

# MEMORANDUM

## for SE Competitions

### 2022

The games of SE Competitions shall be played in accordance with “WBSC Official Rules of Softball Fast Pitch 2022 – 2025” unless otherwise stated in SE Competitions Regulations. The Appendices provide additional information on Bats, Disciplinary Regulations and Streaming.

Particular attention is drawn to the following:

1. **ID Control:** As soon as possible after the ID control, each team’s Final Team Roster (containing full names and all uniform numbers) will be posted on the WBSC Europe Competition website.
2. **Contact information:** Each team must provide comprehensive contact details so they can be contacted when necessary.
3. **Schedule:** The Technical Committee reserves the right to change the game schedule during the Competition as appropriate, e.g. in case of problems concerning the weather. The precise order of games in the final Round Robin may be adjusted to reflect TV requirements. TC will publish such changes via the SE website and will promptly refer affected teams to those changes. *The teams shown first in the list of games of the Competition Schedule will be considered to be "the visiting team".*
4. **Teams are expected to acknowledge receipt of any notification of schedule changes.**
5. **Submitting Line Ups:** The TC will designate where lineups must be delivered to the SE Official responsible 60 minutes prior to the game. Any change to the line-up between its delivery prior to the game and final confirmation at the plate meeting will be regarded as a substitution unless necessitated by illness or injury during the intervening warm-up period.
6. **Pitcher Warm-Ups after entering the field:** When it is not possible outside the field, the pitcher and catcher (in FP, with mask) may warm up in foul territory, beyond the dugouts, throwing away from Home Plate. During any IN-GAME warm-ups in foul territory, a safety player (spotter) with a glove must protect them from being hit by a ball.
7. **Team Uniform:** Specific uniform rules are now included in the Competitions Regulations.
  - 7.1. Home team: dark uniform, 3rd base dug-out. Visitor/Away team: white/light uniform, 1st base dug-out.
  - 7.2. *A player may wear one or two warming sleeves (compression) provided that each is of the same solid color that is a team uniform color and that color matches all other undershirts worn by any player on that team.*
  - 7.3. *A Coach must be neatly attired, including the wearing of suitable footwear, or be dressed in team uniform in accordance with the color code of the team. If a coach chooses to wear a cap, it must conform to CR 12.2. All coaches must be uniformed alike, but may wear different uniforms from the team.*
8. **Communication Equipment,** including mobile phones, computers, tablets, *smartphones and smartwatches*, is not allowed to be used in the dugout by managers, coaches and players unless used only for official scorekeeping purposes.
9. **Ejections:** An ejected player/coach will immediately be escorted away from the field by an official. They must remove at least the shirt of their uniform.

10. **Disciplinary procedures following all ejections:** All managers and players should be familiar with the current policies. During the TC's consideration of any subsequent occurrence, previous ejections will be taken into account. Penalties not completed during this event will be carried forward to the next SE Competition which the player or manager enters.
11. **Protests (Competitions Regulations 12.1 et seq.):** Protests concerning a game, if not resolved at the field by the UiC / TC, must be handed to the TC in writing no later than 15 minutes post-game.

# Appendix 1

## Bats used in SE Competitions



Bats used in SE Fastpitch Competitions must have the 2005 ISF Certified Logo or the new WBSC Certified Logo **AND** must appear on the WBSC Approved Batlist:

<https://www.wbsc.org/en/documents/search?keyword=bat>

SE Slowpitch Competitions Bats may either comply with the WBSC list **or** have an ASA 2013 or USA Softball 2019 Certification Mark **AND** must appear on the ASA Approved Bat list, and **NOT** on the Banned List:

<https://www.teamusa.org/USA-Softball/Certified-Equipment/Equipment-Bats>

Slowpitch players are particularly reminded that currently all WBSC World Competition Regulations only allow bats which have an ISF / WBSC stamp **AND** which appear on the WBSC Approved Bats list. We must presume, until informed otherwise, that these Regulations will continue to apply at any future WBSC Slowpitch event.

**All players should please carefully check their bats against current lists in advance of each event.**

All participating teams must bring to the TC Meeting all the bats they desire to use, listed on a prenumbered Bat Control Form. Each bat should be marked with the number which corresponds to the list (A marker pen or simple paper sticker is sufficient to identify the bat's number) to facilitate an efficient Bat Control process, which will **NOT** commence until the completed list is available to the Bat Check group. All previous SE Approved labels should be removed, any dirt including pine-tar residue must be removed, *the model number must be clearly visible* and attention should be paid to the taping of the grip.

*Bats will not be tested unless on the WBSC Approved Bat List (or the ASA equivalent for Slowpitch). Bats will not be tested if they fail visual inspection for damage, or rattle when shaken. Bats which have a correctable defect (e.g. removal / replacement of an illegal grip or accessory), may be pressure-tested. If they pass this they will be failed only on the defect, which when repaired must be inspected by a TC member, who can authorize the issue of an Approved sticker and amend the Bat List accordingly.*

**TR 6.2.1: A bat not approved may be retained by the team but must not be brought into the Dugouts at any time during the Competition. Any batter detected using an unlabeled bat will be called OUT and ejected. A bat (other than a warm-up bat) found in the dugout without a label will be considered an Altered Bat and will be removed from the game and the Head Coach will be ejected.**

## Appendix 2

# Disciplinary Procedures

### SE Disciplinary Regulations extract:

#### 3.1. Infractions during tournaments:

3.1.1. By players, coaches, managers or other team members on the playing field during a game.

3.1.1.1. **Only the umpire crew** can take decisions for infractions on the field during a game.

In the case of any ejection of a team member, the umpire will submit a completed SE Ejection Report to the game TC member, who will then determine what minimum sanction, if any, is required by **Table of Game suspensions**.

A technical ejection – for illegal re-entry etc – will not be grounds for further sanctions under para 3.1.1.

An ejection falling under the category 'Other Infractions' may not require further sanction.

The TC member will as soon as possible inform the Manager that the ejected player is subject to the minimum penalty as required by the Appendix and that the incident will be reported to the Technical Commission to determine whether any further sanction is to be applied.

The Report, with a note of the minimum sanction already applied, will then be promptly submitted to the Technical Commission to consider whether any further sanction should be imposed.

(The Commission will take into account the actions of the ejected player/manager following the incident, including reluctance or refusal to go to the specified area upon ejection, or returning to confront the umpire(s) after the game. They will also note whether this was the first or further such incident involving the individual(s) concerned).

If the Commission decides that no further sanction is required, the Manager of the ejected player's team will be so informed. If a further sanction has been determined, then a written Statement of that sanction will be provided to the manager and player involved.

Within two hours of receiving the Statement, they may request a hearing to appeal against the further sanction applied. This hearing will be chaired by the Executive Commissioner, or SE Commission member present in their place. They may hear from the Technical Commissioner(s), and the ejected player / manager, who may be accompanied by a representative,

There is no appeal against the decision of the Executive Commissioner.

**Table of game suspensions:**

	Number of games suspension:	
	Minimum	Maximum
Player, coach or team member to opponent:		
Verbal		
Indecent language	1	2
Insulting language	1	3
Threats	1	4
Inciting spectators to abuse another player	1	3
Physical		
Deliberate contact	1	2
Fights:	2	3
Fights: Actual injury	3	6
Throwing material	1	2
Spitting	2	4
NOTE:	Fights during bench clearing will be handled as fights mentioned above	

Player, coach or team member to official:		
Verbal		
Indecent language	1	2
Insulting language	2	3
Threats	2	4
Inciting spectators to abuse officials	1	3
Physical		
Deliberate contact	1	2
Attempted injury	2	3
Actual injury	3	6
Throwing material at a person	2	4
Spitting	2	4

Other infractions		
Disputing judgement calls, Late delivery of line-up, etc.	0	2

*If in the TC's judgement the Umpire's Report indicates that the ejection itself was sufficient AND there are no previous incidents on record, OR if the SiC Report on the late delivery of line-ups is the first recorded, an 'Official Warning' may be issued.  
For repeat infringement(s), the penalty may be increased.*

# Appendix 3

## Streaming Appendix

### Electronic Recording of Games at Softball Europe Competitions

1. No person may record a game at a Softball Europe (SE) Competition, whether or not for profit, by any means than in conformity with the provisions of this CR.
2. The Federation of a participating club or national team may receive permission to record one or more games at a Softball Europe Competition. The permission is provided by the Organizers and Softball Europe if the games are not streamed by them.
3. The following conditions apply to every license granted under this provision:
  - 3.1. Recording equipment may be operated only by accredited personnel called a Team Camera Operator (TCO).
  - 3.2. Organizer shall provide the procedure of accreditation. Chair of TC at such competitions must be informed about the procedure. The Organizer has to provide a list of all accredited media to EC or Chair TC , if EC is not present.
  - 3.3. Recording may be used solely for training and scouting purposes and not broadcast, published, transmitted or used for any other purpose (for example You Tube, TV, Internet, etc.) without written permission of Softball Europe.
  - 3.4. Videotaping is possible to make from wherever the Organizer permits to do so.
  - 3.5. *Videotaping with a tripod is not allowed behind the backstop, behind home plate between 1st and 3rd base* and must not cause any disturbance to spectators. Only TC SE can make an exception for electronic broadcasting behind the backstop for National TV, special recording provided by SE or for any other special reason.
  - 3.6. SE or TC at a SE Competition may impose other requirements to ensure compliance with this provision and the Competition Regulation in general.
4. Each violation of the provision shall result in a fine of not less than Euro 2.000 payable by the Affiliated Federation of the team involved or, if the situation warrants, further disciplinary action as appropriate.

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