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A. GENERAL RULES

These Tournament Regulations ("Regulations", each a "Reg.") are adopted by WBSC and enforced by the COCABE Executive Committee and the responsible persons named herein. They supplement the Official WBSC Baseball Rules ("Rules"). In the event of an inconsistency between a Rule, Regulation or the Bylaws of WBSC, WBSC AMERICAS or COCABE or an interpretation or a dispute in the application of one of these, the COCABE Tournament Director or his delegate will issue a decision.

As used in these Rules, a "WBSC Competition" means the Caribbean Cup (Caribbean Baseball Cup: CBC), a WBSC Baseball World Cup and a qualifier for one of these, including: U-23 Baseball World Cup; U-18 Baseball World Cup; U-15 Baseball World Cup; U-12 Baseball World Cup; Women's Baseball World Cup, Continental or Regional Games, or World or Regional Championships; or other WBSC-sanctioned Baseball competition. A "competition" refers to a particular WBSC Competition conducted under these Rules.

Each notice given under these Rules before, during or after a Competition ("Notice") shall be given by email or first class mail in accordance with the contact information held by WBSC in connection with that Competition. Any notice shall be deemed effective if given by email on the day and time of sending or if given by first class mail two (2) business days after sending.

Every member of COCABE has the right to participate and apply to host the Caribbean Cups (Caribbean Baseball Cup, CBC) at any time.

A1. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Nationality of competitors

A1.1. Any player in the Caribbean Cup ("competitor" or "player") must be a national of the country, territory or region of the Associate Member that is entering him/her.

A1.2. All disputes relating to the determination of the country that a competitor may represent in the Caribbean Cup shall be resolved by the COCABE Executive Committee.

A1.3. A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent any of them, as he or she may choose. However, after having represented one of them in a WBSC Competition, they may not represent another country or region unless they meet the conditions set out in Reg A1.4 which applies to persons who have changed their nationality or have acquired a new nationality. (Note: an unofficial competition may be considered an exception to this rule.)

A1.4. A competitor who has represented a country in a WBSC Competition and who has changed nationality or acquired a new nationality, shall not participate in any WBSC Competition to represent his/her new country or region until three years have elapsed since the competitor last represented his/her previous country. (Note: an unofficial competition may be considered an exception to this rule). This period may be reduced or even cancelled with the agreement of both National Federations and the approval of the COCABE Executive Committee.



A1.5. If an Associated State, Province, Overseas Department, Country or Colony becomes independent, if a country is incorporated within another country due to a change of borders, or if a new National Olympic Committee (“NOC”) is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (“IOC”), a competitor may continue to represent the country or region to which they belong or have belonged. They may therefore, if they prefer, choose to represent their country or be entered in official WBSC competitions or Olympic qualification tournaments with their new Federation or NOC, if one exists. This particular choice can only be made once.

A1.6. In all cases not expressly provided for in Reg. A1, in particular where a competitor might be in a position to represent a country or region other than that of which they are citizens, or have the option of deciding which country or region they intend to represent, the COCABE Executive Committee may make all decisions of a general or individual nature, and in particular, on specific situations relating to nationality, citizenship, domicile or residence of competitors, including the length of any waiting period.

A1.7. In the event of an eligibility violation and a player is found to be ineligible before any game has been played, the player(s) will be automatically removed from the Final Team Roster (“FTR”) and will not be allowed to participate in that competition. The Technical Commission of the competition will notify the COCABE Executive Committee of the actions to be taken.

A1.8. If an infringement is discovered during a competition and after the player has played in one or more games, players will be automatically removed from the FTR, and any games they actually played in will be considered a lost game for the team. The team will continue to play in the competition, and the Technical Commission of the competition will report the infringement to the COCABE Executive Committee for further action.

A1.9. If an eligibility violation is discovered after the competition, the case may be submitted by the COCABE Technical Commission, or by the Member Organisation, directly to the COCABE Executive Committee for further action. In any case, the COCABE Executive Committee is empowered to act.

A1.10. During a competition, a player removed from the FTR for any eligibility violation may not be replaced by another player. A team may be penalized for an eligibility violation only if a player has actually played in a game.

A1.11. In any case, it is the obligation of the team or Member Organization to officially protest a player's ineligibility, presenting valid evidence, documentation and all information regarding the violation in writing at the time of filing the protest.

Provisional or Guest Members

A.1.12. A National Team of a Provisional Member or a COCABE Invited Member may only participate in the COCABE Regional Competition ("Regional Competition") to which it was invited by COCABE.

- The provisions of Reg.A1. to A1.11 apply to a player of a Provisional or Guest Member, Club Team and National Team in a Regional Competition.



- A player who is a citizen of two or more countries/regions, one of which is a Provisional or Guest Member of COCABE, may, with proof of nationality, choose to represent (i) a National Team of a Provisional or Guest Member (ii) a National Team of a Full Member. Once this has been done, such player may not represent any other National Team in the same Calendar Year.
- If a player who played for a COCABE Provisional or Guest Member National Team wishes to change and play for the National Team of a COCABE Full Member, or vice versa, the player will need written permission from the COCABE Provisional or Guest Member, the COCABE Full Member, in other cases from the WBSC or WBSC Americas, if they are members of these.

A2. PROVISIONAL TEAM ROSTER - (PTR)

A2.1. No later than 45 days before the start of the Caribbean Cup, all Member Organizations must notify COCABE and/or the Secretary General of the Provisional Team Roster (maximum 40 players) (Provisional Team Roster “PTR”), via email: secretariococabe@gmail.com.

A2.2 If any person on the PTR becomes unavailable after the first fifteen (15) days within the PTR submission period, as per A2.1., due to injury, illness or any other reason approved by COCABE, he/she may be replaced on the PTR prior to 20 days before the start of the competition. Member Organizations must obtain written approval from COCABE prior to making such changes. If for medical reasons, a medical certificate in English or Spanish must accompany the request when submitted to COCABE. Failure to notify and obtain approval from COCABE may result in that person being ineligible for the competition.

A2.3. Failure to comply with the deadline for submitting the documents mentioned in Reg A2.1., incomplete submission or failure to comply with any of the sections will be sanctioned with a fine of one hundred (100) USD per day until the problem is resolved.

A3. FINAL TEAM ROSTER - (FTR)

A3.1. No later than 20 days before the start of the competition, all Member Organizations must notify COCABE of the FTR composed of 26 players and 10 members of the delegation, including the manager, coaches, delegation leader and staff.

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A3.2. During the Pre-Tournament Technical/Organizational Meeting, the delegation leader will present the following to the Technical Commission:

- a) A valid and unexpired passport (“Passport”) must be presented for each player registered with the FTR at the Pre-Tournament Technical/Organizational Meeting. If a player(s) has not arrived in the host country, the Member Organization may submit a copy of the player(s) passport solely for roster registration purposes.



- b) Upon arrival of players in the host country, the Member Organization must present valid passports to the Technical Director for official roster activation. Players will not be allowed to play until the Technical Director has approved the passport validation. Additional members of the Delegation, such as the Delegation Leader, Team Manager, Coaches, Trainers, etc. will appear on the FTR but are not required to present their Passport.
- c) The name, room number (local address), email, social media address (e.g. Whatsapp) and phone number of the Delegation Leader, Team Manager and Media Officer of each Delegation.

A3.3 A maximum of eight (8) players may be replaced in the FTR within the next 5 days after the deadline for submission of the FTR (Point A3.1), and COCABE must be informed in writing of such changes at the Pre-Tournament Technical/Organizational Meeting, the notice of such change must be in the hands of the Technical Director at the time of the Pre-Tournament Technical/Organizational Meeting. If for any reason, previously known and accepted by COCABE, a team arrives in the country later, the Delegation Leader must ensure that the Technical Director receives these documents promptly upon the team's arrival. These eight (8) players may come from within or outside the PTR.

A3.4. The official delegations of the participating team will be composed of:

Players	26 (at least 13 pitchers and 13 positions)
Leader of the Delegation	1
Team Manager	1
Coaches	4
Trainer / Team Doctor / Physiotherapist	1
Travel Manager	1
Media Officer	1
Referee	1
Member Organization Managers/Staff	3 (Optional)
	<u>Max. total: 39</u>

Note: Member Organisations may request to bring extra staff in addition to the established Official Delegation Members. The LOC may assist in finding suitable accommodation and food upon request. Team Delegations are responsible for covering all associated costs and extra staff.

A3.5. Failure to comply with the deadline for submitting the documents mentioned in Reg A3.1., incomplete submission or failure to comply with any of Reg. A3 will be penalized with a fine of five hundred (200) USD per day until the problem is resolved.

A3.6 If more than eight (8) players in the FTR are not available within 5 days after the deadline for submitting the FTR (Point A3.1), due to injury, illness or for any other reason and if the Member Organization wishes to replace such players, the reasons for such unavailability must be communicated to COCABE in writing. COCABE will review the request and will communicate whether the request can be granted. Without written approval from COCABE, no changes are allowed.



A3.7 Once verification of the players at the Technical Meeting has been completed, no changes to the FTR will be permitted throughout the competition. Copies of the FTR will be provided to each Delegation Leader, Technical Director, Technical Stewards, Scorers, Anti-Doping Commissioner and Media prior to the start of the competition.

A4. PRE-TOURNAMENT TECHNICAL/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

A4.1. The day before the start of the competition, a briefing meeting will be held to discuss all rules, technical aspects, schedules and organisational issues related to the competition. The location, date and time of the meeting will be made available to the teams as soon as possible.

A4.2. The Pre-Tournament Technical/Organizational Meeting will be chaired by the Tournament Director accompanied by the Technical Director, the Referee Director (or his assistant assigned to the competition), the Scoring Director (or assistant), the Anti-Doping Commissioner, a representative of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) and a representative of the COCABE Events Department. Relevant technical matters of the competition will be discussed at this meeting.

Note: *All materials handed out at this meeting must be printed in at least English and Spanish.*

Attendance at this meeting and receipt of materials signifies understanding and acceptance by each delegation and its members of all conditions, requirements, Rules and Regulations.

A5 DOPING CONTROL

A5.1. Doping Controls will be conducted in accordance with the WBSC Anti-Doping Rules, which comply with the World Anti-Doping Code.

A5.2. COCABE shall appoint an Anti-Doping Commissioner to oversee the Anti-Doping programme. The COCABE Anti-Doping Commissioner may vary the timing of testing in consultation with the Director of Anti-Doping Control (DCO).

A5.3. For Games where doping controls will be carried out, the following procedure will be followed:

- At the end of the first half of the fourth inning the Chief DCO, the COCABE Anti-Doping Commissioner and one of the Technical Commissioners (TC) in charge of the game (if required), with a copy of the Starting Line-Up, will meet at the Anti-Doping Control Station. The Chief DCO will have a copy of the FTR for the selection process.

NOTE: In the ongoing development of the fight against doping and in an attempt to ensure that everything is in line with international guidelines, COCABE outsources its anti-doping services and is committed to confidentiality and data protection as required by WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency). In this regard, COCABE recommends minimal involvement of the COCABE Family and COCABE Officials to ensure the best execution of sample collection. However, as indicated, when specifically requested, collaboration between the parties involved will be required.



- The Team Manager must confirm to the CT that all players are present at the match and if one is absent (due to injury, illness, etc.) why this is the case and where the player is (for anti-doping control reasons).
- The Chief DCO will provide a random selection system. In the event that a system is not available, player names or numbers will be written on pieces of paper and cut into a draw.
- A random selection process will be carried out for each team. This will include the selection of reserve players in case the player(s) originally selected become seriously injured during the game.
- If one player is to be selected from each team, all players will be included in the draft and one reserve player will be selected. If two players are to be selected from each team, the first selection will be from the starting lineup and the second from the full roster of players. Reserve selections will be made from the full roster.
- A player may be subject to doping control on more than one occasion, but the COCABE Anti-Doping Commissioner may request another selection if the player has already been selected twice in the same tournament.
- The selections will be marked on the starting line-up, signed by the parties involved and delivered to the DCO.
- The names of the selected players will not be communicated to the teams before the end of the game.

A5.4. Players must remain on the course for the duration of the game. The assigned Technical Commissioner(s) for the game and the Tournament Director must be informed immediately if a player must be absent from the course or tournament at any time.

A5.5. If a selected player were to become seriously injured and need to be hospitalized immediately, the selected reserve player from the same team will be tested in his place. In such a case, medical certificates regarding the severity of the injury must be submitted to the COCABE Anti-Doping Commissioner. The injured player may still be selected for anti-doping control by COCABE once he has recovered. For example: a player is injured before the anti-doping control procedure on a Monday and goes to the hospital. On Tuesday, he is removed from the roster, but is still in the country, in the hotel or in the stadium. That player is still eligible to be tested just like the rest of the FTR players. Ultimately, any player who is injured or removed from the roster is still subject to the doping control procedures in the same way as the rest of the team.

A5.6. FTR players not present at the game may be selected by COCABE for doping control, whether or not they are still in the host city.



A5.7. The LOC is responsible for ensuring that the Anti-Doping Control Station is properly equipped and ready for use.

A6. AWARDS

A6.1. Team Awards

Position	Prize
First	Gold Medal + Championship Trophy
Second	Medal of Silver + 2nd Place Trophy
Third	Medal of Bronze + 3rd Place Trophy

The total number of Medals will correspond to the number of members of the Official Delegation (see A3.4. for more details).

A6.2. Individual awards (one for each position, unless otherwise stated. No trophy will be awarded, it will be announced through official WBSC media):

Individual Awards
Leader Batter
Pitcher with the best earned run average
Pitcher with the best win-loss average
Batter with further racing driven
Batter with further Home runs
Better Thief of Bases
Better annotator of racing
Defensive player outstanding
Player further valuable

A6.3. The lead batter for the competition will be determined by the WBSC Official Baseball Rules. In the event of a tie, the decision will be based on slugging average in accordance with the WBSC Official Baseball Rules.

A6.4. The pitcher with the best run average and the pitcher with the best win-loss record in the series will be determined in accordance with the official WBSC Baseball Rules. In the event of a tie, the pitcher who has pitched the most innings will win the award.



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

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

A6.7. The determination of the prizes mentioned in A6.3, A6.4, A6.5 and A6.6 will be based on the statistics at the end of the day prior to the Medal Game. The name(s) of the winner(s) and the prize allocation will be delivered to COCABE shortly after the conclusion of the last game of the Super Round or Regular Round.

A6.8. The Most Valuable Player (MVP), the Outstanding Defensive Player and the Regional Team Players will be selected by the Technical Commission of the competition and members of the COCABE Media Department. The Scoring Director (or Coordinator) will provide the names of the players mentioned in points A6.2 and A6.9. The MVP will be chosen from one of the teams participating in the Championship Game.

A6. 9. The Regional Team (one for each position, unless otherwise indicated. No trophy will be awarded, it will be announced through the official COCABE media:

EquipmentRegional

Better PitcherOpener

Better PitcherReliever

Catcher

FirstBase

Second base

Third Base

Shortstop

3 Gardeners

Designated Hitter

Note:COCABE and the LOC are the only ones who can remove prizes from this Regulation, provided that both parties reach a prior agreement and inform the participants.

A6.10. Medal Reallocation. COCABE is taking all possible measures to ensure fair competition and to recognise the achievements of clean players whose results are obtained in a fair, honest and impartial manner. The document defining the procedures to be followed for Medal Reallocation can be found in the documents section on the WBSC website.



A7. CONDUCT, OFFENSES, FINES AND SUSPENSIONS

A7.1. Scope

- a) An action by a person named in the FTR that constitutes an infringement may occur before, during or after a game, or outside the stadium during a competition. Such an infringement will result in the imposition of a fine and/or suspension.
- b) Under these Regulations and Rules 3.1.2 and 3.1.7, a manager/head coach, a coach or a player or coach acting as a manager/head coach is responsible for the actions of each person named in an FTR before, during or after a game and in and outside the stadium during a competition. It shall be a breach of these Regulations and a violation of Rules 3.1.2 and 3.1.7, or a breach giving rise to Disciplinary Action under the Disciplinary Regulations, to cause, encourage, facilitate or promote an act, fail to prevent an act or fail to take reasonable steps to prevent any person in an FTR from doing an act that is or would be a breach of these Regulations or a breach of a Rule.
- c) A breach of a Rule will result in an Effect as provided in the Regulations. A breach of a Rule will automatically incur a fine in USD and may incur a suspension or other sanction. A fine or suspension may be imposed on one or more individuals named in an FTR or a team. A fine will be billed to the National Federation in question at the conclusion of the competition. Any appeal will be handled in accordance with Reg. B4. Delegations and National Federations will be notified of a breach, fine and suspension by a notice in accordance with Reg. B.5.1 during or as soon as possible after the competition. It is the responsibility of the National Federation involved to ensure that the fine is paid and the suspension is honoured. Failure to do so will result in the National Federation team or individual involved being ineligible to participate in a COPABE, WBSC Americas or WBSC Competition, additional fines will be imposed and the National Federation will be deemed not in good standing.
- d) An act or omission occurring during a competition that constitutes an infringement may be identified or confirmed during or after that competition by corroborated personal statements, audio or video recordings or referral to the COCABE Tournament Director by a Referee, Director of Referees, Technical Director, Technical Commissioner, of that competition. Any identified or confirmed infringement will result in a fine or suspension or may, pursuant to Reg. A7.1 e), result in Disciplinary Action.
- e) Notwithstanding any provision of the COCABE Statutes, a Regulation, these Regulations or the Rules, the Executive Committee acting through the Tournament Director reserves the right, having considered all relevant facts and with Notice to all involved, to initiate Disciplinary Action leading to a Sanction in lieu of the imposition of a fine and/or a suspension for an infringement that involved intentional, serious, unethical, inappropriate, illegal or unreasonable behaviour, or that caused serious injury to a person or damage to property, which infringement occurred before, during or after a game or outside the stadium during a competition.



A7.2. The following is a list of infraction levels, fines and associated suspensions. A suspension may be imposed for a period of time or number of matches, or both:

Levels of Infringement	Associated Fines (USD)
Level A	a minimum of \$500
Level B	\$499 - \$200
Level C	\$199 - \$50

Level A Violations:

Level A are rule violations that are considered crucial to the success of the competition or that cause damage, detriment or serious negative effect on international baseball. The fine for a Level A violation is \$500 or more, and carries the possibility of suspension, or as set forth in Reg. A7.3, any other sanction.

The following are examples of Level A violations:

- Not leaving the dugout, playing field or stadium quickly after being ejected;
- Any form of communication during a game between the stands and the dugout, playing field or bullpen by any means detected either during or after a game, whether or not it affects an ejection;
- Foreign substance / baseball adulterated;
- Physically aggressive behavior or fighting;
- Illegal bat;
- Absence of a team in a competition after having confirmed participation;
- Intentional pitching at a batter; and
- Throwing sports equipment at/or in the direction of a referee or CT.

Level B Violations:

Level B is a rule violation that is considered important to the development of the game and/or also behavior that is considered unsportsmanlike. The fine for a Level B violation is \$200 to \$499. The following are examples of Level B violations:

- Inappropriate comments directed at a referee or CT;
- Entering into physical contact with a referee; and
- Expulsion.

Level C Violations:

Level C involves violations of a logistics and/or routine nature. The fine for a Level C violation is \$50 - \$199. The following are examples of Level C violations:

- Delay or absence at the technical meeting without prior notice;
- Failure to comply with the rules regarding the colour of the uniform and its regulations;
- Failure by the LOC to follow the guidelines on the use and maintenance of the stadium;
- Failure by the LOC to comply with the rules for the protection and safety of team members on the field of play; and
- When unauthorized personnel enter, or do not leave the dugout or field of play, after being instructed by an Umpire or CT.



Violations, actions, fines and suspensions

The following actions are non-exclusive examples of violations, actions, fines and suspensions. They serve as a guideline for the fines and/or suspensions that will be imposed by the Technical Director and the COCABE Tournament Director. The fact that an action is not included in the list below does not mean that it is not a violation or that it cannot result in a fine or suspension. For the avoidance of doubt, a single act, omission or incident may, in certain circumstances, result in multiple violations, and two or more acts, omissions or incidents, whether or not related, may result in two or more incidents, each with a fine or a fine and a suspension.

The circumstances surrounding an action will be taken into account in imposing an infraction, fine and/or suspension. Depending on the circumstances, a referee, CT, Tournament Director or Technical Director may expel or suspend a team member for a level A or B infraction and impose a fine.

During a game, a person ejected from a game must leave the dugout, field of play and ballpark promptly (within 5 minutes) and, unless selected for drug testing, remain there for up to two hours after the game in which he or she was involved ends. A person who is ejected will be escorted out of the dugout or field of play and ballpark by a CT who is not involved in the game in question, may not return to the competition venue while the suspension is in effect without the prior written consent of the Head Coach or Tournament Director and may not engage in any form of communication, directly or indirectly, with any team member during the time he or she is ejected. At youth levels (i.e. U-12, U-15 or U-18), ejected players must remain with their coach (or designated team personnel) in the team area, wherever he or she is required to go, i.e. the locker room. A team member who engages in any action before or after a game or away from the competition venue during the competition that, in the reasonable opinion of a referee, CT, Technical Director or Tournament Director, would constitute an infraction resulting in ejection, shall be suspended from his or her next game and fined, and shall comply fully with the provisions of this paragraph as if he or she had been ejected during a game.



Level of Infringement	Action	Fine	Suspension
C	Delay or absence from a technical meeting or other required activity without prior notice.	\$300	
C	Failure to comply with the Rules regarding uniform colour, numbers and related requirements.	\$250	
C	Failure by the LOC to follow the guidelines on the use and maintenance of the stadium	\$450	
C	Failure by the LOC to notify all participants of the course rules at each competition venue	\$450	
C	Failure by the LOC to comply with the rules for the protection and safety of players on the playing field	\$600	
C	Failure by the LOC to comply with the Technical Commission's guidelines regarding the game schedule	\$600	
C	Failure to deliver starting lineups on time	\$650	
C	Failure by the COL to use the official COCABE baseball	\$450	
C	Prolonged discussion or obscene language or gestures	\$400	
C	Unauthorized personnel do not enter/leave the dugout or field of play, after being instructed by an umpire or CT	\$400	
B	Communication detected between the dugout and the stands during matches	\$400	
B	Inappropriate comments or verbal abuse directed at any tournament participant (i.e. team member, official, staff, spectators, etc.).	\$500	
B	Using an illegal bat	\$500	
B	Throwing equipment violently.	\$300	
B	Inappropriate gestures to a referee or TC	\$500	
B	Intervention to prohibit a confrontation referee, CT, coach, manager, scorer or player	\$400	
B	Actions that cause dugouts to empty.	\$500	
B	Expulsion	\$300	0 to 1 game
B	Expulsion of team personnel (any member of the delegation).	\$400	
B	Failure by the COL to provide adequate staff and resources for scoring	\$500	
B	Actions in which teams leave the dugouts (without physical violence)	\$500	0 to 3 games
B	Throwing equipment/objects onto the playing field from the dugout	\$500	0 to 6 games
B	Any violation of the conditions of expulsion	\$500	0 to 6 games
B	Loading the mound	\$500	0 to 3 games
B	Do not leave the dugout after being expelled.	\$500	1 to 3 games
B	Coming into physical contact with a referee or CT	\$500	1 to 6 games



A	Verbal abuse or tendency towards a COCABE Officer, player, coach, manager, spectator or other persons involved in an event	\$500	1 to 6 games
A	Throwing equipment in the direction of the referee.	\$500	1 to 6 games
A	Intentional pitch to a batter	\$500	4 to 6 games
A	Using an altered bat	\$500	7 to 8 games
A	Adulterated external substance/ball	\$500	10 games
A	Non-compliance with COCABE uniform and advertising guidelines	\$500	
A	Delegation leader, coach or manager failing to control his or her team before, during or after a game and while at the ballpark, resulting in an “A” or “B” violation	\$500	3 sets of suspension or up to a year
A	Threatening or participating in physically aggressive activities against a fan, COCABE Officials, CT, Referee, a player, coach, manager, scorer, physiotherapist, spectator or any other person involved in a game	\$500	3 sets of suspension or up to two years
A	Do not leave the dugout, field of play or stadium quickly after an ejection	\$500	3 to 8 games
A	Physically aggressive activity against a fan or others (eg. volunteers)	\$1,000	0 to 6 games
A	Causing a game lost by forfeit	\$1,000	0 to 6 games
A	Any form of communication during a game between the stands and the dugout, playing field or bullpen by any means detected either during or after a game, whether or not it affects an ejection	\$1,000	0 to 6 games

Note: The Tournament Director has the authority to make additional decisions at his discretion.

A7.3. If a team member intentionally, recklessly or deliberately commits a Level A violation or encourages another person to commit a Level A violation, the Technical Director and Tournament Director may impose a fine, penalty and/or suspension beyond those set out in Reg. A7.2, as they deem appropriate and justified. Any appeal of the decision shall be resolved by the Jury of Appeal.

A7.4. Conduct on or off the field: Damage caused by any member of a Delegation to the venue where they are staying, the competition facilities or transport units, or in any other area, will be the direct responsibility of the Member Organisation they represent. The host country, the LOC and/or the Organising Committee will not be liable for the financial situation of any member of the Delegation. The Tournament Director may impose any fine, penalty or sanction that he deems appropriate and justified. Any appeal of the decision will be taken by the Jury of Appeal, who will make the final decision.



A7.5. Any suspension imposed in terms of games in relation to an expulsion, infringement or any violation pronounced on any Member of the Team Delegation outside of a Tournament or not fulfilled during an official COCABE Event for which they were intended (elimination or the last game of the Tournament) are carried over to the next official game of the National Team.

A7.6. When an infraction, fine or suspension is imposed, the Technical Director, in cooperation with the COCABE Executive Committee, shall deliver by Notice the decision citing the person involved, the action constituting an infraction and any fine or suspension ("Decision"). The Notice of a Decision shall be given to the National Federation and the person(s) involved (a) if at a competition within 24 hours after the incident occurred or was identified and confirmed or (b) if after a competition as soon as possible, in both cases setting the deadline for the purpose of an appeal under Rule B.4. The Decision shall be duly signed by the Technical Director and other parties involved. As set forth in "General Rules", all such notices and communications shall be deemed to have been duly delivered: at the time the email is sent, delivered by hand, if delivered personally; or two business days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if sent by mail.

B. COMPETITION ADMINISTRATION

B1. OFFICIALS COMPETITION

Tournament Director

B1.1. The Tournament Director is the highest authority in the competition.

B1.2. The responsibilities of the Tournament Director, or in his absence, his direct delegate, or in the absence of such person, the Tournament Director, include the following:

- Enforce all COCABE Statutes, rules, regulations and all agreements between COCABE, Member Organizations and the LOC.
- Review final arrangements with the LOC President for the organisation of the competition, including all logistical aspects such as accommodation, transport, protocol, etc. and all related aspects.
- Harmonize the interests represented by COCABE, the LOC, the Member Organizations, the referees and the Technical Commissioners working in the competition.
- Ensure that the Appeals Jury is constituted to act should the situation arise.
- Ensure that the LOC facilitates and enforces all matters relating to the rights and privileges of COCABE and the competition sponsors, with respect to the competition.
- Other than any hearings conducted or decisions made by a Jury of Appeal, arbitrate and have final decision-making authority regarding any dispute that cannot be resolved through negotiations between any or all groups or organizations involved in the competition.



- Enforce the decision of an Appeals Jury.
- Convene and chair, together with the Technical Director, the Technical/Organizational Meeting of the Tournament prior to the competition.
- Act as the official spokesperson for COCABE before all media.
- In the absence of the President of COCABE, or his representative specifically designated for this purpose, represent COCABE in all formal acts and presentations related to the competition.
- Inform the COCABE Executive Committee on matters related to the organization of the competition.
- Prepare the final official report for consideration by the Executive Committee.
- Make the final decision regarding the game schedule after consulting the Technical Director and the LOC.
- Review and validate daily assignments of Tournament Officials.
- During or after a Competition, cooperate with the Technical Director, the Director of Referees, the referees and the Technical Stewards to identify or confirm infringements that occur or have occurred in a Competition and to recommend the imposition of fines and suspensions.

Technical Commission

B1.3. A Technical Commission will be appointed to work at least five (5) months before the competition. Its functions and responsibilities are as follows:

- Supervise all technical aspects of the competition.
- Compile, verify and submit for approval to the Executive Committee all statistical data related to the competition.
- Control player eligibility and credentials.
- Inspect playing fields and practice facilities for competition.
- Interpret and enforce the Rules and Regulations.
- In the case of suspended games, the Technical Commission will propose the adjustment of the competition schedule in consultation with the COCABE Events Department. Any change in the schedule requires the final approval of the Tournament Director.
- Receive and judge protests in the first instance related to technical matters that come from the participating teams.
- To rule in the first instance on cases of discipline in the dugout or on the playing field, involving team members.
- During or after a Competition, cooperate with the Technical Director, the Referee Manager, the referees, other Technical Commissioners and the Tournament Director to identify or confirm



violations that occur or have occurred in a Competition and recommend the imposition of fines and suspensions.

B1.4. At least two international members of the tournament's Technical Committee must be present at each game to supervise all technical aspects of the game and compliance with these Rules and Regulations.

B1.5. The name of the Technical Commissioner(s) assigned for each game will be announced one day before the game. The LOC will provide a Spanish-English translator at the disposal of the Technical Commission for each game. The Technical Commission members will be seated in a reserved area behind home plate with good visibility and easy access to the playing field.

Technical Director

B1.6. COCABE will appoint a Technical Director for the competition.

B1.7. The Technical Director's responsibilities include the following:

- Proceed to final review and approval of competition and practice venues.
- Present the technical aspects of the Competition during the Pre-Tournament Technical Meeting.
- Liaise with the WBSC Office to confirm Technical Stewards assignments.
- Liaise with the WBSC Events Department and the Technical Commission regarding game delays, rescheduling and cancellation to jointly submit a proposal to the WBSC Executive Director/Tournament Director who is in charge of making the final decision.
- Collect relevant information on game statistics from members of the Technical Commission.
- Chair meetings of the Technical Commission to review issues related to the technical areas of the competition and, together with the Tournament Director, determine actions related to infractions, discipline or protests.
- Chair the Regional Team selection meeting.
- During or after a Competition, cooperate with the Tournament Director, referees and Technical Commissioners to identify or confirm violations that occur or have occurred in a Competition and recommend the imposition of fines and suspensions.

Jury of Appeal

B1.8. The Tournament Director or his duly authorized delegate shall appoint an Appeal Jury composed of the President of COCABE, the President of the COCABE Legal Commission and the Executive Director of COCABE. Each member must be independent and free from any conflict of interest with respect to any matter arising, including the appealing National Federation and the person(s) involved.

B1.9. The Jury of Appeal is the body for appeals against fines, rulings or suspensions issued by the Technical Commission in the competition. It shall have no bearing on rulings issued by the Technical Commission in cases relating to the Rules or Disciplinary Actions under the Disciplinary Statutes. Only decisions of the Technical Commission that are not related to the Rules of the Game may be



appealed to the Jury of Appeal.

Referees

B1.10. The umpiring panel shall consist of a number of COCABE International umpires (recommended by the COCABE Director of Baseball Umpires) totaling the total number required for the competition. All umpires for the competition must be appointed by COCABE with the approval of the Tournament Director.

- a) Referees must be certified by WBSC, WBSC Americas and COCABE

B1.11. Referees must be members of the countries participating in the competition and must be part of their delegation.

- a) COCABE reserves the right to appoint arbitrators directly, taking into account criteria of quality, experience and capacity.

B1.12. After the COCABE Director of Referees conducts the full evaluations based on the feedback from the Referee Commission, Member Organizations, and the referees selected by COCABE to work at the tournament will be notified in a timely manner.

B1.13. All COCABE referees selected, including national referees, will have their accommodation, meals and subsistence expenses covered.

B1.14. Each referee must commit to remain for the entire duration of the competition, including the final phase if necessary. Failure to comply with this rule by a referee from a participating country may result in a fine of up to \$500 USD to the National Federation of Referees and/or suspension of the person's participation in COCABE events.

B1.15. Two (2) referees from the same participating country may work together on a game. Every effort will be made to ensure that referees, including referees from the host country, are not assigned to their country's games as on-field referees. 20-second clock operators are not subject to this regulation, if used.

B1.16 At least four (4) referees will be assigned to each game.

- a) One bilingual referee will always be used per match.

B1.17. Game assignments for referees shall be notified no less than 12 hours prior to the game. At no time during the competition will assignments be distributed more than two days in advance.

B1.18. At the start of the competition, the Referee Director shall convene a Pre-Tournament Referee Meeting. The Tournament Director, the Technical Director, a representative of the LOC and other selected COCABE staff may be required to attend this meeting. During the competition, a daily meeting may be held when required. The Referee Director shall chair this meeting.



B1.19. During the competition, the Referee Director will complete the Referee Evaluation Form. The COCABE Referee Director will be in contact with the Technical Commissioners to request their opinion on the referees officiating their games.

B1.20. After the completion of the competition, the Director of Referees shall submit a full report to the Director of Referees of the Tournament.

Director of Umpires

B1.21. COCABE shall appoint one member as the Competition's Umpire Director.

B1.22. The responsibilities of the Referee Director include the following:

- Responsible for the final inspection and approval of competition venues, determining the specific Field Rules for each playing field.
- Present the Course Rules and any other pertinent matters at the Pre-Tournament Technical/Organizational Meeting.
- Assign referees for the games on a daily basis.
- Liaise with WBSC Event Staff to confirm referee assignments.
- Keep referees and CTs informed regarding game delays, rescheduling and cancellation, or any other matters arising during the competition.
- Supervise and evaluate each referee during the competition, collecting information to present a final evaluation report after the tournament.
- Chair Tournament Referee Meetings, prior to and during the tournament, to review matters associated with the officiating of the competition.
- Oversee the operation of the video review room and management of competition clocks.

Scorers

B1.23. The Scoring Team shall consist of a sufficient number of international and local scorers (recommended by the Director of Scoring and Statistics, appointed by COCABE) to score and record each game officially, produce the online and live play-by-play broadcast of each match on the COCABE platforms under the supervision of the competition's Scoring Director and the Technical Director. All scorers shall be officially appointed by COCABE.

B1.24. Not later than ninety (90) minutes 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 the LOC for making copies for the scorers and other appropriate persons.

B1.25. Each match shall be scored by two or more Scorers. It shall be the responsibility of the Scorer to compile the offensive and defensive game averages of all players, provide a daily summary and circulate these statistics daily within 24 hours after the matches. At the end of the competition, as established, the Scorer(s) shall indicate the name(s) of the player(s) who have individually excelled.



Director of Annotation

B1.26. COCABE will appoint one member as Scoring Director for the Competition.

B1.27. The responsibilities of the Score Director include:

- Conduct final inspection and approval of scorers' workspaces at competition venues.
- Attend the Pre-Tournament Technical/Organizational Meeting to cover items related to scoring, any tiebreakers, etc. that may arise during the meeting.
- Assign scoring teams to daily games.
- Liaise with COCABE Events staff to confirm scorer assignments.
- Maintain contact with tournament scorers regarding game delays, rescheduling and cancellation, or any other matters that arise during the competition.
- Monitor and evaluate each scorer during the competition, compiling information to present a final evaluation report after the competition.
- Chair tournament Scorers meetings before and during the tournament to review items associated with competition scoring.
- Provide statistical data to the Technical Commission for the selection of the Regional Team.
- Provide statistical and/or tiebreaker information to the Tournament Director upon request.
- Provide the list of individual Prize winners to the Tournament Director at the conclusion of the games that determine the prize calculation.

Anti-Doping Commissioner

B1.28. The Anti-Doping Commissioner appointed by COCABE shall oversee the Anti-Doping programme at the competition. This will include ensuring that the doping control facilities are safe and adequate, overseeing the doping control process, including player selection, notification and the sample collection process, and making decisions on any issues arising during this process.

B2. OTHERS

Bat Boys

B2.1. For all games, the LOC will provide bat boys. Bat boys for each team must remain near the dugout when the team is at bat. They must be at least 15 years of age and must wear uniforms and protective helmets with double ear flaps. They must receive appropriate training on their LOC duties and responsibilities. Violations may result in the ejection of the bat boy. Teams may also bring their own bat boys, provided they wear the appropriate uniforms during games and the teams will be responsible for all associated costs.



Links / Team Interpreters

B2.2. The LOC will assign a person who speaks the language of the host country and Spanish, English or another language to act as interpreter during games. This person must be allowed to sit in the dugout of the team to which he or she is assigned. Note: If a team coach also serves as interpreter, the Manager must inform the home plate umpire about this at the pregame meeting at home plate.

Cameras and Photographers

B2.3. COCABE-approved television cameramen and photographers may be in restricted areas on the field of play during pre- and post-game activities. They must wear an official Tournament Media badge/accreditation or vest at all times, with appropriate access to such areas. During play, when the game is not in action, television cameramen, if approved by COCABE, may also be on the field of play, provided they do not interfere with any aspect of the operation of the game.

First aid

B2.4. Medical and first aid assistance will be available at all times during the competition and practices. The LOC is responsible for ensuring that adequate personnel and facilities are allocated to the competition. Adequate personnel and facilities are defined as having a certified first aid attendant with ambulance and doctor on call.

B3. PROTESTS

B3.1. When a team manager makes a protest regarding a suspected misapplication or misinterpretation of the WBSC Official Baseball Rules, it shall be presented to the home plate umpire in accordance with the WBSC Official Baseball Rules. When such a protest is made, the umpire-in-chief shall stop the game, inform the opposing team's manager, the Technical Commissioner(s) assigned to work that game, and the public that a protest has been filed.

B3.2. The manager or interim manager shall notify the plate umpire, prior to the next play, that he is protesting a misapplication or misinterpretation of the WBSC Official Baseball Rules. He must tell the Umpire the rule he is protesting. The plate umpire will then notify the technical stewards assigned to that game. If the game has video review, they will notify the video review official working that game for assistance. The umpires will then decide on the protest. If the game does NOT have video review, then the Technical Stewards and umpires will meet and render a decision. In both cases, the umpires and Technical Stewards may contact the Technical Director and the Umpire Director to let them know of the protest. Filing a protest will have a non-refundable cost of \$200 USD to be deducted directly from the prize money portion (in case of awarding prize money) or billed to the Member Organization. If the protest occurs on the play that ends the game, the team manager must announce the desire to file a protest to the plate umpire or the technical commissioner assigned to the game. They will inform the opposing team and other necessary parties that a protest has been filed. After consultation, the Technical Commissioner(s) assigned to work that game will make a decision immediately. The opposing team must await the decision before leaving the field of play.



B3.3. No protests will be permitted regarding the decisions of the video review referee.

B3.4. When a participating Delegation protests the participation of any athlete; The protest shall be submitted to the Technical Commission of the competition before the conclusion of the competition.

B3.5. If the protest does not relate to an action in the game, it must be submitted in writing to the Technical Commission, explaining the reasons for it and the appropriate provisions that are supposed to apply.

B4. APPEALS

B4.1. Only a decision of the Technical Commission that is not related to the Official WBSC Baseball Rules may be appealed to a Jury of Appeal. Decisions of the Technical Commission related to the rules of the game are final and only other elements not related to the rules of the game may be appealed.

B4.2. The appeal, with a clear statement of the grounds on which the appeal is based and all supporting materials ("appeal brief"), must be submitted in writing and served by Notice to the Appeal Jury (to the COCABE Office), accompanied by a copy of the Decision. The filing of an appeal will incur a non-refundable fee of USD100 which will be deducted directly from the Member Organization's portion of the prize money on the day of receipt of the appeal brief or, if necessary, invoiced to the Member Organization concerned. Appeal briefs are confidential to COCABE, the Appeal Jury and the parties involved.

B4.3. The time limit for filing an appeal (a) if made during a competition is three (3) hours or (b) if made after the end of a competition is 48 hours, which periods begin to run from the delivery of a Notice of a Decision under Reg A7.5. An appeal may be amended only before the Jury of Appeal begins its deliberations, at which time the parties involved shall be notified. An untimely appeal or a frivolous or vexatious appeal shall be dismissed without the possibility of re-appealing. A materially misleading or incomplete appeal shall be dismissed as an invalid appeal if the deficiencies of which the Jury of Appeal notifies the person filing the appeal are not corrected within a prescribed time period for remedying them.

B4.4. Each appellant or the person who is the subject of or involved in the appeal has the right to submit materials and statements to the Jury for consideration. Each appellant or person involved may be represented by one person. The Jury may take statements, interview persons, or review video or audio recordings to assist it in considering the matter and making its decision. Once the appeal has been submitted to the Jury, the Jury will meet, consider the matter, and make a decision.



B4.5. An Appeals Jury may reject an appeal in whole or in part and issue a written statement of its findings, which is, absent manifest error, final and not subject to further appeal. The Appeals Jury may order a different sanction or increase or decrease a fine or suspension or result from which the appeal was made.

B4.6. In the case of an appeal involving the suspension of a player, coach or manager, a decision will be made within three (3) hours, being aware that the decision of the Jury of Appeal could influence any subsequent game in the Competition. For all other matters, a decision will be made within 24 hours.

B4.7. Notwithstanding any provision of these Rules, a player, coach or manager who is suspended for one or more games shall not participate in the next scheduled game to allow the Jury to complete its process and ensure due process.

B5. DELIVERY OF NOTIFICATIONS

B5.1. The Technical Director, in cooperation with COCABE, will deliver the written decision with fine(s) or suspension to the interested parties, by means of a “Notice” as described in the general rules, making evident the delivery time for the final appeal purposes.

B6. GAME PROTOCOL

B6.1. The following ceremony shall be used before and during all games:

- The competition anthem provided by COCABE headquarters will be played to mark the start of the ceremony and will continue to play in the background during the presentations.
- Before the game begins, the Announcer will call the visiting team first (the Manager and coaches first, then the players in the starting lineup by name, the pitcher in the bullpen, and the rest of the roster) onto the field, followed by the home team and then the umpires. The teams will line up along the foul line, while the umpires will stand at home plate.
- When the teams are lined up, each country's flag will be displayed next to their own team and the COCABE flag in the center. All flags will be immaculate for a first-class presentation.
- A 45-60 second version of the two teams' national anthems, as approved by COCABE, will be played with the teams and referees lined up. During the national anthems, all involved must show a respectful posture with caps removed and refrain from talking, laughing, spitting, eating and drinking.
- Music and sound effects should be used before, during and after each game to enhance the sense of cultural diversity and international competition. After the anthems and before the game begins, time will be available for any awards presentations, special recognitions or the introduction of special guests.
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- Only uniformed members of team delegations are permitted on the field during the pregame ceremony. Non-uniformed personnel must remain in the dugouts or in their respective designated seats.

B6.2. Opening Ceremony

B6.2.1 COCABE may invite team delegations and/or representatives to attend the opening ceremony. However, none of them will be obliged to participate and all teams will be treated fairly and equitably.

B 6.3. Closing Ceremony

B6.3.1 The teams and officials that will participate in the closing ceremony will be informed by COCABE during the competition.

B7. SYSTEM COMPETITION

6 Team FormatOpening

Round

1 Groups of 6 teams will play a round robin, with the top 4 teams advancing to the Super Round. In case of a tie, see tiebreaker system.

Super Round

- The 4 teams will play a round robin against each other.
- The results of the Opening Round will not count towards the Super Round.
- At the end of this round, qualification to play the Final will be determined based exclusively on the results of the Super Round matches played between the 4 qualified teams.

Finals

The teams will play in the Finals as follows:

- 1st and 2nd place after the Super Round will play the CBC Championship Final;
- 3rd and 4th place after the Super Round will play the Bronze Medal Game.

Format of 8 or 12 teams

Opening Round

2 groups of 4 or more teams will play a round robin, with the top 2 teams per group advancing to the Super Round. In case of a tie, see tiebreaker system.

Super Round

- The 4 teams will play a round robin against each other.
- The results of the Opening Round will not count towards the Super Round.
- At the end of this round, qualification to play the Final will be determined based exclusively on the results of the Super Round matches played between the 4 qualified teams.



Finals

The teams will play in the Finals as follows:

- 1st and 2nd place after the Super Round will play the CBC Championship Final;
- 3rd and 4th place after the Super Round will play the Bronze Medal Game.

Note: Any decision prior to the formation of the calendar regarding the use of the Super Round or not due to time or prior organization issues, will be the full responsibility of the Tournament Director, the Technical Director and the President of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC).

C. TECHNICAL ASPECTS

C1. UNIFORMS

C1.1. The Home Team shall have preference to wear the colors of its national uniform, and the Visiting Team shall wear a color that cannot be confused with the other. The final decision on the colors to be worn by each team in each game shall be made at the Pre-Tournament Technical/Organizational Meeting. The Home Team shall wear a light-colored uniform top (i.e. white, gray, or alternate) and the Visiting Team a dark-colored uniform top. No changes to the established uniforms shall be permitted without prior approval of the Technical Commission. If a team requests a change to a uniform color, such request must be submitted in writing to the Technical Commission, and the Technical Commission shall also communicate to the team its decision (whether approved or rejected) in writing.

C1.2. All players and coaches (1st and 3rd) must wear a specific number on their uniforms and a different number on the back of the uniform. Each uniformed individual will maintain the same number during the competition. Numbers may not be changed during the competition unless exceptional circumstances arise that justify such changes. In any case, numbers on uniforms may not be changed without prior approval from the Technical Commissioners of the game. If any change in uniform numbers is approved, the Technical Commissioners of the game will provide both teams with written notice of such change prior to the start of the game. Uniform numbers must be chosen from 0 to 99.

- a) Managers and Coaches can use sweaters and hoodies alluding to the team as part of their uniforms.

C1.3. Participants shall comply with the following regulations regarding manufacturers' trademarks and advertising on uniforms and equipment (see Annex A). These items will be reviewed by the Technical Commission members upon that team's arrival in the host country. A designated time and location will be determined to check the following items:

- a) Manufacturer's brand

The manufacturer's trademark, i.e. the indication of the name, a design, a brand, a logo or any other distinctive mark of the manufacturer of the article, may only appear once on each article and must not exceed the sizes set out in the WBSC Uniform Guidelines.



b) Advertising

Advertising on uniforms is permitted, subject to prior authorization by COCABE, in compliance with the WBSB Uniform Guidelines.

For further details, please refer to the WBSB Uniform Guidelines.

C2. HEADQUARTERS COMPETITION

C2.1. All competition venues must comply with the requirements established by COCABE and will be subject to inspection by COCABE representatives to verify their use during the competition.

C3. RULES FROM THE FIELD

C3.1. Field rules related to the competition venue(s) will be proposed by the LOC prior to the start of the competition and approved by the Tournament Director, Technical Director and Umpire Director. These rules will be printed in English, Spanish and the language of the host country and distributed to all team managers and umpires and thoroughly discussed at the Pre-Tournament Technical Organizational Meeting. In addition, copies of the Field Rules will be posted in both dugouts at each of the competition venues. Field rules must be prepared by the LOC prior to the arrival of the Technical Director and Umpire Director and must be completed after their inspection of the venue prior to the Pre-Tournament Technical Organizational Meeting.

C4. DUGOUT

C4.1. The designation and assignment of locker rooms and dugouts will be made by COCABE without taking into account which team will be the home team. COCABE will confirm the designation of locker rooms at the Pre-Tournament Technical/Organizational Meeting.

C4.2. Only essential accredited personnel (uniformed players and Coaches, translators, physical therapists, security personnel and/or the delegation leader) will be allowed in the dugout. A maximum of forty-five (45) will be allowed. There are no exceptions to this rule. It will be the responsibility of the Technical Commissioners assigned to the game to ensure that unauthorized persons do not occupy the dugout and that all authorized persons remain within the dugout or in alternate locations during the game. No more than this number of persons will be allowed in the dugout, and teams violating this rule will be subject to fines by the Technical Commission.

C4.3. There may not be any type of communication between personnel in the dugout and those located off the field or in the stands during games. Communication with the bullpens is permitted and is considered an exception to this rule.



C5. CALENDARS INTERNSHIP

Official Pre-Tournament Practice

C5.1. The LOC in conjunction with COCABE will establish a pre-tournament schedule for all teams. Each team will have a minimum field session of ninety (90) minutes at least once at the competition venue. If more than one competition venue is to be used, every effort will be made to have teams assigned to the respective time slots by COCABE. Assignments and schedules will be made available to teams prior to their arrival at the competition.

Pre-Game Practice

C5.2. COCABE will determine the practice site(s) together with the LOC and the Technical Commission.

C5.3. Please note that while pre-game batting practice is forty (40) minutes, it can certainly be shorter if the team desires. However, this does not mean that the other team can bat for a longer period of time. Additionally, teams are not permitted to stretch, warm up, or be near the batter's box until the other team's PB is over. Teams must warm up in an area off the field during this time. If a viable warm-up area does not exist (this will be at the discretion of the Technical Commissioner), then teams may go to the outfield area to warm up during the other team's PB. Should they do so, teams must provide someone to protect players from balls during batting practice time. The Technical Commissioner will be present to assist with any difficulties during this time.

C5.4. Each team will have ten (10) minutes to practice on the field before the start of the game. Fifty (50) minutes before the official game time, the home team may conduct a pre-game field practice. Forty (40) minutes before the official game time, the visiting team may conduct its pre-game field practice. Thirty (30) minutes before the official game time, the field will be made available to the maintenance crew.

C6. STARTING LINEUP

C6.1. Team Managers shall mandatorily submit a tentative lineup to the Technical Commissioner(s) at least ninety (90) minutes prior to the scheduled start of the game. This lineup is for informational purposes only and whether games are televised or not must be properly communicated in advance by COCABE staff. This lineup shall include the first and last name, uniform number, and field position of each player in the starting batting order and the starting pitcher. All other players on the approved roster (FTR) shall be considered as potential substitutes for all games and their first and last name, uniform number, and field position must also be clearly included in the lineup. The official lineup shall be given to the home-plate umpire at the home-plate meeting immediately prior to the start of the game. A copy of the official lineup shall be given to the opposing team's Manager, Scorer(s), and Technical Commissioner(s) in charge of the game. The preliminary lineup is an important document and should not be misused. If there are changes between the preliminary and starting line-ups, this must be announced directly to the Technical Commissioner in charge of the game and to the opposing team. An injury or other extraordinary reason must be the only reason for changes to the preliminary line-up. Abuses in this regard will not be viewed lightly and are subject to fines from the Technical Director.



C6.2. Each team manager or delegated team official shall inform the COCABE Team Liaison or via Whatsapp (General Participation Group) within one (1) hour after the completion of the previous day's game or games, the name of the probable pitcher for the next game. No change of such announcement will be allowed without a valid reason and COCABE approval must be obtained. Failure to do so may subject a team or teams in question to COCABE disciplinary actions and fines; COCABE will make a public announcement. After the announcement by a COCABE official or two (2) hours after the completion of their game, whichever occurs first, teams may communicate the starting pitcher for their next game to the press and social media.

C7. RULES OF THE GAME AND RHYTHM OF THE GAME

C7.1. All games will be played under the Official WBSC Baseball Rules and the Caribbean Cup Tournament Regulations.

Run Difference Rule or Knockouts and Super Knockouts

C7.2. If a team is losing by fifteen (15) or more runs after batting for at least five (5) innings, the game ends at that point. If a team is losing by ten (10) or more runs after batting for at least seven (7) innings, the game ends at that point.

The run differential rule will apply in the Opening Round Round Robin games, while it will not apply to the Super Round games, the Bronze Medal game and the Championship Final.

C8. CALENDAR FROM COMPETITION GAMES

C8.1. Once the competition game schedule has been approved by COCABE, it becomes inviolable and can only be modified by a new decision of COCABE in conjunction with the LOC and all interested parties. However, if irregularities are observed during the competition and valid reasons are needed to require the modification of the schedule, such a change can be proposed jointly by the Technical Director and the COCABE Events Department to the COCABE Tournament Director, who is the only person with the power to make such an amendment. The new schedule will have to be officially approved in writing by the Tournament Director before being communicated to all participants.

C9. GAMESSUSPENDED

Please refer to the WBSC Official Baseball Rules for regulations regarding Suspended Games.

C10. HOME/AWAY ASSIGNMENT FOR THE SUPER ROUND AND FINALS

C10.1. The home and away teams for the Super Round will be determined by the position in which they have finished. Example: the 1st and 2nd places will start as home teams, while the 3rd and 4th will play as visitors. In the Final, the home team will be the team that has achieved a direct victory over its opponent in the Regular Phase; the same will apply for the bronze medal match.



C10.2 In events where 2 groups are used (A and B), SHowever, the highest-ranked teams in the Opening Round will earn the right to be the home team (e.g., 1st-ranked team in Group A vs. 2nd-ranked team in Group B, then 1st-ranked team in Group A will be the home team). The same principles will apply to establishing home and away teams for the Championship Final and Bronze Medal Game, with the highest-ranked teams at the end of the Super Round being the home team.

C11. TIE-BREAKER

All ties after the Opening Round and the Super Round will be resolved as follows (in order):

The ranking of the teams after the round robin will be according to their win-loss records from all games played. All ties after the Opening Round and/or the Super Round will be resolved in the order of the following list. That is, if criterion (1) does not break the tie, then it is no longer considered the tie-breaking criterion, and the next criterion (2) 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 tied teams will receive the higher position.
2. Team Quality Balance (TQB) and win-loss records in tied games between teams.

Note: If there are three or more tied teams and when criterion 1 does not break a tie, a team or teams with the highest TQB will be placed in the highest position(s) and a team or teams with the lowest TQB will be placed in the next lowest position(s). If any of the tied teams have the same TQB, the result between them (head-to-head) will be applied first. If the head-to-head result does not break the tie, the next criterion 3 will be used.

3. The team that has the best Clean Run Team Quality Balance (ER-TQB).
4. Highest batting average in games between tied teams.
5. A coin toss.

Four Examples of the Application of Tiebreaker Criteria.

Scenario 1:

Game 1: Team A - Team B 5 - 4

Game 2: Team E - Team F 4 - 2

Classification:

Team A 4 Wins, 1 Loss

* Team B 4 Wins, 1 Loss

* Team C 3 Victory, 2 losses

** D Team 2 Victory, 3 losses

** Team E 1 Victory. 4 Defeats

Team F 1 Victory. 4 Defeats

* Criterion 1: Team A finishes above Team B, due to the result of Game 1.

** Criterion 1: Team E finishes higher than Team F, due to the result of Game 2.



Scenario 2:

Game 1: Equipment B - Team A 4 - 5 (8 1/3 entries)
 Game 2: Equipment A - Team C 0 - 2 (9 entries)
 Game 3: Equipment C - Team B 2 - 6 (9 entries)

Classification after round robin:

Team A 3 Wins, 1 Loss
 * Team B 3 Wins, 1 Loss
 * Team C 3 Wins, 1 Loss

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

Criterion 2: Team B has the highest TQB, followed by Team A and Team C. Therefore, Team B is ranked 1st, Team A is ranked 2nd and Team C is ranked 3rd.

Equip ment	Racing	Innings	Radio	Racing	Def.	Radio	TQB
	Annotate d	Offensive		Allowed	Innings		
T O B C	5	17.33	0.2890	6	17	0.3529	-0.0639
	10	17	0.5882	7	17.33	0.4046	0.1836
	4	17	0.2353	6	17	0.3529	-0.1176

Team B: 10 runs scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.5882; 7 runs allowed in 17.33 defensive innings = 0.4046 TQB = 0.1836

Team A: 5 runs scored in 17.33 offensive innings = 0.2890; 6 runs allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.3529 TQB = -0.0639

Team C: 4 runs scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.2353; 6 runs allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.3529 TQB = -0.1176

Scenario 3:

Game 1: Equipment C - Team D 4 - 3
 Game 2: Equipment C - Team E 8 - 5
 Game 3: Equipment D - Team E 3 - 7

Standings after the Super Round:

Team A 5 Wins, 0 Losses
 B team 3 Wins, 2 Losses
 Team C 2 Wins, 3 Losses
 * D Team 2 Wins, 3 Losses
 * Team E 2 Wins, 3 Losses
 * Team F 1 Win, 4 Losses

* Criterion 1: Based on the games played between Teams C, D, and E, Team C won both games (2-0 record), Team E has one win and one loss (1-1), and Team D lost both games (0-2). Therefore, this 3-team tie can be broken by Criterion 1 since Team C won the games between all 3 teams. C is placed 3rd, E is placed 4th, and D is placed 5th in this scenario.



Scenario 4:

Game 1: Equipment A - Team B 7 - 4 (9 innings), in earned runs 3 - 4
 Game 2: Equipment B - C Team 7 - 4 (9 innings), in earned runs 5 - 2
 Game 3: Equipment C - Team A 7 - 4 (9 innings), in earned runs 5 - 1

Standings after the Opening Round:

Team A 3 Wins, 1 Loss
 * Team B 3 Wins, 1 Loss *
 **Team C 3 Wins, 1 Loss * **

* 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.

Equip ment	Runs Scored	Offensive Innings	Radio	Allowed Runs	Def. Innings	Radio	TQB
T	11	18	0.6111	11	18	0.6111	0.0000
O	11	18	0.6111	11	18	0.6111	0.0000
B	11	18	0.6111	11	18	0.6111	0.0000
C							

**Criterion 3: Team B finishes above Team C and Team A due to TQB in games 1, 2, and 3.

Equip ment	Racing Annotate d	Innings Offensive	Radio	Racing Allowed	Def. Innings	Radio	ER-TQB
T	4	18	0.2222	9	18	0.5000	-0.2778
O	9	18	0.5000	5	18	0.2778	0.2222
B	7	18	0.3889	6	18	0.3333	0.0556
C							

Team B: 9 earned runs scored in 18 offensive innings = 0.5000; 5 earned runs allowed in 18 defensive innings = 0.2778 TQB = 0.2222

Team C: 7 earned runs scored in 18 offensive innings = 0.3889; 6 earned runs allowed in 18 defensive innings = 0.3333 TQB = 0.0556

Team A: 4 earned runs scored in 18 offensive innings = 0.2222; 9 earned runs allowed in 18 defensive innings = 0.5000 TQB = -0.2778



C12. ALTERNATIVE CLASSIFICATION DETERMINATION

C12.1. In the event of weather conditions during the competition, the following procedure will apply:

- a) If inclement weather prevents the playing of Round Robin matches, every effort will be made to complete the Opening Round by playing only the match(es) remaining to determine the top two teams.
- b) If the Super Round and/or Medal Games cannot be completed, the ranking may revert to the Opening Round and/or Super Round ranking respectively.
- c) In extreme conditions, tournament format and/or travel days may require additional adjustments as determined by the WBSC.
- d) If a decision on final standings must be made without playing a game, C11 tiebreaker criteria will apply.

D. RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE USE AND CARE OF THE FACILITIES

D1. Teams are responsible for damage to or loss of property at the venues where they will be staying during the competition. The following procedures will apply:

- a) A representative of the LOC and a person from each team will inspect the accommodation upon arrival of each team and a written report of the inspection will be made. This report will remain in the hands of the LOC and a copy will be delivered to COCABE.
- b) A clearance certificate or invoice for proven damage or disappearance of property will be prepared by the LOC (in writing) at the end of the competition and presented to the Team Delegation Leader of each participating non-local team before leaving the city.
- c) A written certificate will confirm that the LOC has no claim for damage or loss of property against the team or any of its members and that there are no known claims against the team.
- d) A written bill for damage or missing property will specify the damage claimed, the missing item(s), name and address of the affected person(s), and the amount of compensation claimed with supporting documentation when available.

D2. In the event of a claim for damage and/or disappearance of property against a team, the LOC and COCABE will conduct a full investigation into the events, and propose the appropriate steps to be taken.

D3. Failure to comply with the provisions of this section will mean that the COL loses the right to claim for damages or disappearance of property against any offending team and COCABE.



E. OTHER TOPICS

E1. USE OF SOCIAL NETWORKS

Participants are not permitted to use social media during matches that may disrupt the match. If any violation is detected, the person(s) and the Member Organization(s) in question may be fined, sanctioned and penalized by COCABE. If team personnel are in the stands for the duration of the game, such persons may use electronic devices but may not communicate with team members in the dugout or on the field of play. However, the use of electronic devices is prohibited when in or near the dugout. Before and after a game, the use of these electronic devices is permitted. Fans may follow the official play-by-play online, the live online broadcast and/or the official online broadcast. www.cocabe.es. Media officials stationed in designated media areas are encouraged to share posts (no game videos) on social media during matches.

E2. REST BETWEEN ENTRIES

The amount of time between innings shall be two minutes and twenty-five (2:25) seconds or otherwise established for each game by COCABE, which shall provide such information to the Technical Commission. The Technical Commission shall communicate this to the umpires and both teams accordingly. The home plate umpire shall signal "one more pitch" thirty (30) seconds before the end of the break between innings. After signaling "one more pitch," the home plate umpire shall actively warn the first batter to go to home plate and enter the box. The objective is to have the first pitch thrown as soon as the break between innings concludes. An extended five (5) minute break shall be held after the end of the fifth (5th) inning for field maintenance.

E3. PRESENTATION OF THE TEAMS

All team members must wear the official team uniform or the unofficial game uniform provided by their Member Organisation ("official team clothing") at all times at competition venues. In particular, players, coaches and managers must wear the team uniform during their stay at the venues, when participating in official activities (e.g. matches, ceremonies or any other events, as required by COCABE). Other personnel other than players, coaches and managers who are in the dugout during games must wear official team clothing provided by their respective teams or organisations. All members of the delegation must be conscious of the presentation and perception of their teams and must maintain professional dress at all times at the venues.

E4. OBLIGATIONS WITH THE MEDIA

On game and training days, players and coaches will be present for media interviews and the press conference if requested by COCABE or its partners. All players and coaches must pass through the mixed zones at each venue, if applicable. All official delegation members will also cooperate in all other media opportunities reasonably requested by COCABE or its partners. Team delegation members must wear the game uniform at the press conference and other media appearances if requested by COCABE.



F. FINAL PROVISIONS

F1. The Organisation Agreements signed between COCABE and the LOCs establish the general rules and regulations under which the competition will be held, as well as the obligations and responsibilities of each of the parties. This document serves as a non-restrictive complement to said Agreements.

F2. During the course of a competition, the Tournament Director, the Technical Director and the LOC shall have the authority to make joint decisions on any point not specifically covered in this document. In any matter where there is no mutual agreement, the Tournament Director shall be the final authority.

F3. Any unforeseen circumstance, which arises and is not specified in the Regulations of the Caribbean Baseball Cup Tournament, The COCABE Statutes, the Disciplinary Rules, the Code of Ethics, the Protocol, the Sanctioning Procedure and the Rules of International Games and other official documents of the WBSC, as well as the Official Rules of WBSC Baseball. They serve as the main reference for all COCABE tournament officials and will be interpreted and applied by the Tournament Director.

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