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# CHAPTER I – GENERAL PRINCIPLES

## ARTICLE 1. AUTHORITY

1.1 As per article 1.2 of the WBSC Statutes, the WBSC is the only recognised International Governing Body for the Sport of Baseball/Softball. As such, the WBSC recognises the actions and the ideals of the Members of the International Baseball/Softball Family to promote, encourage and develop the endeavours and efforts to fulfill the WBSC objectives (article 4 of the WBSC Statutes).

1.2 This document disciplines and regulates the conferment and use of the WBSC awards that shall be divided in three categories and such institutionalised:

1.2.1 The Order of Honour: this is the highest Honour of WBSC for those people that particularly contributed to the foundation of the World Baseball Softball Confederation, to its success, to the development of all potentialities of Baseball and Softball such creating a World Baseball/Softball Family and to its globalisation.

1.2.2 The Order of the Golden Diamond: this is to recognise those people, entities and organisations that contributed to the development of the World Baseball Softball Confederation and especially for the continuous support, cooperation and assistance to WBSC through concrete actions and contributions that made possible the widening of the horizons and the innovation and research in our Sport.

1.2.3 The Congress Annual Awards: these are awarded by the WBSC Congress every two years and are categorised per year and per activity.

1.3 The WBSC retains the right to modify this document and its contents, for example in the quantity and type of Honours.

1.4 The Executive Board shall provisionally withdraw the WBSC Honours in case of severe infringement of the WBSC Statutes, Codes, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, lack of respect and integrity or public negative sayings about baseball/softball ideals. The Congress is the only body empowered to finally withdraw these distinctions.

1.5 Any modification to this Regulation shall be made by the Executive Board only.

## ARTICLE 2. CEREMONIES

2.1 The conferment of all WBSC Honours shall respect a precise protocol and shall allow the International Baseball/Softball Family to celebrate the Awardees in public.

2.2 The WBSC President shall confer all WBSC Honours, provided that the Congress Awards are announced at the WBSC Congresses and the other Honours in any other official ceremony which is deemed opportune.

2.3 Should the WBSC President for any reason be unavailable, then one of the Executive Vice Presidents chosen by the Executive Board shall preside the ceremony and thereafter alternating between them if the President is again not available, or if no Executive Vice President is available then the Secretary General shall preside the ceremony, in that order.

# CHAPTER II – THE HONOURS

## ARTICLE 3. THE ORDER OF HONOUR

3.1 WBSC deems opportune to recognise those people that contributed to the foundation of the World Baseball Softball Confederation, to its success and to the development of all potentialities of the merge of Baseball and Softball such creating a World Baseball/Softball Family.

3.2 The WBSC Order of Honour represents the supreme honour awarded to those persons who have acted in such a way as to illustrate the ideals of baseball/softball and their outstanding merits in favour of the development of our Sport and who have rendered exceptional services to baseball/softball.

3.3 This distinction shall be awarded by the WBSC Executive Board and the WBSC Congress shall be notified accordingly.

3.4 The candidature file shall mention the merits and services provided to baseball/softball. Besides, consideration shall be taken of the respectability, the reputation, the fair-play and the integrity of the candidate in his or her baseball/softball and private life. To this effect, the Executive Board may undertake any prior inquiry to the baseball/softball and political bodies of his or her country.

3.5 Prior to the award of the Order, an Executive Board member shall read the full candidature file and show it on the screen.

3.6 The Collar of the Order, the medal, the pin and the diploma shall be awarded to the awardee or his or her representative by the WBSC President.

3.7 The Award is numbered and the WBSC office will keep the register.

3.8 At the moment when the WBSC President awards the Order, he/she shall read as follows: *«I, President of the WBSC, on behalf of the WBSC Executive Board and the WBSC Congress, on behalf of all its Members, National Federations, Associations and Organisations, today (date), here in (city and State), award Mr./Ms. (name and surname of the awardee) the WBSC Order of Honour. With this award the International Family of Baseball/Softball wishes to recognise and distinguish Mr./Ms. (name and surname of the awardee) for his or her contribution to the foundation, success and development of the World Baseball Softball Confederation and our Sport».*

## ARTICLE 4. THE ORDER OF THE GOLDEN DIAMOND

4.1 WBSC deems opportune to recognise those people that contributed to the development of the World Baseball Softball Confederation and especially for the continuous support, cooperation and assistance to WBSC through concrete actions and contributions that made possible the widening of the horizons and the innovation and research in our Sport.

4.2 The WBSC Order of the Golden Diamond awards those persons who have acted in such a way as to develop the ideals of baseball/softball and their outstanding merits in favour of the widening of the horizons and innovation and research within our Sport.

4.3 This distinction shall be awarded by the WBSC Executive Board and the WBSC Congress shall be notified accordingly.

4.4 The candidature file shall mention the merits and services provided to baseball/softball. Besides, consideration shall be taken of the respectability, the reputation, the fair-play and the integrity of the candidate in his or her baseball/softball and private life. To this effect, the Executive Board may undertake any prior inquiry to the baseball/softball and political bodies of his or her country.

4.5 Prior to the award of the Order, an Executive Board member shall read the full candidature file and show it on the screen.

4.6 The Golden Diamond and the diploma shall be awarded to the awardee or his or her representative by the WBSC President.

4.7 The Award is numbered and the WBSC office will keep the register.

4.8 At the moment when the WBSC President awards the Order, he/she shall read as follows: *«I, President of the WBSC, on behalf of the WBSC Executive Board and the WBSC Congress, on behalf of all its Members, National Federations, Associations and Organisations, today (date), here in (city and State), award Mr./Ms. (name and surname of the awardee) the WBSC Order of the Golden Diamond. With this award the International Family of Baseball/Softball wishes to recognise and distinguish Mr./Ms. (name and surname of the awardee) for his or her contribution to the development, innovation and research within the World Baseball Softball Confederation and our Sport».*

## **ARTICLE 5. THE CONGRESS ANNUAL AWARDS**

5.1 WBSC deems opportune to recognise those people that worked in our Sport and contributed to the growth and fame of it around the world, especially among the youngest generations and bringing our Sport in all the houses and corners of the world.

5.2 The WBSC Executive Board shall celebrate a dedicated ceremony every two years, in occasion of each WBSC Congress, and award these distinctions.

5.3 The Congress Annual Awards are categorised as follows:

4.3.1 Baseball Player of the year

4.3.2 Softball Player of the year

4.3.3 Baseball National Team Coach of the year

4.3.4 Softball National Team Coach of the year

4.3.5 Baseball Umpire of the year

4.3.6 Softball Umpire of the year

4.3.7 Scorer of the year

4.3.8 Baseball National Federation of the year

4.3.9 Softball National Federation of the year

5.4 The candidature file shall mention the merits and services provided to baseball/softball. Besides, consideration shall be taken of the respectability, the reputation, the fair-play and the integrity of the candidate in his or her baseball/softball and private life. To this effect, the

Executive Board may undertake any prior inquiry to the baseball/softball and political bodies of his or her country.

5.5 Prior to the award of each distinction, an Executive Board member shall read the full candidature file and show it on the screen.

5.6 The WBSC Congress Annual Plaques and the diplomas shall be awarded to the awardees or his or her representatives by the WBSC President.

5.7 The Awards are numbered and the WBSC office will keep the register.

5.8 At the moment when the WBSC President awards the distinctions, he/she shall read as follows: *«I, President of the WBSC, on behalf of the WBSC Executive Board and the WBSC Congress, on behalf of all its Members, National Federations, Associations and Organisations, today (date), here in (city and State), award Mr./Ms. (name and surname of the awardee) this WBSC Congress Annual Award as (category of the award)».*