WBSC Europe's income shall derive from:

- a) The Membership fees paid by all categories of Members, including new Members.
- b) The amounts payable to WBSC Europe under all contracts and agreements signed by WBSC Europe's Executive Board relating to the competitions, activities and events under WBSC Europe's jurisdiction and those derived from the participation in the same.
- c) The amounts payable under sponsorships and media/broadcast rights of all competitions, activities and events under the WBSC Europe's jurisdiction (which rights are the sole property of WBSC Europe).
- d) All income derived from grants and donations by any organisation and from all other source.
- e) Any income and payment from all sources related to the WBSC Europe's assets and properties, including WBSC Europe's brand and merchandise revenues.

22.2 - The WBSC Europe's assets consist of:

- a) The name "World Baseball Softball Confederation Europe", any publication by the WBSC Europe like Newsletters, Magazines, Yearbooks, Documentaries, etc. and the acronym «WBSC Europe» and the prevailing logos and brands of the organisation and all those that can be created in the future.
- b) The World Rankings for all categories, for instance Men's Baseball, Women's Baseball, Men's Softball and Women's Softball established by WBSC.
- c) All Official National Team Competitions that fall under WBSC Europe's jurisdiction.
- d) The WBSC Europe official competitions and tournaments and others that can be created with this character.
- e) All Official Club Competitions that fall under WBSC Europe's jurisdiction.
- f) Any logo, official look and branding related to WBSC Europe and its competitions, activities and events.
- g) The balance sheets of the current bank accounts in its name.

- h) All assets material, physical or of any other kind, personal and real estate properties, included here or created by reason of existence of the office.

22.3 - In case of dissolution the WBSC Europe assets shall be transferred to the WBSC.

ARTICLE 23. MERCHANDISING

23.1 - WBSC Europe is the sole owner of the television, licensing, merchandising and marketing rights for the official European national team and club competitions for men and women.

23.2 - A WBSC Europe Full Affiliated Member taking part in competitions organised by Multidisciplinary Sports Games, and all the competitions organised by the WBSC Europe, may use advertising brand or badges any time these correspond to what is authorised by WBSC Europe.

23.3 - The WBSC Europe reserves itself, subject to consultation with CEB and ESF, the right to establish the conditions for the use of advertising in the uniforms, or under any other form, in the Continental competitions, taking into account, whenever possible, the affiliate members' contracted commitments, these latter having requested the WBSC Europe's authorisation before contracting any commitments regarding this matter.

23.2 - The WBSC Europe is the only authorised entity for the use, with advertising or merchandising purposes, of the names, brands, logos, publications, emblems and symbols of the organisation. Any use of these must be authorised beforehand, deliberately in written, by the WBSC Europe Executive Board.

CHAPTER 7 – FINAL DISPOSITIONS

ARTICLE 24. DISSOLUTION

24.1 - The dissolution of WBSC Europe shall require a decision of the Congress by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the present voting Members.

24.2 - In the event of a dissolution of WBSC Europe, any remaining unallocated funds shall be used for any outstanding obligations, and the remainder shall revert to an institution of public utility with a similar purpose as WBSC Europe and which is tax exempted. The remainder shall neither revert to the founders nor to the Members, and not be used totally or partially in their favour or for their profits and in whatever possible manner.

Explanatory Memorandum on the Drafting of the WBSC Europe Statutes

This Joint Meeting of CEB and ESF delegates, being held after their respective congresses, is called by the Presidents and the Executive Committees of CEB and ESF, in order to propose to all Member Federations the formation of WBSC Europe and the ratification of the proposed Statutes.

Background

1. The Confederation of European Baseball (**CEB**) and the European Softball Federation (**ESF**) 2017 congresses delegated the ESF and CEB Executive Boards to examine the creation of a single Continental Confederation, "WBSC Europe"
2. The ESF & CEB have met on a number of occasions to consider the matter and have agreed to recommend to the respective ESF & CEB 2018 Congresses that WBSC Europe is created as the sole continental body for Softball and Baseball in Europe
3. The ESF & CEB Executive Boards will remain in situ through 2021 and will be responsible for the management and control of Softball and Baseball in Europe respectively.
4. A draft of the proposed Statutes for WBSC Europe has been created and will be considered at the 2018 Congresses.

Purpose

5. The purpose of this Explanatory Memorandum is to set out the key points for consideration in the in the draft Statutes before Congresses for their approval.

Articles to Note

6. **New Articles:** The Statutes of WBSC Europe have been drafted in line with the WBSC Statutes approved at the WBSC Congress in October 2017
7. **Membership:** Article 6 stipulates the criteria for Membership of WBSC Europe. All Federations currently in Membership of ESF or CEB either jointly or separately automatically become members of WBSC Europe
8. **Membership:** A new category of Associate Member has been included in Articles 6 and 7. This will allow international organisations to become Associate Members of WBSC Europe, where Associate Members have a right to attend, but not vote at, Annual General Meetings or Congresses.
9. **Article 8: Membership Rights:** Article clearly stipulates the rights afforded to members of WBSC Europe

10. **Article 10: WBSC Europe Revenues:** Article 10 outlines that the ESF and CEB shall be considered and treated as of equal importance and be allocated revenues from WBSC Europe on an equal basis for all purposes. In other words, the standing of both Baseball and Softball is equal in WBSC Europe and any revenues received by WBSC are to be for the benefit of the Baseball Division and the Softball Division equally.
11. **Article 12: Organisation of WBSC Europe:** WBSC Europe shall be responsible, through the respective European Organisations of Baseball (the “CEB”, Confederation of European Baseball) and Softball (the “ESF”, European Softball Federation) for the technical rules and competition supervision and organisation, and European development, respectively of the sport of Baseball and all its disciplines and the sport of Softball and all its disciplines. What this means is that for transitional purposes until 2021 the ESF and CEB will continue to function as previously with regards to administering the day to day management of Softball and Baseball in Europe
12. **Article 12.3:** The WBSC Europe will be governed and administered by a) a Congress; b) the Executive Board; c) Such commissions deemed appropriate by the Executive Board
13. **Article 13: Congresses:** Noting that the first General Meeting (Congress) is to be held in 2018. Article 13 further stipulates timing, voting, and attendee rights.
14. **Article 13: Membership and Voting Rights:** The membership and voting rights grant one (1) vote each for a Baseball and Softball Country Member (i.e. a total of two per country) whether or not a combined Federation and whether or not a single delegate.
15. **Article 13: Co-President: For transitional purposes to 2021** the two Co-Presidents will chair the Congress and the Executive Board.
16. **Article 13: Membership of Executive Board:** The Articles provide for the following membership of the Executive Board for transitional purposes through to 2021:
 - a. Two Co- Presidents [CEB and ESF existing Co- Presidents]
 - b. a Secretary General; [CEB existing Secretary General]
 - c. a Treasurer; [ESF existing Treasurer]
 - d. Six (6) Vice Presidents, three from each elected Board of ESF and CEB chosen by the relative Executive Committees.
 - e. any other person the Co- Presidents may invite they deem appropriate for his or her knowledge in specific areas to attend meetings with the Executive Board, from time to time.

The WBSC Europe Executive Board shall hold office for a four (4) year term, with the exception that the term of the first ratified members above in 2018 will be until the elective Congress in 2021.

All members of the Executive Board must be from different Member Federations

17. **Article 14.8: Executive Board Operation:** The article stipulates how the Executive Board of WBSC Europe will operate
18. **Article 15:** The existing statutes and structure of ESF and CEB shall continue to exist until 2021 and shall form the basis of the 2021 structure of divisions.
19. **Article 16 Commissions:** The Executive Board has the power to create any Commissions it deems necessary for the good administration of WBSC Europe.

Proposed Resolution: The ESF and CEB General Meeting (Congress) **RATIFIES** and **ADOPTS** the Statutes tabled at this meeting.

Dated: January 2018

