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ROLL OF HONOUR

Pacific Mini Games Baseball (MNP) 16 - 24 June



- 1 MNP
- 2 GUM
- 3 PLW
- 4 FJI
- 5 SLB

Congress (TPE) 4 - 5 July



World Games Women's Softball (USA) 9 - 13 July



- 1 USA
- 2 JPN
- 3 TPE
- 4 AUS
- 5 PUR
- 6 CAN
- 7 ITA
- 8 MEX

U-12 Baseball World Cup (TPE) 29 July - 7 August



- 1 USA
- 2 VEN
- 3 TPE
- 4 DOM
- 5 KOR
- 6 MEX
- 7 JPN
- 8 PAN
- 9 CZE
- 10 ITA
- 11 RSA

Blind Baseball International Cup (NED) 20 - 21 August



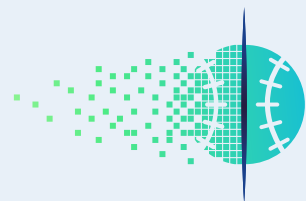
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- 5 NED
- 6 FRA

U-15 Baseball World Cup (MEX) 26 August - 4 September



- 1 USA
- 2 CUB
- 3 TPE
- 4 JPN
- 5 PUR
- 6 PAN
- 7 MEX
- 8 VEN
- 9 COL
- 10 CZE
- 11 FRA
- 12 GUM
- 13 RSA

Virtual Cup 1 September - 27 November



- 1 KIMHWANHEES님의 팀 (KOR)
- 2 TACOS AL PASTOR (MEX)
- 3 BASH BROTHERS (USA)
- 4 웰카지님의 팀 (KOR)
- 5 민병스쿨님의 팀 (KOR)
- 6 GANGNEUNG님의 팀 (KOR)
- 7 김현옥김광모님의 팀 (KOR)
- 8 KLC (KOR)
- 9 西内 (JPN)
- 10 야구여신 (KOR)
- 11 구운뎃친구님의 팀 (KOR)
- 12 BAEKRYU님의 팀 (KOR)

U-18 Baseball World Cup (USA) 9 - 18 September



- 1 USA
- 2 TPE
- 3 JPN
- 4 KOR
- 5 NED
- 6 MEX
- 7 BRA
- 8 PAN
- 9 AUS
- 10 ITA
- 11 CAN
- 12 RSA

U-23 Baseball World Cup (TPE) 13 - 23 October



- 1 JPN
- 2 KOR
- 3 TPE
- 4 MEX
- 5 COL
- 6 AUS
- 7 VEN
- 8 NED
- 9 PUR
- 10 CUB
- 11 GER
- 12 RSA

Baseball5 World Cup (MEX) 7 - 12 November



- 1 CUB
- 2 JPN
- 3 TPE
- 4 VEN
- 5 MEX
- 6 TUN
- 7 RSA
- 8 KEN
- 9 FRA
- 10 KOR
- 11 LTU
- 12 HKG

Men's Softball World Cup (NZL) 26 November - 4 December



- 1 AUS
- 2 CAN
- 3 USA
- 4 ARG
- 5 CUB
- 6 VEN
- 7 JPN
- 8 NZL
- 9 CZE
- 10 PHI
- 11 RSA
- 12 DEN

U-12 Mixed Softball World Cup (TPE) 7 - 11 December



- 1 TPE
- 2 CZE
- 3 SGP
- 4 HKG
- 5 IND



President's Message

Dear colleagues, dear friends,

When I look back over what has been a very successful and busy 12 months, I am filled with a sense of pride and major achievement, especially considering the full calendar of events we managed to stage, complete with fans in the stands.

The year 2022 has certainly been an historic one for our International Federation as it saw the celebration of three very important and new WBSC events - the first Baseball5 Senior World Cup in Mexico and the first Virtual Cup with the final in Seoul as well as the inaugural Blind Baseball International Cup. Three events that had great success and further increased the engagement and participation with baseball and softball around the world.

The Baseball5 World Cup in particular was amazing, surpassing even my highest expectations. This fast-paced, dynamic and youth-orientated sport

has won the hearts and minds of so many and opened the door to many more to engage with our sport. Three African nations featured for the first time in a WBSC World Cup while my congratulations to Tunisia as well for making its WBSC World Cup debut in Mexico and becoming the 79th nation/territory and ninth African nation to feature in a WBSC event.

We are of course looking forward to Baseball5's debut at the Youth Olympic Games 2026 in Dakar as well as the first-ever WBSC Youth Baseball5 World Cup in 2023, which will celebrate a combination of sport and education in a festival setting to help inspire future generations.

Always prioritising youth engagement, I was pleased to take our first steps on our eSports journey in 2022, with a dedicated eSports strategy including partnerships with leading companies in the industry and the staging of the inaugural eSports event - the WBSC Virtual Cup - with our partner Newdin. With a record 8,146 entries, this dynamic and groundbreaking event was a perfect illustration of how the WBSC is adapting and innovating to reach new audiences and create new opportunities for people to engage with baseball and softball.

Our impressive events calendar, as well as the multi-sport events where baseball and softball are featured, demonstrate the worldwide popularity of our sport and how it adds important value and global appeal to the sporting landscape. It also reinforces our case for baseball and softball to be on the Olympic programme for LA28. Softball was so successful during The World Games, that the WBSC is confident that men's Softball can be added in the next edition of The World Games, which will be staged in Chengdu, China in 2025.

Of course, 2022 provided the opportunity for us to be together for the first time since the pandemic at the WBSC Congress in Taipei City. There, I had the honour of being re-elected as President of the WBSC for the 2022-2029 term and having passed many milestones in my first term, I am incredibly excited and enthusiastic about the journey ahead. So, thank you for placing your trust in me again as we continue to take our sport to new levels and explore new opportunities.

The WBSC 2022-28 Strategic Plan is a key tool in this process. Aligned with the IOC's

Olympic Agenda 2020+5, it will guide our united efforts to strengthen baseball/softball globally while ensuring we lead the sport with integrity and focus.

We must now reflect and think not only about 2023 but also make a careful analysis of the long-term objectives that we must achieve, without being afraid to change what is no longer suited to today's reality. The world has changed radically due to the pandemic, the economy has suffered and is deeply affected by it. Habits and ways of working have changed and therefore perhaps we too are involved in this process of change. We must keep this in mind to continue to be at the forefront and know how to anticipate changes (as opposed to reacting to them) as we have done so far with impressive results for the development of baseball/softball.

Let's build the future of our sport together, leaving a legacy for future generations we can all be proud of.

Yours sincerely,

Riccardo **Fraccari**



Secretary General Message

After the challenges faced by all of sport in 2020 and 2021, there was much to celebrate in 2022 as baseball and softball returned to a full year of competition, wowing fans in all corners of the globe. The athletes could once again take centre stage, showcasing sporting excellence and why baseball and softball are among the most dynamic, exciting and loved sports in the world.

We were, of course, able to gather this year in Taipei City for the WBSC Congress. There, we took key decisions for the future of our sport. It was

also an honour to be re-elected as Secretary General by the global baseball and softball family. The trust placed in me is humbling and only energises my commitment to raising the bar even higher for our sport.

Of course, in 2022, we unveiled our new 2022-2028 Strategic Plan, which builds on the WBSC's existing nine goals to help ensure we are all developing in the same direction as we grow baseball/softball globally.

The WBSC has made transparency, good governance and protecting clean and safe sport key priorities. Through the work of the Integrity Unit, we continue to align with best practices, while also innovating to ensure we are always protecting fair play both on and off the field of play.

We do all of this to ensure that the athletes, who are the heart and soul of our sport, have the opportunity to display sporting excellence on a fair and clean field of play.

Safeguarding, another critical topic for sport, was also further strengthened as Athletes Commission members Randolph Oduber

and Erika Polidori, and Commission liaison Amy Park became certified IOC Safeguarding Officers.

Our commitment to safeguarding is enshrined in the WBSC Statutes and in everything we do. We aim to ensure the right of athletes to compete and train without fear of discrimination, harassment and abuse – all of which have no place in sport or society.

In 2022, we continued to work tirelessly to grow and develop baseball and softball worldwide, and great strides were made on the field of play as we returned to a full calendar of events, as well as off the field in our governance. Both sides are intrinsically linked, with one only growing and improving alongside the other.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the global baseball and softball community, particularly the athletes and our members. It is only through a combined effort that we can keep elevating the sport even higher.

Yours sincerely,
Beng Choo Low

2022 IN FOCUS

WBSC highlights progress made in the last year

The year 2022 was an historic one for the WBSC with new projects launched both on and off the field.

It was a year filled with many achievements by the World Baseball Softball Confederation and was headlined by the re-election of Riccardo Fraccari as WBSC President for the 2022-2029 term at the WBSC Congress in Taipei City and the return to a full events calendar with new tournaments also adding a special gloss to an action-packed year.

In addition to the U-12, U-15, U-18 and U-23 Baseball World Cups and the Men's and U-12 Mixed Gender Softball World Cups, the first-ever editions of the Blind Baseball International Cup, the Virtual Cup and the extremely successful, Baseball5 World Cup featured in 2022.

Furthermore, having baseball and softball also showcased in multi-sport events like the Pacific Mini Games and The World Games – where there were record attendance numbers at the 2022 for softball - is crucial in helping to boost National Federation

programmes and increasing vital support from the National Olympic Committees. These multi-sport events, including the Asian Games in Hangzhou, China and the Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile in 2023, demonstrate the worldwide popularity of baseball and softball and how our sport and our athletes add important value and global appeal to these events.

Not only was the Baseball5 World Cup one of the highlights of the year with its major media coverage and new athletes and new teams participating on the global stage but eSports also made major headlines with a record number of entries to the first-ever Virtual World Cup while sport for all was celebrated with the first-ever Blind Baseball International Cup in Beek, the Netherlands, which awarded the winner with the first-ever WBSC braille trophy.

New members - Bhutan, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Laos, Saudi Arabia, Tonga and the Babe Ruth League – were welcomed to the WBSC family at the WBSC Congress, while the WBSC 2022-28 Strategic Plan

was unveiled earlier as a key tool for the WBSC's continuous drive for growth and sustainable development.

IV CONGRESS OVERVIEW

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The fourth WBSC Congress, held from 2 to 5 July in Taipei City, marked the time when the baseball and softball community could get back together in person after two tough years.

“Virtual meetings helped to cope with the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic,” said WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari on the eve of the Congress, “but people simply needed to see each other in person again.”

It also marked the occasion to celebrate a successful return to the Olympic programme.

“The WBSC and all your athletes played an essential part in writing this Olympic history in Tokyo,” said IOC President Thomas Bach in a statement. “Therefore, please accept my heartfelt thanks for your invaluable contribution to the success of these Olympic Games.”

The Congress confirmed that among the 144 voting delegates, Riccardo Fraccari

received 100 to confirm his position as President until 2028. “I am very honoured to be elected as WBSC President for a second mandate,” commented Fraccari. “The international baseball and softball family has made some incredible achievements in my first term and I’m looking forward to continuing the exciting journey we have ahead of us.”

Fraccari will serve through 2024 as the Baseball Division President. Craig Cress (USA) was elected Softball Division President.

The 2022 Congress welcomed six new members: Bhutan, Bulgaria, Cape Verde, Laos, Saudi Arabia and Tonga, bringing the total number of WBSC Member Federations to 185 plus eight Provisional Members (72 Baseball Federations, 64 Softball Federations and 57 Baseball and Softball Combined Federations).

The Congress also approved the Babe Ruth League as the newest Associate Member, bringing the total to 14.

During the Congress, the WBSC awarded the Order of Honour to former International Baseball Federation President Robert Smith (1936-2021), former Los Angeles Dodgers owner and international baseball advocate Peter O’Malley and former WBSC Vice President Tom Peng.

The Order of Honour represents the highest award given to those people who have rendered exceptional services to baseball/ softball and their outstanding merits for the development of our sport.

During the Congress, the Baseball Federation of Asia (BFA) elected Jeffrey Koo (TPE) their new President, while Softball Asia confirmed WBSC Secretary General Beng Choo Low as President. Albert Frimpong (Ghana) became the new President of WBSC Africa.





BASEBALL OVERVIEW

Four World Cups headline
international baseball's
return to normality

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The World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) awarded four Baseball world titles in 2022, three to the United States, who were victorious in the U-12, U-15 and U-18 age categories, and the fourth to Japan, who were crowned U-23 champions.

Following the forced hiatus for much of sport, 2022 saw the welcome return of a full calendar of international baseball events featuring four World Cups. The U-12 and U-23 Baseball World Cups were hosted by Taiwan, the U-15 edition took place in Mexico, while the United States staged the U-18 competition. All events were streamed live on the WBSC’s new and improved GameTime OTT platform.

VI U-12 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

The season opened in Tainan, Taiwan on 29 July with the [U-12 Baseball World Cup](#), which was originally due to be held in 2021.

The United States defeated Venezuela in the final, [10-2](#), and claimed their fourth U-12 world title, hitting four home runs in the World Championship game, resulting in a grand

total of 27 home runs in the tournament. The USA’s Colin Anderson, the tournament MVP, made headlines as he drove a home run 430 feet (131 metres) from home plate, reportedly the longest home run in the history of the U-12 Baseball World Cup.

The hosts, Chinese Taipei, beat the Dominican Republic, [9-5](#), to claim the bronze medal.

During the Chinese Taipei-Italy game on 2 August, three out of four members of the umpiring crew were women. Minseo Kim from Korea was the home plate umpire, while Japan’s Kana Wada and Kyoko Matsumoto worked at first and second base, respectively.

The VI U-12 Baseball World Cup was the first event streamed live through the new [GameTime platform](#).

V U-15 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

Just over a month later, the US added to their tally of titles by defeating Cuba, [4-3](#), on 4 September in a classic final in the [U-15 Baseball World Cup](#) at Estadio Sonora in Hermosillo, Mexico.

Including the U-16 Baseball World Cup results, it marked the seventh title in the age bracket for the US.

The activation of COVID-19 protocols [resulted in the cancellation of the third-place game](#) and the bronze medal was awarded to Chinese Taipei.

XXX U-18 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

The United States topped off a highly successful 2022 with a win on home soil at the [XXX U-18 Baseball World Cup](#) to celebrate their 10th world title in the age bracket. They beat Chinese Taipei in the final played on 18 September at Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota, Florida, [5-1](#).

The USA’s Bryce Eldridge homered to break the score open in the seventh and then made it to the mound to close the game. Eldridge earned MVP honours.

Inclement weather made the completion of the tournament a challenge. The United States and Japan finished the last Super Round game 45 minutes before the World Championship.

IV U23-BASEBALL WORLD CUP

The final baseball event of the 2022 season began on 13 October in Taipei City and Taichung. The [IV U-23 Baseball World Cup](#) was also plagued by bad weather as a typhoon hit the shores of Taiwan and forced the cancellation of two entire days of games in Taipei.

An outstanding organising effort by the WBSC and the Chinese Taipei Baseball Association, with the collaboration of the participating national teams, saw five games moved from Taipei City to Dou Liou. This effort ensured that the tournament concluded on time.

On 23 October, Japan defeated Korea in the final at Tianmu Stadium in Taipei City, [3-0](#). A three-run home run by second baseman Masashi Maruyama in the bottom of the third represented all the run production of the game.

Chinese Taipei beat Mexico in the bronze medal game, [3-1](#).

Japan’s closer Ryusei Gonda earned MVP honours.



SOFTBALL OVERVIEW

Men's and women's softball world champions crowned in the same year for the first time in history

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In 2022 both the men’s and women’s softball world titles were awarded in the same year for the first time in history. The women won their title at the [The World Games softball](#) competition in Birmingham, Alabama, USA, while the men won theirs at the [XVII WBSC Men’s Softball World Cup](#) in Auckland, New Zealand, after three years of no play. The final softball event of the year was the [II WBSC U-12 Mixed Softball World Cup](#).

THE WORLD GAMES

On 13 July 2022, the USA clinched The World Games gold medal after a **3-2** win over Japan in the final, winning not only the gold medal, but also retaining the women’s softball world title. Janae Jefferson`s bases-clearing double in the bottom of the second inning was the game-winning play for the US Women’s National Softball Team in the final of The World Games 2022 in Birmingham, Alabama.

[Haylie McCleney was named the Most Valuable Player \(MVP\) of The World Games 2022](#) softball competition. The local outfielder hit .553 with 4 runs and 5 RBI as the USA’s everyday leadoff hitter.

Chinese Taipei earned the bronze medal in the competition, behind a superb performance of young ace Hsia-Ai Ke, beating Australia, **6-0**, in the bronze medal game. This was Chinese Taipei’s first podium at a world championship level in 20 years and third overall. They finished third in the 2002 Women’s Softball World Championship and runner-up in 1982 on home soil.

RECORD ATTENDANCE

The softball competition was the most attended event in The World Games 2022, with a record-breaking 50,755 tickets allocated, representing 13.45% of the total tickets in The World Games. Softball also had the most tickets sold to the public, with 11,449 (9.87% of the total tickets sold). Softball led all sports in tickets sold to sponsors with 39,306 (15.03% of the total).

The gold medal game between the USA and Japan drew [the highest attendance of The World Games 2022](#) with more than 10,000 spectators flocking to Hoover Met Stadium to witness the USA’s victory over Japan.

A PERFECT GLIMPSE OF MUCH-EXPECTED OLYMPIC SOFTBALL RETURN AT LA28

The World Games in Birmingham, Alabama, US, as a prestigious multi-sport event, represented a glimpse of how a possible return to the Olympic Games for Los Angeles 2028 would be for softball athletes. It was inevitable that everyone started thinking about this opportunity.

“We’re positive softball is going to be at the Los Angeles Olympics,” said Mexican Olympian Stefania Aradillas, who experienced the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 and found some similarities in Birmingham. “Softball puts on a great show, fills stadiums, is a familiar sport and is extremely competitive, with every country playing at the same level. We deserve to be there.”

Australia’s Ellen Roberts, an Olympian who competed in the Tokyo 2020 Games, said, “Alabama offered new players the opportunity to understand what it’s like to be at a multi-event, especially as being with athletes from different sports and countries is similar to the Olympic experience.” However, Roberts recognised that playing





in the Olympic Games, for softball, is “the biggest event you can play as a softball player. It means everything to us. Being back in the LA28 Olympic Games would give girls and boys another opportunity to compete for their country on a world stage,” she said.

XVII WBSC MEN’S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP

Fourth-ranked Australia produced an outstanding performance to beat four-time winners and world No. 3 Canada **5-2** to claim the WBSC Men’s Softball World Cup in Auckland, New Zealand. As they had done all week, the Australians got off to a fast start with two runs in the first inning and never let the powerful Canadian team back into the contest, with a brilliant Jack Besgrove in the circle.

After a fantastic performance throughout the tournament, Australia’s Marshall Kronk was named the **WBSC Men’s Softball World Cup Most Valuable Player (MVP)**.



Five-time winners USA claimed third place with a **2-0** victory over defending champions Argentina to bag their first World Cup podium in over two decades.

II U-12 MIXED SOFTBALL WORLD CUP

Hosts Chinese Taipei won back-to-back WBSC U-12 Softball World Cup titles after beating the Czech Republic in the final of the second edition while Singapore claimed the bronze medal against Hong Kong.

Chinese Taipei’s pitcher Yuan-Tsi Tien was named the **II WBSC U-12 Mixed Softball World Cup Most Valuable Player (MVP)** after pitching the complete game in the World Championship final, leading his team to a second consecutive U-12 Softball World Championship.

BASEBALL5 OVERVIEW

Baseball5 makes history
with first World Cup at El
Zocalo, Mexico City

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The year 2022 will go down in the baseball/softball history books as the year of the inaugural **WBSC Baseball5 World Cup**. Over 2,000 fans witnessed history in the making as Cuba walked away with the gold medal after defeating Japan in the final, **2-0 (9-1,6-2)**.

I BASEBALL5 WORLD CUP

It was a memorable event, not only due to what took place on the field, but also what it meant for the sport of Baseball5 and for baseball and softball. There were many innovations and historic moments throughout the first-ever mixed-gender discipline for the WBSC, including the three teams from Africa competing for the first time in a WBSC World Cup event – Kenya, South Africa and Tunisia, while Lithuania beat Japan in pool play, an extremely rare occurrence in traditional baseball and softball.

It was the first time two MVP awards - to a male and a female - and a Social MVP were presented at a WBSC tournament. Tunisia made its debut in a WBSC World Cup and was the 79th nation/territory (the ninth from

Africa) to feature in World Cup history. “I was struck by just how special and important this milestone event was. It was a moment we had been building towards for a very long time, since Baseball5’s launch in 2017,” commented WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari.

Since the beginning of the Baseball5 World Cup qualification phase, it was clear to see this groundbreaking tournament was going to change the mould.

The Baseball5 African Championship had a record 10 participating national teams in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania where South Africa beat Kenya in the final, with Tunisia earning a bronze medal. Add in the nine teams from Asia and the 14 European nations that participated in qualifiers in a hotel and a gymnasium, respectively, and the Baseball5 mantra #PlayEverywhere proved to be right on the mark.

BASEBALL5 POPULARITY

From its origins in the backstreets of Cuba, to being recognised and approved by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Executive Board for the Youth Olympic Games

Dakar 2026, these milestones continue to highlight Baseball5’s global popularity. Not only is the five-on-five, urban version of baseball/softball enjoying considerable success in countries that have long-time traditions in bat and ball sports, it is also proving an exceptional development tool, where equipment and space have potentially been barriers for some countries to engage in baseball and softball to a significant level in the past.

Baseball5 featured in a Memorandum of Understanding signed in February by the Federations of Palestine and Saudi Arabia. And in March, the Softball Association of Malaysia launched a development programme to take the discipline to schools, with Baseball5 proving to be a convenient tool to kickstart grassroots programmes in countries where baseball/softball dedicated venues are not available.

The Cape Verde Olympic Committee announced the introduction of the street version of baseball/softball in April, while in [Kenya](#) and [Zimbabwe](#) Baseball5 brought together the baseball and the softball governing bodies in each country to launch

a joint programme to field the national teams. The Association of National Olympic Committees of Africa (ANOCA), for one, is a strong believer that Baseball5 can not only be taught as an independent discipline, but also boost the promotion of baseball and softball on the continent.

Meanwhile, for the first time in Japan, Baseball5 will become a curricular activity at Oberlin University in Machida, Tokyo in 2023. The Baseball5 course will consist of 14 classes in each semester at the School of Health and Welfare and will be run by Associate Professor Kenta Wakamatsu who led the Baseball5 showcase at the Tokyo 2020 Fan Park and served on Japan’s coaching staff at the inaugural WBSC Baseball5 World Cup in Mexico.

The WBSC made a significant move in 2022 to support the continued development of Baseball5 by publishing the [Baseball5 Rule Book and Tool Kit](#) in multiple languages.

This was a move which clearly shows this is a sport with a bright future and an amazing journey ahead.

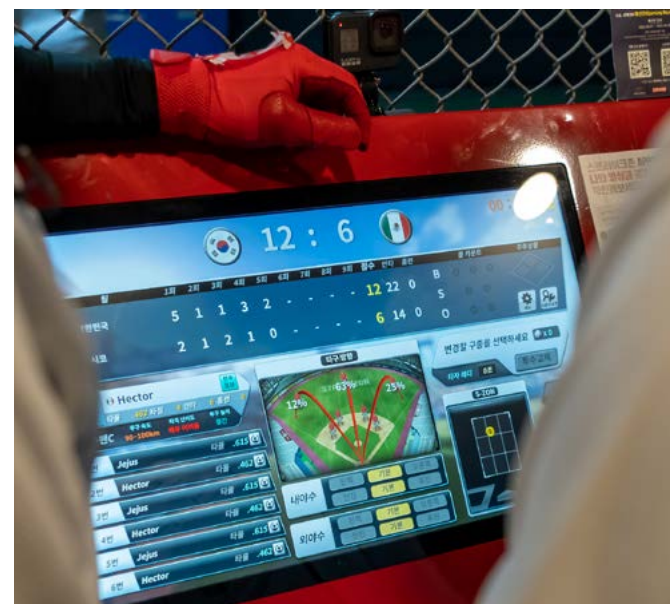


ESPORTS OVERVIEW

Virtual Cup success
strengthens WBSC
commitment to eSports

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The Virtual Cup marked a significant milestone in the WBSC’s event portfolio, becoming its first eSports competition. Taking place across four different countries - Korea, Japan, Mexico and the United States - a total of 8,146 entries were received to compete in the tournament, making it the most participated WBSC event in history.

The Opening Round of the groundbreaking event ran for the entire month of September before 12 teams participated in the Virtual Cup Finals on 27 November. Kimhwanhee님의 팀 of Korea beat Tacos al Pastor of Mexico 18-

12 in the final at Strikezon in Bundang-Yatap in Seoul.

“Congratulations to the winners, all the 8.000 plus participants, and everyone who contributed to the success of the first WBSC Virtual Cup,” WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari said after the finals. “I’m really excited about the future of our eSports programmes.”

ESports has been a discipline of baseball/softball since December 2020, while the formal integration into the WBSC Statutes came during the WBSC Congress in July 2022.

In 2021, the WBSC was one of five International Federations invited by the IOC to participate in the inaugural and highly successful Olympic Virtual Series (OVS). At the end of that year, following the success of the OVS, President Fraccari emphasised the importance of eSports for the global baseball and softball community.

“Following the IOC’s lead and building off our successful debut at the Olympic Virtual Series, the WBSC will look to expand its

presence in the eSports space, helping to unite, develop and serve a global community of potentially millions of baseball and softball gamers,” President Fraccari said.

The Virtual Cup in 2022 did exactly that, attracting interest from around the world as the WBSC, partnered with Korea-based Newdin and its ‘Strikezon’ state-of-the-art technology, which were installed at venues around the world as a virtual field of play, to launch the WBSC’s first-ever eSports competition.

The event was an immediate success when it launched on 1 September with \$10,000 in prize money and a new logo, which was themed on baseball and softball, with digital elements representing the speed of the ball mixed with technology. There were also digital trophies and medals in NFT format, thanks to an historic deal with Leverade, in addition to the traditional winners’ medals and trophies.

Gold Ball Park, based in Seoul, Korea, became the Official Equipment and Apparel Supplier,

supplying high-quality, high-performance equipment and apparel, including uniforms for the WBSC Virtual Cup players and tournament officials, special prizes for the winner and the official bat, the **Impact**.

Hwanhee Kim and Chungyong Kim were the lucky winners on 27 November with Chungyong Kim being awarded the MVP title and receiving a special edition baseball glove from Oh Ji-hwan, the Korean shortstop at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

“We did our best in every single game, which led us to the great final result. We feel great!” the two Kims said, adding that for the \$10,000 prize money they would: “Split it first, and buy some baseball equipment that we need. We want to give some to our parents. Also, travel together.”

It’s all about growing the game of baseball and softball and the inaugural WBSC Virtual Cup surely did that.

TV & MARKETING

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PARTNERSHIPS

The main focus for 2022 was to build on the excellent progress of 2021 and to increase the awareness and commercial value of WBSC’s properties with a focus on expanding the event’s broadcasting distribution and looking for partners and sponsors to support WBSC’s commercial efforts.

One of the most important moments of 2022 was the launch of the full functioning and WBSC owned OTT platform, Gametime. Gametime.sport was launched in July, featuring all WBSC events through a paywall, and attracted many subscribers and paying customers from around the world to watch WBSC baseball and softball events.

The WBSC’s in-house marketing agency BASE was able to maintain negotiations and partnership with large and important TV networks that broadcasted WBSC events in countries like USA, Japan, Mexico, Venezuela, New Zealand, among others, including a key partnership with Megacable as the host broadcaster of the first ever Baseball5 World Cup in Mexico City.

The WBSC and BASE were also able to announce the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Konami Digital Entertainment to develop and create a new baseball video game and a new eSport international competition. This partnership, together with Newdin and MGO, solidified WBSC’s eSports strategy, which was able to focus on the growth of the WBSC eSports program. The first edition of the Virtual Cup opened a new era of baseball and softball for fans to participate in WBSC events, all supported by our partners Newdin and other media and sponsors in Korea.

Meanwhile, companies such as Synergy Sports from Sportsradar and equipment suppliers like SSK, Mizuno and Decathlon kept their partnerships with WBSC while some partners were also added to our roster of clients and sponsors.



MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

WBSC on social media,
creating a stronger
presence

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A year full of action with baseball and softball events, the debut of Baseball5 on the international stage and the WBSC’s first eSports global event provided the perfect opportunity to strengthen the organisation’s social media presence.

The first full year of baseball, softball and Baseball5 events since the pandemic helped to create a stronger social media presence for the WBSC.

After expanding the organisation’s social media horizons in 2021 by launching new platforms, the WBSC took steps to create an even stronger bond with fans in 2022 across these platforms, while doing the same on the traditional ones.

With almost the whole WBSC environment in action during 2022 with four Baseball World Cups, three softball World Championship titles awarded, the maiden edition of the Baseball5 World Cup and the Blind Baseball International Cup, as well as the debut of the Virtual World Cup, the WBSC’s social media channels saw

incredible growth, surpassing 990,000 followers.

The hottest social media platform for the WBSC during 2022 was **TikTok**. Having started the year with 4,500 followers, it exploded to an incredible 40,000 followers 12 months later, representing a near 800% increase. The video-based platform proved to be most popular with younger audiences, while the most successful post of the year came from the Baseball5 World Cup, a presentation of the discipline’s greatest player - Cuba’s Briandy Molina.

Facebook remains the biggest WBSC social media presence, with a following that surpassed 573k people, representing a 9% growth from 2021. One of the milestones for WBSC social media during 2022 was the **@WBSC Twitter** account, surpassing 100,000 followers.

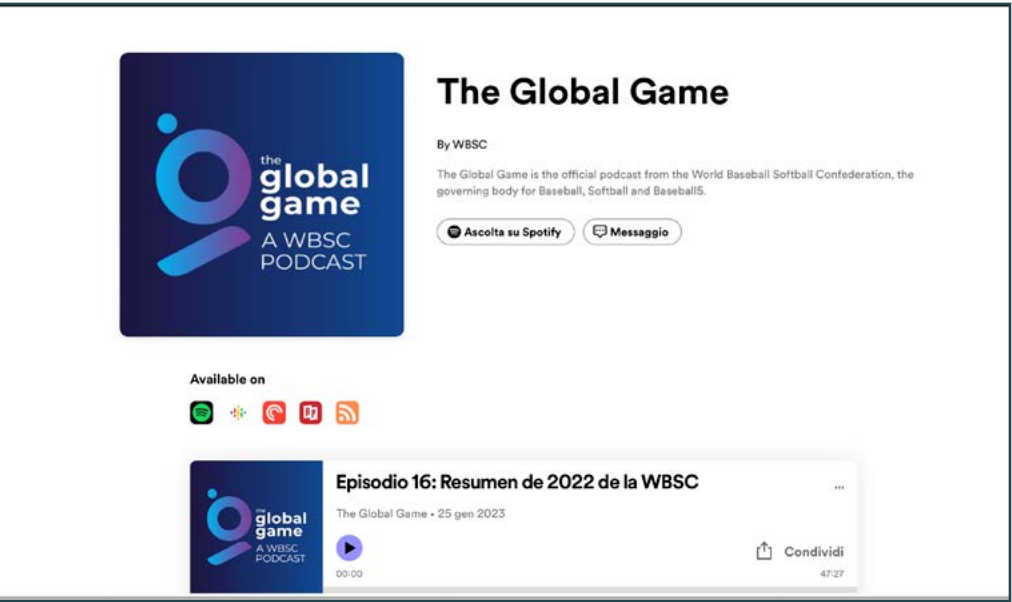
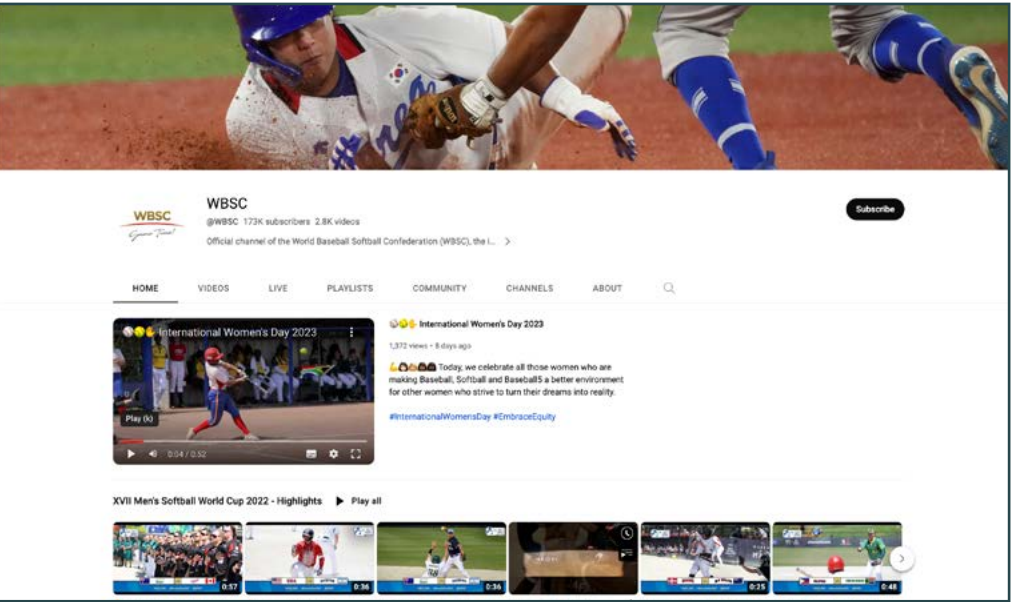
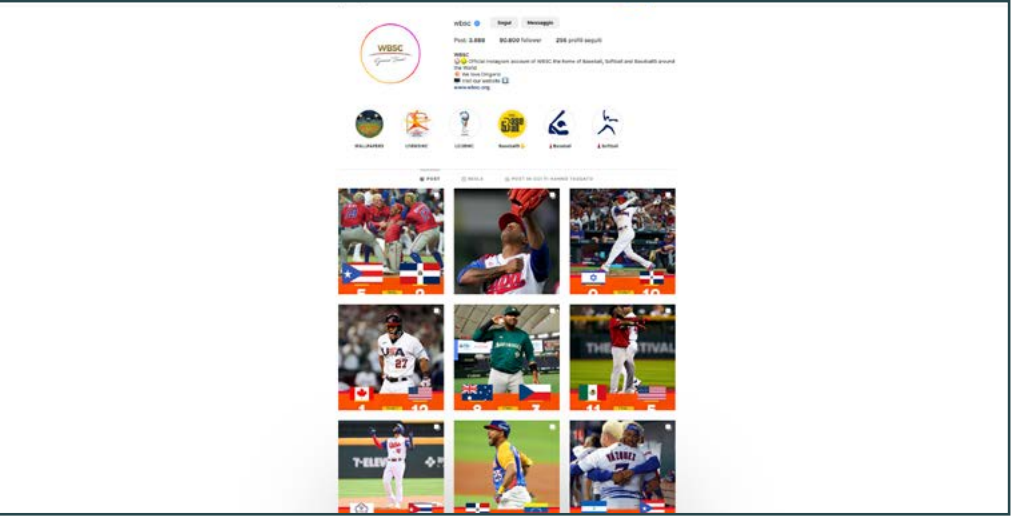
Instagram proved to have the highest engagement of all the WBSC social media platforms. In March, the most successful content on this platform reached 2.6 million

views. The @WBSC Instagram account also maintained its impressive growth, with a 25% increase to reach the 84k followers mark.

YouTube kept its growing pace from 2021, with 20,000 new subscribers, representing a 13% increase on the channel that allows our fans to watch and enjoy highlights from WBSC tournaments. Live streaming and games on demand were available on the WBSC’s OTT channel - **GameTime**.

The Global Game, the WBSC official podcast, kept growing during 2022, with stars such as new baseball sensation Genevieve Beacom telling her story about her debut in the Australian Baseball League, or the softball legend, Monica Abbott doing a recap of her career.

During 2022, the WBSC also found innovative ways to engage with international baseball and softball athletes around the world, for example using Spotify to find out what music WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup MVP, USA’s Bryce Eldridge, likes.



SPORT FOR ALL

WBSC's stronger effort
on the social and inclusive
dimension of sport

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Over the years, the WBSC has welcomed and promoted the social and inclusive dimension of sport, putting considerable effort into making baseball/softball more accessible. The year of 2022 was no different, as the WBSC's efforts were taken to a whole new level with a number of new initiatives providing greater opportunities for more people to play our beautiful game.

It therefore seemed natural for WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari to join Pope Francis, International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach and International Paralympic Committee President Andrew Parsons in signing a Sport For All Declaration on 30 September in Vatican City.

While Baseball5 was launched in 2017 with the aim of making baseball and softball more accessible and was headlined this year with its first-ever World Cup, blind baseball was the WBSC's flagship Para sport during 2022.

In August 2022, Italy defeated Great Britain to win the first WBSC Blind Baseball International Cup. The United States finished third. Germany, the Netherlands and France also

participated in the event, which took place in Beeks, Netherlands. This groundbreaking event was celebrated with the first WBSC trophy ever created with braille.

Italy has the most developed blind baseball activity. The National League (LIBCI) features 11 participating teams. The Italian Blind Baseball Association (AIBxC) is also a WBSC Associate Member. AIBxC supports the WBSC in developing blind baseball and its most recent effort took British blind baseball players to attend a course on fundamentals in Italy.

Promotional activity also took place in Hungary, Austria and Slovenia, while in May, the French city of Javerdat launched a project to construct a field to serve specifically for blind baseball activity.

The WBSC is also supporting blind baseball activity through online courses available on the WBSC Academy platform.

In another major development, the WBSC signed a Memorandum of Understanding with VIRTUS, the International Sports Federation

for athletes with an intellectual impairment to work together to promote baseball/softball for their athletes.

In addition, the WBSC has agreed to maintain a new intellectual impairment class as part of future events where possible and to promote the inclusion of players with an intellectual impairment in competitions. The WBSC Paralympic Commission has listed, among the objectives of the Strategic Plan 2022-2028, the creation of a Baseball5 version for athletes with this disability.

Meanwhile, softball was featured on the programme of the Special Olympics USA Games 2022 where in the Unified Division, gold medals were won by Oklahoma, Maryland and Louisiana. In the Traditional Division, gold medals were won by Kansas, Mississippi and Michigan.

Guam ran its fifth Special Olympics softball season from 28 May to 6 August, having resumed after a pause due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. The programme had started in 2017, with consecutive seasons until 2020.

DEVELOPMENT

A year rich in
development

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BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME

New baseball and softball venues are key to the development in the region where they are built.

The Royal Spanish Baseball and Softball Federation (RFEBS) announced in January that the Balearic Islands' first-ever baseball/softball field broke ground in Campos de Bintaufa (Mahon, Minorca).

Isidoro Garcia, President of the Piratas, the Minorca baseball/softball club, said that the new venue is the first step to putting the island on the Spanish baseball/softball map. Competing at the national level would be next.

The Serbian Baseball Federation also celebrated the renovation of a baseball field in Belgrade, a project supported by the WBSC Development Commission. The project consisted of a batting cage and a water system to improve field conditions. The aim was to comply with the standards for hosting international tournaments.

Ibrahima Sibore, President of the Baseball Softball Federation of Burkina Faso (FBBS), signed an agreement with Japan's ambassador Masaaki Kato on 14 March at the Japanese Embassy in Ouagadougou. The deal granted FBBS 52 million CFA francs (US\$ 87,500) to support the construction of a sports complex that will include a baseball, rugby and soccer field.

Meanwhile, WBSC Premier12 alumnus Yoshitomo Tsutsugo invested JPY 200 million (US\$ 1.75 million) to build a new youth baseball facility in his home town of Hashimoto, Wakayama Prefecture.



DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

An equipment donation by the WBSC to 15 different recipients boosted Baseball5 development in Zambia. This came after the National Olympic Committee of Zambia joined with the Zambia Baseball and Softball Association to launch Baseball5 at the Olympic Youth Development Centre - OYDC Zambia - with a view to competing at the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games.

The WBSC also approved a development project by the Zambia Baseball Softball Association, funded by Olympic Solidarity and part of the Development of the National Sports System projects in the country.

The project will develop through three different phases. The first is dedicated to education on the ground in local provinces, the second will offer extensive educational programmes to a selected number of individuals, and the third will introduce the country to a Baseball5 national competition.

DEVELOPMENT IN THE AMERICAS

The Baseball Softball Federation of Chile (FECHIBEIS) has a huge chance of boosting development thanks to the baseball and softball tournament Chile is hosting at the XIX Pan American Games in Santiago from 20 October to 5 November next year. The WBSC granted support to the preparation of the National Teams and FECHIBEIS is using the grant to support the development of players and coaches.

The WBSC also supported softball development in Colombia funding a coaching course while umpire courses in the United States and Canada resulted in 18 Level 2 licenses - 11 in the US and seven in Canada.

DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA

The presidents of the baseball and softball federations of Saudi Arabia, Nayef Mohammed Bin Humaid, and Palestine, Ahmed Tafesh, signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding to join efforts for development.

Meanwhile, the Indonesia Baseball and Softball League celebrated the 77th anniversary of Indonesian Independence, marked annually on 17 August, with the first Indonesia Baseball League. The tournament took place from 21 to 26 August at the GBK Baseball Stadium in Jakarta and involved six teams: Baladewa, Garuda, Gorgeous, Flash, Cheetas and Prambors.

In China, with the Zhejiang province hosting the next Asian Games from 23 September to 8 October 2023, the Shaoxing Baseball/Softball Sports and Culture Centre was officially opened in June 2022. It is the largest, highest specification and international standard game venue in China and will be used as the baseball and softball venue of the Asian Games.

The Zhejiang Provincial Baseball and Softball Association revealed impressive baseball and softball development results in the province. Baseball in Zhejiang has expanded to hundreds of schools and there are now 11 baseball fields in the province with over 10,000 players.

DEVELOPMENT IN EUROPE
WBSC Europe, in cooperation with the RFEBS

and the Canary Islands Baseball and Softball Federation, organised the first Baseball Winter League from 19 to 26 November in Tenerife.

The goal was to help some of the best European prospects in the 17-23 age bracket expand their season and work on the field with top coaches to improve their skills.

Fourteen baseball coaches from Sweden, Poland, Bulgaria, Great Britain, Turkey, Czech Republic, Belgium, Germany and Romania took part in a preparation course for the WBSC Coach Licensing tests. The course, held by WBSC Coach Commission Chairman Marco Mazzieri and veteran international coach and scout Mauro Mazzotti, took place during the fifth European Softball Coaches Association Training Camp in Diessen, the Netherlands.

Classroom and on-field activities prepared the 14 coaches for the WBSC Level 1 or Level 2 licence tests. Nine coaches obtained the Level 2 WBSC Licence, and five received the Level 1 Licence.

DEVELOPMENT IN OCEANIA
The Fiji Islands Baseball and Softball Association has the goal to participate in

the Pacific Baseball Classic 2024 and set up some warm-up games for its national team against the Japanese students of the Namaka & VBa Pro Freebird Institute. The association introduced baseball into schools through the Community Youth Programme for the U-10, U-12 and U-15 age brackets.

The Tonga Baseball and Softball Federation is among the latest WBSC members and used 2022 to raise awareness of baseball and softball in the Kingdom. The first step was introducing the bat and ball sports in primary schools and high schools.

Baseball and softball reached 300 kids in the 3-18 age bracket in American Samoa thanks to the Tony and Ben Solaita Softball Classic, which had 14 participating teams.



GOVERNANCE & TRANSPARENCY

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The WBSC 2022-28 Strategic Plan headlined an important year for WBSC governance and transparency, with its publication early in the year building on the WBSC’s existing nine goals. Aligned with the IOC’s Olympic Agenda 2020+5, the WBSC 2022-28 Strategic Plan is a key tool for the WBSC’s continuous drive for growth and sustainable development.

The Integrity Code was also launched to enhance integrity and governance in the international baseball and softball community. The WBSC has made transparency, good governance and protecting clean and safe sport key priorities.

The WBSC’s progress in this area was reflected very positively in this year’s [ASOIF Governance Review](#). The WBSC was the highest ranked IF among ASOIF Associate Members reaching the A2 group by scoring above average for an IF of its size and resources. Overall, the WBSC’s score increase of 46 was the second largest across participating IFs, where the average gain was 14 points.

Meanwhile, the WBSC’s emphasis on the importance of athletes in the organisation was illustrated with an increase in athlete representation, with eight elected athlete representative positions now across the WBSC Executive Board and Baseball and Softball Boards.

The WBSC Integrity Unit continued to implement the “Play Ball, Play Fair” campaign in 2022 as part of the WBSC Education Plan 2021-2024, including a number of free webinars covering the essentials of anti-doping and testing for National Federations in partnership with the International Testing Agency (ITA).

The WBSC also extended its partnership with the ITA as part of a commitment to protecting clean sport and clean athletes. It placed a new emphasis on information sharing, investigations, long-term sample storage and the confidential reporting of doping offences through the ITA platform REVEAL.

This is all done to ensure that the athletes have the opportunity to display sporting excellence on a fair and clean field of play.

The WBSC also announced a two-year partnership with [Sportradar Integrity Services](#) to enhance the sport’s protection against competition manipulation. Sportradar’s Universal Fraud Detection System is now applied at every WBSC international competition, ensuring a level playing field.

Safeguarding, another critical topic for sport, has also been further strengthened as Athletes Commission members Randolph Oduber and Erika Polidori, and Commission liaison Amy Park became certified [IOC Safeguarding Officers](#).

The WBSC’s commitment to safeguarding is enshrined in the organisation’s Statutes, aiming to ensure athletes have the right to compete and train without fear of discrimination, harassment and abuse – all of which have no place in sport or society.

Add in some of the key partnerships formed in 2022 with a view to them commencing in 2023, such as [Corpay](#), who have become the WBSC’s official Global FX (foreign currency exchange) Payments Provider, and a [new collaboration with Virtus](#), the International Sports Federation for athletes with intellectual impairment to help provide access to baseball and softball for more members of society, and the foundation is in place for the global game of baseball and softball to continue its exciting trajectory.

The logo for Sportradar, featuring the word "sportradar" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The letter "o" is replaced by a red circle with a white dot in the center, resembling a target or a stylized eye.The logo for Corpay, featuring the word "Corpay" in a large, black, sans-serif font. To the right of the word is a red, stylized upward-pointing arrow or chevron.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2021

INCOME:

Membership fees, IOC Contributions, Sponsoring	258.405,00
World Cups, Partners, TV Rights, Licensing	877.702,00
Premier 12	5.610.600,00
Financial Incomes	168.218,00
Other Incomes	75.594,00
	6.990.519,00

EXPENDITURES:

Administration, Payroll, Social Charges	4.151.679,00
World Cup Competition Costs	285.940,00
Premier 12 Costs	0,00
Development Program	117.954,00
Congress, Executive Committee, Commissions	142.838,00
Olympic Games, Olympic Reinstatement	461.040,00
Financial Expenses, Exchange gain/loss	313.387,00
New Projects, WBSC Commercial Projects	492.531,00
Depreciations	644.781,00
Other Expenditures	85.379,00
	6.695.529,00

Excess of Income for the Year 2020 **294.990,00**

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS:

WBSC Headquarter	8.322.550,00
Headquarter Renovation Costs Capitalized	7.376.933,00
Other Tangible Fixed Assets	702.169,00
Tangible Fixed Assets as of 31/12/2021	16.401.652,00

FUNDS:

Funds as of 31/12/2021	14.989.164
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MORTGAGE LOAN:

Mortgage Loan as of 31/12/2021	5.260.000
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The 2021 period was heavily conditioned by the pandemic permitting the WBSC, although on a limited scale, to resume the planning of its activity. It is very important again to underline that however, this period of reduced activity, which lasted for two years, did not have a negative impact on the maintenance of its assets/funds, which at the date of December 31, 2021 amount to CHF 14.989.165. On December 31, 2020, the amount was CHF 15.059.925.

Focusing on the 2021 statements, in order to have a clearer vision the various amounts related to incomes and expenses can be summarised as follows:

- Total Income for 2021 = CHF 7.186.863
- Total Expenses for 2021 = CHF 6.891.872
- Excess of Income for 2021 = CHF 294.991
- Funds and Fixed Assets on 31/12/2021 = CHF 14.989.165

The coronavirus had negative effects even during this year but fortunately, the Olympic Qualifiers and the participation in the Tokyo 2020 Games were organised even if in the middle of the pandemic period. In order to limit as much as possible, the slowdown of the various activities, the use of technology was implemented. This permitted WBSC to create the conditions for its affiliated members to continue many of their development projects.

The outcome of the last three years, in conditions that none of us would ever have imagined, ensures a positive path for the future, of course with due caution.

In conclusion, the external auditors, FIBEXA SA Société Fiduciaire conducted their meticulous examination and completed their audits in accordance with the Swiss Standard. After having examined the financial statements, (balance sheet, statement of income and expenditure and notes) they declare that “Nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not comply with Swiss law and the Company’s articles of incorporation.” For this reason, I am asking the Congress for the approval of the WBSC P&L Statements related to the years 2019 – 2020 – 2021.

Angelo Vicini
WBSC Treasurer

WORLD RANKINGS















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WBSC BASEBALL WORLD RANKINGS MEN'S

1		JAPAN	5323 PTS	-
2		USA	4402 PTS	▲ 1
3		MEXICO	4130 PTS	▲ 2
4		CHINESE TAIPEI	4061 PTS	▼ 2
5		SOUTH KOREA	4049 PTS	▼ 1
6		VENEZUELA	3534 PTS	-
7		CUBA	3151 PTS	▲ 1
8		NETHERLANDS	3089 PTS	▼ 1
9		AUSTRALIA	2600 PTS	▲ 1
10		DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	2415 PTS	▼ 1
11		PUERTO RICO	2230 PTS	▲ 2
12		ITALY	2017 PTS	▲ 4
13		CANADA	1970 PTS	▲ 1
14		PANAMA	1936 PTS	▼ 2
15		COLOMBIA	1826 PTS	▼ 4
16		CZECH REPUBLIC	1745 PTS	▼ 1
17		NICARAGUA	1334 PTS	-
18		ISRAEL	1134 PTS	▲ 2
19		GERMANY	1075 PTS	▼ 1
20		GREAT BRITAIN	882 PTS	▲ 2
21		SPAIN	806 PTS	▼ 2

22		FRANCE	672 PTS	▼ 1
23		CHINA	471 PTS	▲ 7
24		BRAZIL	413 PTS	▼ 1
25		BELGIUM	412 PTS	▼ 1
26		SOUTH AFRICA	385 PTS	▼ 1
27		AUSTRIA	305 PTS	▼ 1
28		RUSSIA	266 PTS	▼ 1
29		ARGENTINA	241 PTS	▼ 1
30		CROATIA	227 PTS	▲ 1
31		UKRAINE	210 PTS	▲ 1
32		CURAÇAO	184 PTS	▲ 1
33		GUAM	175 PTS	▼ 4
34		SLOVAKIA	170 PTS	-
35		LITHUANIA	165 PTS	-
36		UGANDA	159 PTS	▲ 5
37		GREECE	136 PTS	▼ 1
38		PAKISTAN	119 PTS	▲ 5
39		SWEDEN	116 PTS	▼ 2
40		PERU	106 PTS	▼ 1
41		SRI LANKA	102 PTS	▲ 4
42		PHILIPPINES	97 PTS	▼ 2

43		HONDURAS	90 PTS	▲ 9
44		SWITZERLAND	84 PTS	▼ 2
45		NEW ZEALAND	81 PTS	▼ 7
46		ZIMBABWE	74 PTS	-
47		HUNGARY	73 PTS	-
48		KENYA	72 PTS	▲ 6
49		BELARUS	65 PTS	▼ 1
50		SERBIA	64 PTS	▼ 1
51		BURKINA FASO	61 PTS	▼ 1
52		IRELAND	60 PTS	▼ 1
53		NTW	59 PTS	▲ 2
54		HONG KONG	51 PTS	▼ 1
55		INDIA	46 PTS	▲ 6
56		POLAND	42 PTS	-
57		BULGARIA	40 PTS	-
58		FIJI	38 PTS	-
59		EL SALVADOR	37 PTS	▲ 2
60		NIGERIA	36 PTS	▼ 1
61		BANGLADESH	33 PTS	▲ 13
61		COSTA RICA	33 PTS	▲ 15
61		MARIANA ISLANDS	33 PTS	▼ 1

64		FINLAND	31 PTS	▼ 1
65		PALESTINE	30 PTS	new
66		BAHAMAS	29 PTS	▼ 2
67		TANZANIA	27 PTS	▼ 1
68		GHANA	23 PTS	▼ 2
68		IRAN	23 PTS	▼ 2
68		SLOVENIA	23 PTS	▼ 2
71		ROMANIA	20 PTS	▼ 1
72		ECUADOR	19 PTS	▼ 1
72		NEPAL	19 PTS	▲ 5
74		INDONESIA	18 PTS	▼ 2
75		NORWAY	17 PTS	▼ 2
76		AFGANISTAN	14 PTS	new
76		U. S. VIRGIN ISLANDS	14 PTS	▼ 2
76		PALAU	14 PTS	▼ 11
79		THAILAND	6 PTS	new
80		BOLIVIA	4 PTS	▼ 2
81		SOLOMON ISLANDS	3 PTS	▼ 2
81		TÜRKIYE	3 PTS	▼ 2
83		ESTONIA	2 PTS	▼ 2
83		LAOS	2 PTS	new

WBSC BASEBALL WORLD RANKINGS WOMEN'S

1		JAPAN	1355 PTS
2		CHINESE TAIPEI	1097 PTS
3		CANADA	1029 PTS
4		USA	1015 PTS
5		VENEZUELA	900 PTS
6		DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	717 PTS
7		CUBA	520 PTS
8		AUSTRALIA	509 PTS
9		PUERTO RICO	371 PTS
10		SOUTH KOREA	364 PTS
































































11		HONG KONG	256 PTS
12		MEXICO	160 PTS
13		NETHERLANDS	155 PTS
14		PHILIPPINES	152 PTS
15		CHINA	126 PTS
16		FRANCE	100 PTS
17		NICARAGUA	59 PTS
18		INDIA	47 PTS
19		PAKISTAN	21 PTS
20		CZECH REPUBLIC	10 PTS



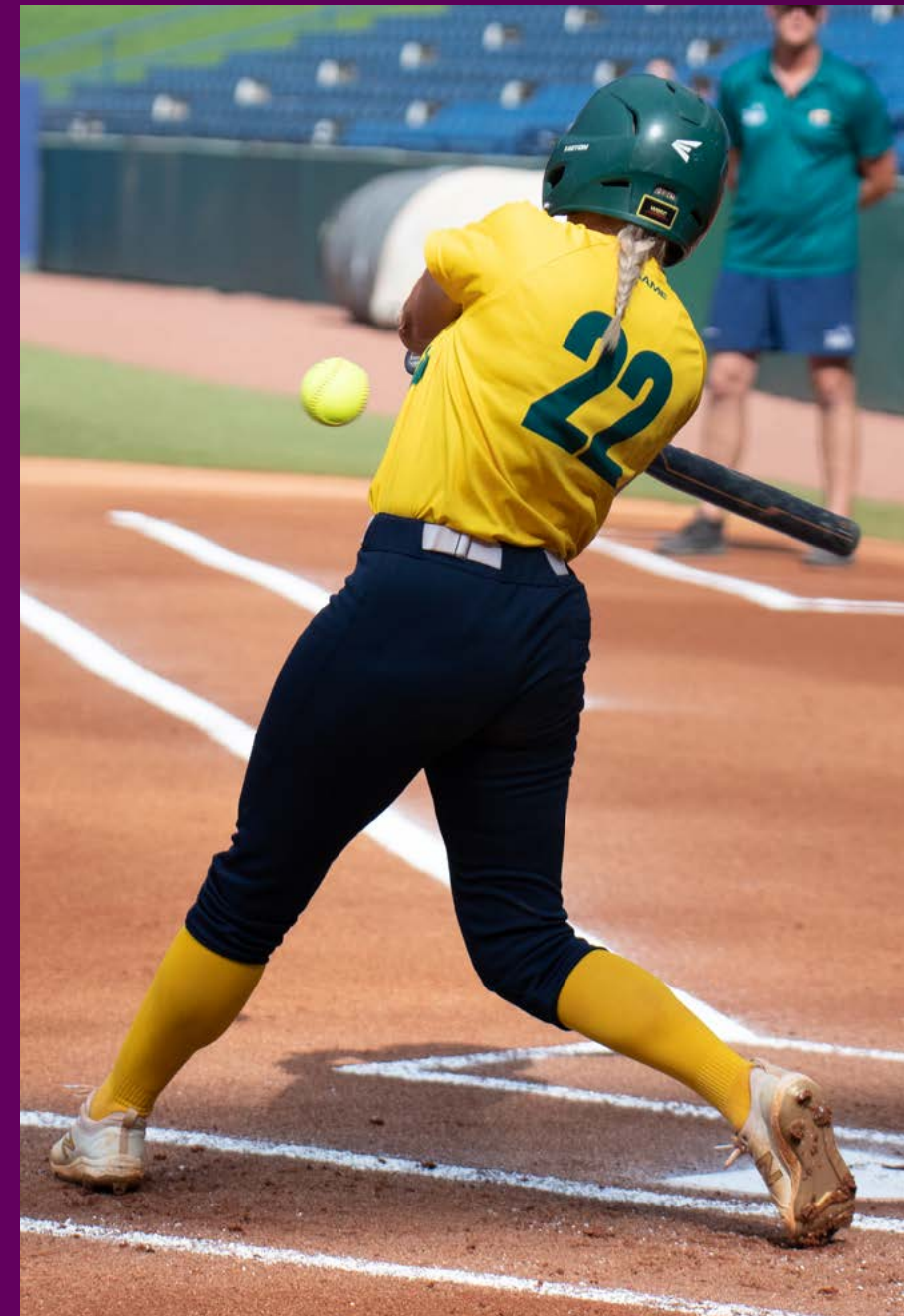
WBSC SOFTBALL WORLD RANKINGS WOMEN'S

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1		USA	4368 PTS	-	22		VENEZUELA	567 PTS	-	43		BOTSWANA	136 PTS	▲ 4
2		JAPAN	2897 PTS	-	23		CROATIA	504 PTS	-	44		DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	130 PTS	▼ 1
3		CHINESE TAIPEI	2657 PTS	-	24		AUSTRIA	498 PTS	-	45		EL SALVADOR	129 PTS	▼ 5
4		PUERTO RICO	2394 PTS	▲ 1	25		UKRAINE	453 PTS	-	46		SWEDEN	128 PTS	▼ 2
5		CANADA	2342 PTS	▼ 1	26		PHILIPPINES	446 PTS	▲ 4	47		LITHUANIA	112 PTS	▼ 2
6		MEXICO	1999 PTS	-	27		SLOVAKIA	439 PTS	▼ 1	48		MALTA	95 PTS	-
7		CZECH REPUBLIC	1789 PTS	-	28		CUBA	422 PTS	▼ 1	49		HUNGARY	94 PTS	-
8		ITALY	1773 PTS	-	29		NEW ZEALAND	416 PTS	▼ 1	50		INDIA	92 PTS	▲ 3
9		AUSTRALIA	1520 PTS	-	30		RUSSIA	362 PTS	▼ 1	51		TURKEY	80 PTS	-
10		NETHERLANDS	1498 PTS	-	31		SOUTH KOREA	355 PTS	▲ 4	52		FINLAND	73 PTS	-
11		CHINA	1005 PTS	▲ 2	32		BELGIUM	303 PTS	▼ 2	53		NICARAGUA	71 PTS	▼ 3
12		SPAIN	936 PTS	▼ 1	33		ARGENTINA	288 PTS	-	54		BULGARIA	65 PTS	-
13		ISRAEL	844 PTS	▼ 1	34		DENMARK	267 PTS	▼ 2	55		COSTA RICA	42 PTS	-
14		FRANCE	791 PTS	-	35		HONG KONG	266 PTS	▲ 3	56		KENYA	32 PTS	-
15		GERMANY	779 PTS	-	36		SWITZERLAND	256 PTS	▼ 2	57		CURAÇAO	30 PTS	▼ 1
16		GREAT BRITAIN	761 PTS	-	37		SINGAPORE	223 PTS	▲ 5	58		ECUADOR	27 PTS	▲ 2
17		IRELAND	710 PTS	-	38		SOUTH AFRICA	214 PTS	▲ 1	59		CHILE	23 PTS	▼ 2
18		BRAZIL	700 PTS	-	39		NTW	206 PTS	▼ 3	60		MALAYSIA	17 PTS	▼ 2
19		PERU	671 PTS	-	40		COLOMBIA	190 PTS	▲ 1	61		BAHAMAS	10 PTS	-
20		POLAND	608 PTS	-	41		INDONESIA	173 PTS	▼ 4	62		LESOTHO	8 PTS	-
21		GREECE	591 PTS	-	42		THAILAND	149 PTS	▲ 4	63		PANAMA	7 PTS	▼ 5

as of 12 April 2023



WBSC SOFTBALL WORLD RANKINGS MEN'S

1		ARGENTINA	4224 PTS	-	14		SOUTH AFRICA	894 PTS	▼ 2	27		THAILAND	72 PTS	-
2		AUSTRALIA	3551 PTS	△ 2	15		PHILIPPINES	623 PTS	-	28		PANAMA	52 PTS	-
3		JAPAN	3451 PTS	-	16		NETHERLANDS	412 PTS	-	28		PERU	52 PTS	-
4		CANADA	3358 PTS	▼ 2	17		ISRAEL	339 PTS	△ 4	30		SWEDEN	50 PTS	-
5		USA	2655 PTS	-	18		BOTSWANA	253 PTS	▼ 1	31		PUERTO RICO	45 PTS	-
6		CZECH REPUBLIC	2526 PTS	-	19		DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	221 PTS	▼ 1	32		GREAT BRITAIN	26 PTS	-
7		NEW ZEALAND	2280 PTS	-	20		CHINESE TAIPEI	192 PTS	▼ 1	33		LITHUANIA	24 PTS	-
8		VENEZUELA	2133 PTS	-	21		CROATIA	182 PTS	▼ 1	34		INDONESIA	12 PTS	△ 1
9		CUBA	1807 PTS	-	22		INDIA	177 PTS	-	35		BELIZE	10 PTS	△ 1
10		MEXICO	1775 PTS	-	23		FRANCE	156 PTS	-	35		KENYA	10 PTS	△ 1
11		DENMARK	1069 PTS	-	24		COLOMBIA	147 PTS	-	35		MALAYSIA	10 PTS	△ 1
12		SINGAPORE	994 PTS	△ 2	25		HONG KONG	115 PTS	-	38		UGANDA	3 PTS	-
13		NTW	934 PTS	-	26		SLOVAKIA	76 PTS	-					



WBSC BASEBALL5 WORLD RANKINGS



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1		CUBA	2055 PTS
2		CHINESE TAIPEI	1679 PTS
3		FRANCE	1650 PTS
4		JAPAN	1635 PTS
5		VENEZUELA	1370 PTS
6		SOUTH AFRICA	1286 PTS
7		LITHUANIA	1213 PTS
8		TUNISIA	1174 PTS
9		KENYA	1046 PTS
10		ITALY	819 PTS
11		MEXICO	807 PTS
12		SOUTH KOREA	781 PTS
13		NETHERLANDS	714 PTS
14		ROMANIA	710 PTS
15		CZECH REPUBLIC	600 PTS

16		BELGIUM	532 PTS
17		RUSSIA	528 PTS
18		HONG KONG	518 PTS
19		BULGARIA	466 PTS
20		TURKEY	465 PTS
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24		COLOMBIA	330 PTS
24		MALAYSIA	330 PTS
24		TANZANIA	330 PTS
27		ESTONIA	276 PTS
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28		ZAMBIA	263 PTS
30		MOLDOVA	253 PTS

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33		PUERTO RICO	195 PTS
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36		GREECE	188 PTS
37		BURKINA FASO	128 PTS
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WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

from 9 to 13 July 2022

Hoover Met Stadium - Birmingham, USA

8 teams

120 athletes

20 games

28,800 spectators

The Softball competition at The World Games 2022 in Birmingham, Alabama was a great success. After softball's historic Olympic comeback at Tokyo 2020, the top eight teams in the World Rankings faced off in another multi-sport event, delivering an electric and exciting competition.

Janae Jefferson's bases-clearing double in the bottom of the second inning was the game-winning play for the USA in the final, as they defeated Japan 3-2, and won not only the gold medal, but also retained the women's softball world title. Rising star Hsia-Ai Ke led Chinese Taipei to an historic bronze medal with her match-winning performance against Australia in the Bronze Medal Game.

The gold medal game between USA and Japan drew the highest attendance of The World Games 2022 with more than 10,000 fans in attendance.

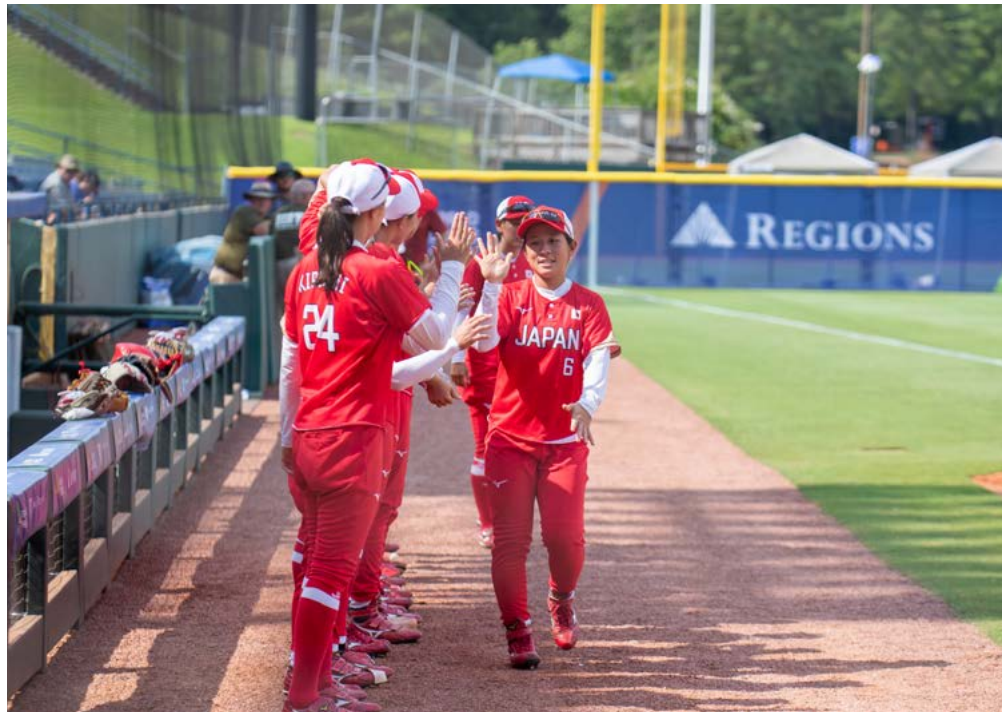
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ALL-WORLD TEAM

MVP Haylie MacCleney (USA)

RIGHT HANDED PITCHER Ally Carda (USA)

LEFT HANDED PITCHER Miu Goto (JPN)

CATCHER Dejah Mulipola (USA)

FIRST BASE Minori Naito (JPN)

SECOND BASE Feng-Chen Lin (TPE)

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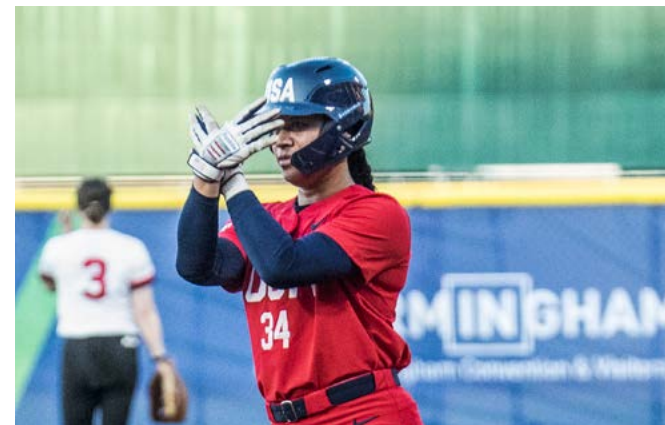
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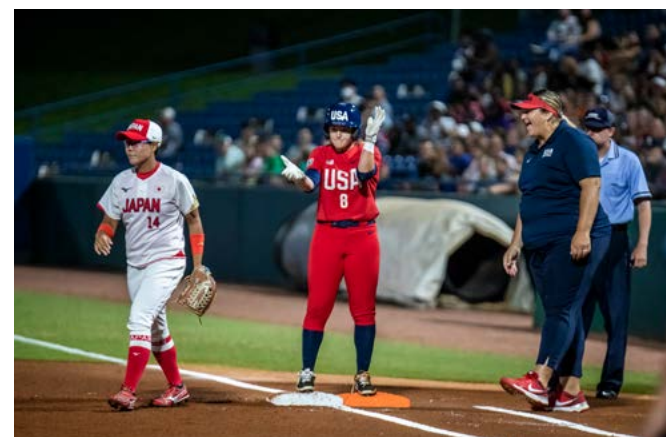
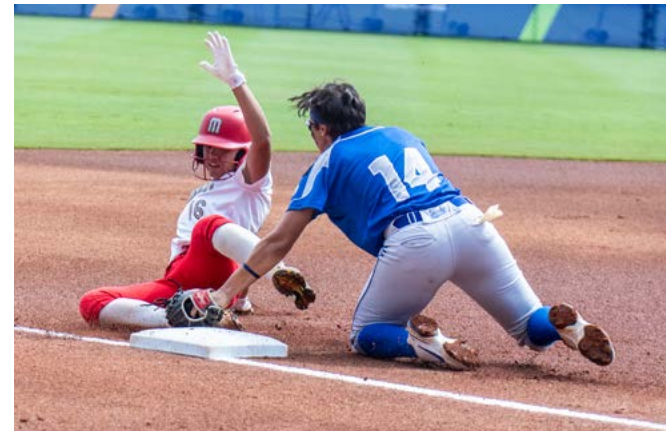
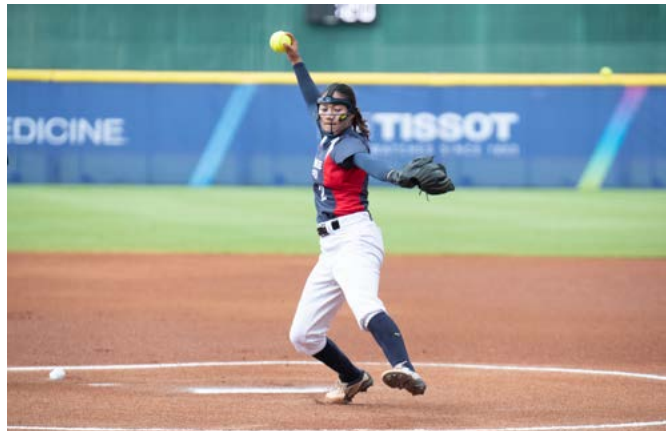
OUTFIELDER Jade Wall (AUS)

OUTFIELDER Haylie McCleney (USA)

OUTFIELDER Ayana Nakagawa (JPN)

DP Yamato Fujita (JPN)





FACTS AND FIGURES

- The World Games awarded the title of World Champions to USA.
 - USA and Japan have played the last eight World Championship finals, with USA winning six times (2002, 2006, 2010, 2016, 2018 and The World Games 2022) and Japan two (back-to-back titles in 2012 and 2014). They have also played the last two Olympic finals, with a pair of wins for Japan in Beijing 2008 and Tokyo 2020.
 - It was the 12th softball world title for USA. The country with the most titles ever.
 - The bronze medal represented Chinese Taipei's first medal at a world championship level in 20 years, and the third overall podium. They came third in the 2002 Women's Softball World Championship and were the runners-up in 1982 on home soil.
 - Hsia-Ai Ke won two medals in eight months. She led the Chinese Taipei team to a silver medal at the WBSC U-18 Women's Softball World Cup, before helping her team earn a third place at The World Games.
 - The top eight teams in the world rankings played at The World Games.
 - All six participating nations in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games competed, in addition to Puerto Rico and Chinese Taipei.
 - It was the third time softball was part of The World Games. The first time was in 1981 in Santa Clara, USA, and the second time was in 1985 in London, England.
 - The gold medal game between USA and Japan drew the highest attendance of The World Games 2022.
- According to the International World Games Association, more than 10,000 spectators filled Hoover Met Stadium.
- The average softball crowd for the first four days at Hoover Met Stadium was 4,500.
 - vv McCleney was named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of The World Games 2022. The local outfielder hit .553 with 4 runs and 5 RBI as USA's leadoff hitter.
 - Softball had the most tickets allocated of all sports, with 50,755.
 - Softball had the most tickets sold to the public, with 11,449; and the most tickets sold to sponsors with 39,306.



U-12 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

from 29 July to 7 August 2022

Asia Pacific Complex
Tainan, Chinese Taipei

11 teams

187 athletes

42 games

19,500 spectators

“I want to thank the WBSC for holding this tournament,” said the Chinese Taipei manager Lai Chao Jung during the pre-event press conference. Only Chinese Taipei featured in the press conference due to the strict COVID-19 restrictions. Tainan is the only city in the world with a dedicated stadium built to host a WBSC World Cup. The Mayor, Wei-Che Huang, addressed the Chinese Taipei players saying: “Let’s make friends through baseball.”

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ALL-WORLD TEAM

MVP Colin Anderson (USA)

STARTING PITCHER Cesar Altagracia (DOM)

RELIEF PITCHER Levi Kerr (USA)

CATCHER Po Sheng Chen (TPE)

FIRST BASE Anthony Frausto (USA)

SECOND BASE Maximus Villalva (USA)

THIRD BASE Ezequiel Rivera (MEX)

SHORTSTOP Woochan Jung (KOR)

OUTFIELDER Sheng Zhi Wu (TPE)

OUTFIELDER Colin Anderson (USA)

OUTFIELDER Jonah Saken (USA)



FACTS AND FIGURES

- It was the fourth U-12 World Title for the United States. Chinese Taipei is the only other national team to record wins in the history of the event.
- For the first time, Chinese Taipei did not reach the World Championship game and settled on a bronze medal.
- The United States did not win in 2019, when they failed to qualify for the super round. They didn't participate in the maiden edition in 2011.
- Venezuela reached the final for the first time and earned their first-ever silver medal.
- The other national teams who reached the World Championship game are Cuba (2011) and Japan (2019).
- The United States hit a record 27 home runs. Tournament MVP Colin Anderson led the side with 7. Ten players on the roster had at least one home run in the tournament.
- Anderson hit two home runs in the World Championship game against Venezuela. The second, hit well over 400 feet (or 122 metres) from home plate, is believed to be the farthest home run in the history of the U-12 Baseball World Cup.
- World No. 1 Japan finished a disappointing seventh. Their first win, against Czech Republic, came with a no-hitter shared by three pitchers: Rio Ishikawa, Atsuki Uchida (the winner) and Haruki Narita.
- Guam, the Oceania representative, was forced to withdraw due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Teams and tournament officials travelling from overseas entered Taiwan with a special visa and had to go

through a seven-day self-quarantine.

- The game between Chinese Taipei and Italy featured an umpiring crew of three women, Minseo Kim (Korea, home plate), Kana Wada and Kyoko Matsumoto (Japan), and Tomas Spilauer (Czech Republic)
- Italy's Sabrina Bottazzi became the first girl to pitch in the VI WBSC U-12 Baseball World Cup as she took the mound against Panama. Manager Stefano Burato believes she is one of the top pitchers of the 2010 class in the country.
- The VI WBSC U-12 Baseball World Cup was the first event streamed by the new WBSC OTT platform, GameTime.





BLIND BASEBALL INTERNATIONAL CUP

from 20 August to 21 August 2022

Beeks, Netherlands

6 teams

60 athletes

10 games

WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari described the first Blind Baseball International Cup “historic”.

The WBSC Paralympic Commission has developed blind baseball in Europe, the Americas and Asia. To take the discipline to the next level, an international event appeared a necessary step.

Blind baseball can have an important social impact. The discipline allows visually impaired people to become independent. As Dutch player Lisa Kuppenn put it: “The freedom I feel when I’m able to run alone is amazing.”

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2. Great Britain
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4. Germany
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6. France

FACTS AND FIGURES

- The tournament was the first-ever blind baseball event sanctioned by the WBSC
- Blind baseball allows visually impaired athletes to run without assistance.
- This version of blind baseball, based on sound coming from the ball, derives from an idea by the late Alfredo Meli, a former Italian Baseball League player and manager.
- Meli was one of the founders of the Blind Baseball Italian Association (AIBxC, a WBSC Associate Member) in the early 1990s.
- The Italian Baseball and Softball Federation (FIBS) runs an 11-team league (LIBCI), the most prestigious in the world.
- The Blind Baseball International Cup is the legacy of the Mole’s Cup,

a tournament for visually impaired ballplayers conceived by Italy, France and Germany which celebrated nine editions.

- Before the awards ceremony, WBSC President Fraccari announced on Twitter: “A groundbreaking trophy for a groundbreaking event. The first-ever WBSC trophy with braille.”





U-15 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

from 26 August to 4 September 2022

Sonora and Hector Espino Stadium - Hermosillo, Mexico

13 teams

260 athletes

44 games

11,500 spectators

The first of three WBSC Baseball World Cups in two months, the U-15 Baseball World Cup returned to Mexico with 13 teams from the five continents battling for the title of world champions.

“The U-15 Baseball World Cup is a great event not only for the young players, but also for fans to witness first-hand the future of baseball,” said Ana Gabriela Guevara, National Commission for Physical Culture and Sports (CONADE) Director and WBSC Golden Diamond Award recipient.

The tournament left a lasting legacy, helping to further boost baseball in Mexico. The Hector Espino Stadium, for many years the home of the Naranjeros (Hermosillo’s professional baseball team), was rebuilt and reopened for the WBSC U-15 Baseball World Cup.

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ALL-WORLD TEAM

MVP Coy James (USA)

STARTING PITCHER: Yao-Yun Chang (TPE)

RELIEF PITCHER: Daniel Reyes (PAN)

CATCHER: Yaider Ruiz (CUB)

FIRST BASEMAN: Kanta Kanemoto (JPN)

SECOND BASEMAN: Tien-Szu Huang (TPE)

THIRD BASEMAN: Alejandro Cruz (CUB)

SHORTSTOP: Ethan Holliday (USA)

OUTFIELD: Isaac Carrasquillo (PUR)

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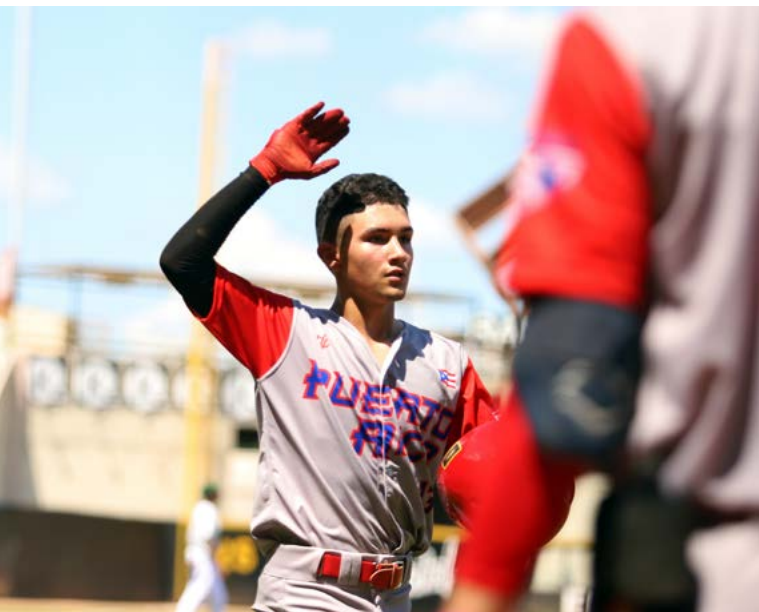
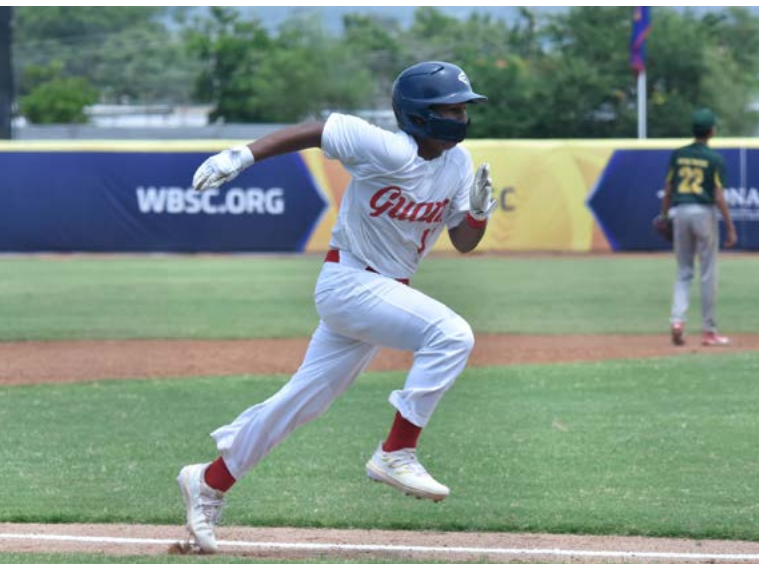
DESIGNATED HITTER: Andrew Costello (USA)

FACTS AND FIGURES

- USA clinched their seventh world title in this age bracket, the most for any country. This was also their second title in a row.
- Both Cuba and USA were tied as the most successful countries in this category, with six titles each.
- The silver medal marked Cuba's 13th podium finish in this competition, the most for any country in the world. Cuba has medalled in eight of the last nine World Cups.
- It was the fifth time that Cuba and USA have met in the final of this event, the most frequent matchup in the competition's history.
- The leading hitter of the tournament was Aaron Arroyo (VEN - Avg .500), while the pitcher with the best ERA was Ben Couvreur from France (0.00 ERA - 10.2 IP). Jonathan Villa of Cuba was named the best defensive player.
- For Chinese Taipei, the bronze was their 10th medal in the history of the event, only behind Cuba and USA. It was also their second bronze medal in a row.
- Six of the top 10 ranked teams in the world competed in this World Cup.
- It was the third time that Mexico has hosted the U-15 Baseball World Cup, following the conversion from the U-16 category. The first edition was held in Chihuahua in 2012 and the second in Sinaloa in 2014.
- Hermosillo hosted the second WBSC Baseball World Cup in as many years, having co-hosted the U-23 World Cup in 2021.
- France, Guam and Puerto Rico made their historic debuts in the U-15 Baseball World Cup.
- In their first-ever game in a WBSC U-15 Baseball World Cup, Guam topped South Africa 10-8. Catcher Ayden Aguon was the heart of Guam's offence with 3 hits, 4 RBIs and two runs.
- Panama starter Jeremy Vargas pitched a five-inning no-hitter, leading his team to a 10-0 win over Colombia.
- Czech Republic's Vit Stanek and Jan Novak combined to pitch a no-hitter against Guam in their team's 6-1 win.
- Puerto Rico finished in fifth place in their first participation in this age bracket.
- Ben Couvreur threw a five-inning no-hitter to lead France to their first-ever victory at a WBSC U-15 Baseball World Cup. The French squad defeated Guam 10-0.

** Historical statistics including results of the U-16 Baseball World Cup*





U-18 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

from 9 to 18 September 2022

Bradenton and Sarasota, Florida, USA

12 teams

240 athletes

50 games

20,000 spectators

The XXX WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup was originally scheduled for the summer of 2021, but COVID-19 travel restrictions forced a postponement to 2022. Inclement weather in Florida made the tournament a challenging experience for the Local Organising Committee, chaired by USA Baseball and the WBSC. Every one of the 50 games scheduled was completed by 18 September, USA manager and former MLB player commented: “The WBSC is a different brand of baseball. It’s about what you can do for your country.”

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ALL-WORLD TEAM

MVP Bryce Eldridge (USA)

STARTING PITCHER Shao En Lin (TPE)

RELIEF PITCHER Shiki Kawahara (JPN)

CATCHER Shion Matsuo (JPN)

FIRST BASE Yael Romero (MEX)

SECOND BASE Luis Escudero (PAN)

THIRD BASE Daeseon Jeong (KOR)

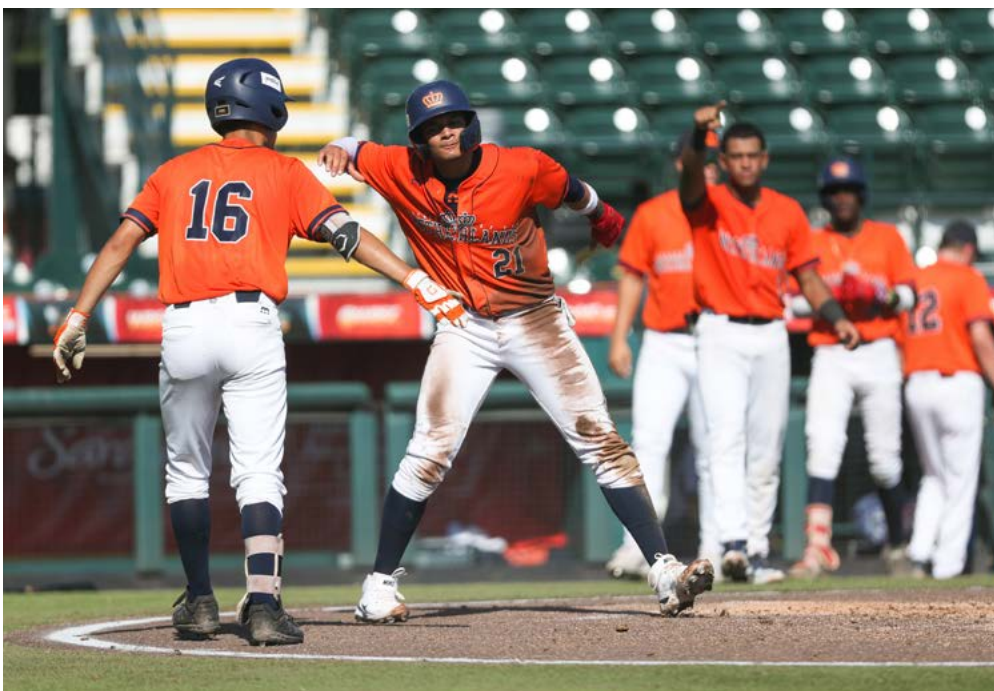
SHORTSTOP Rosman Verdugo (MEX)

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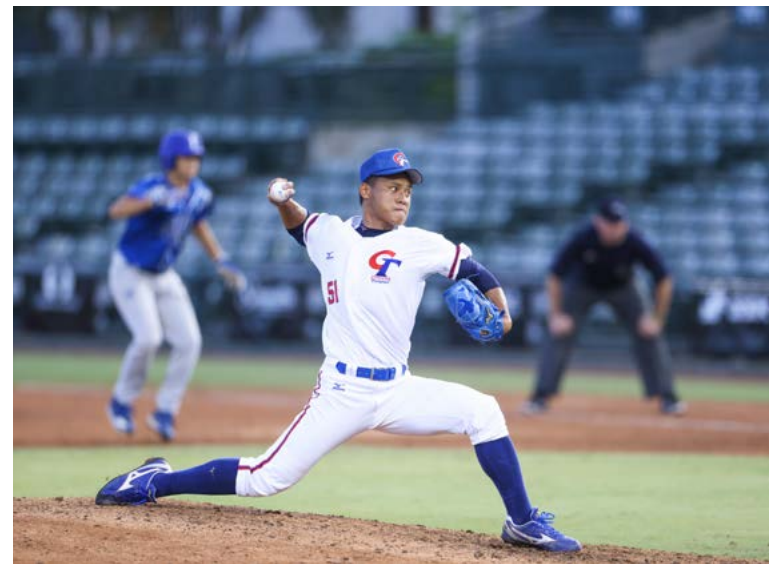




FACTS AND FIGURES

- The US claimed their tenth U-18 Baseball world title and became the second most successful programme in this age bracket after Cuba (11).
- Only three other nations celebrated a U-18 Baseball world title: Korea (5 times), Chinese Taipei (3) and Canada (1).
- After hosting four of the first five editions of the U-18 World Cup, the US had not earned hosting rights since the 1995 edition.
- Canada hosted the U-18 Baseball World Cup a record 13 times.
- The US needed a walk-off, two-day dramatic win against Japan to advance to the World Championship game. The game started on a Saturday afternoon and Japan took a 3-2 lead into the seventh.
- The US took the field for the final just minutes after winning the clincher. They also needed a comeback to win the World Championship game against the defending champions Chinese Taipei.
- Tournament MVP Bryce Eldridge hit a clutch three-run home run in the final, then he stepped to the mound to take care of the final three outs.
- Chinese Taipei defeated the US in the final in the 2019 WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup and will host the XXXI U-18 World Cup in the Summer of 2023.
- The Netherlands finished fifth, their best placement ever. Brazil's seventh place is their best placement since 1997.
- Four Japanese players were drafted by Nippon Professional Baseball (NPB) clubs one month after the event: Catcher Shion Matsuo and outfielder

Shogo in the first round, reliever and catcher Kaito Noda in the third round, and pitcher Haruto Yamada in the fifth round.



U-23 BASEBALL WORLD CUP

from 13 to 23 October 2022

Taipei, Taichung and Dou Liou,
Chinese Taipei

12 teams

288 athletes

50 games

25,000 spectators

Taiwan hosted the final event of the international baseball season in three locations and became a hub for international baseball in 2022, since the Chinese Taipei Baseball Association also hosted the U-12 Baseball World Cup and the WBSC Congress. World No. 1 Japan entered the tournament as an underdog after announcing a team of amateur players but surprised everybody on the field, displaying solid defensive baseball, masterful pitching and timely hitting.

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ALL-WORLD TEAM

- MVP Ryusei Gonda (JPN)
- STARTING PITCHER Ren Tomida (JPN)
- RELIEF PITCHER Ryusei Gonda (JPN)
- CATCHER David Garcia (VEN)
- FIRST BASE Jesus Chirinos (VEN)
- SECOND BASE Carlos Arroyo (VEN)
- THIRD BASE Christian Rodriguez (CUB)
- SHORTSTOP Hiroki Nakagawa (JPN)
- OUTFIELDER Chen Tso Tseng (TPE)
- OUTFIELDER Ezequiel Pagan (PUR)
- OUTFIELDER Christopher Burke (AUS)
- DESIGNATED HITTER Ren Onishi (JPN)



FACTS AND FIGURES

- The fourth edition of the U-23 Baseball World Cup was the first played in Taiwan. The island hosted the 2014 U-21 Baseball World Cup.
 - The fact that the 2020 edition was postponed from 2020 to 2021, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, meant that the third and the fourth U-23 Baseball World Cups occurred on consecutive years.
 - WBSC Global Sponsor Nippon Express highlighted the U-23 Baseball World Cup’s roster of sponsors, which included Official Suppliers SSK and Synergy Sports and a total of 12 corporate partners.
 - Japan earned their second U-23 world title after winning in 2016 in Monterrey, Mexico.
 - Japan’s pitching was the key to success. Closer Ryusei Gonda earned four saves
- in six appearances and starter Ren Tomida posted an astonishing 0.50 earned run average.
 - Despite Japan’s dominance, Venezuela’s Wikelman Maldonado became the strikeout king with 23 punch-outs.
 - Chen Tso Tseng of Chinese Taipei had an impressive 0.586 on base percentage.
 - Tropical cyclone Nesat made an impact on the tournament, forcing the cancellation of Day2 of the Opening Round in Taipei City. All 50 games were routinely played, thanks to an impressive effort by the WBSC and the Local Organising Committee.





BASEBALL5 WORLD CUP

from 7 to 11 November 2022

El Zocalo in Mexico City, Mexico

12 teams

96 athletes

50 games

The first-ever Baseball5 World Cup was a resounding success. The historic location, coupled with an electric atmosphere generated by the enthusiastic crowd, and the display of sporting excellence by a fantastic group of athletes, created the perfect combination to make everyone fall in love with this urban and exciting discipline.

Undoubtedly, the inaugural edition of the Baseball5 World Cup was the perfect first step for this discipline. It has paved the way for the first edition of the Youth Baseball5 World Cup and the discipline's debut at the Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026.

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ALL-WORLD TEAM

MVP - MALE Briandy Molina (CUB)

MVP - FEMALE Ayako Rokkaku (JPN)

Briandy Molina (CUB)

Ayako Rokkaku (JPN)

Chi-Ting-Hua Shih (TPE)

Marian Castro (MEX)

Louis Michael Albertyn (RSA)





FACTS AND FIGURES

- Mexico hosted the first-ever Baseball5 World Cup, adding to its growing list of hosting credentials which recently includes the U-15 Baseball World Cup in 2022 and the U-23 Baseball World Cup in 2021.
- The historic Zocalo served as the venue for the tournament, with three fields for competition and warm-ups and another three for fans to play on.
- TikTok was the content partner for the maiden edition of the Baseball5 World Cup, along with Decathlon, who joined as an official supplier.
- Leverade partnered with the WBSC to deliver the first-ever NFT digital trophies at the Baseball5 World Cup and WBSC Virtual Cup.
- Takeru Miyanochara won the first-ever #B5HIGH5 Award, granted to the National Federation or player who has promoted the Baseball5 World Cup and the sport of Baseball5 through powerful storytelling.
- Cuba won the inaugural Baseball5 World Cup to confirm the country's dominance in this new and dynamic discipline.
- For the first time in the history of the sport, three African teams competed in a WBSC World Cup event – Kenya, South Africa and Tunisia.



MEN'S SOFTBALL WORLD CUP

from 26 November to 4 December 2022

Rosedale Park - Auckland, New Zealand

12 teams

180 athletes

50 games

9,150 spectators

As WBSC Softball Division Board Chairman Craig Cress said, the WBSC Men's Softball World Cup saw fans treated to "world class softball" and was a "wonderful way for international men's softball to return to the diamond after so many months away." All 12 teams had provided great entertainment and drama, as they battled for the title of World Champions.

The new format, where only 12 teams qualified for the grand finale in Auckland, created increased competition. Eighteen of 30 Opening Round games were won by a margin of six runs or less (12 of those by a margin of three runs or less), while the winning margin in the Super Round was four (once), three (five times), two (three times) and one (twice). During the tournament, there were five games that went into extra innings.

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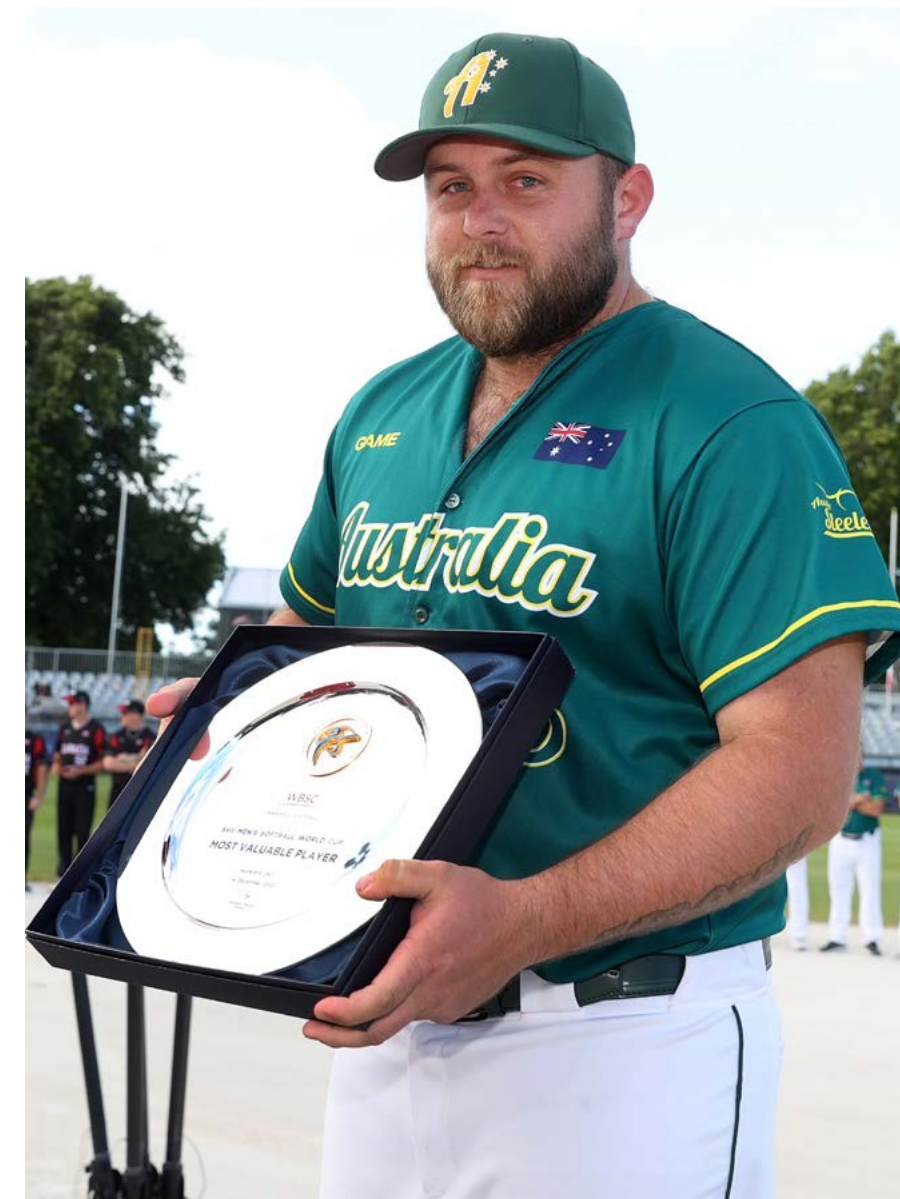




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ALL-WORLD TEAM

MVP Marshall Kronk (AUS)

STARTING PITCHER Sean Cleary (CAN)

CATCHER Juan Zara (ARG)

FIRST BASEMAN Erwin Diaz (VEN)

SECOND BASEMAN Brendon O'Byrne (AUS)

THIRD BASEMAN Nick Shailes (AUS)

SHORTSTOP Ladislao Malarczuk (ARG)

OUTFIELD Jonathan Lynch (USA);

OUTFIELD Blaine Milheim (USA)

OUTFIELD Quinten Bruce (CAN)

DESIGNATED HITTER Bryan Abrey (CAN)

FACTS AND FIGURES

- It was the second time Rosedale Park hosted the WBSC Men’s Softball World Cup. The first was in 2013. Lower Hutt (1976) and Christchurch (2004) are the other two New Zealand cities that have hosted the tournament.
- This was the first time the Super Round format was used, and the number of teams was reduced from 16 to 12 to increase the parity and level of play of the competition.
- The win adds to Australia’s gold medal in 2009 and a silver medal in 2017.
- It was the first time Australia and Canada played against each other in a WBSC Men’s Softball World Cup final.
- Canada had reached the final nine times previously and won the WBSC Men’s Softball World Cup four times. The last time was in 2015.
- Canada made it their fourth straight podium finish at the World Cup – their sixth in the last seven tournaments going back 18 years.
- It was USA’s first medal in 22 years. The last time the US squad reached the podium in the Men’s Softball World Cup was also a bronze in East London, South Africa, in 2000.
- For Argentina, it was the third time they finished in fourth place after doing so in 2013 and 2017. Their only medal in the event is the World Championship won in 2019.
- Only five countries have won the Men’s Softball World Cup: New Zealand (7), USA (5), Canada (4), Australia (2) and Argentina (1). Three World Champions in were crowned in 1976 (NZL, CAN, USA) when the finals were rained out in Lower Hutt.
- The WBSC Men’s Softball World Cup 2022 featured impressive global media coverage, especially in the Philippines where the highlights of their national team’s victory over Denmark passed 1.2m views on Facebook.
- The WBSC Men’s Softball World Cup in New Zealand was a huge success in TV ratings and viewership, setting new records in audience, subscriptions and views on GameTime, the WBSC-owned OTT platform.
- Whakaata Māori became the first indigenous broadcaster in the world selected to host a Softball World Cup. All games of the tournament were livestreamed on its digital platform MĀORI+ for New Zealand fans, while all Black Sox games were aired live on television.

- The next edition of the Men’s Softball World Cup will be played using the Two-Stage format with the Group Stage in 2024 and the Finals in 2025.
- Mizuno provided a total of 1,152 balls to be used during the 50 games of the WBSC Men’s Softball World Cup.
- For the second edition in a row New Zealand played Czech Republic in Game 1 of the Men’s Softball World Cup.





WBSC VIRTUAL CUP

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Virtual Cup success strengthens WBSC commitment to eSports

The year 2022 will be remembered as a very significant one for the World Baseball Softball Confederation and its event portfolio as the first ever Virtual Cup took place across four different countries - Korea, Japan, Mexico and the United States - where a total of 8,146 entries were received to compete in the tournament, making it the most participated WBSC event in history.

The Opening Round of the ground-breaking event ran for the entire month of September before 12 teams participated in the Virtual Cup Finals on 27 November. Kimhwanhee님의 팀 of Korea beat Tacos al Pastor of Mexico 18-12 in the final at Strikezon in Bundang-Yatap in Seoul.

“Congratulations to the winners, all the 8000 and more participants and everyone that contributed to the success of the first WBSC Virtual Cup,” WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari said after the Finals. “Really excited the future of our eSports programs.”

ESports has been a discipline of baseball/ softball since December 2020 while the formal integration into the WBSC Statutes came during the WBSC Congress in July, 2022. However, it was at the end of 2021, when President Fraccari emphasized the importance of eSports for the global baseball and softball body, especially after the WBSC was one of five International Federations to receive an invitation from the International Olympic Committee to participate in the successful Olympic Virtual Series in 2021.

“Following the IOC’s lead and building off our successful debut at the Olympic Virtual Series, the WBSC will look to expand its presence in the eSports space, helping to unite, develop and serve a global community of potentially millions of baseball and softball gamers,” President Fraccari said.

The Virtual Cup in 2022 did exactly that, attracting interest from around the world as the WBSC, partnered with Korea-based Newdin and its ‘Strikezon’ state-of-the art technology, which were installed at venues around the world as the virtual field-of-play,

to launch the WBSC’s first ever eSports competition.

WBSC Executive Director Michael Schmidt commented at the time that: “The launch of the WBSC’s new Virtual Cup platform alongside an innovation leader like Newdin will ensure the successful execution of the WBSC’s forward-looking digital strategy that aims to further globalize our sport and connect it with new audiences beyond our traditional game -- helping to secure our sport’s future as the world becomes more digital.”

The event was an immediate success when it launched on 1 September with \$10,000 in prize money, a new logo, which was themed on baseball and softball with digital elements representing the speed of ball mixed with technology, as well as digital trophies and medals in NFT format – thanks to an historic deal with Leverade - in addition to the traditional winner’s medals and trophies.

Gold Ball Park, based in Seoul, Korea, became the Official Equipment and Apparel Supplier,





supplying high-quality, high-performance equipment and apparel, including the official bat – the Impact – and uniforms for the WBSC Virtual Cup players and tournament officials, in addition to special prizes for the winner.

Kimhwanhee님의 팀 and Chungyong Kim were the lucky winners on 27 November with Chungyong Kim being awarded the MVP title, receiving a special edition baseball glove of Oh Ji-hwan, the Korean shortstop at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

U-12 SOFTBALL WORLD CUP

from 7 to 11 December 2022

Jin-Long Field - Taichung, Chinese Taipei

5 teams

79 athletes

15 games

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FINAL STANDINGS

- 1. Chinese Taipei
- 2. Czech Republic
- 3. Singapore
- 4. Hong Kong
- 5. India





ALL-WORLD TEAM

MVP Yuan-Hsi Tien (TPE)

STARTING PITCHER Marketa Svecova (CZE)

RELIEF PITCHER Keona Yi Yin Lai (SGP)

CATCHER Yi Chien Liang (TPE)

FIRST BASE Likitha Dayyala (IND)

SECOND BASE Kristina Sestakova (CZE)

THIRD BASE Yuujin Yamazaki (SGP)

SHORTSTOP Tzu Chiao Ou (TPE)

OUTFIELDER Adam Sladek (CZE)

OUTFIELDER Shui Kiu Cheung (HKG)

OUTFIELDER Ee Lin Sim (SGP)

DP En-Shih Hsu (TPE)





FACTS AND FIGURES

- Both medal games in the II WBSC U-12 Softball World Cup went to extra innings, with Chinese Taipei successfully defending their title against the Czech Republic, and Singapore winning bronze.
- Chinese Taipei has emerged victorious in both editions of the WBSC U-12 Softball World Cup.
- Czech Republic's silver medal win was their best-ever finish in a WBSC tournament, and their second medal in the tournament, following their bronze medal finish in 2019.
- Singapore earned their first WBSC World Cup medal in Taichung.
- Singapore, Hong Kong and India participated for the first time in the U-12 World Cup.
- Tournament MVP Yuan-Hsi Tien made four appearances in the tournament, including a pair of complete game performances against the Czech Republic. He tossed 13 innings, striking out 12 opponents, while allowing three earned runs for a 1.15 ERA.
- Chinese Taipei's eight of 11 home runs were made by the Three Wus - Sheng Zhi Wu (4), Yu-Yang Wu (3) and Yue-Cen Wu (1).



ABOUT THE WBSC

Headquartered in Pully, Switzerland - adjacent to Lausanne, the Olympic Capital - the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) is the world governing body for baseball and softball. The WBSC boasts 185 Member Federations and 8 Provisional Members as well as 14 Associate Members in 137 countries and territories across Asia, Africa, the Americas, Europe and Oceania,

which represent a united baseball/softball sports movement that encompasses over 65 million athletes and attracts approximately 150 million fans to stadiums worldwide annually.

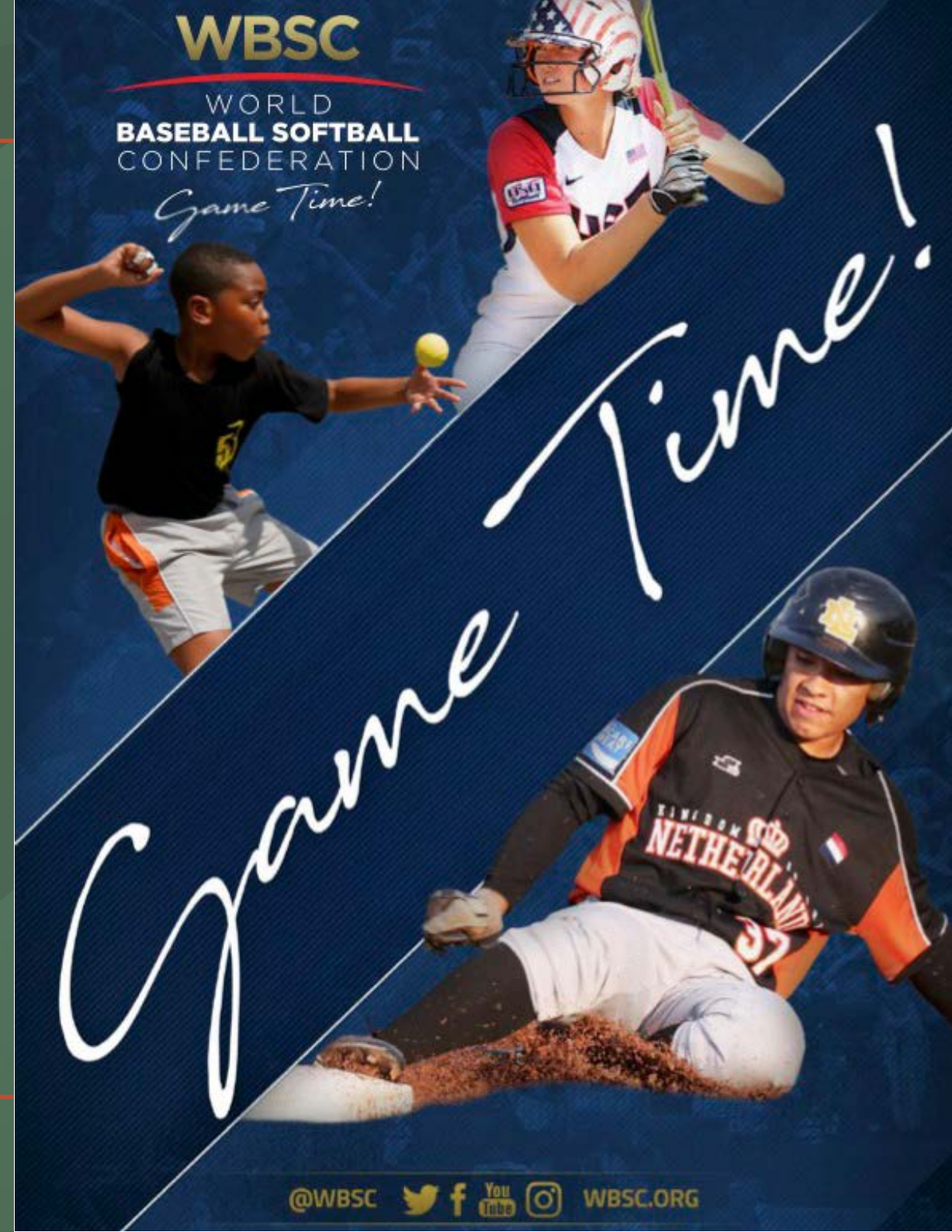
The WBSC governs all international competitions involving official national teams. The WBSC oversees the Premier12, the World Baseball Classic and Baseball World Cups (U-

12, U-15, U-18, U-23 and Women's), Softball World Cups, (U-12 Mixed, U-15 Women's, U-18 Women's, U-18 Men's, U-23 Men's, Women's and Men's), and official disciplines Baseball5 (Senior and Youth World Cups) and eSports as well as baseball, softball and Baseball5 events at the Olympic Games.

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WBSC ORGANISATIONAL PROFILE

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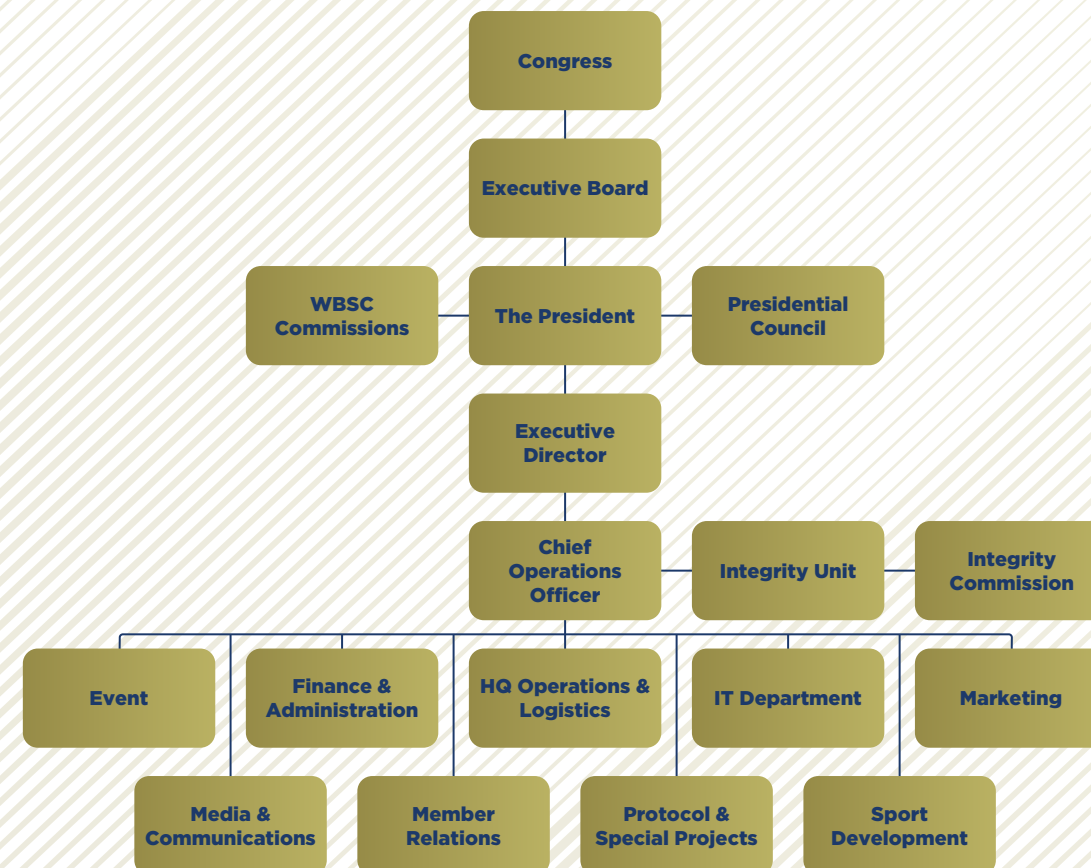


To guarantee the WBSC interacts with its members and stakeholders effectively, the WBSC has developed a new organisational profile, with the aim of setting a variety of universal attributes to ensure the WBSC's strategy and actions are of value to every single member of our audience.

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WBSC STRUCTURE

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9 Departments

1 Integrity Unit

The WBSC Executive Director implements the decisions of the Executive Board and presidential directives while he oversees the daily work of all departments. Office operations are strictly interconnected as per the nature of the International Federation. The WBSC working structure is characterised by constant teamwork between the different departments, as shown in the graphic.

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STRATEGIC GOALS

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WBSC *Strategic Goals*

2021
2024



The WBSC is responsible for the administration, promotion and growth of baseball and softball around the world and has identified nine goals as top strategic priorities for the 2021-2024 cycle, to help our sport reach the highest standards of excellence. The WBSC has created a comprehensive roadmap for each goal, forming its strategic plan to guide the future of our sport.

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STRATEGIC PLAN

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WBSC *Strategic Plan*

2022 - 2028

Aligned with Olympic Agenda 2020+5



After a careful study made by the WBSC leadership and its departments, and consultation with key stakeholders, the WBSC unveiled the WBSC 2022-28 Strategic Plan.

The aim of this important strategic plan is to guide the WBSC community with a measurable long-term strategy and objectives.

It includes the WBSC Organisational Profile and WBSC Structure as well as our growth objectives for 2028 these nine strategic goals and 73 sub-goals with targeted outcomes created to achieve the organisation's aim to grow baseball and softball by expanding within existing member regions and taking root in new territories.

The monitoring and evaluation of our international baseball and softball objectives will be done each quarter of the year, adjusting the current 244 roadmaps and 436 KPIs accordingly.

The WBSC's overall strategy is aligned with the IOC's Olympic Agenda 2020+5 through a pilot project done in cooperation with the IOC.

Our 2022-28 Strategic Plan will ensure that the global baseball/softball community is aligned and growing together in the same direction, taking strength from each other's experience and development to help secure our sport's future and allow it to maximise its potential on the international stage.

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WBSC EXECUTIVE BOARD

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MEMBER AT LARGE
MEMBER AT LARGE
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CONTINENTAL VICE PRESIDENT, AFRICA
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CONTINENTAL VICE PRESIDENT, EUROPE
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CONTINENTAL VICE PRESIDENT, EUROPE
CONTINENTAL VICE PRESIDENT, OCEANIA
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ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE

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Xu Yang (CHN)
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María Soto (VEN) Member

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Baseball members **72**
Softball members **64**
Joint members **57**
Total NFs members **193**
Associate members **14**
TOTAL MEMBERS **207**

26 Members in Africa
57 Members in Americas
36 Members in Asia
53 Members in Europe
21 Members in Oceania

AFRICA

COUNTRY

Benin
Botswana
Botswana
Burkina Faso
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Congo, Dem. Rep. of
Egypt
Gambia
Ghana
Ivory Coast
Kenya
Kenya

IOC CODE

BEN
BOT
BOT
BUR
CMR
CPV
COD
EGY
GAM
GHA
CIV
KEN
KEN

DIVISION

Combined
Baseball
Softball
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COUNTRY

Lesotho
Nigeria
Senegal
Sierra Leone
South Africa
South Africa
Tanzania
Togo
Tunisia
Uganda
Zambia
Zimbabwe
Zimbabwe

IOC CODE

LES
NGR
SEN
SLE
RSA
RSA
TAN
TOG
TUN
UGA
ZAM
ZIM
ZIM

DIVISION

Combined
Combined
Softball
Baseball
Baseball
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Baseball
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Combined
Baseball
Softball

AMERICAS

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Argentina	ARG	Baseball
Argentina	ARG	Softball
Aruba	ARU	Baseball
Aruba	ARU	Softball
Bahamas	BAH	Baseball
Bahamas	BAH	Softball
Belize	BIZ	Softball
Bolivia	BOL	Combined
Brazil	BRA	Combined
British Virgin Islands	IVB	Baseball
British Virgin Islands	IVB	Softball
Canada	CAN	Baseball
Canada	CAN	Softball
Cayman Islands	CAY	Softball
Chile	CHI	Combined
Colombia	COL	Baseball
Colombia	COL	Softball
Costa Rica	CRC	Baseball
Costa Rica	CRC	Softball
Cuba	CUB	Baseball
Cuba	CUB	Softball
Curacao	CUW	Baseball
Curacao	CUW	Softball
Dominican Republic	DOM	Baseball
Dominican Republic	DOM	Softball
Ecuador	ECU	Baseball

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Ecuador	ECU	Softball
El Salvador	ESA	Baseball
El Salvador	ESA	Softball
Guatemala	GUA	Baseball
Guatemala	GUA	Softball
Guyana	GUY	Baseball
Haiti	HAI	Combined
Honduras	HON	Baseball
Honduras	HON	Softball
Jamaica	JAM	Baseball
Jamaica	JAM	Softball
Mexico	MEX	Baseball
Mexico	MEX	Softball
Nicaragua	NCA	Baseball
Nicaragua	NCA	Softball
Panama	PAN	Baseball
Panama	PAN	Softball
Peru	PER	Baseball
Peru	PER	Softball
Puerto Rico	PUR	Baseball
Puerto Rico	PUR	Softball
Sint Marteen	SMX	Baseball
Trinidad & Tobago	TTO	Baseball
Turks & Caicos Islands	TCA	Softball
U.S. Virgin Islands	ISV	Baseball
U.S. Virgin Islands	ISV	Softball
Uruguay	URU	Softball

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
USA	USA	Baseball
USA	USA	Softball
Venezuela	VEN	Baseball
Venezuela	VEN	Softball

ASIA

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Afghanistan	AFG	Baseball
Bangladesh	BAN	Combined
Bhutan	BHU	Combined
Brunei	BRU	Combined
China	CHN	Baseball
China	CHN	Softball
Chinese Taipei	TPE	Baseball
Chinese Taipei	TPE	Softball
Hong Kong	HKG	Baseball
Hong Kong	HKG	Softball
India	IND	Baseball
India	IND	Softball
Indonesia	INA	Combined
Iran	IRI	Combined
Iraq	IRQ	Combined
Japan	JPN	Baseball
Japan	JPN	Softball
Jordan	JOR	Softball

EUROPE

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION	COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Laos	LAO	Combined	Armenia	ARM	Baseball
Malaysia	MAS	Baseball	Austria	AUT	Combined
Malaysia	MAS	Softball	Belarus	BLR	Baseball
Mongolia	MGL	Combined	Belgium	BEL	Combined
Myanmar	MYA	Baseball	Bulgaria	BUL	Combined
Nepal	NEP	Combined	Croatia	CRO	Baseball
North Korea	PRK	Combined	Croatia	CRO	Softball
Pakistan	PAK	Baseball	Cyprus	CYP	Baseball
Pakistan	PAK	Softball	Cyprus	CYP	Softball
Palestine	PLE	Combined	Czech Republic	CZE	Baseball
Philippines	PHI	Baseball	Czech Republic	CZE	Softball
Philippines	PHI	Softball	Denmark	DEN	Baseball
Saudi Arabia	KSA	Combined	Denmark	DEN	Softball
Singapore	SGP	Combined	Estonia	EST	Baseball
South Korea	KOR	Combined	Finland	FIN	Combined
Sri Lanka	SRI	Baseball	France	FRA	Combined
Thailand	THA	Baseball	Georgia	GEO	Combined
Thailand	THA	Softball	Germany	GER	Combined
			Great Britain	GBR	Baseball
			Great Britain	GBR	Softball
			Greece	GRE	Baseball
			Greece	GRE	Softball
			Guernsey	GGY	Softball
			Hungary	HUN	Combined
			Ireland	IRL	Baseball
			Ireland	IRL	Softball
			Israel	ISR	Baseball
			Israel	ISR	Softball
			Italy	ITA	Combined
			Kosovo	KOS	Combined
			Latvia	LAT	Baseball
			Lithuania	LTU	Baseball
			Lithuania	LTU	Softball
			Malta	MLT	Combined
			Moldova	MDA	Combined
			Netherlands	NED	Combined

EUROPE

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Norway	NOR	Combined
Poland	POL	Combined
Portugal	POR	Baseball
Romania	ROU	Combined
Russia	RUS	Baseball
Russia	RUS	Softball
San Marino	SMR	Combined
Serbia	SRB	Baseball
Serbia	SRB	Softball
Slovakia	SVK	Baseball

OCEANIA

COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION	COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION	COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION	COUNTRY	IOC CODE	DIVISION
Slovakia	SVK	Softball	American Samoa	ASA	Baseball	Micronesia	FSM	Softball			
Slovenia	SLO	Combined	American Samoa	ASA	Softball	New Caledonia	NCL	Baseball			
Spain	ESP	Combined	Australia	AUS	Baseball	New Zealand	NZL	Baseball			
Sweden	SWE	Combined	Australia	AUS	Softball	New Zealand	NZL	Softball			
Switzerland	SUI	Combined	Fiji	FIJ	Baseball	Palau	PLW	Baseball			
Turkey	TUR	Combined	Guam	GUM	Baseball	Palau	PLW	Softball			
Ukraine	UKR	Combined	Guam	GUM	Softball	Papua New Guinea	PNG	Baseball			
			Mariana Islands/Saipan	MNP	Softball	Papua New Guinea	PNG	Softball			
			Mariana Islands/Saipan	MNP	Baseball	Solomon Islands	SOL	Combined			
			Marshall Islands	MHL	Combined	Tonga	TGA	Combined			
			Micronesia	FSM	Baseball						



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