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# **CHAPTER I – GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

## **ARTICLE 1. NAME AND FOUNDING PURPOSE**

1.1 - Under Article 1 of the WBSC Europe Statutes, the WBSC Europe, hereinafter referred to as “WBSC Europe”, is the only recognised Governing Body for the Sports of Baseball and Softball and all disciplines thereof, legally established in accordance with its own Statutes as well as the Austrian Civil Code and it shall be in charge of all Baseball and Softball activities in all categories thereof in all the countries and territories of Europe which accept its Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

1.2 - Pursuant to Article 12.1 of the WBSC Europe Statutes, WBSC Europe has created the WBSC Europe Baseball Division (the “WBSC Europe BD”) and the WBSC Europe Softball Division (the “WBSC Europe SD” ), hereinafter referred to as the “Divisions”, for the sole purpose of and to be responsible for the technical rules and competitions, the supervision and the organisation of Baseball and Softball respectively, and to manage the same under the authority of the WBSC Europe.

1.3 - The Divisions shall be governed by the WBSC Europe Statutes, By Laws, Rules and Regulations, this Code of the Divisions and any all disciplines and categories thereof which shall be in full compliance with the WBSC Europe Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By Laws, Rules and Regulations and the International Olympic Committee Charter.

1.4 - The Divisions are ruled by the Code of the Divisions, which is in full compliance with the WBSC Europe Statutes.

1.5 - The WBSC Europe membership is governed by Articles 6, 7, 8 and 10 of the WBSC Europe Statutes and pursuant thereto, the Divisions are constituted by those WBSC Europe Members which govern, organise, promote and/or develop Baseball and/or Softball in their respective country or territory.

## **ARTICLE 2. LOCATION OF THE OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONS**

2.1 - The Divisions may have their own management offices at a location decided and approved by the WBSC Europe Executive Board, but such offices shall at all times be managed under the authority of the WBSC Europe.

## **CHAPTER II – ORGANISATION OF THE DIVISIONS**

### **ARTICLE 3. ORGANISATION OF THE DIVISIONS**

3.1 - The Divisions shall be managed and administered in the following manner:

- a) their Annual Congress of the respective Members;
- b) their respective Division Boards;
- c) such Division Commissions as the Division Boards may deem appropriate.

In accordance with the WBSC Europe Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, Commissions may be appointed to exercise their respective functions as delegated to them by the WBSC Europe Executive Board and the Division Boards. The Commissions shall report to and be subject to the authority of the WBSC Europe Executive Board and the Division Boards.

3.2 - The Executive Managements shall perform the administration and management of each Division and shall report to and be responsible through the respective Presidents to the respective Division Board.

3.3 - The Division Boards may create such Working Groups (“WG”) and appoint the Chair and members thereof and such WGs shall exercise such functions as delegated to it by the Division Boards and under its authority and are always subject to the ultimate authority of the WBSC Europe Executive Board and shall be in compliance with the WBSC Europe Statutes, By Laws, Rules and Regulations. All WGs shall report to the Division Boards, which shall report to the WBSC Europe Executive Board.

3.4 - Each Division Board may employ such executive, management and administrative staff as it deems appropriate and all payments for such staff shall be the responsibility of and to the account of each respective Division. All such staff exercise such duties and responsibilities as delegated to it by the Division Boards and under its authority and are always subject to the ultimate authority of the WBSC Europe Executive Board and shall be in compliance with the WBSC Europe Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By Laws, Rules and Regulations. All such staff shall report to the Division Boards, which shall report to the WBSC Europe Executive Board.

### **ARTICLE 4. THE DIVISION ANNUAL CONGRESS**

4.1 - The Division Annual Congress shall be the highest authority of the Divisions and shall have the power to decide upon any matters relating to this Code provided always that all such decisions shall be in compliance with and in harmony with the WBSC Europe Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By Laws, Rules and Regulations.

4.2 - Each Division Annual Congress shall consist of the following:

- a) One (1) delegate for each Division Member in Good Standing who has been accepted by the WBSC Europe as an Accredited Delegate under Article 13.2 of the WBSC Europe Statutes which shall apply as applicable under this Code. Each such delegate shall have one (1) vote. Division Members not in Good Standing shall have the right to attend and speak but no right to vote.

- b) All officers of the Division Boards, who have the right to speak but no right to vote.
- c) The WBSC Europe President and all others whose attendance is authorised by the WBSC Europe Executive Board who have the right to speak but no right to vote.

4.3 - The President of each Division shall control the conduct of the respective Annual Congress ("Chair"). Should the Chair, for any reason be unavailable, then the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President shall preside and should the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President for any reason be unavailable, one of the Vice Presidents according to the Protocol Order shall preside and thereafter alternating between them if the President is again not available, or if no Vice President is available then the WBSC Europe Executive Board shall appoint one of the WBSC Europe Executive Board officers to serve as Chair thereof.

4.4 - The Division Annual Congress shall be held not more than one (1) day before the WBSC Europe Congress, every calendar year, and at a time and in a place determined by the WBSC Europe Executive Board, which shall always be invited and represented in all Division Annual Congresses.

4.5 - The Secretary General of each Division shall give written notice of the respective Division Annual Congress at least three (3) months prior to the fixed date of the Congress to all Division Members and to the WBSC Europe President. Also the agenda for the Congress and any reports as in Article 4.7 and together with all duly submitted motions and applications shall be sent at least one (1) month prior to the date fixed for the Congress.

4.6 - Each Annual Congress has a quorum if more than one-half of the eligible voting delegates of Division Members are represented. If within a reasonable period after the designated start time for a Annual Congress the Secretary General has conducted the Roll Call and established that a quorum is not present, any duly summoned Annual Congress may, nevertheless, act as it goes along with the affirmative vote of at least an absolute majority of the votes constituting the normal quorum in the WBSC Europe Division.

4.7 – Each Division Board shall propose the order of business upon approval of the Annual Congress.

4.8 - Motions, applications and proposals for amendments of or additions to any Rule of the Divisions shall be considered only if submitted by a Division Member or by the Division Boards or the WBSC Europe Executive Board. All motions, applications, and proposals to be considered by the Annual Congress must reach the Secretary General at least two (2) calendar months prior to the Annual Congress and must appear on the agenda given to the Division Members in accordance with Article 4.5. On a motion of urgency approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those Division Members of Good Standing present and voting, the Annual Congress may deal with new proposals not appearing on the agenda.

4.9 - Any amendment of or addition to the Code agreed upon by each Annual Congress shall be submitted to and subject to the approval of the WBSC Europe Executive Board prior to it becoming effective.

4.10 - The functions and responsibilities of the Annual Congress shall be:

- a) To elect the President, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, the Secretary General, the Treasurer and the four Vice Presidents of each Division in accordance with the WBSC Europe Election By-Laws.

b) To consider and decide on such matters and resolutions put forward to the Annual Congress for discussion and decision and subject always to compliance with the WBSC Europe Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By Laws, Rules and Regulations.

c) To examine, and approve or reject the balance-sheets of the Divisions and the financial statements and reports presented by the Division Boards.

d) Any and all the attributions of reference established by this Code or by the WBSC Europe Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

## **ARTICLE 5. THE DIVISION BOARDS**

5.1 - The Division Boards shall each comprise of the following officers:

a) a President

b) 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President;

c) Secretary General

d) Treasurer;

e) four (4) Vice Presidents;

f) one (1) Athletes' Representative each for Men's Baseball and Women's Baseball in the Baseball Division and one (1) Athletes' Representative each for Men's Softball and Women's Softball in the Softball Division;

5.2 - The officers of the Division Boards shall be elected as follows and in accordance with the WBSC Europe Election By-Laws:

5.2.1 - The President, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Secretary General, Treasurer and the Vice Presidents shall be elected by the Division Members at their Annual Congress every four (4) years;

5.2.2 - The respective Athletes' Representatives for Men's Baseball and Women's Baseball and for Men's Softball and Women's Softball shall be elected every four (4) years by the respective athletes of that discipline at such Baseball and Softball competitions as may be decided by the Division Boards and under the supervision of the WBSC Europe Executive Board.

5.3 - Decisions of the Division Boards shall be by simple majority and in the case of a tie the respective Divisional President shall have a casting vote. Voting may be conducted remotely, such as by phone, facsimile or other means, including signed circular resolutions and other electronic means.

5.4 - The Division Boards shall ensure that all actions and decisions of the Annual Congress and Division Boards shall be in compliance with and in harmony with the WBSC Europe Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By Laws, Rules and Regulations.

5.5 - All the members of the Division Boards elected by the Annual Congress must be from different Member Federations.

5.6 - The officers of the Division Boards shall serve for a period of four (4) years and until their respective successor is elected and take office.

5.7 - Where a Division Board member has been absent from two (2) consecutive Congresses without reasons acceptable to the respective Division Board, his or her position as member shall be forfeited. The Division Board may then fill the vacancy in accordance with the WBSC Europe Election By-Laws.

5.8 - The rights and duties of each Division Board shall include the following:

- a) To discuss and decide on all matters assigned to it by the respective Annual Congress, the WBSC Europe Congress or the WBSC Europe Executive Board.
- b) To interpret and enforce this Code and ensure that such interpretation and enforcement is in compliance with and in harmony with the WBSC Europe Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.
- c) To do everything possible to maintain harmony between its Division Members and to decide without prejudice on each dispute that might occur between or amongst them.
- d) To prepare the annual budget, balance sheets, financial statements and annual reports of the Division on the financial activities, duly audited, and table them for approval by the next respective Annual Congress.
- e) To organise and control all competitions under the jurisdiction of each Division, including to decide on and publish regulations for the competitions and also to determine the dates and sites upon final approval of the WBSC Europe Executive Board.
- f) To approve and compile and keep up-to-date Baseball and Softball records achieved in competitions under the jurisdiction of each Division.
- g) Monitor, supervise and orient the activities of the Division Commissions, whose members should be appointed at the President's proposal and confirmation of the Division Board.
- h) To provide a written report of the activities to every and each Annual Congress and WBSC Europe Congress.
- i) To ensure that the decisions of an Annual Congress, WBSC Europe Congress and WBSC Europe Executive Board are timely and properly implemented.
- j) To consider and deem appropriate, approve, at the President's proposal, the employment of the Division's office staff, under the supervision of the WBSC Europe Executive Board.
- k) To take all other actions as required or necessitated by this Code, the WBSC Europe Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations or as may be directed by the WBSC Europe Congress or WBSC Europe Executive Board.

5.9 - The Division Boards shall operate as follows:

- a) The Division Boards shall meet at least four times every calendar year in particular:
  - 5.9.1.1** once immediately before each Annual Congress,
  - 5.9.1.2** once immediately after each Annual Congress,
  - 5.9.1.3** once at mid-year, for an intermediate review of the situation of the year
  - 5.9.1.4** once to proceed to the reviews and approvals as stated in Article 4

**5.9.1.5** furthermore the Division Board shall meet any time it deems necessary upon notice of the President or at the request of at least half of its Officers.

**5.9.2** The meetings of the Division Boards are administrated according to the Regulations.

b) The Meetings of the Division Boards may take place in whole or in part via electronic means (a "Meeting").

c) Unless the Division Boards shall approve a meeting on short notice ("Extraordinary Meeting"), notice must be given not less than sixty (60) calendar days before a meeting of the Division Boards, with a request for items or information for the agenda.

d) Any matter to be discussed at a meeting other than an extraordinary meeting must be received by the respective President and the WBSC Europe President at least twenty-one (21) calendar days before the Meeting.

e) The Presidents shall publish a written notice of such a meeting confirming the date, time, and location of the meeting, and provide agenda items and supporting documentation not less than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to each Meeting. Once a final written notice of a meeting has been made, the meeting may only be cancelled by majority vote of the Division Board.

f) The Presidents of the Divisions shall preside at every Division Board meeting. Should the President, for any reason be unavailable, then the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents according to the Protocol Order shall preside and should the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Presidents for any reason be unavailable, one of the Vice Presidents according to the Protocol Order shall preside and thereafter alternating between them if the President is again not available.

g) The quorum shall be constituted with the concurrence of at least five (5) of its officers. In the absence of a quorum, the Division Boards, duly convened, may nevertheless proceed to discuss the matters on the agenda and act with the affirmative vote of at least five (5) of its officers present and voting. In the case of a tie, the President shall have the casting vote.

h) The Secretary General shall be responsible of drawing the minutes of the meeting of the Division Board, provide draft minutes within twenty (20) calendar days after the meeting and publish them within thirty (30) calendar days to every Division Member and to the WBSC Europe President.

i) At every meeting of the Division Board, each officer of the Division Board shall declare any conflict of interest involving any matter on the agenda or otherwise discussed at the Meeting, which conflict(s) shall be recorded in the minutes. An officer of the Division Board may, with the prior written consent of the Division Board, participate in a meeting not called as a fully electronic meeting of the Division Board and be present by telephonic or other means of electronic communication as long as all participants can be clearly heard. An officer of the Division Board attending a meeting in this way shall be deemed to be present and this will not count as an absence.

j) No officer of the Division Board shall attend by or give a proxy to another person and no vote shall be taken by or opinion expressed by proxy.

k) A resolution shall be validly passed if adopted by a majority of members of the Division Board present and voting.

l) Unless otherwise agreed by the meeting of the Division Board in question, the minutes of that meeting, in whole or in part, shall be public.

m) Notwithstanding the above, an officer of the Division Board may request that the Division Board meet on an expedited basis provided that more than two-thirds (2/3) of the members agree in writing to hold such a meeting ("Special Committee Meeting"). The procedures in this Article, which apply to regular meeting, shall apply to every Special Committee Meeting, but the notice, agenda, and distribution requirements may be waived by vote of the Division Board.



## **ARTICLE 6. THE DIVISION BOARD MEMBERS**

### **6.1 – PRESIDENT**

The President of each Division shall serve on the WBSC Europe Executive Board as the VP responsible for respective Division under the WBSC Europe Statutes. His or her duties and responsibilities are:

**6.1.1.** The President shall be the principal Executive Officer of the respective Division and shall in general supervise and control the business and affairs of the respective Division. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Division Board.

**6.1.2.** The President is the Legal Official representative of the respective Division in all public matters.

**6.1.3.** The President authorizes and sanctions the expenditures of the respective Division within the frame and limits of the Budget approved by the Annual Congress.

**6.1.4.** The President signs all deeds, mortgages, contracts or other instrument which the Congress and/or Division Board have authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Division Board to some other officer or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed.

**6.1.5.** The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Commissions and Committees of the respective Division with full voting rights.

**6.1.6.** The President ratifies the appointment of Chairpersons and members of all Commissions and Committees of the respective Division after approval by the Division Board.

**6.1.7.** In general, the President shall perform all duties incident to this office and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Division Board.

### **6.2 – 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

**6.2.1.** In the absence of the President, or in the event of his or her inability to act in a specific event, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have the powers of and be subject to the restrictions upon the President. In the absence of the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, or in the event of his or her inability to act in a specific event, the Division Board will appoint one of its Officers to perform the duties of the President in that specific event.

**6.2.2.** In case of vacancy of the position of President, the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President immediately fulfils the duties of President as per Article 6.1

**6.2.3** The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President shall be an ex-officio member of all Commissions and Committees and in the absence of the President shall have a vote.

### **6.3. - SECRETARY GENERAL**

**6.3.1.** The Secretary General owes direct responsibility to the Division Board within the framework of coordinating, organizing, and executing the decisions of the Annual Congress and of the Division Board.

**6.3.2.** The Secretary General shall act as coordinator between all Commissions, Committees and other institutions of the respective Division and shall be an ex-officio member of all Commissions and Committees of the respective Division with consultative voice, except when he is also the Chairperson of a Commission or Committee in which case he is invested of the full rights of the function.

**6.3.3.** The Secretary General shall keep the Official Statutes and Regulations, the Official Minutes of the Annual Congresses and the Minutes of the Meetings of the Division Board and the Official correspondence of the respective Division.

**6.3.4.** In general, the Secretary General shall ensure and control the regularity of the procedures and acts of the Members and Institutions of the respective Division with respect to the Statutes and Regulations. The Secretary General is by right a Member of the Legal Commission.

#### **6.4 - TREASURER**

**6.4.1.** The Treasurer is in charge of the financial books and owes direct responsibility to the Division Board within the framework of implementing the financial decisions of the Annual Congress and of the Division Board.

**6.4.2.** The Treasurer holds the charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and property of the respective Division.

**6.4.3.** The Treasurer pays the expenses as sanctioned by the President and shall be the prime Signatory for the bank accounts. An alternate Signatory shall be appointed by the Division Board whose role will be to act as Signatory in the duly established absence, unavailability, or incapacity of the Treasurer.

**6.4.4.** The Treasurer receives and gives receipts, prepares the annual budget for approval of the Division Board, prepares the annual financial statements, reviews accounts in order to regulate income and expenditures, and prepares periodical financial statements for the Division Board. The Treasurer is by right a Member of the Financial Commission.

**6.4.5.** In general, The Treasurer performs all the duties incident to his or her Office and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Division Board.

#### **6.5. – VICE PRESIDENT**

**6.5.1.** Each Vice President shall perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the President or by the Division Board, including assuming the chairmanship of a Commission or Committee of the respective Division, and owes direct responsibility to the Division Board within the frame of his or her duties

## **ARTICLE 7. THE OFFICES OF THE DIVISIONS**

7.1 - The Division Boards may employ each a Division Director and such other staff upon such terms and conditions as it deems necessary and appropriate to carry out the administrative and operational duties and responsibilities of each Division under the authority of the President and the Division Boards and under the final approval of the WBSC Europe Executive Board. The Division Boards shall prepare a job description for the Division Directors. Such staff shall carry out all duties and responsibilities in compliance with and in harmony with this Code, the WBSC Europe Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, the Division Board and the WBSC Europe Executive Board shall entrust upon him or her.

7.2 - The Division Directors shall attend each the respective Annual Congresses and the Congress of each Division Board and Commissions and shall have the right to speak but no right to vote.

## **ARTICLE 8. THE COMMISSIONS OF THE DIVISIONS**

8.1 - The Division Boards have the power to create any Commission of the Divisions (hereinafter referred to as "Division Commissions") and appoint the Chairs and members thereof with such mandate and terms of reference as they deem necessary and appropriate for the good administration of the Divisions and, as applicable, the Objectives or the business of the Divisions. Such Division Commissions and all members thereof shall carry out all duties and responsibilities in compliance with and in harmony with this Code, the WBSC Europe Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, the Division Board and the WBSC Europe Executive Board shall entrust upon them.

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

8.3 - The power to appoint of the Division Board in relation to the Division Commissions shall include the power to dismiss and re-appoint their members and to dissolve any Division Commission.

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

**8.4.1.** The Technical Commission: establishes, defines and enforces the Rules and Standards governing the respective Division Competitions, establishes and enforces the training programs for Scorers and Technicians, proposes to the Division Board the appointment of the Technical Commissioners in European Competitions, and ensures the good running of the respective Division Competitions.

**8.4.2.** The Development Commission: establishes, defines and enforces the policy and programs for development of Baseball and Softball in Europe, advises the Division Board upon requests for development from Members, defines specific development programs for Members.

**8.4.3.** The Legal Commission: advises the Division Board and respective Annual Congress on proposals of amendments and/or matters of deliberation presented by Affiliated Federations or the Division Board, on any project of contract or obligation apt to bind the respective Division, on any legal or jurisdictional problem within the frame of the respective Division, on any legal or jurisdictional problem and/or matter within the frame of International Organizations.

**8.4.4.** The Financial Commission: acts for the internal control of the finances and budget, establishes and defines budgetary and financial guidelines, advises the Division Board on budgetary and financial issues, on any budgetary and financial problem within the frame of the respective Division, on any budgetary and financial problem and/or matter within the frame of International Organizations.

8.5 - The Commissions and Committees shall operate according to the principles formulated in the Regulations.

8.6 - Every member of a Division Commission shall declare any conflict of interest in connection with his or her involvement with the WBSC Europe, the Division and/or any of the Division Commission and shall recuse himself or herself from any matter before the Division Commission and concerning that member or his or her National Federation, Association or Organisation.

8.7 - The Division Commissions shall meet whenever there is business to be considered and/or transacted, all Congress being subject to the approval of the Division Board. All Division Commissions Congress may be held by electronic means, or in person.

8.8 - If a member of a Division Commission has been absent from two (2) consecutive Congress without reasons acceptable to the respective Division Board, his or her membership shall be forfeited. The Division Board may, if it deems necessary appoint another to fill the vacancy.

8.9 - The Division Board may, if it deems appropriate, appoint ex-officio an officer of the Division Board or any other person to serve on any Division Commission and such appointee shall have the right to speak but no right to vote and shall ensure and maintain communications between the Division Board and the Division Commission.

## **CHAPTER III**

# **APPLICATION OF THE CODE IN SPORTS LIFE**

### **ARTICLE 9. THE CODE AND THE TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

9.1 - Each Division shall make such Tournament Rules and Regulations for all disciplines of Baseball and Softball to govern, manage and administer all qualification and technical aspects of Baseball and Softball competitions under the jurisdiction of each Division.

9.2 - The jurisdiction to consider, interpret, or resolve any dispute, interpretation or matter arising under these Tournament Rules and Regulations is vested in the Division Board.

9.3 - The Division Board shall ensure that all such Tournament Rules and Regulations are in compliance with and in harmony with this Code, the WBSC Europe Statutes, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and are ratified by the WBSC Europe Executive Board.

### **ARTICLE 10. DISPUTES**

10.1 - All disputes arising from any matter under this Code and any Tournament Rules and Regulations shall be dealt with in accordance with the Disciplinary By-Laws under the WBSC Europe Statutes.

### **ARTICLE 11. DOPING CONTROL**

11.1 - All matters pertaining to doping testing and anti-doping matters shall be dealt with in accordance with the WBSC Europe Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and the WADA Code.

## **CHAPTER IV – FINANCIAL MATTERS**

### **ARTICLE 12. THE WBSC EUROPE DIVISION FINANCES**

12.1 - The Divisions shall be empowered to raise funds to the maximum extent permitted by law, and by whatever means proper under this Code and in accordance and in harmony with the WBSC Europe Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations.

12.2 - The Divisions shall be considered and treated as of equal importance and shall each be responsible for and pay timeously all costs, expenditures and liabilities of the respective Division, including for its Division Board and Executive Management with the revenues allocated by WBSC Europe.

12.3 - The income and property that will be allocated by WBSC Europe to each Division shall be used towards the fulfilment of the objectives and for the management, administration and operation of the same.

12.4 - The WBSC Europe will annually allocate to the Baseball Division and the Softball Division, on an equal basis, according to the budget presented, the financial resources for an effective and efficient fulfilment of the Divisions objectives and towards its management, administration and operations.

12.5 – The Divisions are permitted to its own merchandising for all Baseball and Softball competitions under the Divisions' jurisdiction provided the same and the use of any WBSC Europe marks are in accordance with the WBSC Europe Statutes, Code of the Divisions, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations and approved in advance by the WBSC Europe.

12.6 - The fiscal year of the Divisions shall be the same as the WBSC Europe. For each such fiscal year, each Treasurer shall produce a statement of accounts for his or her respective Division duly certified and audited by a Certified Public Accountant, and present the same for consideration and approval by the respective Division Board.

12.7 - The statement of accounts of the Divisions for any year preceding a regular Annual Congress, shall be sent to all Division Members in advance of the next scheduled regular Annual Congress as part of the material provided by the President in accordance with Article 4.5 of this Code.

### **ARTICLE 13. DISSOLUTION**

13.1 - In case of dissolution of a Division, all WBSC Europe assets shall be dealt with in such manner as may be decided by the WBSC Europe Executive Board.

## **CHAPTER V – FINAL DISPOSITIONS**

### **ARTICLE 14.**

#### **COPYRIGHTS OF THIS CODE AND TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

14.1 - All Tournament Rules and Regulations and all publications promulgated by the Divisions shall be published in the official languages of the Divisions solely for the benefit of WBSC Europe Members. They may be reprinted or translated by Members for the use of those Members only, with the understanding that in all cases where the translated text differs in interpretation, the English version shall be accepted. All copyrights of this Code and Tournament Rules and Regulations shall remain and be the sole right and property of the WBSC Europe.

14.2 - All persons other than WBSC Europe Members wishing to publish the Code or any Tournament Rules and Regulations must first obtain the permission of the respective Division.