

Baseball5 Ball

Certification 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.”

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 passed the certification process highlighted in this document.
3. The colour(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 previously approved by the WBSC. The WBSC reserves the right to reject a design that may influence the game in any way.

Application Requirements for 4-Year Term Approval

4. In order to have the ball approved, the manufacturer has to:

- Submit six(6) balls (of the same model/design) to the WBSC.
- Provide a technical report on the ball, specifying the type of the material and all reasonable information to outline the manufacturing and production process of the ball. The WBSC will keep all information confidential.
- Provide a list of all the designs, which are proposed for approval.
- Provide a technical report, specifying the type and origin of the material. The WBSC will keep all information confidential.
- Forward a non-refundable bank deposit of US\$2,000.- to the WBSC for administration, application and laboratory testing fees, which covers all four years.

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

| Size | U.M | WBSC Standard |
|------------------|-----|---------------|
| Weight | gr | 83 – 86 |
| Diameter | mm | 68 – 65 |
| Circumference | mm | 207 – 211 |
| Vertical Bounce* | U.M | WBSC Standard |
| Height | cm | 69 – 76 |

**Item dropped from 1.5m on a marble floor*

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 shall be made to a WBSC Approved Baseball5 Ball without prior communication to and consent from the WBSC.

6. During the 4-year term, the WBSC may, at various occasions, buy approved balls in order to continue the testing process. If those balls fail the testing process it will result in the immediate suspension of the ball from the WBSC Approved Baseball5 Balls list and a fine of US\$500 to the manufacturer. Subsequently, the manufacturer will be asked to send further balls for testing purposes, and the results of such tests will determine the status of the ball with regards to 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 list of WBSC Approved Baseball5 Balls and will be then asked to send further balls in order to be tested as part of the approval process again.

All extra costs for this testing process are the responsibility of 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 US\$500. If a second violation will occur; **the result will be the termination of the ball manufacturer's WBSC approval.**

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