



## Technical commission

### To the WBSC Europe National Federations

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### WBSC Europe Baseball Competitions 2022

Dear all,

Due to the conflict in Ukraine and the decision of the WBSC Europe board to exclude all the teams from Russia and Belarus for the 2022 tournaments we must change some dates and composition of the groups for our tournaments.

We know that the dates and the groups were already communicated but special situations need last minute changes. We know this is not pleasant but we hope you all understand this.

The CEB Technical Commission had prepared the final calendar with all the CEB tournaments for 2022. The calendar was approved by the CEB Executive Board. The changes were approved by the WBSC Europe Baseball division

Some of the tournament's dates have been changed, and due to the cancellation of the group in Moscow we had to reallocate some club teams for the Federation Cup Qualifiers so please check very well the date that your team is participating in a tournament

**See the comments and changes in red below**

#### **Club tournaments:**

**Champions Cup in Bonn (GER)** : date 7/6 – 11/6/2022 **No Changes**

**Technical meeting : Monday 6/06/2022**

Participants group A : Parma (ITA) / L&D Amsterdam (NED) / Heidenheim Heidekoepfe (GER) and Draci Brno (CZE)

Participants group B : Bonn Capitals (GER) / San Marino (ITA) / Curaçao Neptunus (NED) and Arrows Ostrava (CZE)

Last ranked team relegate to the Confederation Cup (= old CEB Cup)

**Confederation Cup (= old CEB Cup) in Rouen (FRA)** : date 8/6 – 12/6/2022

**Technical Meeting : Tuesday 7/06/2022**

Participants group A : Rouen Huskies (FRA) / Vienna Metrostars (AUT) and Hoboken Pioneers (BEL)

Participants group B : Les Barracudas Montpellier (FRA) / Tenerife Marlins Puerto Cruz (ESP) / Therwil Flyres (SUI) and Olimpija Karlovac (CRO)

**We will play this tournament with only 7 teams. We tried to find a solution for having 8 teams but this failed (The third ranked team of the Federation Cup in 2021 cannot make it)**

First ranked team : promote to the Champions Cup

**Due to the exclusion of the team from Belarus, the team from Belarus will relegate to the Federation Cup in 2023**

**No other team will relegate**

**Federation Cup in Brasschaat (BEL)** : date 20/6 – 25/6/2022

Technical meeting : Sunday 19/06/2022

Participants : Brasschaat Braves(BEL) / BioTechCom (UKR) / Diving Ducks (AUT) / Astros Valencia (ESP) / London Mets (GBR) and Sofia Blues (BUL)

First ranked team : promotion to the Confederation Cup (= old CEB Cup)

The 3 last ranked teams : relegate to the Federation Cup Qualifiers (We have only 3 groups left of the Federation Cup Qualifiers)

We really hope that the team from Ukraine will be able to participate in the Federation Cup, if not the tournament will be played with only 5 teams

**Federation Cup Qualifiers** : 3 groups

**Group Kutno (POL)** : date 6/6 – 11/6/2022

Technical meeting : Sunday 5/06/2022

Participants : MKS Stal Bis Kutno (POL) / Beisbolo Klubas Vilnius (LTH) / Rattvik Base&Softball Klub (SWE) / ATMA 1991 (UKR) / Trondheim Baseball klub (NOR) and Tampere Tigers (FIN)

1 extra team in this group, and the team of Ukraine is changed

**Group Belgrade (SBR)** : date 21/6 – 26/6/2022

Technical meeting : Monday 20/06/2022

Participants : Vojvodina (SBR) / Kaunas County Baseball Club (LTH) / Apollo Bratislava (SVK) / Wroclaw Barons (POL) Budapest Red Wolves (HUN) and Leksand Lumber Jacks (SWE)

1 extra team in this group

**Group Sofia (BUL)** : date 21/6 – 26/6/2022 Date changed, the tournament will be longer !

Technical meeting : Monday 20/06/2022

Participants : Baseball Softball Akademiks (BUL) / Baracudas Zürich (SUI) / Baseball Klub Zagreb (CRO) / Atletico Alexandria (ROM) / Mariners Baseball (IRE) and London Capitals (GBR)

2 extra teams in this group and the team of Croatia is changed

**Group Moscow (RUS)** : **cancelled**

The winners of each group : promotion to the Federation Cup

Format : round robin + Final game between the 2 first ranked teams in total 6 game days

## National Teams

**E.C. Qualifiers Seniors** : 3 groups

**Group Utena (LTH)** : date 13/7 – 16/7/2022 Date changed !!

Technical meeting : Tuesday 12/07/2022

Participants : Lithuania (LTH) / Switzerland (SUI) / Romania (ROM) and Finland (FIN)

Because of the exclusion of the team from Belarus this group is only with 4 teams

**Group Beograd (SBR)** : date 12/7 – 17/7/2022

Technical meeting : Monday 11/07/2022

Participants : Slovakia (SVK) / Serbia (SBR) / Hungary (HUN) / Poland (POL) and Norway (NOR)

**Group Blagoevgrad (BUL)** : date 11/7 – 16/7/2022

Technical meeting : Sunday 10/07/2022

Participants : France (FRA) / Ireland (IRE) / Bulgaria (BUL) / Slovenia (SLO) and Georgia (GEO)

Format : round robin + Final game between the 2 first ranked teams

The 3 winners of the groups : Play a final round in 2023, second half of June 2023

The first 2 teams promote to the A-level in Czech Republic (CZE) in September 2023

**EC Women Baseball in Montpellier (FRA)** : date 3/8 – 6/8/2022 Date changed due to withdrawal of Poland

Technical meeting : Tuesday 2/08/2022

Participants : France (FRA) / The Netherlands (NED) / Czech Republic (CZE) / Great Britain (GBR)

Format : Round robin (= 3 game days) + a final 1 – 2 (1 game day)

This is a Qualifier for the World Championship in 2023

**E.C. U12 in Vienna (AUT) : date 5/7 – 9/7/2022 : Date changed**

Technical meeting : Monday 4/07/2022

Participants group A : Italy (ITA) / The Netherlands / Hungary (HUN) and Lithuania (LTH)

Participants group B : Czech Republic (CZE) / Germany (GER) / France (FRA) and Austria (AUT)

Format : Round robin (= 3 game days) / Semifinals and finals (= 2 game days)

First 2 ranked teams : Qualified for the World Championship 2023

The last ranked team : relegate to the Qualifier (only 5 teams left in the Qualifier)

**E.C. U12 Qualifier in Vienna (AUT) : date 5/7 – 9/7/2022 Date changed**

Technical meeting : Monday 4/07/2022

Participants : 5 national teams, forming 1 group of 5 teams

Croatia (CRO) / Poland (POL) / Great Britain (GBR) / Finland (FIN) and Ukraine (UKR)

Format : Round robin (= 5 game days) without a final game

The first ranked team promote to the next E.C.in 2023

**E.C. U15 Qualifiers : 2 groups of 6 teams instead of 7 teams**

**Group Valencia (ESP) : date 18/7 - 23/7/2022 Date changed, 1 day shorter**

Technical meeting : Sunday 17/07/2022

Participants : Belgium (BEL) / Switzerland (SUI) / Great Britain (GBR) / Spain (ESP) Israel (ISR) and Turkey (TRK)

Format : Round robin (= 5 game days) + final game (= 1 game day)

Winner of the group promote to the EC U15 in 2023

**Group Budapest (HUN) : date 18/7 – 23/7/2022 Date changed, 1 day shorter**

Technical meeting : Sunday 17/07/2022

Participants : Austria (AUT) / Poland (POL) / Hungary (HUN) / Ukraine (UKR) / Lithuania (LTH) / Croatia (CRO)

Format : Round robin (= 5 game days) + final game (= 1 game day)

Winner of the group promote to the EC U15 in 2023

**E.C. U18 in Different cities in CZE (Brno / Ostrava / Hluboká / Blansko)**

Date 13/8 – 20/8/2022 Date changed

Technical meeting : Friday 12/08/2022

For the first time 12 teams will participate in the E.C. U18

Participants group A : The Netherlands (NED) / Spain (ESP) / France (FRA) / Austria (AUT) Lithuania (LTH) and the winner of the Qualifier U18 in Sweden

Group A will play 4 games of the first round in Hluboká

Participants group B : Italy (ITA) / Germany (GER) / Czech Republic (CZE) / Israel (ISR) / Ireland (IRE) and the winner of the Qualifier U18 in Slovakia

Group B will play 4 games of the first round in Ostrava

On Wednesday 17/08/2022 there will be a rest and travel day for all the teams to play the rest of the tournament in Brno and Blansko starting from Thursday 19/08/2022

Format :

First round = round robin (= 5 game days) with 1 rest/travel day on Wednesday 17/08/2022

Second round :

First 2 teams of each group : semifinals and finals (= 2 game days), 1-4 place

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> team of each group : ranking games for 5-8 place (2 game days)

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> team of each group : ranking games for 9-12 place (2 game days)

The final rounds will be played in Brno

First 2 ranked teams : Qualified for the World Championship 2023

The 2 last teams relegate to the U18 Qualifiers in 2023

**E.C. U18 Qualifiers : 2 groups of 5 teams**

**Group Sundbyberg (SWE) :** date 4/7 – 9/7/2022

**Technical meeting :** Sunday 3/07/2022

Participants : Sweden (SWE) / Great Britain (GBR) / Switzerland (SUI) / Poland (POL) and Turkey (TKR)

Format : Round robin (5 game days) and a final 1 – 2 (1 game day)

Demand/request of the organizer : They would like to have all teams lodged in the proposed hotel Quality Hotel Friends which is on walking distance from the field.

**Group Trnava (SVK) :** date 4/7 – 9/7/2022

**Technical meeting :** Sunday 3/07/2022

Participants : Belgium (BEL) / Ukraine (UKR) / Slovakia (SVK) / Croatia (CRO) and Romania (ROM)

Format : Round robin (5 game days) and a final 1 – 2 (1 game day)

The first ranked team of each group : promote to the next E.C. U18 in CZE in August 2022

**E.C. U23 Qualifiers : 2 groups, 1 group of 6 teams and 1 group of 5 teams**

**Group Ljubljana (SLO) :** date 8/8 – 13/8/2022

**Technical meeting :** Sunday 7/08/2022

Participants : Ukraine (UKR) / Croatia (CRO) / Austria (AUT) Slovakia (SVK) / Hungary (HUN) and Slovenia (SLO)

Format : Round robin (5 game days) and a final 1 – 2 (1 game day)

**Group Utena (LTH) :** date 7/8 – 12/8/2022 Date changed

**Technical meeting :** Saturday 6/08/2022

Participants : Belgium (BEL) / Poland (POL) / Switzerland (SUI) / Israel (ISR) and Lithuania (LTH)

Format : Round robin (= 5 game days) each team will have 1 rest day + final game

The first ranked team of each group : promote to the next E.C. U23 in 2023

As you can see a lot of changes.....

We really hope that the club teams and the national teams of Ukraine will be able to participate in the tournaments in 2022. We will support and help them as much as we can.

If some teams of Ukraine cannot participate we must probably change again something

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me or the CEB office.

We wish all the participating teams a lot of success with many sporting highlights

Best regard,

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