

# **STATUTE**

## **CHAPTER I - DENOMINATION, CONSTITUTION, DOMICILE AND DURATION**

The European Baseball Confederation (C.E.B.) was founded on April 27, 1953 in Paris (France) as “Fédération Européenne de Baseball”.

In 1972 the name was changed in “Confédération Européenne de Baseball Amateur” (C.E.B.A.) and transformed in 1994 into the “Confédération Européenne de Baseball” (C.E.B.) (European Baseball Confederation).

- Art. 1 European Baseball Confederation (C.E.B.) is a baseball organization in charge, under the jurisdiction and rules of the International Baseball Federation (IBAF), of all baseball activities in its different categories in all European countries that accept its constitution and regulations. It is by nature autonomous, non-political, non-racial and non-profitable.
- Art. 2 C.E.B. is constituted by the Federations, Organizations or Associations that may organize, promote, encourage and develop baseball in their respective countries. The affiliated Federations, Organizations or Associations are obligatory members of IBAF.
- Art. 3 The seat of the C.E.B. is at the Secretariat.
- Art. 4 C.E.B. is an organization of indefinite duration, unless its members declare it dissolved according to Chapter VIII, Art. 58 of this Statute.

## **CHAPTER II - PURPOSE**

- Art. 5 The objectives of the C.E.B. are:
- a) To promote and encourage the development of baseball in Europe.
  - b) To promote and organize all European official competitions of national representatives as well of clubs at all levels and for the series as considered necessary by its members.
  - c) To establish the rules and regulations that shall govern all baseball competitions authorized by C.E.B.
  - d) To control all the games between the members of C.E.B. or between their affiliated Clubs, so that they are played in accordance and after the dispositions and rules of the C.E.B. and IBAF.
  - e) To promote and encourage the technical clinics for officials, players, umpires and scorers in order to come to uniformity.

## **CHAPTER III - PERTAINING TO THE MEMBERSHIP**

- Art. 6 To become a member of C.E.B. the following is required:
- a) That in the country of the Federation, Organization or Association that applies for affiliation exists a National Olympic Committee.
  - b) That the requesting Federation, Organization or Association registers itself to be recognized by its National Olympic Committee.
- Art. 7 Each country will be represented by only one Federation, Organization or Association affiliated to C.E.B. Each member-country has one vote.
- Art. 8 No application for affiliation of a Federation, Organization or Association will be carried through if in such country there already exists a Federation, Organization or Association affiliated to C.E.B.
- Art. 9 All applications for affiliation to C.E.B. must be submitted to the Executive Committee accompanied by affiliation fee as established by the General Assembly.
- The application must include:
- a) Certified copy of its statute and regulations.
  - b) Certificate of recognition by its National Olympic Committee or a copy of the registration ap-

plication to the National Olympic Committee.

c) The names and addresses of the board members.

Accepted the application as such, the affiliation will be submitted to a General Assembly which will decide its acceptance or rejection by majority. Necessary documents for Certification will follow.

Art. 10 The C.E.B. can also accept associated members. They have no voting power.

Art. 11 The members and associated members can only be accepted by the General Assembly, after advice of the Executive Committee.

Art. 12 The members and associated members pay an annual contribution fixed by the General Assembly.

Art. 13 The annual contribution must be paid in advance to the Secretary General-Treasurer within terms and procedures fixed by the Executive Committee.

Art. 14 Only the members and associated members that have paid their annual contribution can participate in the General Assembly.

Art. 15 The members or associated members that have not paid their contribution during more than 4 (four) years will be excluded in every way. The exclusion will be communicated by the C.E.B. to the President and Secretary of the National Federation involved, by registered mail.

Art. 16 The members that have not paid to C.E.B. and IBAF their contribution cannot participate in any international competition as long as the contribution remains unpaid.

Art. 17 Every member or associated member can resign. Such resignation must be presented in writing and under condition that the resigning member or resigning associated member gives notice to the Secretariat of the C.E.B. three months in advance.

Art. 18 The members or associated members which do not fulfill the aims of C.E.B. or that do not comply with statute, rules and regulations, can be excluded from C.E.B. The exclusion will be pronounced by the General Assembly with a 2/3 majority of the present votes.

Art. 19 The members of the C.E.B. will have jurisdiction only in their respective countries.

Art. 20 The rights of the members of C.E.B. are:

- a) To have the right to speak and vote in the deliberations of the General Assembly.
- b) To elect and to be elected to perform executive positions.
- c) To participate in the competitions organized and sanctioned by C.E.B.
- d) To receive the services and benefits established by C.E.B.
- e) To propose reforms or innovations in the organization or the performance of C.E.B.
- f) Any other designated by this Statute and regulations.

Art. 21 The duties of the members of C.E.B. are:

- a) To comply with the Statute, regulations and resolutions.
- b) To attend punctually the meetings and Congresses.
- c) To pay on time the fees established. The Secretary General-Treasurer of C.E.B. is required to send an official notification of the annual dues payment on or before January 1 and the annual dues are to be paid not later than the time fixed by the Executive Committee.
- d) To accept and perform the positions entrusted to them.
- e) To actively participate in the programs of C.E.B.
- f) To inform the Secretary General of C.E.B. the number of leagues, clubs and players affiliated to the Federation or Organization affiliated.
- g) Any other as established by this Statute and regulations.

Art. 22 Membership status of C.E.B. will be lost only for the following reasons:

- a) By written paid four consecutive annual dues and having been notified in writing (with 60 days

of grace from the date of the written notification).

- b) By temporary suspension duly justified, after a previous hearing and the member must be notified by a registered letter and there must be proof that the member received this letter.
- c) For not having paid four consecutive annual dues and having been notified in writing (with 60 days of grace from the date of the written notification).

Items a), b) and c) of this article shall be known and solved by the immediate General Ordinary or Extraordinary Assembly by majority of votes.

The rights of C.E.B. members are of individual character and it is not allowed to give power to another member to vote on their behalf.

## **CHAPTER IV - ORGANS OF C.E.B.**

Art. 23 The organs of the C.E.B. are:

- I) The General Assembly.
- II) The Executive Committee.
- III) The Auditors.

### **I - The General Assembly**

Art. 24 The General Assembly is the supreme authority of the C.E.B. The General Assembly is composed of the delegates who represent the members. The delegates of the associated members may attend the meetings and take part in the discussions.

Art. 25 The Ordinary General Assembly is held every year. The General Assembly will be convoked by the Executive Committee, the place and date being fixed during the former meeting.

The Secretary General-Treasurer will inform the members and associated members, at least two months before the date fixed for the meeting.

Art. 26 Ordinary General Assembly will be validly formed if half plus one of the voting members will be present and the agreement of the Congress will require, except when other things may be disposed in this Statute, the absolute majority of the votes that are present.

In the absence of a quorum, an Ordinary Congress, convened upon proper notice, may, nevertheless, take such actions as necessary provided, however, that actions of the Ordinary Congress not requiring an amendment to the Statute shall still require the affirmative vote of a simple majority of the number of voting members of the C.E.B. normally required to constitute a quorum, and a constitutional change shall still require the affirmative vote of two-third (2/3) of the voting members C.E.B. normally required to constitute a quorum.

Art. 27 Each member OF C.E.B. can be represented in any Congress by up to three delegates with right to speak but only one of them will have the right to vote. Delegates must be member of affiliated federations or associated members. In the credential issued by the Federations or Organizations will be indicated the name of the head delegate, who will have the right to vote and in his absence the right to vote will correspond to the other delegates in order specified in the credential.

Art. 28 An Extraordinary General Assembly will be convoked after a decision of the Executive Committee, or on a written request of 1/3 of the members. The Executive Committee will realize this meeting not later than two months after the date of the notification, wherein the reasons will be stated for the meeting.

Art. 29 During an Extraordinary General Assembly only the points on the agenda will be discussed. The majority for voting will be half the number of the members present. If the members are in inferior number, the motion will be considered as refused and can no more be presented until the next Ordinary General Assembly.

The invitation to the General Assemblies will be sent out two months before the established date,

with a list of the arguments on the agenda that will also include the financial report of the Secretary General-Treasurer.

If another point or decision is urgent, the Executive Committee can ask a vote for the proposed argument on the agenda.

Art. 30 The attributions of the Congress are

- a) To elect the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President, Secretary General-Treasurer, 5 Vocals, who will be members of the Executive Committee. The candidates must be present during the election or have indicated previously in writing their availability for the job.
- b) To elect the Auditors (2 effective members and 1 substitute).
- c) Approval of the report on the activities and the financial report.
- d) Admission or exclusion of members and associated members.
- e) Fix the amount of the fees and special contributions.
- f) Approval of the budget for the coming year.
- g) Alteration of the Statute.
- h) The dissolution of the C.E.B.
- i) All matters proposed by the Executive Committee or the members.
- j) Nominate and elect honorary Members.
- k) To award special distinctions to persons for their exceptional merits in the service of the development of baseball.

The decisions of the General Assembly, legally adopted, are mandatory for its members.

Art. 31 The Executive Committee has the right to invite other persons than the delegates, to take part in the discussions at the General Assembly.

Art. 32 a) The President of the Confederation must preside all the meetings of the General Assembly. In case of absence he will be replaced by the 1st Vice President and if necessary by the 2nd or 3rd Vice President.

b) The members of the Executive Committee cannot be at the same time delegate of an affiliated member.

Art. 33 The report of the General Assembly will be considered approved by the members, if no observations in writing have arrived at the Secretary General, two months after the reception of the report.

Eventual observations will be put on the agenda of the next General Assembly.

## **II - The Executive Committee**

Art. 34 The Executive Committee is composed of 10 (ten) members, elected in function by the General Assembly, for a period of 4 (four) years.

The members are: the President of C.E.B. the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice President of C.E.B., the Secretary General-Treasurer of C.E.B. 5 (five) Vocals.

The Chairman of the Technical Commission takes part in the work of the Executive Committee, without voting power.

The members of the Executive Committee have no voting power in the General Assembly, but they take part in the work.

Art. 35 a) Each member of C.E.B. has the right to nominate candidates for the Executive Committee. The nomination of candidates will be communicated at least three months before the date of the General Assembly, by registered mail to the Secretariat of C.E.B. The nomination will be added to the items on the agenda. The members in charge shall be automatically candidates unless they renounce.

- b) All the members of the Executive Committee elected by the Congress shall be from different Federations or Organizations except in the case of the President.
- Art. 36 The candidate elected as a member of the Executive Committee resides in his personal capacity. He can be reelected.
- Art. 37 The Executive Committee receives its power from the General Assembly. It shall respect the Statute and Rules.
- Art. 38 The Executive Committee meets on convocation of the President or on request of 6 (six) members, after the necessities and at least two times a year.
- Art. 39 For each Executive Committee meeting, the President will fix place, date and time of the meeting.
- Art. 40
- a) During the meetings, announced two weeks before the fixed date, and on condition that at least six of its members are present, the Executive Committee can take every decision in its competence.
  - b) A meeting of the Executive Committee is not necessary if the members have had the possibility to answer by correspondence on the proposition in question.
  - c) In case of equality of votes the President decides.
- Art. 41
- a) The Executive Committee will be responsible for all its activities towards the General Assembly.
  - b) The Executive Committee has the power to accept the demands for affiliation from the national organizations on condition of the approval by the General Assembly.
  - c) The Executive Committee has the right to interpret the Statute of the Confederation, on condition of approval by the General Assembly, and to enforce the Rules.
  - d) The Executive Committee has the right to decide and to take action in all matters regarding the Confederation.
  - e) The Executive Committee has the right to make decisions in urgent cases. These decisions will become immediately into force on condition of ratification by the next General Assembly.
  - f) The Executive Committee creates Commissions and nominates its members.
- Art. 42 In case of the demission of 5 (five) or more members of the Executive Committee, an Extraordinary General Assembly will be convoked within 2 months for the reelection of a new Executive Committee.
- Art. 43 The President of C.E.B. is responsible for the general and moral attitude of the Confederation.  
The President of the Confederation represents the C.E.B. He has the duty to coordinate the activities of the Executive Committee and to enforce the application of the Rules.
- Art. 44
- a) In case of the demission of the President, an Extraordinary General Assembly will be convoked, within two months for election of a new President.
  - b) If the President is absent his function will be taken care off by the 1st Vice President. The other members of the Executive Committee will be informed in this case.
- Art. 45 The Secretary General-Treasurer is responsible for the organization and administration, as well as the finances of C.E.B.  
The costs of the secretariat are supported by the C.E.B.
- Art. 46 The Secretary General-Treasurer will take charge of the administration of the C.E.B. He will make the reports of the meetings of the General Assembly and of the Executive Committee that will be approved by the President. He keeps the correspondence and the archives of the Confederation. He presents the written reports on the activities of the Confederation, including the reports of the Commissions, of the past period to the General Assembly.  
He keeps the list of the members, associated members and the Commissions.

The Secretary General-Treasurer and the President are responsible for the financial means of the Confederation. At each General Assembly or on demand of the Executive Committee, the Secretary General-Treasurer will present a financial report of the Confederation. Discharge on the financial report will be given only after advice of the Auditors, who have the responsibility to control the incomes and expenses of the Confederation.

### **III - The Auditors**

Art. 47 The 2 (two) Auditors and one substitute are elected for a period of 4 (four) years by the General Assembly. The Auditors control the financial accounts of C.E.B.

### **CHAPTER V - COMMISSIONS**

Art. 48 Within C.E.B. a Technical Commission (T.C.) is provided to be in charge of all technical questions, including the technical organization of all European official competitions authorized by C.E.B.

The T.C. and the Rules governing it are established by the Internal Rules.

Art. 49 The Executive Committee will appoint, upon proposal of the C.E.B. President, amongst the members of the Technical Commission, 1 (one) Chairman and 1 (one) Secretary. The Chairman of the Technical Commission will attend all the meetings of the Executive Committee and attend all Ordinary and Extraordinary Congresses, where he shall have the right to speak in an advisory capacity, but he cannot vote.

Art. 50 The Executive Committee has the right to appoint, if necessary, other advisory Commissions or to perform other duties. The duties and regulations of each Commission will be issued by the Executive Committee.

The Technical Commission and other Commissions will report to the Executive Committee about their action.

Art. 51 The President and the Secretary General-Treasurer are, regarding their position, members by right of all the Commissions of the Confederation.

### **CHAPTER VI - ASSETS**

Art. 52 The financial year of the C.E.B. begins the first of November and ends the 31st of October of the next year.

Art. 53 The C.E.B. is only responsible for its own possessions. No member, affiliated to C.E.B., can be held responsible for the actions executed by C.E.B.

Art. 54 Incomes of the Confederation will be as follows

- a) Annual affiliation fees.
- b) Subscription fees for competitions.
- c) C.E.B. tax on the organization of competitions.
- d) C.E.B. tax on TV and Radio rights.
- e) Any other revenues and assets from whatever source derived.

Terms and procedures of what is established in this item will be fixed by the Executive Committee.

### **CHAPTER VII - REFORMS OF STATUTE**

Art. 55 The General Assembly can change the Statute after a proposition of a member or of the Executive Committee. The propositions for alterations will be put on the first point of the agenda of the General Assembly, and circulated to the member Federations. These propositions will arrive at the secretariat not later than three months before the fixed date of the Assembly.

Art. 56 The 2/3 of the members must be present before an alteration of the Statute can be put on vote. The alteration is only accepted if 2/3 of the votes present are for it.

## **CHAPTER VIII - DISSOLUTION OF C.E.B.**

Art. 57 The dissolution of C.E.B. can only be pronounced during an Extraordinary General Assembly on proposal of a member or of the Executive Committee, with a majority of 3/4 of the members.

In case of dissolution the Extraordinary General Assembly will decide the destination of the possessions of C.E.B.

## **CHAPTER IX - GENERAL DISPOSITION**

Art. 58 The official languages of C.E.B. are French and English. In case of a difference in the interpretation, the French text will rule. The documents distributed by the Secretary General of C.E.B. will be edited in French and English.

Art. 59 The application of this Statute, as well as all cases not foreseen in it, are fixed by the Internal Rules, approved by the Executive Committee.

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Aldo NOTARI

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