

# **Baseball5 Ball**

## **Homologation rules and application process**

Abstract from Baseball5 Rulebook.

*"WBSC, being the world governing body for Baseball5, is entitled of ball and equipment certification, homologation and licensing."*

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1. No Baseball5 ball can be used in any WBSC Baseball5 sanctioned event without the prior approval of the WBSC. Approval can be revoked at any time, if the manufacturer clearly modifies the ball after the approval.
2. All balls have to comply the requirements of the OFFICIAL Baseball5 Rulebook. (2.1 – The Ball).
3. The color(s) of the ball is free but the use of the Baseball5 naming and logo is protected by global trademark. Use of it must be priory approved by the WBSC. WBSC reserves the right to reject a design that may modify the game in any way.

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Application Requirement for 4-Year Term Approval

4. In order to have the Ball approved, the manufacturer has to:
  - Submit 6 balls (of the same model/design) to WBSC.
  - Provide a technical report on the ball, specifying the type of the material and all reasonable information to outline the manufacturing and producing process of the ball. WBSC will keep all information confidential.
  - Provide a list of all the designs of which is interested in receiving the approval.
  - Provide a technical report, specifying the type and origin of the material. WBSC will keep all information confidential.
  - Forward a non-refundable bank deposit in the amount of 2'000.- USD to the WBSC for administration, application and laboratory testing fees for all the four years.

- Pass WBSC independently organized lab test, which controls for:

1) Appearance of the ball

2) Ball Type/Material

3) Dimensions:

- weight

- diameter

- circumference

4) Vertical Bounce

5) Compression

NB: Laboratory test results not commissioned by the WBSC will not be accepted. Test results will be furnished to manufacturers, upon request.

After the tests the WBSC Office will inform the Manufacturer of the results and will provide a list of the Ball models that will be part of the WBSC Approved Baseball5 Balls list.

5. No changes to a WBSC Approved Baseball5 Balls shall be made without prior communication to and consent from WBSC.

6. During the 4-year period WBSC may, at various occasions, buy approved balls in order to continue the testing during the 4-year period. If those balls fail the tests it will result in the immediate suspension from the WBSC Approved Baseball5 Balls list and a fine of 500 USD to the manufacturer. Subsequently, the manufacturer will be asked to send further balls for testing purposes, and the results of such tests will decide about permanence in the WBSC Approved Baseball5 Balls List. If some balls (of the same manufacturer), purchased in the market, will fail the tests for a second time, the manufacturer will be automatically cancelled from the WBSC Approved Baseball5 Balls and will be then asked to send further balls to be tested to get approval again.

All extra costs for this testing are up to the manufacturer, but no extra fees will be charged by the WBSC.

7. Any violation of Art. 5 by the manufacturer will result in the immediate suspension from the WBSC Approved Baseball5 Balls List and a fine of 500 USD. If a second violation will occur; **the result will be the termination of the balls manufacturer's WBSC approval.**

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