

Request Form for Hosting a WBSC-Sanctioned Baseball Event

In accordance with Article 19, specifically articles 19.1 and 19.3 to 19.6, of the WBSC statutes and relevant clauses of WBSC Articles of Association, a WBSC member on whose territory a WBSC-sanctioned baseball event or competition is to be organised must obtain prior approval from WBSC.

The applicant is a member of WBSC Baseball Division and intends to host a WBSC-sanctioned event or competition on its territory. As a result, the applicant:

(Name of the WBSC Member, referred to as "Applicant")

submits the sanction request for a WBSC-sanctioned baseball event or competition in order to host the following event or competition:

Description:

(Description/name of the Event or Competition. Attach a game schedule and competition regulations. Specify how many games to be played as well as type of event or competition such as exhibition, friendly series or tournament)

Teams: A.

B.

C.

D.

E.

F.

(List names of participating teams and specify whether a National Team or Club Team)

Age category:

(Adult, U-23, U-18, U-15, U-12 – specify if others)

Date:

(Date on which the requested game(s) or competition is to take place)

Umpires:

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

6.

(Full name and nationality of each umpire. If for any reason the above-assigned umpires are changed, the WBSC as well as all participating teams must be informed together with reasons for such change)

Umpires appointed by:

(WBSC Member Organisation / Name of Person Responsible)


Venues:

1.

2.

3.

(Name and location of the stadiums in which requested game(s) or competition is to take place. If multiple games to take place, specify venue for each game planned)



In submitting this request, WBSC members involved acknowledge that any international baseball game(s) or tournaments must have the prior sanction of the WBSC and must follow the instructions provided by the WBSC Headquarters. Following the established procedures, the Post Event Reports shall be completed and provided to the WBSC Baseball Tournament Department within 72 hours after the conclusion of the game(s) or event in question. Together with the Post Game Reports, high quality photographs of all teams and umpires concerned (pre-game and in game) shall be provided to the WBSC.


In addition, the WBSC Sanction Logo (available upon request) must be placed on all relevant media outlets such as website, printed materials, official program, newspapers, giant screen, on-field signage, broadcasting if available for public recognition of WBSC as sanctioning body.

The signatory on behalf of the Applicant hereby explicitly confirms compliance with the conditions set forth in this document as well as the WBSC instructions for hosting a WBSC-sanctioned game(s) or competition.

(Place and Date)

(Name and Position of the Signatory. Signatory must be a senior member of the Applicant E.g. President, CEO, Secretary General or Executive Director)

(Signature)



The signatories on behalf of the participating teams hereby explicitly confirm compliance with the conditions set forth in this document as well as the WBSC instructions for participating in a WBSC-sanctioned game(s) or competition. Signatory must be a senior member such as President, CEO, Secretary General or Executive Director.

(Name and Position of the Signatory for Team A) (Signature)

(Name and Position of the Signatory for Team B) (Signature)

(Name and Position of the Signatory for Team C) (Signature)

(Name and Position of the Signatory for Team D) (Signature)

(Name and Position of the Signatory for Team E) (Signature)

(Name and Position of the Signatory for Team F) (Signature)

For any inquiries, please contact the WBSC Headquarters.

WBSC-World Baseball Softball Confederation - Baseball Division

Maison du Sport International /Av de Rhodanie 54 /1007 / Lausanne, Switzerland

Email: events@wbsc.org

Tel: +41 21 318 8240

International Baseball Sanction Official Guidelines and Definitions

1. Definitions

- a) **“Club Team”** – Any individual team not formed to represent a National Team (e.g., youth organisation team, high school team, professional team, etc.) that typically participates in local/domestic competitions or leagues and may have players from different countries of origin.
- b) **“International Competition”** – A baseball competition shall be considered an international competition and come under the jurisdiction of WBSC Baseball when the competition features any of the following:
 - I. National Team vs. National Team
 - II. National Team vs. Club (e.g., youth organisation, high school, university, professional, etc.)
 - III. Club vs. Club (e.g., youth organisation, high school, university, professional, etc.) when
 - (1) Clubs competing against each other have a different country of origin; or
 - (2) Clubs from the same country of origin compete against each other in a foreign territory; or
 - (3) The competition involves one or more players that come under the jurisdiction and/or auspice of one or more Members.
 - IV. One or more players competing come under the jurisdiction and/or auspices of one or more Members.

Note: If a National Team or Club, or two National Teams (e.g. U-18 vs U-23 or U-23 vs Senior) from the same nation is to play each other within their territory, such a competition will not be subject to a WBSC sanction.
- c) **“Member”** – A National Federation Member or Associate Member affiliated to the WBSC.
- d) **“National Team”** – A National Team is a selection of players who share the same nationality and are assembled under the authority of their respective National Olympic Committees and/or National Federation – and/or in partnership with WBSC Associate Members, where applicable – to represent their nation in sanctioned international competitions.
- e) **“Non-Member”** – Any organisation, league, individual (e.g., promoter) that is not a Member of the WBSC.
- f) **“Sanction”** – Explicit written approval granted by the WBSC.

2. Exclusive Authority – WBSC holds the exclusive authority to organise, sanction and regulate international competitions among its Members and in each constituent country for which there is a national governing body for baseball.

3. Requesting a Sanction – Members and Non-members/persons (through the respective Members in concerned territory/ies) shall request a sanction from the WBSC to organise an international competition, as defined under 1.

4. Automatic Sanction Granted – An international competition will automatically be recognised and granted a sanction by the WBSC for:

- a) Continental championships organised under WBSC’s Continental Confederations
- b) Regional multisport events, such as the Asian Games and Pan-American Games, which are organised under the auspices of the Olympic Movement.

5. Granting a Sanction -- The WBSC shall review the application and grant a sanction in a timely manner if:

- a) The proposed competition is in accordance with the WBSC Articles of Association and WBSC Statutes;
- b) The proposed scope or size of the event are not in conflict with any major WBSC sanctioned event or competition platform (e.g., World Championships);

- c) The proposed dates of the event are not in conflict with any major WBSC sanctioned event or competition platform (e.g., World Championships);
- d) The proposed event takes into the highest consideration and has provisions to ensure player safety;
- e) The proposed name of the event is a reasonably accurate representation of the scope and size of event;
- f) The organiser will properly identify the event as being sanctioned by the WBSC;
- g) Any required sanctioning fee is paid to (may be waived, along with Art. 4 for Members):
 - a. The WBSC Baseball Division
 - b. The relevant host Member/s, when the event is not directly organised by the Member.
- h) A notarised/audited Financial Report for a commercial international competition (or provisional budget for a new event) is submitted; and
- i) The sanctioning application is completed in full, with any/all supporting documents and submitted with reasonable time prior to the event.

6 Denying a Sanction – A sanction may be refused or revoked if:

- a) There is non-compliance with any of the conditions set forth under Art. 5
- b) An organiser makes use of – or is complicit in – false advertising practices to identify Club Teams as National Teams, including but not limited to:
 - 1. Making use of a country name (e.g., “Puerto Rico”) or national flag:
 - a) On team apparel (such as uniforms, ball/bat bags, travel outfits, batting practice jerseys, t-shirts, helmets, or any other team items)
 - b) In the media (e.g., websites, advertisements, promotional materials, media guides, tournament schedules, TV, social media, or any other place).
 - 2. Through their broadcast partners, sponsors, suppliers or any other partners