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This is an abstract of the Official Norms for Competition of the International Baseball Federation (IBAF). Its application is compulsory in all competitions to be held in 2009, and these Official Norms are only valid this year.

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e.g.: he = she
his = her

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A. GENERAL NORMS

A1. PLAYERS ELIGIBILITY

Nationality of Competitors

A1.1. Any player in any IBAF official competition including the Olympic qualifying tournaments must be a national of the country or region of the Federation that is entering him.

A1.2. All disputes relating to the determination of the country or region which a competitor may represent in the IBAF official competition or in qualifying tournaments for IBAF Official Competitions shall be resolved by the IBAF Executive Committee.

A1.3. A competitor who is a national of two or more countries or at the same time may represent either one of them, as he may elect. However, after having represented one of them (in the Olympic Games, the Baseball World Cup, the Intercontinental Cup, the World Baseball Championship (U18), the World Baseball Championship (U16), Continental or Regional Games or World or Regional Championships recognized by the IBAF), he may not represent another country or region unless he meets the conditions set forth in the following paragraph that apply to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality.

A1.4. A competitor who has represented one country (in the Olympic Games, the Baseball World Cup, the Intercontinental Cup, Regional and Continental Championships EG European Championships or Pan Am Games, the World Baseball Championship (U18), or the World Baseball Championship (U16) and who has changed his nationality or acquired a new nationality shall not participate in any of the aforementioned competitions to represent his new country or region until three years after such change or acquisition. (Note: the World Baseball Classic and other non-official IBAF tournaments Invitational Tournaments are considered exceptions to this rule). This period may be reduced or even canceled with the agreement of the initial National Federation and the approval of the IBAF Executive Committee (respectively the initial National Olympic Committee (NOC) and the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee whenever it concerns the Olympic Games or Olympic Qualification Tournaments, where IOC rules will also apply).

A1.5. If an associated state, province or overseas department, a country or colony acquires independence, if a country becomes incorporated within another country by reason of a change of border, or if a new NOC is recognized by the IOC, a competitor may continue to represent the country or region to which he belongs or belonged. However, he may, if he prefers, choose to represent his country or be entered in the IBAF official competition or the Olympic qualifying tournaments by his new Federation or NOC if one exists. This particular choice may only be made once.

A1.6. In all cases not expressly addressed in this By-law, in particular in those cases in which a competitor would be in a position to represent a country or region other than that of which he is a national or have a choice as to the country or region which he intends to represent, the IBAF Executive Committee may take all decisions of a general or individual nature, and, in particular, issue specific requirements relating to nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of the competitors, including the duration of any waiting period.

A1.7. Should an eligibility violation occur, and a player be proven to be ineligible prior to any games being played, the player is automatically removed from his team roster and will not be allowed to participate in any game of the competition. The Technical Commission of the Competition will notify the IBAF Executive Committee for further action.

A1.8. Should a violation be discovered during the competition and after the athlete has played in one or more games, the player is automatically removed from the roster, and any game in which he participated shall be considered a forfeited game for his team. The team shall continue to play in the competition, and the infraction shall be reported by the Technical Commission of the Competition to the IBAF Executive Committee for further action.

A1.9. Should a violation of eligibility be discovered after the competition, the case can be submitted by the IBAF Technical Commission, or by the National Federation, directly to the IBAF Executive Committee for further action. In any case the Executive Committee may act officially should a violation of eligibility be discovered after the competition.

A1.10. A player, removed for any eligibility violation, cannot be replaced by another player. A team can be penalized for eligibility violation only if a player has actually played in a game.

A1.11. In any case, it is the obligation of the Delegation or the National Federation, officially protesting the ineligibility of a player, to produce valid proof, the documentation and all the information regarding the violation in writing at the moment when filing the protest.

A2. PROVISIONAL TEAM ROSTER - (PTR)

A2.1 All the teams participating in an IBAF official competition shall ensure that a **Provisional Team Roster (PTR)**, which will include the full name (FAMILY NAME, GIVEN NAMES) of each of the players, reaches the anti-doping department of the IBAF headquarters forty five (45) days before the start of the competition. Changes can be made to the PTR until thirty (30) days before the start of the competition. The PTR and the **Application for Participant Accreditation (APA)** from each person to appear in the (PTR) must be received 30 days prior to the beginning of the competition. The maximum number of players to appear on that form is as follows:

Categories:

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| - (U16), (U18) and Women's Category | 40 players |
| - Senior Category: | 60 players |

A2.2 Every player included in the **Final Team Roster (FTR)**, for all categories and competitions, should have been included in the Provisional Team Roster (PTR). There are no exceptions to this rule.

A2.3 All the players appearing on the Provisional Team Roster (PTR) may be requested by the World Anti-Doping Agency or by the IBAF to undertake one or more doping controls at anytime and anywhere prior to the tournament. Denial to undergo such controls would lead to the automatic disqualification of the player from participating in the competition, in addition to a possible sanction in application of the IBAF Anti-Doping Rules for a denial to undergo a doping control.

A2.4 At least forty five (45) days before the beginning of a competition, all National Federations shall communicate to the IBAF the full training schedule of its national team in the corresponding category. This must include the location, date and time-table of the training sessions and/or pre-games to be played, the complete address of the accommodations being used during the competition, full address if any, and the name, address, phone number, mobile phone number, e-mail address and fax number of the persons in charge of the team: specifically, the Team Delegate, Manager and Federation President. This information is used for communication purposes prior to and during the competition.

A2.5 The IBAF Anti-Doping Program may also request additional information about the living and training locations of the individual players listed on the PTR in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code and IBAF Anti-Doping Rules.

A2.6 The non-fulfillment of the deadline to submit the Provisional Team Roster (PTR) the Application for Participant Accreditation (APA), or the incomplete submission or lack of fulfillment of any of the sections shall be sanctioned with a USD \$500 fine per day until the problem is corrected.

A3. FINAL TEAM ROSTER - (FTR)

A3.1. At least ten (10) days prior to the beginning of a competition, all National Federations shall communicate to the IBAF / LOC the Final Team Roster (FTR), for all categories and competitions.

A3.2. Following the team arrival in the country hosting the competition and before the Pre-Competition Technical/Organizational Meeting, the Delegation Leader shall submit the following to the Technical Commission:

- Three copies of the Final Team Roster form (FTR), approved by the IBAF, filled out.

- A valid and current passport (individual passport) for each player for verification by the Technical Commission. Other members of the Delegation such as Delegation Leader, Team Manager, Coaches, Trainers, etc. shall appear on the Final Team Roster form (FTR) but do not need to submit their Passport, although they will need to enclose each Application for Participant Accreditation (APA).

- The name, room number and phone number (local address) of the Delegation Leader and Team Manager of each Delegation.

A3.3 A maximum of five (5) players are allowed to be replaced on the Final Team Roster (FTR) for the Baseball World Cup. A maximum of four (4) players are allowed to be replaced on the FTR for the Women's Baseball World Cup, the World Baseball Championship (U18), and the World Baseball Championship (U16). The IBAF/LOC must be informed of such changes at any moment before the Pre-Competition Technical/Organizational Meeting. These documents should be in the hands of the Chairman of the Technical Commission at the time of the Pre-Competition Technical/Organizational Meeting. If for whatever reason, previously known and accepted by the IBAF, a team arrives in the country later, the team should make sure that the Technical Commission gets these documents no later than upon the team's arrival.

A3.4. The participating team's official Delegations will be composed of:

a) World Youth Baseball Championship (U16), World Junior Baseball Championship (U18) and Women's Categories:

Players	18 (minimum 15)	
Team Manager	1	
Coaches	3	
Team Doctor/Physio/Trainer	1	
Delegation Leader	1	<u>Max. total: 24</u>
<u>Note for 2009 U16 AA, a team shall consist of 18 players and 5 coaching staff members, in total 23</u>		

b) Senior Category:

Players:	24	
Team Manager	1	
Coaches	3	
Team Doctor/Physio/Trainer	1	
Delegation Leader	1	<u>Max. total: 30</u>
<u>Note for 2009 BWC, a team shall consist of 24 players and 5 staff members, in total 29</u>		

A3.5. The non-fulfillment of the deadline to submit the documents mentioned under point A3.1., the incomplete submission or lack of fulfillment of any of the sections shall be sanctioned with a USD five hundred (500) fine per day until the problem is corrected.

A3.6 Once the athletes' verification is over, no changes of the FTR will be permitted for the duration of the competition. Copies of the FTR shall be provided to each Delegation Leader, Tournament Director, Technical Commissioners, Scorers, Anti-Doping Commissioner and Media before the start of the competition.

A4. PRE-COMPETITION TECHNICAL/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

A4.1. On the day before the start of the competition (or at most on the same day in the morning when the competition starts with one game only, scheduled to start not before 17:30), an information meeting will be held, to discuss all the technical and organizational issues concerning the competition. Place, date and time of the meeting will be made available to the teams as soon as possible.

A4.2. The Pre-Competition Technical/Organizational Meeting will be chaired by the Competition Director accompanied by the Chairman of the Technical Commission, the Director of Umpires (or Coordinator assigned for the competition), the Scorers' Director (or Coordinator), the Anti-Doping Commissioner, a representative of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and a representative of the IBAF Operations Department. The following items will be discussed in this meeting:

- Relationships between the Competition Director, Technical Commission of the Competition, Umpires, Team Managers, Coaches, Delegates and LOC.
- Conduct of the games.
- Competition Rules.
- Ground Rules (if necessary).

- Speed-up rules.
- Handling protests.
- Handling ejections.
- Sanctions/penalties against teams or players.
- Information on the final phase of the Competition.
- Communication between the Technical Commission of the Competition and the teams.
- Information about the IBAF Anti-Doping Program.
- Teams transportation (information provided by the LOC).
- Housing and food (information provided by the LOC).
- General information (information provided by the LOC).

Note: All materials handed out at this meeting should be printed in English and Spanish at a minimum.

A5. DOPING CONTROL

A5.1. Doping Control will be conducted in accordance with the IBAF Anti-Doping Rules which are in compliance with the World Anti-Doping Code.

A5.2. During an official competition of any Baseball event under IBAF control, unless agreed with the IBAF Anti-Doping Program, the frequency of doping controls shall be as follows:

Senior category preliminary phase: at least one game from each group each day with two players selected per team. The intention in the preliminary phase is to test each team at least once and preferably twice.

Other categories: at least one game each day with one to two players selected per team. The intention in the preliminary phase is to test each team at least once.

In all categories two players per team will be selected from all quarter final, semi final and final games.

A5.3. IBAF will appoint an IBAF Anti-Doping Commissioner to oversee the anti-doping program. The IBAF Anti-Doping Commissioner may vary the test distribution in consultation with the head Doping Control Officer (DCO).

A5.4. For games in which doping controls will be conducted, the following procedure shall be followed:

- At the end of the first half of the fourth innings the head DCO, the IBAF Anti-Doping Commissioner and one of the Technical Commissioners in charge of the game, with a copy of the starting Line-ups, shall meet in the Doping Control Station. The head DCO will have a copy of the FTR for the selection process.

- The Technical Commissioner will confirm that all players are in attendance at the game.

- The head DCO will provide a random system. In the case of no available system, player names or numbers will be written on pieces of paper and cut up.

- A random selection process will be conducted for each team. This will include selection of reserve players in the event the original selected player/s are seriously injured during the game.

- If one player from each team is being selected, all 24 players will be included in the draw, and one reserve player selected. If two players from each team are being tested, the first selection will be from the Starting Line-up, the second from the full player list of 24. The reserve selections will be made from the full list.

- While a player may be subject to doping control on more than one occasion, the IBAF Anti-Doping Commissioner may ask for a redraw if the player has already been tested twice at the same tournament.

- The selections will be marked on the Starting Line-up, signed by the parties in attendance and given to the DCO.

- The names of the selected players shall not be communicated to the teams before the end of the game.

A5.5. Players must stay at the ground for the duration of the game. The Technical Commissioner(s) assigned to the game and the Competition Director shall be informed immediately in case of a player needs to absence from the field or tournament at any time.

A5.6. If a selected player gets seriously injured and needs to be immediately hospitalized; the reserve player selected from the same team shall be tested instead. In such a case, medical evidence on the serious status of the injury must be given to the IBAF Anti-Doping Commissioner. The injured player may still be selected for a doping control by IBAF once they have recovered. For example: A player is hurt before the doping procedure on a Monday and goes to the hospital. On Tuesday, he is taken off the roster but is still in the country at the hotel or at the game. That player is still eligible to be tested just as the rest of the players on the initial FTR are eligible to be tested. In short, any player who is injured or removed from the roster is still subject to the same drug testing procedures as the rest of the team.

A5.7. Any players on the Final Team Roster (FTR) not present at the game may be selected by IBAF for a doping control whether still in the host city or not.

A5.8. The LOC is responsible for getting the Doping Control Station properly equipped and ready for use.

A6. AWARDS

A6.1.	First place:	Team: Trophy	Individuals: Gold Medal
	Second place:	Trophy	Silver Medal
	Third place:	Trophy	Bronze Medal

Each category's total number of Medals will be the number of the Official Delegation members (either 24 or 30. See A3.4. for details).

A6.2. Individual Awards:

Leading hitter	Trophy
Pitcher with best earned run average	Trophy
Pitcher with best won - loss average	Trophy
Most runs batted in	Trophy
Most home runs	Trophy
Most stolen bases	Trophy
Most runs scored	Trophy
Outstanding defensive player	Trophy
Most valuable player	Trophy

A6.3. The leading hitter of the tournament shall be determined by *Official Baseball Rules*. Candidates for the batting title must be at bat 2.7 times multiplied by the total number of games played by their team. For the Women's Baseball World Cup, candidates for the batting title must be at bat 2.1 times, multiplied by the total number of games played by their team. In case of a tie, the decision shall be based on the slugging average according to the *Official Baseball Rules*.

A6.4. The pitcher with the best earned run average and the pitcher with the best won and loss record of the series shall be determined in accordance with *Official Baseball Rules*. Candidates for the earned run title must have pitched at least as many innings as 80% of the number of games played by their team. For the Women's Baseball World Cup, candidates for the earned run title must have pitched at least as many innings as 65% of the number of games played by their team. In case of a tie, the pitcher who has pitched more innings shall win the award. If there is a tie for the title of most strikeouts by a pitcher, the ones with fewer Innings pitched will win the award.

A6.5. If there is a tie for the title of most home runs and/or most runs batted in, the one with fewest number of plate appearances minus the number of BB minus the number of HBP will win the award. That is: HR / RBI leader = PA-(BB+HBP).

A6.6. In case there is a tie for title of most runs scored and most stolen bases, the award shall go to the player with the fewest plate appearances and the one with the best average based on the times he tried to steal and the number of times he successfully stole (rule 10).

A6.7. Determination of the awards mentioned under A6.3, A6.4, A6.5 and A6.6 shall be based on the statistics at the end of the day before the gold medals game. The name of the player and the assigned awards will be delivered to the Local Organizing Committee during the Gold Medal Game to organize the closing ceremony.

A6.8. The Most Valuable Player (MVP), the Outstanding Defensive Player, and the All-Star players shall be selected by Media Representatives (only one from each country), the Technical Commission of the competition, and the Host Organizing Committee. The Scoring Director (or Coordinator) will deliver the name of the players mentioned in point A6.2 and A6.9 to the Local Organizing Committee during the Gold Medals Game.

A6.9. All-Star Team (one for each position, unless noted):

Best Starting Pitcher	Plaque
Best Relief Pitcher	Plaque
Catcher	Plaque
First baseman	Plaque
Second baseman	Plaque
Third baseman	Plaque
Shortstop	Plaque
Outfielder (3)	Plaque
Designated hitter	Plaque

A7. INFRACTIONS AND FINES

A7.1. Infraction of specific IBAF Norms will automatically incur a fine. The violator will have two months from the date of notification to pay the fine. Any appeal of a decision regarding a fine will be handled as per the section B4 of these Norms. While teams, players and federations will be notified about fines during the tournament by the Competition Director and Chairman of the Technical Commission, the IBAF Headquarters will be responsible for ensuring that fines are paid in a timely fashion. It is ultimately the responsibility of the International Federations to ensure that these fines have been paid. Failure to do so will result in teams being unable to participate in the next international event, as well as additional fines being incurred. No team will be permitted to play in IBAF official events if outstanding fines have not been paid to the IBAF Headquarters.

A7.2. All infractions fall into one of three categories.

A level fines: \$1000 - \$2000

B level fines: \$500 - \$999

C level fines: \$100 - \$499

A level infractions:

A level is infractions of rules that are considered crucial for competition success, those that cause serious negative effects on international baseball. The penalty for an A level infraction is \$1000 – \$2000.

The following are examples of A level infractions.

- Foreign substance/doctored baseball
- Physically aggressive activities against IBAF official
- Physically aggressive activities against a fan
- Illegal/corked bat

B level infractions:

B level is infractions of rules that are considered important for games operations and/or also is a behavior that is considered unsportsmanlike. The penalty for a B level infraction is \$500 – \$999.

The following are examples of B level infractions.

- Not leaving dugout after ejection
- Contacting an umpire
- Throwing equipment in umpire's direction
- Fighting

- Intentional throwing at a batter in the head area

C level infractions:

C level is infractions of logistical and/or routine rules in nature. The penalty for a C level infraction is \$100 – \$499.

The following are examples of B level infractions.

- Delay or absence in technical meeting without prior notice
- Failure to follow regulations concerning uniform color and related regulations
- Failure by the host to follow guidelines on stadium use and maintenance
- Failure by the host to notify all participants regarding the ground rules at each competition site
- Failure by the host to meet the protection and security regulations of the players in the playing field

The following incidents are examples of potential infractions and fines. These incidents will serve as guidelines for the types of fines and/or suspensions that the Chairman of the Technical Commission and the Competition Director will use when rendering judgments:

Infraction Level	Action	Fine	Suspension
C	Delay or absence in technical meeting without prior notice	\$300	
C	Failure to follow regulations concerning uniform color and related regulations	\$350	
C	Failure by the host to follow guidelines on stadium use and maintenance	\$350	
C	Failure by the host to notify all participants regarding the ground rules at each competition site	\$350	
C	Failure by the host to meet the protection and security regulations of the players in the playing field	\$400	
C	Failure by the host to adhere to the Technical Commission guidelines regarding scheduling of games	\$400	
C	Failure to submit starting line ups in time	\$450	
C	Failure by the host to use the IBAF official baseball	\$450	
B	Prolonged arguing	\$500	
B	Inappropriate comments directed at an umpire	\$500	
B	Violently throwing equipment	\$500	
B	Inappropriate gestures at an umpire	\$500	
B	Restrained from confronting umpire/player	\$500	
B	Actions causing benches to empty	\$600	
B	Failure by the host to provide adequate scorekeeping personnel and resources	\$650	
B	Actions during bench clearing(not physical violence)	\$650	0 to 3 games
B	Throwing equipment/debris onto field from dugout	\$700	0 to 6 games
B	Intentional throwing at a batter	\$750	1 to 4 games
B	Charging the mound	\$750	0 to 3 games
B	Not leaving dugout after ejection	\$800	1 to 3 games
B	Contacting an umpire	\$800	1 to 6 games
B	Throwing equipment in umpire's direction	\$850	1 to 6 games
B	Fighting	\$950	3 to 8 games
B	Intentional throwing at a batter in the head area	\$950	4 to 6 games
A	Illegal/corked bat	\$1,000	7 to 8 games
A	Foreign substance/doctored baseball	\$1,000	10 games
A	Physically aggressive activity against a fan	\$1,500	5 to 15 games
A	Physically aggressive activity against IBAF official	\$2,000	0 to 6 games

Note: Competition Director has the ability to make additional decisions at his discretion.

A7.3. In case any tournament participants are charged with conduct that requires stronger sanctions than the above, the Chairman of the Technical Commission and the Competition Director may impose a penalty they find appropriate and justified. Any appeal of the decision will be taken up by the Jury of Appeal.

A7.4. Conduct on or off the field: damages caused by any member of a Delegation to the installation where they are housed, the Baseball stadium or transport units, or to any other area, will be the direct responsibility of the Federation they represent. The host country and/or Organizing Committee shall not be responsible for the financial situation of any Delegation or team. The Tournament Director may impose any penalty he finds appropriate and justified. Any appeal of the decision will be taken up by the Jury of Appeal, which will make the final decision.

B. COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION

The IBAF is the governing body of international baseball and its official competitions are the following 4; IBAF Baseball World Cup, IBAF World Junior Baseball Championship (U18), IBAF World Youth Baseball Championship (U16) and IBAF Women's Baseball World Cup

In addition, the IBAF sanctions the international baseball competitions/events organized by its National Federations and/or regional organizations that are under the umbrella of its National Federations. National Federations and/or regional organizations seeking for the IBAF sanction must provide the IBAF office with the following documentation;

- Official application which includes the reason for the application and the details of the competition/event to be organized
- Composition of the organizing committee
- Letter which includes a formal statement that it will cooperate with the IBAF in any areas that are considered necessary and will not conduct any activities that will result in damaging the IBAF image and reputation.

B1. COMPETITION OFFICIALS

Competition Director

B1.1. The Competition Director is the IBAF highest authority in all official competitions. The Competition Director is designated by the Executive Committee six months before the competition.

Note for 2009 BWC, the function of Competition Director will be filled by Executive Management Board (EMB: Chairman John Ostermeyer, Martin Miller, Rene Laforce, Riccardo Fraccari, Ruud Van Zetten)

B1.2. The Responsibilities of the Competition Director are:

- Enforce all IBAF regulations and all agreements between the IBAF, the National Federations and the LOC.
- Review final arrangements with the LOC Chairperson for the organization of the competition which include all logistical aspects such as accommodation, transportation, protocol, etc. and all related aspects.
- Harmonize the interests represented by the LOC, the National Federations and the Technical Commission working in the competition.
- Ensure that the Jury of Appeal is constituted to act if the situation arises.
- Ensure that the LOC facilitates and enforces all matters related to the rights and privileges of IBAF sponsors regarding the competition.
- Arbitrate and have final authority in making a decision regarding any disputes that cannot be resolved by negotiations among any or all of the groups or organizations involved in the competition.
- Convene and chair along with the Chairman of the Technical Commission at the Tournament Technical/ Organizational Meeting before the competition.
- Act, in the absence of the IBAF Executive Director, as the official IBAF spokesperson to all media.
- In the absence of the IBAF President, or of his specifically designated representative for this, represent the IBAF in all formal acts and presentations related to the competition.
- Inform the IBAF Executive Committee about the matters regarding the competition organization.
- Prepare the final official report for its consideration by the Executive Committee.

Technical Commission

B1.3. For every official IBAF competition, a Technical Commission will be appointed to work at least five months prior to the competition. Its functions and responsibilities are:

- Supervise all technical aspects of the competition.
- Compile, verify and submit for the approval of the Executive Committee all statistical data related to the competition.
- Control the eligibility and the credentials of the players.
- Inspect the playing fields and practice facilities for the competition.
- Enforce the regulations as written in this Norms.
- In the event of suspended games the Technical Commission will propose the adjustment of the competition schedule in consultation with the LOC. Any changes in the schedule require the final approval of the Competition Director.
- Receive and judge as first instance protests related to technical matters that come from participating teams.
- Rule as first instance in discipline cases on the playing field involving participants, Players, Coaches, Umpires and Officials.

B1.4. At least one international member of the Technical Commission for the tournament shall be present at each game to supervise all technical aspects of the game and the fulfillment of the present rules.

B1.5 At games selected for doping controls, one of the Technical Commissioners appointed for the game shall participate in the selection of athletes for doping control. This will occur at the end of the first half of the fourth innings in the Doping Control Station (unless another location is agreed.) If there is only one Technical Commissioner, then the selection process will be done in the Technical Commissioners area.

B1.6. The name(s) of the Technical Commissioner(s) assigned for each game shall be announced on the list of Officials specifically assigned to the game. The Host Organizing Committee shall provide a Spanish-English translator at the disposal of the Technical Commission if it is requested. Also the Technical Commission Members will be seated in reserve seating which is located behind home plate in the first row seats.

Chairman of the Technical Commission

B1.7. The IBAF will appoint one member of the IBAF Technical Commission as Chairman of the Technical Commission in the Competition.

B1.8. The responsibilities of the Chairman of the Technical Commission are:

- Assign the Technical Commission members to daily game supervision.
- Liaise with IBAF Umpire Director (or Coordinator) to confirm assignments of Umpires. The final decision belongs to the Chairman of the Technical Commission.
- Liaise with LOC Technical members regarding game delays, rescheduling and cancellation to submit jointly a proposal to the Competition Director, who is charged with making the final decision.
- Gather relevant statistical and game report information from Technical Commission members.
- Chair the meetings of the Technical Commission to review problems associated with technical areas of competition and to determine actions related to participants' discipline or team protests.
- Proceed to the final review and approval of competition and practice venues.
- Approve practice schedule before and during the competition.

- Ensure that all transportation, full board accommodation, and related preparations for the Technical Commission have been put in place by the LOC.

Jury of Appeal

B1.9. The IBAF will appoint a Jury of Appeal comprising of the chairman, and 2 other members.

Note for 2009 BWC, the function of Jury of Appeal will be filled by EMB.

B1.10. The Jury of Appeal will be the organ of appeal for fines, judgments, or suspensions dictated by the Technical Commission in the Competition. It will have no application in the judgments dictated by the Technical Commission in cases related to the *Official Baseball Rules*. Only the Technical Commission decisions that are not related to the Rules of the Game may be appealed in front of the Jury of Appeal.

B1.11. A person having the same nationality as the appealing country may not act as a member of the Jury. If this incompatibility occurs, the Competition Director will designate another member.

Umpires

Note for 2009 BWC, for the 1st round, the TC head at each venue (Guilizzoni, Esselman, Santiago, Baba and Arrieta) will be umpire chief.

For the 2nd round, Richard Runchey and César Valdés will be umpire chief in Netherlands and Italy respectively.

For the 3rd round, both Richard Runchey and César Valdés will be umpire chief in Italy.

B1.12. The panel of Umpires shall consist of a number of Umpires from various countries together with a sufficient number of Umpires supplied by the host country to make up the total number needed for the competition. All Umpires for the competition must be appointed by the IBAF office.

B1.13. At the Senior official competitions such as the Baseball World Cup and the Olympic Games as well as the U18 Junior World Championship, the IBAF will directly appoint the international Umpires to serve, taking into account the criteria of quality, experience and ability and trying to make sure, whenever possible, in addition to the before mentioned criteria, that they belong to the countries participating in the competition, even though this condition is desirable only, not compulsory.

B1.14. At all IBAF events, selection of umpires will come from the submission of names provided by each IBAF member country. This letter of submission of names will be sent to IBAF National Federations by Nov. 15th of the current year by the IBAF office. Nominations are to be returned by January 1 of the coming year. After complete evaluations are conducted by the IBAF Umpires Director and input from the Umpires Commission, umpires selected by the IBAF to work in the upcoming year events will be notified of their selection in March of the event year. In case the IBAF does not receive nominations in a timely fashion from a National Federation, the IBAF will appoint umpires from another country and the National Federation that did not provide nominees in time is financially responsible for the international flights of the umpires.

B1.15. All IBAF umpires selected, including national umpires, will have their cost of lodging, food and per-diems covered by the LOC. The cost of any required visa(s), airfare (if applicable), will be covered by IBAF for the Senior Tournaments as well as for the 18U Baseball World Championship. National Federations participating in an IBAF tournament will be responsible for their umpires in Women and 16U categories.

B1.16. Each Umpire must make the commitment to stay for the whole duration of the competition, including the final phase if needed. Failure to abide by this rule by an Umpire from a participating country may result in a fine of up to US\$ 1.000 to the Umpire's National Federation, and/or a suspension of the individual from participation in IBAF events. In the case of the Umpires from countries not participating in the competition, the decision will be taken by the IBAF Executive Committee and will not affect the National Federation.

B1.17. Two umpires of a same participating country may work together in a game, but an Umpire shall not be allowed to take part as Home-plate umpire in a game in which his country is playing. Every attempt, even host team country umpires, will not be assigned to work their countries games if at all possible.

B1.18 All Senior Games will have four umpires in the preliminary rounds, and they will have six umpires in the medal rounds. All U16, U18, and Women's competitions will have at least three umpires.

B1.19. The Umpire Director will have sole responsibility of umpire game assignments, subject to the approval of the Chairman of the Technical Commission. These assignments must be submitted at least 24 hours prior to next day's game times if at all possible. Umpires will be notified no less than 12 hours before game time of their assignments. No more than two days of assignments will be distributed at anytime during the competition.

B1.20. IBAF umpires shall be paid a per-diem of \$50 for the length of assignment. This will cover game fees. National umpires will be paid per LOC contracts established.

Note for 2009 BWC, umpires will receive 25 USD per day

B1.21. At the beginning of each event, an Umpire Pre-Competition meeting will be conducted by the Umpire Director. The Competition Director, the Chairman of Technical Committee, a representative of the LOC, and other selected IBAF staff will be requested to attend this meeting. During the competition, a daily umpire meeting will be held as required. The Umpire Director will conduct this meeting.

B1.22. During events the Umpire Director will complete Umpire Evaluation form. See form and elements in Umpire program. IBAF Umpire Director will be in contact with Technical Commissioners to seek their input on the umpires working their games.

B1.23. After the completion of the tournament, the Director of Umpires will submit a complete report to the Competition Director .

Note for 2009 BWC, a report will be submitted to John Ostermeyer, chairman of EMB.

Scorers

B1.24. The Local Organizing Committee must be aware of the importance of the official Scorers as well as of the responsibility to select capable and trained Scorers with experience to assure correct and uniform decisions. At certain competitions the IBAF will appoint international Scorers, in which case the airfare and full board accommodation will be at the LOC's charge.

B1.25. The board of Scorers shall consist of a sufficient number of Scorers to cover the tournament under the supervision of the Competition Scoring Director and the Chairman of the Technical Commission. *All Scorers shall be appointed by the IBAF.*

B1.26. No later than sixty minutes (60) before the start of the game, the Technical Commissioner(s) shall obtain from each Team Manager a tentative line-up and then distribute it to LOC to make copies for the scorers and other appropriate individuals.

B1.27. Each game shall be recorded by two or more Scorers. At the end of each game, the Scorer(s) shall give game results (box-score) to each Delegation, the Competition Director, the Technical Commission members, the members of the Jury of Appeal, and members of the Media. It shall be the duty of the Scorer to compile the averages of defense and offense plays for the players of each team and provide a day-by-day account and circulate these statistics daily to all the above mentioned persons within 24 hours after the game. *At the end of the tournament*, in accordance with what has been established; the Scorer(s) shall indicate the name of the players who have excelled individually.

Anti-Doping Commissioner

B1.28 The Anti-Doping Commissioner appointed by IBAF will oversee the anti-doping program at the event. This will include ensuring that the facilities for doping control are appropriate, overseeing the doping control process, including athlete selection, notification and the sample collection process, and making decisions on any issues arising during this process..

B2. OTHERS

Bat Boys/Girls

B2.1. For all games the bat boys/girls shall be furnished by the Local Organizing Committee. The bat boys/girls of each team shall be kept close to the dugout when the team is at bat. They must be at least 15 years-old, and they must wear uniforms and double-ear flap protective helmets. They are to receive proper training on their functions and responsibilities from the LOC. Infractions may result in ejection of the bat boy/girl.

Interpreters

B2.2. The LOC will assign a person who speaks the language of the team and Spanish or English, whichever the case might be, to act as interpreter during the games. This person shall be permitted to sit in the dugout of the team to which he/she is assigned. Note: If a coach for the team is also acting as an interpreter, then the coach may make visits to the mound with the manager and do so in the role of an interpreter.

Note for 2009 BWC, English and Spanish will be sufficient

TV Cameramen and Photographers

B2.3. No TV cameramen or photographers shall be allowed to enter the playing field when a game is underway. TV cameramen or photographers are allowed to enter the playing ground only when opening and closing ceremonies are held and before or after a game is played. *A special section shall be reserved at the stadiums for the TV cameramen and photographers.*

First Aid

B2.4. Medical and first aid attendance shall be available all the time during the competition and practices. LOC is responsible to make sure adequate staff and facilities are assigned to the competition.

B3. PROTESTS

B3.1. When protest is made by a Team Manager over a suspected misapplication or misinterpretation of *Official Baseball Rules*, it shall be made to the Home plate Umpire according to the *Official Baseball Rules*. When such protest is made, the Home plate Umpire shall stop the game, inform the Team Manager of the opposing team, the Technical Commissioner(s) assigned to work that game, and the audience that a protest has been filed.

B3.2. The protest shall be presented in written form within ten (10) minutes it was announced to the Head Umpire, indicating the number(s) of the Baseball Rule(s) involved accompanied with US\$ 200.00 in cash to the Technical Commissioners assigned to the game who must immediately take a decision. *If the protest occurs on the game-ending play, the desire to submit a protest must be announced by the Team Manager or the Delegation Leader to the Technical Commissioner(s) assigned to the game.* They will inform the opposing team, the umpires, and the other necessary parties that a protest has been filed. After consultation with the Umpires, a decision will be taken immediately by the Technical Commissioner(s) assigned to work that game. The opposing team must wait for the decision before they leave the playing field.

B3.3. Any decision of the Technical Commissioner(s) *regarding the playing rules* is final and not subject to appeal.

B3.4. When a participating Delegation protests the participation of any *athlete*; the protest shall be presented to the Technical Commission of the Competition prior to the conclusion of the competition.

B3.5. If the protest does not refer to an action of the game, it must be submitted in writing to the Technical Commission, together with the corresponding deposit, explaining the reasons that state for it and the due dispositions *that supposedly* apply to it.

B4. APPEALS

B4.1. The appeal brief shall be forwarded to a member of the Jury of Appeal, accompanied by a copy of the judgment being appealed, together with US\$ 100 cash deposit, quoting the rules that the appellant believes have been violated or have not been applied.

B4.2. The time limit to present an appeal is three (3) hours after having received the notification of the judgment to be appealed.

B4.3. Once the appeal has been presented to the Jury of Appeal, the Jury meet immediately after receiving the appeal, and the decision will be made within 12 hours of receiving appeal, knowing that the decision of the Jury could have a bearing on any subsequent games in the competition.

B5. DELIVERY OF NOTICES

B5.1. Technical Commissioners assigned to the game will deliver the fines or ruling communications to the interested parties with acknowledgement of receipt, making evident the time of delivery for the latter purposes of appealing.

B6. GAME PROTOCOL

The following ceremonial shall be used before and during all matches:

- Before the match begins, the speaker first calls the visiting team (manager and coaches first, then the players in the starting lineup by name, the pitcher in the bullpen and the rest of the roster) on to the field, followed by the home team and then the umpires. The teams shall line up along the foul line, while the umpires stand at home plate. The anthem of the World Cup supplied on the CD (track 3= 60"), shall be played in the background during the introductions.
- A 30" version of the national anthems of the two teams shall be played with the teams and umpires lined up.
- After the anthems and before the match starts, time shall be made available for any prize-giving, special recognition or announcement of special guests
- At certain pre-arranged matches, after the 4th inning, promotional shirts will be "shot" while the World Cup theme tune is played. During the promotion, the speaker will be free to involve the spectators while reminding them of the program of events.
- Halfway through the 7th inning, the song "Take me out to the ballgame" (tracks 21, 22, or 23 on the music CD) will be played in the background.
- The music and sounds effects provided by IBAF on the music CD will be used during the game and the speaker will be able to combine his/her own selection of music and songs with them.

Competition System for Baseball World Cup 2009

Note for 2009 BWC, the following competition system will be used.

FIRST ROUND

5 groups of 4 teams (A,B,C,D) all vs. all, playing in 5 venues, in which the first 2 places of each group classify, plus the 4 best third places of all the groups, for a total of 14 plus Italy and Netherlands, classified since they are venues from the second round, for a total of 16 teams. In case of a tie, see tie-breaking system.

SECOND ROUND

2 groups of 8 Teams (F, G) in two venues (Netherlands and Italy), will play all vs. all, classifying in the next round the first 4 teams of each group. In case of a tie, see tie-breaking system.

SEMI FINAL

The first 4 teams of each group (F, G), will play all vs. all with the teams from the other group (F or G). in which the results are maintained from the Second Round with the teams from its group (F or G).

At the end of this round, the rankings for the final round will be determined based upon the results of 2nd round between 4 qualified teams as well as semi final. (3 games from 2nd round and 4 games from semi finals)

FINAL

The teams will play the final round in the following manner:

- 1st from each group after the semi finals will play Gold medal game
- 2nd from each group after the semi finals will play Bronze medal game
- 3rd from each group after the semi finals will play for 5th and 6th place
- 4th from each group after the semi finals will play for 7th and 8th place

C. TECHNICAL ASPECTS

C1. UNIFORMS

C1.1. The Home Team shall have preference to wear the colors of their national uniform, and the Visiting Team shall wear a color that cannot get confused with the other one. The final decision on the colours to be worn by each Team on each game will be made at the Pre-Competition Technical/Organizational Meeting. The home team shall wear white uniform tops and the Visiting team a shirt of dark color. There will be no changes allowed to the established uniforms without prior approval of the Technical Commission.

C1.2. All players must wear a specified and different number on the back of the uniform. Each player will keep the same number during the competition. In all competitions, the numbers cannot be changed during the competition unless exceptional circumstances justifying such changes arise. In any case no numbers can be changed on the uniforms without the previous written approval by the Technical Commission.

C1.3. During all IBAF official competitions (with the exception of the Olympic Games which apply the Olympic Charter Regulations), the participants shall fulfil the following regulations with regard to the trademark of the manufacturers and the advertising on the uniforms and material. These items will be checked by members of the Technical Commission upon arrival of that team in the host country. A designated time and location will be determined to check all the following items:

a) Manufacturer trademark

The manufacturer trademark, i.e. indication of the name, a design, a mark, a logo or any other distinguishing mark of the manufacturer of the item, may only appear once on each item and should not exceed the following sizes:

--Uniform and any kind of clothing: 12 cm²

--Shoes: the usual distinguishing mark of the manufacturer. In addition the manufacturer name or log can also appear up to a maximum of 6 cm²

--Equipment of play: the manufacturer trademark should not exceed 10% of the total surface of the material visible during the competition and in any case up to a maximum of 60 cm²

--Accessories (cap, helmet, glasses, batting glove, wrist band, etc.): 6 cm²

b) Advertising

Advertising is allowed on the uniforms, previously authorized by the IBAF, with the following restrictions:

--Any kind of religious, political or racial advertising is banned, as well as any other advertising which may be considered as contrary to the image of IBAF.

--Just one and only the same designer or sponsor may appear in all the uniform and accessories. The only exception will be the own IBAF sponsor, if any.

--In any case the advertising should not exceed the following sizes:

Shirt: up to 120 cm² on the left sleeve. The right sleeve is reserved for the IBAF advertising if any.
No advertising is allowed either in the chest or in the back.

Jacket: up to 120cm² on the left sleeve. The right sleeve is reserved for the IBAF advertising if any.

Cap: up to 25 cm² on the left side. The right side is reserved for the IBAF advertising if any.

Helmet: up to 25 cm² on the left side. The right side is reserved for the IBAF advertising if any.

Bag (in the dugout): up to 300 cm²

Other clothing or items: not authorized.

The design and/or name of the advertising or sponsor to appear on the uniform, or any other authorized accessory, should be reported to the IBAF at least ninety (90) days prior to the beginning of the corresponding competition.

C2. COMPETITION VENUES

C2.1. All competition facilities shall fulfill the requirements established by the IBAF and will be subject to inspections by IBAF representatives to verify their use during the official competitions.

C3. GROUND RULES

C3.1. Ground rules related to the stadium(s) will be proposed by the Local Organizing Committee before the start of the competition and approved by the Chairman of the Technical Commission. These rules shall be printed in both English and Spanish and distributed to all Team Managers and Umpires and discussed thoroughly at the Pre-competition Technical/Organizational Meeting. In addition, copies of the Ground Rules shall be posted in both dugouts of all competition sites.

C4. DUGOUT

C4.1. At all the games the home team will be located at 3rd base dugout and the visiting team in the 1st base dugout.

C4.2. Only credentialed personnel (staff, delegation members, translators, uniformed players, and uniformed coaches) will be allowed to stay in the dugout. A maximum of thirty-two (32) will be permitted. There are no exceptions to this rule. It shall be the responsibility of the Technical Commissioners assigned to the game to make sure that unauthorized persons do not occupy the dugout and that all the authorized persons stay inside the dugout during the game. More than this number of people in the dugout will not be permitted, and teams in violation of this rule subject themselves to fines from the Technical Commission.

C5. PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Pre-Competition Practice

C5.1. The Technical Commission, in cooperation with the Local Organizing Committee, shall set up a pre-competition schedule for all teams. This practice should be a two-hour period and should be arranged for the last two days prior to the start of the competition. If more than one stadium is to be used, a draw will be held to assign the stadium to be used for practice. Assignments shall be made upon arrival time of the competing teams.

Pre-Game Practice

C5.2. The Technical Commission shall determine the site(s) of practice together with the LOC.

- If held on the field of play:

a) First game of the day, starting 2 hours before game time:

Home Team - 45 minutes batting practice

Visiting Team - 45 minutes batting practice

Home Team - 10 minutes infield practice

Visiting Team - 10 minutes infield practice

Field Maintenance and Home-plate Umpire/Team Managers meeting

b) Additional games of the day:

As soon as the previous game is completed, the groundskeepers shall begin to repair the field. When the head groundskeeper announces the field is ready, if two (2) hours or more remain until next game time, the schedule indicated in a) shall prevail. If less than two (2) hours remain, the time from that moment until 30 minutes prior to game time shall be divided equally between the Home team and Visiting team for batting practice. If less than one (1) hour remains prior to the scheduled start of the game, there will be no batting practice on the field. Note: The TC will be present and is the final authority on how these procedures will take place.

- If held on alternate field(s):

The starting time shall be determined by the length of time needed to get the team from the batting practice site to the competition site, making sure that the team arrives at least 15 minutes before they are scheduled to take infield practice.

The Home team will hit first for 45 minutes followed by the Visiting team for 45 minutes.
If two batting practice sites are used, the teams may be scheduled for practice simultaneously.
Infield practice will be held at the competition site as outlined in C5.2.a.

C5.3. Note that while batting practice prior to the game is for 45 minutes, it certainly can be less if a team desires. This does not, however, mean that the other team can hit for a longer period of time. Moreover, teams are not permitted to stretch, warm up, or be near the batting cage until BP for the other team is over. Teams should warm-up in an area outside the baseball field during this time. If no viable warm-up area exists (this will be the discretion of the Technical Commissioner), then teams are permitted to go to the far right or left field area during BP to warm-up during the other teams batting practice time. Should they do so, teams should provide someone to protect the players from getting hit baseballs during the batting practice time. The Technical Commissioner will be on site to assist with any difficulties during this time.

C5.4. In (16U), (18U) and Women's Category competitions, each team will be allowed ten (10) minutes for infield practice before the beginning of the game. Thirty (30) minutes before the official game time, the Home team may take a pre-game infield and outfield practice. Twenty (20) minutes before the official game time, the Visiting team may take pre-game infield and outfield practice. Ten (10) minutes prior to official game time, the field will be made available to the maintenance crew.

C6. STARTING LINE-UP

C6.1. Team Managers shall compulsorily present a tentative line-up to the Technical Commissioner(s) at least 60 minutes before the scheduled start of the game. This line-up is for information purposes only. This line-up shall include the name, uniform number, and field position of each player in the starting batting order plus the pitcher. All other players on the approved roster (FTR) will be considered as possible substitutes for all the games. The official line-up will be given to the Home-plate Umpire at the meeting at home-plate immediately prior to the start of the game. A copy of the official line-up shall be given to the opposite Team Manager, the Scorer(s) and Technical Commissioner(s) in charge of the game. The preliminary line-up is an important document and should not be misused. If there are changes between the preliminary and starting line up, it must be announced directly to the T.C. in charge of the game and to the opposing team. An injury or other extraordinary reason should be the only reason for changes in the preliminary lineup. Abuses in this regard will not be viewed lightly and are subject to fines from the Chairman of the Technical Commission.

C6.2. Teams will announce to the other teams whether they will be starting a right-handed or a left-handed pitcher. Such information should be provided to the opposing manager no later than 90 minutes before the start of the game. However, it is recommended that such information is shared with the opposing manager as soon as the teams arrive at the ballpark.

C7. PLAYING RULES AND PACE OF PLAY

Official Baseball Rules

C7.1. All games will be played under the event year of the *Official Baseball Rules* and Baseball Umpire Manual Procedures and Interpretations unless noted in this section.

Designated Hitter

C7.2. The designated hitter shall be accepted in all categories, except in the (16U) Category.

Bat

C7.3. (16U), and Women's Categories: The use of non-wooden bats is authorized, as long as they comply with the following requirements, and are included in the current year official list approved by the IBAF.

- The entire bat must be round with a constant radius at any point and the finish of the hitting area must be smooth.
- There must be a direct line from the center of the knob to the center of the large end. The knob and end plug (if applicable) must be firmly attached.
- The maximum length is 36 inches (91.4 cm) and the maximum diameter is 2¾ inches (6.99 cm).

- A bat may not weigh, numerically, more than five units less than the length of the bat (e.g. a 35-inch-long (88.9 cm) bat cannot be less than 30 ounces (850.5 grams) in weight).

- It is mandatory that all bats have an identification mark 18 inches (45.7 cm) from the end of the handle.

C7.4. Senior and (18U) categories: only the one-piece wood bats, as long as they are included in the current year official list approved by the IBAF which has been distributed to all countries, can be used. Aluminum bats or any other bat not included in the list will not be authorized.

Protective Equipment

C7.5. Double ear-flap helmet is mandatory for the hitter and base-runners for all levels except for the Senior category.

Run difference Rule

C7.6. In Senior, (18U) and (16U) categories: If a team is losing by 15 or more runs after having batted at least in five (5) innings, the game is ended at that point. If a team is losing by 10 or more runs after having batted at least in seven (7) innings, the game is ended at that point. In the Women's Category, if a team is losing by 10 or more runs after having batted at least in five (5) innings, the game is ended at that point.

IBAF Exceptions to the Official Rules of Baseball

C7.7. The need to speed-up the play of international competition games must be constantly stressed to the Umpires, Team Managers and Coaches, and the following rules must be constantly enforced in an effort to keep the game moving quickly:

- a) In the event of inclement weather or other unforeseen conditions during IBAF events, the Technical Commissioners assigned to the game will have the responsibility of determining the start of a game. (Note: this is an exception to OBR 3.10).
- b) The 12-second rule for the pitcher must be enforced at all time during the game (with or without men on base). Teams shall be directed to have a catcher ready to warm-up the pitcher as soon as an inning is completed. As stated in *Official Baseball Rules* 8:04, pitchers have 12 seconds to pitch with no runners on base.
- c) The hitter shall be required (as reminded as needed) to remain in batter's box as required by OBR 6:02.
- d) At the senior level, the pitcher shall be allowed eight (8) warm-up pitches between innings and the Home-plate Umpire shall ensure that the pitches are thrown without undue delay. If a team fails to complete the warm-up pitches in a reasonable length of time, the Umpire may terminate them and call "Play Ball".
- e) When a batter hits a home run, members of his team shall not be allowed to touch the hitter until he has passed the home plate. Failure to observe this rule will result in a warning to the Team Manager and if it occurs again the Team will be fined and the Team Manager shall be ejected from the game.
- f) Only one infielder at a time can go to the pitcher's mound, and only one such a trip per inning shall be allowed. Failure to observe this rule will result in a warning to the Team Manager. If it occurs again, the Team will be fined and the Team Manager shall be ejected from the game.
- g) Coaches shall be allowed three free trips to the mound during the game to talk with the pitcher (free trip is one in which the pitcher is not removed from the game). These meetings shall be limited to 45 seconds from the moment the Umpire calls "Time". (Note: the second base umpire will be carrying a stopwatch). After the third free trip, each subsequent trip to the mound shall result in the removal of the pitcher. If the game goes into extra innings, trips not done during the game will not be accumulated and only one additional free trip shall be allowed for each three (3) extra innings. Two trips to the mound in the same inning to the same pitcher must result in the removal of the pitcher.
- h) Teams are allowed a maximum of 3 "offensive meetings" per game. An "offensive meeting" shall be charged any time a Coach delays the game for any length of time to talk with an offensive player; whether it is the hitter, a base-runner, an on-deck batter going to the plate, or to another Coach. If the game goes to the extra innings, "offensive meetings" not done during the game will not be accumulated and only one additional "offensive meeting" shall be permitted for each

- i) three (3) extra innings. Failure to observe this rule will result in a warning to the Team Manager and if it occurs again the Team will be fined and the Team Manager shall be ejected from the game. No offensive trip will be charged if the offense discusses strategy during a delay for which they are not responsible (e.g. trip to the mound, injury, player change, etc.) proving they cause no further delay.

j) Collision Rule

- a. (For all competitions below the Senior level): The IBAF is concerned about unnecessary and violent collisions primarily with the catcher at home plate. The intent of this rule is to encourage base runners and defensive players to avoid such collisions whenever possible.
1. When there is a collision between a runner and a fielder who clearly is in possession of the ball, the umpire shall judge:
- Whether the collision by the runner was avoidable (could the runner have reached the plate without colliding) or unavoidable (the runner's path to the plate was blocked);
 - Whether the runner actually was attempting to reach the plate or attempting to dislodge the ball from the fielder; or
 - Whether the runner was using flagrant contact to maliciously dislodge the ball.

PENALTY:

- If the runner attempted to dislodge the ball, the runner shall be declared out even if the fielder loses possession of the ball. The ball is dead and all other base runners shall return to the last base touched at the time of the interference.
 - If the fielder blocks the path of the base runner to the plate, the runner may make contact, slide into, or collide with a fielder as long as the runner is making a legitimate attempt to reach the plate.
 - If the flagrant or malicious contact by the runner was before the runner's touching the plate, the runner shall be declared out and also ejected from the contest. The ball shall be declared dead immediately. All other base runners shall return to the bases they occupied at the time of the pitch.
 - If the contact was after a preceding runner had touched home plate, the preceding runner will be ruled safe, the ball becomes dead immediately and all other base runners will return to the base they had last touched prior to the contact.
 - If the runner is safe and the collision is malicious, the runner shall be ruled safe and ejected from the game.
2. If the defensive player blocks the plate or base line clearly without possession of the ball, obstruction shall be called. The umpire shall point and call, "That's obstruction." The umpire shall let the play continue until all play has ceased, call time and award any bases that are justified in Rule 2 of the Official Rules of Baseball. The obstructed runner is awarded at least one base beyond the base last touched legally before the obstruction.
- If the base runner collides flagrantly, the runner shall be declared safe on the obstruction, but will be ejected from the contest. The ball is dead.

- k) The "between innings infield clean-up" that has become common for many stadiums in the 5th innings will be limited to a maximum of four (4) minutes during IBAF competitions.

l) Extra-Inning Rule :

If the game remains tied after the completion of nine (9) innings, the following procedures will be implemented during extra innings:

- Each team will begin the 10th inning (and any subsequent necessary extra innings) with a player on first and second, no outs.

- To begin the 10th inning, representatives from each team will meet at home plate and will indicate (at the same time) to the home plate umpire where the team wishes to begin the batting order. That is, the teams have the option of beginning the 10th inning anywhere in the existing batting order that was in effect when the 9th inning ended. Note that this is not a new lineup (just potentially a different order), and it may very well be the same lineup that ended the 9th inning. The rationale for doing so is to ensure that both teams have an equal chance at having what they consider to be their best hitters and base runners in a position to score in the 10th inning.

- ❖ For example, if the team decides to have the #1 hitter in the lineup hit first, then the #8 hitter will be placed at 2B and the #9 hitter will be placed at 1B. Furthermore, if the team decides to have the #3 hitter in the lineup hit first, then the #1 hitter would be at 2B and the #2 hitter would be at 1B.

- Once those players/runners are determined for the 10th inning, the order of any subsequent innings will be determined by how the previous inning ended. That is, if the 10th inning ends with the #6 hitter having the last plate appearance (PA), then the 11th inning begins the #7 hitter at bat, and the #5 hitter at 2B and the #6 hitter at first base.

- With the exception of beginning the inning with runners on 1B and 2B with no one out, all other "Official Baseball Rule" and "IBAF Competition Norms" will remain in effect during extra innings required to determine a winner.

- No player re-entry is permitted during extra innings.

- The traditional system of the visiting team hitting in the top of the inning and the home team hitting in the bottom of the inning (if needed) will remain in effect until a winner is determined.

- An official form will be provided to the teams for the 10th inning. During the meeting at home plate with the umpire prior to the start of the 10th inning, managers will turn in the forms which will state which player will be the first hitter in the lineup. The form will be signed by the manager and given to the home plate umpire, with the TC over seeing the process.

C8. COMPETITION GAME SCHEDULE

C8.1 Once the competition game schedule has been approved by the IBAF Executive Committee, it becomes inviolable and can only be amended further to a new decision of the Executive Committee itself. Nevertheless, if during the competition there are reasons unforeseen in these norms and an amendment to the schedule would be necessary, changes to the game schedule could be done through a joint proposal of the Competition's Technical Commission and the Local Organizing Committee to the Competition Director, who is the only person entitled to sanction an amendment. The new game schedule shall officially be approved in writing by the Competition Director before being released to all participants.

C9. SUSPENDED GAMES

C9.1. In case a game is stopped because of weather, curfew or other reason, the following will apply:

Senior Competitions: Before a contest becomes a regulation game, it is not an official game and shall be replayed in its entirety.

(16U), (18U) and Women's competitions: Before a contest becomes a regulation game, it is ruled to be suspended game and shall be resumed from the point of interruption.

C9.2. After it becomes a regulation game, it is ruled a complete game.

C9.3. When it is tied or when the visiting team takes the lead in an uncompleted inning, and after it has become a regulation game, it shall be ruled a suspended game and shall be resumed at the exact point of suspension and played to a completion. The scheduling of completion of suspended game shall be given priority by Technical Commission in order to complete it as soon as possible.

C9.4. All suspended, tied or games not played shall be re-scheduled by the Technical Commission and the Organizing Committee in order to resume or start them following the suspension order. The new schedule has to be officially approved in writing by the Competition Director before being released to all participants.

C9.5. If there are difficulties concerning the closing date, only the games necessary to establish the final positions of the first three teams will be re-scheduled. No team shall be asked to play more than two games on the same day, unless the case warranted by exceptional circumstances and agreed upon by both teams affected by this measure. Would the exceptional circumstances persist and would any of the involved teams refuse to play two games on the same day, the Competition Director has the authority officially to determine whether they must play or not and the team or teams will be under the obligation to do it if the decision of the Competition Director establishes it as to be so. If the team or teams do not agree to play, they will lose the game by forfeit to appear.

C9.6 As per the Official Baseball Rules (Rule 4.10 to 4.11), a game is considered a regulation game if five inning have been completed and the umpire calls the game. In all IBAF sanctioned events, the umpires must wait a minimum of 90 minutes – and no more than 2.5 hours -- before making a decision about whether to call the game and make it become a regulation game.

C9.7. If a play is in progress at the moment of a failure of the field's lighting system and an additional action is impossible, the game is considered suspended. Whenever the lights are restored, the game shall continue in the same situation that existed at the beginning of the play which was interrupted due to lack of lighting.

C10. SEMIFINALS AND FINALS

C10.1. Establishing home and visitor teams in final games, and in some semifinal games further each competition schedule, shall be done by the drawing of lots.

C11. TIES

All ties after the preliminary round will be settled as follows (in order):

The ranking of the teams after the round robin shall be according to the win-loss record of all the games played. All ties after the round robin, Semi-finals and Finals shall be settled in the order of the following list. That is, if criteria (a) does not break the tie, then it is no longer considered the criteria capable of breaking the tie, and the next criteria (b) will be used. This logic continues through the list, in order, until the tie is broken:

1. The team that won the game(s) between the teams tied shall be given the higher position;
2. The team that has the best Team's Quality Balance (TQB)
3. The team that has the best Earned Runs Team's Quality Balance (ER-TQB).
4. Highest batting average in games between the teams tied, or
5. A coin flip.

Six Examples of the application of the Tie Breaker Criteria.

Scenario 1:

Game 1: Team A - Team B 5 - 4
Game 2: Team D - Team E 9 - 1

Standings after single round robin:

<i>Team A</i>	<i>3 Won, 1 Lost</i>	<i>*</i>
<i>Team B</i>	<i>3 Won, 1 Lost</i>	<i>*</i>
<i>Team C</i>	<i>2 Won, 2 Lost</i>	
<i>Team D</i>	<i>1 Won, 3 Lost</i>	<i>**</i>

Team E 1 Won, 3 Lost **

* Criterion 1: Team A finishes higher than Team B, because of the result of game 1.

** Criterion 1: Team D finishes higher than Team E, because of the result of game 2.

Scenario 2:

Game 1: Team A - Team B 5 - 4 (8 ½ innings)
 Game 2: Team C - Team A 2 - 0 (8 2/3 innings)
 Game 3: Team B - Team C 8 - 2 (8 ½ innings)

Standings after single round robin:

Team A 3 Won, 1 Lost *
 Team B 3 Won, 1 Lost *
 Team C 3 Won, 1 Lost *

* Criterion 1: No decision between any of the teams A, B and C.

Criterion 2: Team B finishes higher than A, which finishes higher than C, because of the TQB in games 1, 2 and 3.

Team	Runs Scored	Offens. Innings	Ratio	Runs Allowed	Def. Innings	Ratio	TQB
A	5	17	0.2941	6	17.67	0.3396	-0.0454
B	12	17	0.7059	7	17	0.4118	0.2941
C	4	17.67	0.2264	8	17	0.4706	-0.2442

Team B: 12 runs scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.706; 7 runs allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.412 → TQB = 0.294

Team A: 5 runs scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.294; 6 runs allowed in 17.67 defensive innings = 0.339 → TQB = -0.045

Team C: 4 runs scored in 17.67 offensive innings = 0.226; 8 runs allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.471 → TQB = -0.244

Scenario 3:

Game 1: Team A - Team B 6 - 4 (8 ½ innings)
 Game 2: Team A - Team C 0 - 2 (9 innings)
 Game 3: Team B - Team C 8 - 2 (8 ½ innings)

Standings after single round robin:

Team A 3 Won, 1 Lost *
 Team B 3 Won, 1 Lost *
 Team C 3 Won, 1 Lost *

* Criterion 1: No decision between any of the teams A, B and C.

Criterion 2: Team B finishes higher than A, which finishes higher than C, because of the TQB in games 1, 2 and 3.

Team	Runs Scored	Offens. Innings	Ratio	Runs Allowed	Def. Innings	Ratio	TQB
A	6	17	0.3529	6	18	0.3333	0.0196
B	12	17	0.7059	8	17	0.4706	0.2353
C	4	18	0.2222	8	17	0.4706	-0.2484

Team B: 12 runs scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.706; 8 runs allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.471 → TQB = 0.235

Team A: 6 runs scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.294; 6 runs allowed in 18 defensive innings = 0.333 → TQB = 0.019

Team C: 4 runs scored in 18 offensive innings = 0.222; 8 runs allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.471 → TQB = -0.248

Scenario 4

Game 1: Team A - Team B 3 - 4 (11 2/3 innings)
 Game 2: Team A - Team C 8 - 5 (9 2/3 innings)
 Game 3: Team B - Team C 3 - 7 (9 innings)

Standings after single round robin:

Team B 3 Won, 1 Lost *
 Team C 3 Won, 1 Lost *
 Team A 3 Won, 1 Lost *

* Criterion 1: No decision between any of the teams A, B and C.

Criterion 2: Team C finishes higher than A, which finishes higher than B, because of the TQB in games 1, 2 and 3.

Team	Runs Scored	Of. Innings	Ratio	Runs Allowed	Def. Innings	Ratio	TQB
A	11	21.67	0.5076	9	21.67	0.4153	0.0923
B	7	20.67	0.3387	10	21	0.4762	-0.1375
C	12	19	0.6316	11	18.67	0.5892	0.0424

Team A: 11 runs scored in 21.67 offensive innings = 0.507; 9 runs allowed in 21.67 defensive innings = 0.415 → TQB = 0.092

Team C: 12 runs scored in 19 offensive innings = 0.632; 11 runs allowed in 18.67 defensive innings = 0.589 → TQB = 0.042

Team B: 7 runs scored in 20.67 offensive innings = 0.338; 10 runs allowed in 21 defensive innings = 0.476 → TQB = -0.137

Scenario 5:

Game 1: Team A - Team B 7 - 4 (8 ½ innings), in earned runs 3 - 4
 Game 2: Team B - Team C 7 - 4 (8 ½ innings), in earned runs 5 - 2
 Game 3: Team C - Team A 7 - 4 (8 ½ innings), in earned runs 5 - 1

Standings after single round robin:

Team A 3 Won, 1 Lost *
 Team B 3 Won, 1 Lost * **
 Team C 3 Won, 1 Lost * **

* Criterion 1: No decision between any of the teams A, B and C.

Criterion 2: No decision between any of the teams A, B and C.

Team	Runs Scored	Offens. Innings	Ratio	Runs Allowed	Def. Innings	Ratio	TQB
A	11	17	0.6471	11	17	0.6471	0.0000
B	11	17	0.6471	11	17	0.6471	0.0000
C	11	17	0.6471	11	17	0.6471	0.0000

Criterion 3: Team B finishes higher than Team C and Team A because of the TQB in games 1, 2 and 3.

Team	Earned Runs Scored	Of. Innings	Ratio	Earned Runs Allowed	Def. Innings	Ratio	ER-TQB
A	4	17	0.2353	9	17	0.5294	-0.2941
B	9	17	0.5294	5	17	0.2941	0.2353
C	7	17	0.4118	6	17	0.3529	0.0588

Team B: 9 ERuns scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.529; 5 ERuns allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.294 → TQB = 0.235

Team C: 7 ERuns scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.412; 6 ERuns allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.507 → TQB = 0.059

Team A: 4 ERuns scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.235; 9 ERuns allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.381 → TQB = -0.294

Scenario 6:

Game 1: Team A - Team B 5 - 4 (9 innings)
 Game 2: Team B - Team C 5 - 0 (8 ½ innings)
 Game 3: Team C - Team D 8 - 4 (8 ½ innings)
 Game 4: Team D - Team E 9 - 0 (8 ½ innings)
 Game 5: Team E - Team A 5 - 2 (8 ½ innings)
 Game 6: Team A - Team C 1 - 3 (9 innings)
 Game 7: Team B - Team D 3 - 5 (9 innings)
 Game 8: Team C - Team E 1 - 3 (9 innings)
 Game 9: Team D - Team A 0 - 8 (9 innings)
 Game 10: Team E - Team B 3 - 7 (9 innings)

Standings after single round robin:

Team A 2 Won, 2 Lost *

Team B 2 Won, 2 Lost *

Team C 2 Won, 2 Lost * **

Team D 2 Won, 2 Lost * **

Team E 2 Won, 2 Lost *

* Criterion 1: No decision between any of the teams A, B, C, D and E.

Criterion 2: Teams B finishes higher than Team A, C, D and E because of the TQB in games 1 thru 10.

Team	Runs Scored	Of. Innings	Ratio	Runs Allowed	Def. Innings	Ratio	TQB
A	16	36	0.4444	12	35	0.3429	0.1016
B	19	35	0.5429	13	36	0.3611	0.1817
C	12	35	0.3429	13	35	0.3714	-0.0286
D	18	35	0.5143	19	35	0.5429	-0.0286
E	11	35	0.3143	19	35	0.5429	-0.2286

Team B: 19 Runs scored in 35 offensive innings = 0.542; 13 Runs allowed in 36 defensive innings = 0.361 → TQB = 0.181

Team A: 16 Runs scored in 36 offensive innings = 0.444; 12 Runs allowed in 35 defensive innings = 0.342 → TQB = 0.101

Team C: 12 Runs scored in 35 offensive innings = 0.342; 13 Runs allowed in 35 defensive innings = 0.371 → TQB = -0.028

Team D: 18 Runs scored in 35 offensive innings = 0.514; 19 Runs allowed in 35 defensive innings = 0.542 → TQB = -0.028

Team E: 11 Runs scored in 35 offensive innings = 0.314; 19 Runs allowed in 35 defensive innings = 0.542 → TQB = -0.228

** Criterion 1: Team C finishes higher than Team D, because of the result of game 3.

Semifinal Round

The four teams with the highest rank from the preliminary round will progress to the semifinal round. In this round, the teams will play each other in the following format:

Semifinal 1: 1st ranked team vs. 4th ranked team

Semifinal 2: 2nd ranked team vs. 3rd ranked team

The winners of these matches will progress to the gold medal match; the losers will progress to the bronze medal match.

Final Round

The final round is played in the following format:

Bronze Medal Match: Loser of Semifinal 1 vs. Loser of Semifinal 2

Gold Medal Match: Winner of Semifinal 1 vs. Winner of Semifinal 2

The winner of the Gold Medal Match will receive the gold medal; the loser will receive the silver medal. The winner of Bronze Medal Match will receive the bronze medal; the loser will finish in the 4th place.

Note for 2009 BWC, the following Tie Breaking system will be used for Baseball World Cup 2009.

Tie-Breaking System for 2009 Baseball World Cup

The Classification of the teams in all the rounds (I, II and III) will be established by the greatest AVE in the games won and lost of all the participants.

In the 1st round, the following will be applied to determine the 3rd place teams that qualify for the 2nd round (in successive order).

1. The least number of runs allowed
2. The lowest ERA.
3. The highest batting average.

For all rounds (I, II and III), tie-breaking will be determined in the following manner (in successive order).

1. The team which won the Game(s) among the ties will be given the highest position.
2. The least number of runs allowed
3. The lowest ERA.
4. The highest batting average.

C12. ALTERNATE DETERMINATION OF CHAMPION

C12.1. In case of rain during the championship round, the following will be made:

- a) If rain prevents the playing of all the championship rounds, an extra day will be used to permit the two highest finishers of the round robin(s) to play one game for the title.
- b) If rain disrupts the championship round before completion, all efforts will be made to determine a champion by playing only the game(s) which remain to determine the title. If a decision regarding a medal must be made without playing a game, the tie breaking criteria from C-11 shall apply. The same procedure will be followed for subsequent positions if necessary.

D. LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC) OBLIGATIONS

D1. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

D1.1. Assume the financial conditions relative to: accommodations, food and local transportation that are necessary for all the people of each official participating Delegation.

D1.2. Assume the cost of the financial conditions relative to: accommodations, food and transportation as stipulated for each competition for IBAF Officials who carry out functions at the competition. This includes:

- The IBAF President or his representative
- The IBAF Executive Director
- The Competition Director
- The members of the Jury of Appeal
- The Chairman of the Technical Commission
- The Technical Commission
- The Director (or Coordinator) of Umpires
- The Director (or Coordinator) of Scorers
- The Anti-Doping Commissioner/s
- The Communication Director
- The Umpires
- The Scorers
- The IBAF staff

The particularities related to the number of IBAF Officials required, their length of stay and other essential obligations will be established specifically for each competition, depending on its category and formula and schedule of the competition.

D1.3. IBAF umpires shall be paid a stipend of \$ 50 USD from the day of arrival to the day of departure. This will cover game fees. LOC umpires will be paid per LOC contracts established.

Note for 2009 BWC, IBAF umpire will be paid \$ 25 USD.

D1.4. Accommodations and meals will be provided to:

- The IBAF President for the entire length of stay at the competition.
- Regarding meals and accommodations for the Executive Committee Members, the IBAF and the LOC will agree on the number of attending people, number of days and the financial conditions.
- The Competition Director for four days before and one day after the competition.
- Each Delegation of Athletes, Team Manager, Coaches, Trainer and Team Leader, for two days before to one day after the competition. The Delegations must receive three full meals per day and have food provided after late games.
- The members of the Technical Commission appointed for the competition, two days before to one day after; the Chairman of the Technical Commission for three days before and one day after the competition.
- The Anti-Doping Commissioner(s) assigned to the competition for two days before to one day after.
- The members of the Jury of Appeal for two days before to one day after.
- The IBAF Executive Director and the IBAF staff for entire length of stay at the competition.
- The Director of the Umpires and all umpires will be covered for a period beginning two days prior to the competition and including one day after its conclusion.
- Scorers will be covered for a period beginning two days prior to the competition and including one day after its conclusion.

D1.5. For each Delegation the LOC will guarantee accommodation as follows:

Maximum of two athletes per room (normal room), to include air conditioning.

The Team Leader will have a private room with air conditioning.

The accommodation plan must be approved by the IBAF at least four months before the competition.

All IBAF Officials will be accommodated in single rooms in international-standard hotels

D1.6. Local Transportation

The LOC shall provide transportation to the following:

Each Delegation: from and to the airport, all practices and games as well as all official functions.

The IBAF President and all IBAF Officials who attend the tournament as per the Contract IBAF-LOC.

The Executive Director and IBAF staff.

The Competition Director.

The Technical Commission members.

The Anti-Doping Commissioner(s).

The members of the Jury of Appeal

The Umpire Director (or Coordinator) and all Umpires.

The Scoring Director (or Coordinator) and all Scorers.

D1.7. International Transportation

The LOC will pay for international transportation to the following:

One visit of the IBAF President (Business).

The IBAF Executive Director, (as often as necessary further the IBAF criterion) (Business).

The Competition Director (Business).

The Technical Commission members assigned to the competition (Economy).

The Anti-Doping Commissioner(s) (Economy).

The Umpire Director (or Coordinator) and the international Umpires appointed by the IBAF who appear in the Agreement to be paid by the LOC (Economy).

The Scoring Director (or Coordinator) and the international Scores appointed by the IBAF (Economy).

The Member(s) of the Jury of Appeal, if applicable (Economy).

D1.8. Trophies

The LOC will supply and hand over the competition trophies and awards as stipulated in these norms.

Note for 2009 BWC, the Trophy and the Medals for the first 3 teams will be supplied by the IBAF.

D1.9. Maintenance

The LOC is responsible for all costs for custodial care required to maintain cleanliness at the fields.

D1.10. Doping Control

The LOC shall assume all costs related to doping controls and analyses.

D1.11. Laundry

The LOC shall provide daily laundry services for the playing uniforms for all Delegations.

D1.12. Insurance

The LOC shall insure all Athletes and Officials (including team Officials, Technical Officials, IBAF Officials and IBAF staff) with medical assistance, accident and general liability insurance in the host country from their arrival to their departure, or once their obligations at the competition are completed.

D1.13. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) is responsible for producing and distributing the Daily Report during the competition. IBAF recommends that the Daily Report should include the following items:

- Official Team Roster - on the first day of competition, then only after any change
- Competition Technical Officials - on the first day of competition, then only after any change
- Complete Results and Teams' Ranking - during all the tournament
- Game Summary (Box Score) - for all games that day
- Cumulative Statistics - starting from the second day of the tournament
- Rankings of the Players - starting from the second day of the tournament
- Daily Schedule and Official Appointments - for the following competition day

- Official Communication (C67) - as applicable
- Number of audience at each venue

The IBAF and LOC will define the distribution rules and number of copies.

Note for 2009 BWC, a soft copy will be distributed to all concerned.

D1.14. The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) is responsible for producing and distributing the Result Book available on the morning after the closing ceremony. The LOC will produce the Results Book on Paper or on CD-ROM. IBAF recommends that the Result Book should include the following items:

- Final Teams' Ranking
- Individual Awards
- IBAF Competition Officials
- Team Roster - for each team ordered by NOC
- Complete Results and Teams' Ranking after the preliminary
- Game Summary (Box Score) - Gold Medal Game
- Game Summary (Box Score) - Bronze Medal Game
- Game Summary (Box Score) - Semifinals
- Game Summary (Box Score) - Quarters of final as applicable
- Game Summary (Box Score) - each preliminary round game, ordered by game date/start time
- Cumulative Statistics - for each team, ordered by NOC - includes all games played by the team
- Complete Rankings of the Players – related to the individual awards
- Official Communication (C67) - ordered by date and time of issue
- Number of audience for the competition

The IBAF and LOC will define the distribution rules and number of copies.

Note for 2009 BWC, a soft copy will be distributed to all concerned.

D1.15 The LOC is responsible for providing a well-located seating section which will be reserved and clearly indicated for the Scouts, Delegation Leaders, Team Managers, and Coaches of the participating teams and is responsible to allocate appropriate number of volunteers serve.

E. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE USE AND CARE OF PROPERTY AND INSTALLATIONS

E1. The participating teams will be responsible for the damages to or disappearance of property in the places where they will be accommodated during the competition. The following procedures will be applied:

- a) A LOC representative and one person from each team will inspect the dormitories upon arrival of each team and an inspection report will follow.
- b) A clearance certificate or a bill for damages and alleged disappearances of property will be prepared by the LOC (in writing) at the end of the competition and submitted to the team Leader of each non local participating team before leaving the city.
- c) A certificate in writing will certify that the LOC does not have any claim for damages or disappearance of property against the team or any of its members and that it does not know of the existence of any claim against the team.
- d) A written invoice for damages or disappearance of property will specify the damages claimed, the disappeared article(s), name and address of the affected person(s) and amount of the claimed compensation.

E2. In the event of a claim for damages and/or disappearance of property against a team, the LOC and the IBAF will conduct a complete investigation of the events, proposing the corresponding steps to be taken.

E3. Failure to fulfill the stipulations of this section shall mean that the LOC loses the right to make any claim for damages or disappearance of property against any offending team and the IBAF.

F. FINAL DISPOSITIONS

F1. The Agreement signed between the IBAF and the host National Federation establishes the rules and the general norms under which the competition shall be conducted, as well as the obligations and responsibilities of each of the parties. These Norms serve as a non restrictive complement to said Agreement.

F2. During the course of a competition, the IBAF Competition Director, the Technical Commission and the Local Organizing Committee shall have the authority to jointly make decisions on any point not specifically covered in these Norms, according to each competition. In any aspects where there is no mutual agreement, the IBAF Competition Director will be the final authority.

F3. Any unforeseen circumstances which arise and are not specified in the IBAF Norms, then the Official Rules of Baseball will serve as the primary source of guidance for all IBAF tournament officials.