

# **INTERNAL RULES**

## **COMMISSIONS OF C.E.B**

### **1. Technical Commission**

Art. 1 The Technical Commission will be composed of 7 (seven) members appointed by the Executive Committee for a period of 4 (four) years, during the first meeting after the elective General Assembly.

The members of the Technical Commission are named Technical Delegates.

Art. 2 The duties of the Technical Commission are:

- a) To propose to the Executive Committee specific rules for each competition and category and its changes when necessary.
- b) To approve the schedules of all competitions played under the jurisdiction of the C.E.B., in accordance with all regulations.
- c) To homologate the playing grounds where C.E.B. organized competitions will be held.
- d) To propose to the Executive Committee sanctions to be imposed against organizations, committees or participants at competitions played under C.E.B. jurisdiction unless not provided.
- e) To establish the necessary qualifications to appoint Technical Commissioners, C.E.B. International Umpires and Scorers and give relating proposals to the Executive Committee.
- f) To promote and encourage standardization of all umpiring techniques, mechanics and procedures in international baseball play, within the Confederation and encourage and promote the development and qualification of competent umpires and scorers throughout the member countries.
- g) To select and appoint Technical Commissioners, International umpires and scorers for the international competitions organized and played under the C.E.B. jurisdiction.

Art. 3 The Executive Committee shall appoint amongst the members of the Technical Commission 1 (one) Umpire Commissioner. If necessary the Executive Committee can appoint 1 (one) person, not belonging to the Technical Commission as Umpire Commissioner. In this case the Umpire Commissioner will become an additional member of the Technical Commission without right to vote.

Art. 4 All members of the Technical Commission, Umpire Commissioner and Technical Commissioners will perform their duties ad honorem.

The costs of traveling and hotel, in the line of their duties, will be paid by the organizing committee of the relative international competitions or by C.E.B. according to the Tournament Rules.

Art. 5 The Technical Commission is in charge of all technical questions, including the technical organization of all international competitions authorized by C.E.B.

Art. 6 Each C.E.B. member country may suggest names of qualified persons to be appointed as Technical Commissioner.

The Technical Commission will evaluate the qualifications of the suggested persons, and those who are chosen, will be enlisted in the C.E.B. Technical Commission roster.

Art. 7 The Technical Commission Chairman will appoint for each competition the necessary number of Technical Delegates and Technical Commissioners required by the schedule.

Art. 8 Once designated by the Executive Committee, in its first meeting, the members of the Technical Commission will appoint 1 (one) member as Secretary of the Commission.

Art. 9 The Chairman of the Technical Commission will attend all meetings of the Executive Committee, all Ordinary and Extraordinary Congresses of C.E.B., where he shall have the right to speak in an advisory capacity, but he cannot vote.

Art. 10 **Before the start of the competition**

- a) A tour of the playing field(s) shall be conducted prior to the start of the competition. Including this tour shall be:
  1. Representative(s) of the Technical Commission
  2. Representative(s) of the host Organizing Committee
  3. All assigned umpires
  4. The head coach of the participating teams During this tour ground rules for the stadium(s) shall be discussed and clarified as well as all other technical aspects of the game.
- b) Control player's licenses, officially registered by each team, their age and nationality according to their passport or other official document issued by their government, accepting those who fulfill the conditions to participate in regular competition and refusing those who do not fulfill the required conditions. The approved licenses will remain with the Commissioner until the completion of the competition (see accreditation session).
- c) Register the umpires attending the competition who were appointed by the Technical Commission and designate them for the first day of the competition.
- d) Register the official scorers attending the competition who were appointed by the Technical Commission and designate them for the first day of the competition.
- e) Check the final competition schedule previously approved by the Technical Commission or, in case of a change submitted by the organization, make sure that this does not result in any damage for the participating teams.
- f) Verify that the organization has fulfilled all financial obligations with the participating teams, official umpires, scorers and the Technical Commissioners.
- g) Approve the special ground rules, if necessary.
- h) Preside the meeting before the start of the competition with the officers and managers and clarify any ruling or technical questions.
- i) Issue C.E.B. technical licenses for officers and assistants of each team who confirm their involvement in the competition and their presence in the dugout.
- j) Check if the organization has correctly foreseen the necessary practice fields and transport as stated in the Tournament Rules.
- k) Appoint a Technical Commissioner among themselves for each game for the first day and subsequently for following days of the competition.

**Art. 11. Meeting of the Technical Commission and Umpires**

A meeting of the Technical Commission and the Umpires shall be scheduled prior to the start of the competition The agenda shall include

- a) Relationship of the Technical Commission and the Umpires.
- b) Conduct of the game.
- c) Ground rules distributed in English and French and discussed.
- d) Tournament Rules.
- e) Speed-up rules.
- f) Handling protests.
- g) Handling ejections.
- h) Umpire assignments.
- i) Transportation of the umpires.
- j) Financial arrangements for the umpires.
- k) Responsibility of the umpires for the full competition and play-offs.
- l) General information.

**Art. 12. Meeting of the Technical Commission, Umpires and Coaches Delegates**

A meeting of the Technical Commission, Umpires and team coaches/delegates shall be scheduled prior to the start of the competition.

The agenda shall include:

- a) Relationship of the Technical Commission, Umpires, Coaches and Delegates.

- b) Conduct of the game.
- c) Ground rules distributed in English and French and discussed.
- d) Tournament Rules.
- e) Speed-up rules.
- f) Handling protests.
- g) Handling ejections.
- h) Team transportation.
- i) Sanctions/penalties against teams or players.
- j) Information on play-offs.
- k) Communication between the Technical Commission and the teams.
- l) General information.

**Art. 13. Accreditation session**

- a) The Technical Commission shall meet with the delegates of the participating teams who will present the following documents :
  - 1. Passport or I.D. card of each player on the roster.
  - 2. Two parts of the official Registration Form completely filled out and signed by the player.
  - 3. The teams final team roster in triplicate on the official Roster form completely filled out with name, date of birth, uniform number and position.
- b) Failure of a delegate to be present or to present the proper and correct documents shall be considered a serious violation and shall result in penalties against the concerned party.
- c) Once the documents and rosters have been verified and signed by the Technical Commission they are the official rosters of the participating teams and NO change shall be allowed.
- d) The team rosters shall be photocopied by the Organizing Committee and distributed to the Technical Commission members, the teams, the umpires, the scorers and the media.
- e) Apart from the starting line-up, all players listed on the official roster will be considered as possible substitutes for all the games of the competition.

**Art. 14. Daily meetings of the Technical Commission**

- a) In principle there shall be daily meetings of the Technical Commission, if the schedule allows it.
- b) The agenda shall include :
  - 1. Review of the umpire evaluation.
  - 2. Review of the umpire assignments.
  - 3. Comments on competition administration.
  - 4. Assignments of Technical Commission members for future games.
  - 5. Complaints or problems.

**Art. 15. During the competition**

- a) Attend all the games for which they have been appointed as “Technical Commissioner of the game” and be on the playing field before the game starts to control the fulfillment of the ruling conditions and remain on the field until the game is finished.
- b) Receive the originals of the reports and scoring documents at the end of the game.
- c) Take the necessary steps to penalize actions occurring in the game or from the umpire’s report, according to C.E.B. rules.
- d) Receive protests or complaints submitted, following the rules, by the teams and decide in the proper manner.
- e) Approve daily the results of the game and official classification at the end of the day.
- f) Appoint daily the umpires and scorers for each game of the following day.

**Art. 16. Presence and attitude of Technical Commission members at the game**

- a) The assigned Technical Commission member(s) shall arrive at the playing site at least one hour prior to the starting time of the game to be able to visit the two team dugouts and make any urgent decision that need to be made prior to the start of the game.

- b) The Technical Commission member(s) shall have in their possession at every game the following
  1. The proper edition of the Official Baseball Rule Book
  2. The C.E.B. Tournament Rules.
  3. The C.E.B. Statute.
  4. All up to date material relating to the competition such as: bulletins, memos to teams, assignments etc.
  5. The Technical Commission Report form.
  6. A competition manual.
- c) During the game, the Technical Commission member(s) shall maintain a detached, calm manner and refrain from showing any excessive emotion towards or against either team. He should never criticize the umpires, players or coaches during a game or make any remarks concerning the play of the game that could be interpreted as criticism.  
 Watch the conduct of the game carefully and be alert for any problem that may occur.  
 Observe and evaluate the work of all umpires for proper positioning and mechanics.  
 Observe and evaluate all umpires(especially the plate umpire)for efforts to “move the game along”. It must be remembered that “elapsed time” is not as critical as “dead time”  
 Be alert for any situation or action that may need to be discussed for correction in future games.  
 Make notes and comments on the Game Report form.
- d) Technical Commission member(s) shall not give personal opinions to the media on behalf of the Technical Commission or the C.E.B. concerning any aspect of the competition.
- e) The assigned Technical Commission member(s) shall remain at the assigned location for the entire game and for as long as necessary after the game to handle any problem.  
 Post game duties are:
  1. Complete Game Report form.
  2. Observe post game activities of the teams.
  3. If applicable secure final box score.
  4. Remain at the assigned location until any possibility of a problem has passed.

**Art. 17. Duties at the end of the competition**

The Technical Commission member shall remain at the competition until all the games and play-offs are completed.

The Technical Commission member(s) shall vote on individual awards, such as M.V.P., All Star team, Best player on the team etc., when foreseen.

Within one hour after the end of the competition the Technical Delegate(s) or Commissioner(s) shall send - via fax - to the C.E.B. Secretary General and to the Chairman of the C.E.B. Technical Commission the game results and the final standings.

Within one month the general complete report will be sent, by mail, to the C.E.B. Secretary General accompanied by the daily game reports of the Technical Commission members, the original scorecards and the Individual Registration forms, destined for C.E.B. of all the participating players.

**Art. 18. Tournament Director**

If necessary for specific competitions the Executive Committee can nominate a Tournament Director, who will be in charge of the general organization, except of the duties and responsibilities of the Technical Commission.

**2. Medical Commission**

**Art. 19.** The Medical Commission is in charge of the medical aspects of baseball. This means on the largest level of prevention, physical health, doping and medicines. The Medical Commission will make recommendations and give all information on the medical level to ensure the best physical condition of the athletes. The Executive Committee nominates the Chairman of the Medical Commission and invites all the member Federations to indicate a medical doctor.

The Chairman can appoint 4 (four) of the nominated doctors as members of the Medical Commission. The Medical Commission will regularly report to the Executive Committee.

### **3. General Assembly**

Art. 20. The annual General Assembly will be celebrated the first weekend of February. Every two years it will be organized in the country where the European Championship Seniors A-Pool will be played. The other years each member Federation can put its candidature forward. The candidate shall bring his intention to the Executive Committee, in writing to the Secretary General, before the General Assembly of the previous year. The decision will be taken by a vote of the Congress.

The candidate organizer shall have satisfactory meeting facilities for the General Assembly, meetings of the Executive Committee and the Technical Commission and dispose of simultaneous translation in French and English. The city where the General Assembly will be held should preferably be situated near an international airport.

### **4. Official privileges**

Art. 21. Members of the Executive Committee of C.E.B., its Commission members, Umpires and Scorers mentioned on the International list, shall have free admittance to the highest rank of seats for all games played under the jurisdiction of C.E.B. and its member National Federations, upon presentation of their official identity card, which will be issued or renewed every year by the C.E.B. Secretary General.

### **5. Sanctions**

Art. 22. The sanctions that can be imposed for the violation of the Statute, Regulations or Resolutions, legally adopted by C.E.B. are the following

1. Admonishment
2. Disqualification
3. Expulsion
4. Fines

The Congress and the Executive Committee are authorized to impose these sanctions to any member of C.E.B. or to any player.

In order to apply a sanction a summary of the case shall be presented. The accused or his organization shall always have the right to defend himself.

All sanctions imposed by the Congress or the Executive Committee must be complied with by all members of C.E.B. once they have been notified by the C.E.B. Secretary General.

### **6. Competitions**

Art. 23. All C.E.B. sanctioned competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules formulated from time to time by the Technical Commission and approved by the Executive Committee.

### **7. Election Procedure**

Art. 24. Elections will be held in the year following the Summer Olympics. All positions will be elected by the Congress of Delegates for the term of 4 (four) years, in separate and secret voting. The candidates must be present during the elections or have previously indicated, in writing, their availability for the job.

A person can be elected for a position in case of absence in the Congress due to personal illness, death in the immediate family, unpreventable transportation problems or what is considered to be an act of God.

The counting of the election ballots will be done by a special commission designated by the same Congress. Election procedure :

1. The appointed candidates will accept or reject their nomination.
2. The ballots will be passed out to the Delegates eligible to vote.
3. The votes to be cast in a ballot box

4. The votes will be counted and the result announced
5. The special commission will sign certifying the result

If a candidate does not have 51 % of the votes of the Federations eligible to vote at the Congress, then the two candidates with the highest number of votes will be left on the ballot and one will be elected by a simple majority.

A ballot shall be declared null and void if

- a. It is blank.
- b. It contains other names than those proposed as candidates.
- c. It bears marks or inscriptions which impair the clarity of the ballot.

## **8. International Players Transfer**

Art. 25

### **1. SCOPE**

These rules apply to a player affiliated/registered or who comes under the jurisdiction or auspices of the Team, Club, League of a C.E.B. member Federation who wishes to play with a Team, Club or Organization in a different country, regardless of whether the Team, Club or Organization to which the player seeks to transfer, comes under the jurisdiction and/or auspices of the member Federation in that country.

These rules apply equally and with full effect to situations involved affiliated and/or unaffiliated players, member Federations or non member Federations.

### **2. DEFINITIONS**

#### **2.1 “Affiliated player”**

An affiliated player is a player who plays and/or is registered or affiliated with a European Team, Club or Organization under the jurisdiction of, or under the auspices of a member Federation, whether that player is formally registered or not depending on the situation as it applies in regard to the registration and/or affiliation of players in the respective member Federation.

#### **2.2 “Unaffiliated player”**

An unaffiliated player is a player who plays with or without permission in a Club, League or Organization which is not under the jurisdiction and/or auspices of a member Federation of C.E.B.

#### **2.3 “International Transfer”**

International Transfer is the transfer of a player from one Team, Club, League, Association in one country to a Team, Club, League or Association in another country.

### **3. APPLICATION**

Any affiliated player who seeks an international transfer must seek prior approval for the international transfer to the Team, Club or Organization of his choice prior to playing for the Team, Club or Organization of his choice.

Similarly, any unaffiliated player who seeks to play with and/or transfer to a Team, Club or Organization under the jurisdiction of a C.E.B. member Federation, must seek approval for such an international transfer prior to playing for the Team, Club or Organization of his choice.

### **4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

All applications for international transfer, whether they be by an affiliated or an unaffiliated player, shall be in accordance with the procedures outlined by the C.E.B.

The procedures are as follows:

A C.E.B. international transfer can be asked between January 1 and April 15 of each year. After this period no international transfer shall be accepted and granted.

The C.E.B. official international transfer form shall be made in triplicate.

After signature by the two concerned Federations each Federation shall receive a form duly signed and the

third form, duly signed, shall be sent to the C.E.B. Secretariat. The application form shall include the name of the player and other relevant information, including the name of the Organization to which he belongs and the name of the Organization to which he wishes to transfer.

#### 5. LIMITATIONS

No player can play in the official competition of two different C.E.B. member Federations during the same year, even if he played before the closing date of the international transfer period.

An affiliated player who is in breach of these rules may be subject to C.E.B. disciplinary matters and may, after due process, be suspended for a period not exceeding 2 (two) years from all competitions.

#### 6. CONTESTS

All contests concerning C.E.B. International Transfers will be decided by the I.O.C. Tribunal of Arbitration for Sports (T.A.S.), as sole judge. Its decision will be final.

#### 9. Assets

Art. 26. Referring to art. 54a. of the Statute the annual C.E.B. membership fee is the following:

Up to	2.500	members	260,- Euro
2.501 to	5.000	“	350,- “
5.001 to	10.000	“	440,- “
from	10.001	“	520,- “

Following the approval of the Congress of Tbilisi on February 10,1990 the National Federations of Italy, Netherlands, France and Spain pay an annual membership fee of 2.190,- Euro.

In 1994 France cancelled its decision and pays the normal membership fee.

In 1997 Spain cancelled its decision and pays the normal membership fee.