

Michael Schmidt
Executive Director

To all WBSC National Federation Members

Pully, 14 June 2021

Subject: Activities in the territory of any WBSC member

Dear National Federation Members,

We have been made aware of activities of some National Federations arranging Baseball or Softball activities and events in the countries of other National Federations, without going through proper procedures. For example, training camps, try-outs, practices as well as non-sanctioned games against other national teams, clubs or any other teams.

We kindly remind all our WBSC Member Federations (and teams within their jurisdiction) that they must -- in their own country or abroad -- only participate in WBSC-sanctioned events to avoid being in conflict with the WBSC Statutes, By Laws and Regulations. Any WBSC Member Federation that participates in a non-sanctioned event is liable to a suspension and/or a fine.

We would also like to remind all National Federations that, to organise or otherwise have an International Competition in their country, a WBSC sanction of the event must be requested by the organising National Federation before the event is held, as required by Article 19 of the WBSC Statutes.

If any activities are planned in any other country than your own, you need to update in advance the National governing body of Baseball/Softball in that country, providing details on your plans and schedule. And even if you have any games scheduled that do not include the respective National Federation, you need to make a request for sanctioning of that event to the WBSC, in addition to obtaining the written permission from the respective National Federation to play in its country against third-party teams.

Informing the relevant National Federation of such scheduled activities in its country helps to avoid issues between Members as well as issues with any country's authorities, while avoiding conflicts with WBSC-sanctioned event. Especially in a period of a worldwide pandemic and related regulations, which can vary across countries, being fully coordinated with the respective National Federation is even more important than usual, as well as a respectful for your fellow WBSC Members.

Kind regards,



Michael Schmidt