



SOFTBALL ASIA

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MINUTES OF THE 28th SOFTBALL ASIA CONGRESS 2026

Date: 27 January 2026
Time: 10.00 am (MAS time)
Venue: Grand Millennium Hotel Kuala Lumpur
(160, Jalan Bukit Bintang, 55100 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia)

SA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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| 1. Mr. PAN Yi Chuan | SA Chairman |
| 2. Dato' LOW Beng Choo | SA President |
| 3. Ms. Taeko UTSUGI | SA First Vice President |
| 4. Ms. KIM Eun Young | SA Vice President |
| 5. Mr. Yotsakrai Art PHAINPANITPORN | SA Vice President |
| 6. Mr. Patrick NG Ka Him | SA Vice President |
| 7. Mr. Yutaka MIYAKE | SA Advisor |
| 8. Ms. Sally LIM Swee Gaik | SA Secretary-General |
| 9. Mr. CHANG Chia-Hsing | SA Secretary |
| 10. Mr. ZHENG Lu Jimmy | SA Co-opted EXCO Member |

SA MEMBERS – NATIONAL FEDERATIONS' DELEGATES

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| 1. Mr. Sanjeevan Raj GURUNG | Bhutan – BhBSA Secretary General |
| 2. Ms. Tshering Zangmo SHERPA | Bhutan – BhBSA Head Women's Dept |
| 3. Mr. Wan Md TAMBRIN Sah Hj. Suhaili | Brunei – BrBSA Vice President |
| 4. Mr. Dara CHHEM | Cambodia – CBSF President |
| 5. Mr. ZHENG Lu Jimmy | China – CSA Secretary General |
| 6. Ms. Jolin WANG Zhuo Lin | China – CSA Director – Foreign Affairs |
| 7. Mr. Franky WONG Chun Cheong | Hong Kong China – HKCSA President |
| 8. Ms. Bernice TSANG Hoi Yan | Hong Kong China – HKCSA Sec General |
| 9. Mr. Pravin ANAOKAR | India – SBAI Secretary General |
| 10. Mr. Ali Abdulhusein Jasim ALBALDAWI | Iraq – IrqBSF President |
| 11. Mr. Saif Abbas Jihad AL RUBAYE | Iraq – IrqBSF Member |
| 12. Mr. Tomoaki OKAMOTO | Japan – JSA Sec Gen – Exe Director |
| 13. Mr. Tomohiro HISAKA | Japan – JSA Deputy Secretary General |
| 14. Mr. YANG Hae Young | Korea – KBSA President |
| 15. Ms. KIM Eun Young | Korea – KBSA Vice President |
| 16. Mr. Willeam MAH Choon How | Malaysia – SAM President |
| 17. Mr. Winson LOW Hui Yong | Malaysia – SAM Secretary General |
| 18. Dr. FARHAN Essa Abdulla | Pakistan – SPF Senior Vice President |
| 19. Mr. Muhammad ZEESHAN MERCHANT | Pakistan – SPF Finance Secretary |
| 20. Mr. Venerando Randy DIZIER | Philippines – ASA Phil Coach |
| 21. Mr. Abdulrahman Hassan ALSHEHRI | Saudi Arabia – SBSF Chief Exe Officer |
| 22. Ms. TAN Chia Mien | Singapore – SBSA Secretary General |
| 23. Ms. LO Yu Hsin | Chinese Taipei – CTSA Former President |
| 24. Mr. LI Chien-Cheng | Chinese Taipei – CTSA President |
| 25. Mr. Yotsakrai Phainpanitporn | Thailand – SBAT President |

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

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| 1. | Dato' M. Rajasekaran | SA Elections Officer |
| 2. | Mr. Eason WANG Yu-Sheng | WBSC Asia Baseball5 Co-Chair |
| 3. | Ms. NOR HAJAR bte Abd. Hamid | SA Baseball5 Game Officials Director |
| 4. | Ms. Aki HUANG Jung Hsuan | WBSC Asia – Oceania Liaison Executive |
| 5. | Ms. Jennifer LIN Ni-Chen | SA Secretariat |
| 6. | Mr. Tony MARIADASS | SA Media Officer |
| 7. | Mr. Willeam MAH Choon How | SA Internal Auditor |

OBSERVERS

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| 1. | Ms. Taeko ONO | JPN – JSA Secretariat Staff |
| 2. | Ms. Akiko ITO | JPN – JSA Interpreter |
| 3. | Mr. CHO Min Jun | Korea – KBSA General Manager |
| 4. | Mr. WOO Jisuk | Korea – KBSA Manager |
| 5. | Ms. Tina YEH Wan Ting | Chinese Taipei – CTSA Staff |
| 6. | Ms. SUN Chia-Ting | Chinese Taipei – CTSA Interpreter |
| 7. | Mr. LEE Meng-Chen | Chinese Taipei – CTSA Attendee |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

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| 1. | Mr. Jean Henri LHUILLIER | SA Vice President |
| 2. | Ms. Susan ZHANG Xuan | SA Vice President |
| 3. | Mr. YANG Xu | SA Member-at-Large |
| 4. | Mr. LEE Chong Hoon | SA Member-at-Large |
| 5. | Mr. Aloysius ONG Jun Heng | SA Athletes Representative (Male) |
| 6. | Ms. Elsa CHEW | SA Athletes Representative (Female) |
| 7. | Mr. SEE Kok Wooi | Chair, SA Technical – Competitions Comm |
| 8. | Mr. ROSLI Ismail | Chair, SA Umpires Comm (Medical Leave) |

1. ROLL CALL

- 1.1 Softball Asia (SA) Secretary-General (SG) Sally Lim completed the Roll-call and confirmed that a quorum was present for this 28th SA Congress 2026 to proceed.
- 1.2 SA President Beng Choo Low called the Congress to order at 10.00 am (MAS time), and welcomed all delegates and attendees. She requested the delegates and attendees to briefly introduce themselves to the others present.
- 1.3 The Agenda for this SA Congress 2026 was unanimously accepted.

2. TRIBUTE - IN MEMORIAM

Before proceeding with the Congress, SA President Low requested the delegates and attendees to observe a minute of silence to pay tribute to those from the SA Family, athletes-players, officials, and officers, who passed away during this period, 01 November 2024 to 31 December 2025, in remembrance of their committed service and dedicated contribution, to the promotion and development of Softball, and Baseball5, in Asia and SA, as well as to World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC), and globally:

- SA paid tribute to the late Li Minkuan, China's head coach at the Atlanta 1996 Olympic Games, and a member of the WBSC Softball Hall of Fame, who passed away in early December 2025, in Beijing, China, at the age of 89. He led the Chinese National Team to a historic silver medal at Atlanta 1996, the country's only Olympic

softball medal to date.

Born in Osaka, Japan, in October 1937, Li Minkuan is widely credited with laying the foundations for China's competitive women's softball program — guiding its evolution from provincial-level teams to a world-class national squad during the pivotal development period of the 1970s through the 1990s. He is known as the "father of Chinese softball".
(Extracted from WBSC news item)

3. WELCOME ADDRESSES

3.1 Video Message from World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) President Riccardo Fraccari

SA President informed that WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari had initially intended to attend this Congress in person but due to urgent pressing matters, he could not attend. He sent a video message to the attendees of this Congress, and wished everyone all the best. (WBSC President Riccardo Fraccari's video message was played.)

"Dear Beng and Members of Softball Asia,

It is a pleasure to address you today. I would like to sincerely apologize for not being able to be with you in person on this important occasion. I hope you all enjoyed a pleasant end to the year, and have a good start to 2026, as we prepare to welcome the Lunar New Year.

First, I would like to sincerely thank Softball Asia for the outstanding work it continues to do for the development of our Sport. I also wish to commend all members for their dedication and hard work in organizing the continental qualifiers, and in promoting Softball across the continent. The success and development of our Sport rely on your commitment, and the strength of our International Federation lies in the collective effort of everyone involved.

Looking ahead, 2026 will be a demanding year for the WBSC with a busy calendar of events and continued preparation for Youth Olympic Games Dakar26 and Olympic Games LA28, which are also approaching quickly.

The LA Olympic Games will provide a measurable opportunity to showcase Women's Softball on the global stage. While the WBSC remains fully committed to deliver the best possible World Cups, it is equally as important that you continue to innovate and evolve our activities.

Softball Asia is undoubtedly one of the most dominant regions within our Federation. This year's Asian Games in Japan will not only be highly competitive, but also an exciting opportunity to showcase Softball across Asia, highlight new talent, and offer a glimpse into the future of our sport, as we build towards LA28 and beyond, including future editions of the Games, with the Brisbane 2032 sport programme announcement expected at the end of the year. But at the center of all our efforts are the athletes.

Supporting those who represent their national teams and compete internationally are both a great responsibility, and the foundation of our Sport's future. Our collaboration with the International School Sport Federation at the school level, has proven to be instrumental in improving both visibility and participation in our Sport. This is particularly evident in the continuous growth of Baseball5, which has become a powerful and accessible platform to introduce young people to our discipline, and inspire the next generation of athletes.

I encourage all of you to fully leverage the international agreement in place, and to actively develop at the international level, adapting it to your local contest. By engaging high school athletes and educational institutions, we have a unique opportunity to showcase the dynamics of Softball and Baseball5, strengthen our Grassroots program, and ensure a sustainable future for our Sport.

Although I am unable to be with you today, Aki—whom you all know very well—is with you and will present topics of high relevance for your region. I wish you all the best for your upcoming elections, and please accept my warmest wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year, and a wonderful, full of Sport 2026. Thank you.”

3.2 Welcome Address by SA Chairman Pan Yi Chuan

3.2.1 SA Chairman Pan Yi Chuan welcomed everyone to this Congress, and thanked them for their attendance. He said that it was good for the delegates and attendees to meet up in person to discuss important matters for SA, as well as renew friendship, and form new ties with the newer SA Members.

3.2.2 He hoped that all SA members will continue to support SA, as SA moves forward in the global Softball world, and look forward to the coming years of more events and activities, with this year, 2026, having the added excitement of the Women Softball competition in the 20th Asian Games Aichi-Nagoya in September – October. He wished everyone good health and an enjoyable stay in Kuala Lumpur.

3.3 Opening Remarks by SA President

3.3.1 SA President Low also thanked all delegates and attendees for their efforts to be present in person in Kuala Lumpur for this important SA Congress and elections for the incoming SA EXCO for 2026 - 2030.

3.3.2 She informed that apart from the SA elections, this Congress was important to finalise the SA events and activities for this year, 2026. She wished everyone good health and best wishes.

4. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 27th SA CONGRESS HELD ON 06 DECEMBER 2024 IN KUALA LUMPUR MALAYSIA

SA President Low informed that the Minutes of the 27th SA Congress held on 06 December 2024, in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, was sent prior to this Congress to all concerned, and that no requests for amendments were received by the SA Secretariat. There were no amendments requested by the delegates present.

Proposal:

To consider and approve the Minutes of the 27th Softball Asia Congress held on 06 December 2024, in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.

DECISION

The SA Congress unanimously approved the Minutes of the 27th Softball Asia Congress held on 06 December 2024, in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia.

5. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT SA EXCO – SA EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 2025 IN BANGKOK THAILAND

SA President Low informed that the Minutes of the Joint SA EXCO – SA Extraordinary Congress held on 17 October 2025, in Bangkok Thailand, was sent prior to this Congress to all concerned, and that no requests for amendments were received by the SA Secretariat. There were no amendments requested by the delegates present.

Proposal:

To consider and approve the Minutes of the Joint Softball Asia Executive Council – Softball Asia Extraordinary Congress held on 17 October 2025, in Bangkok Thailand.

DECISION

The SA Congress unanimously approved the Minutes of the Joint Softball Asia Executive Council – Softball Asia Extraordinary Congress held on 17 October 2025, in Bangkok Thailand.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the both sets of Minutes, that were, of the SA 27th Congress 2024, and Joint SA EXCO – SA Extraordinary Congress 2025, raised by the delegates present.

7. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE REPORT OF THE SA PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR THE PERIOD 01 NOVEMBER 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2025.

7.1 SA President Low presented the Report of the SA President and Secretary-General for the period 01 November 2024 to 31 December 2025, as per Attachment A, a copy of which was given to all delegates and attendees. She highlighted the following:

7.1.1 **Total number of full affiliate members** as of 31 December 2025: Twenty-four (24 National Federations – Members, namely:

- (1) Bhutan (Baseball-Softball) (BB-SB); (2) Brunei (BB-SB); (3) Cambodia (BB-SB); (4) China (SB); (5) Hong Kong China (SB); (6) India (SB); (7) Iran (BB-SB); (8) Iraq (BB-SB); (9) Japan (SB); (10) Jordan (BB-SB); (11) Korea (BB-SB); (12) Saudi Arabia (BB-SB); (13) Laos (BB-SB); (14) Malaysia (SB); (15) Nepal (BB-SB); (16) Pakistan (SB); (17) Philippines (SB); (18) Palestine (BB-SB); (19) Singapore (BB-SB); (20) Syria (BB-SB); (21) Thailand (SB); (22) Chinese Taipei (SB); (23) Vietnam (BB-SB); (24) Indonesia (BB-SB) (reinstated 2025). (*SA Membership of Bangladesh (BB-SB) and Mongolia (BB-SB) were pending.*)

7.1.2 **SA Congress & SA EXCO Meetings December 2024 – December 2025:**

- SA EXCO Meeting: 05 December 2024 (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia).
- 27th SA Congress 2026: 06 December 2024 (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia).
- Joint SA EXCO – SA Extraordinary Congress 2025: 17 October 2025 (Bangkok, Thailand).

7.1.3 SA Tournaments:

- 2nd U15 Women Softball Asia Cup 2025 – World Cup Qualifier: Puli, TPE.
- 2nd U23 Men Softball Asia Cup 2025 – World Cup Qualifier: Bangkok, Thailand.
- Women Softball Asia Cup 2025 – World Cup Qualifier: Xi'an, China.

7.1.4 SA Seminars – Courses – Clinics:

- WBSC – SA Technical Commissioners Seminar 2025: Puli, TPE.

7.1.5 WBSC Asia Baseball5:

- 2nd Youth Baseball5 Asia Cup 2026 – World Cup Qualifier: Taipei, TPE.

7.1.6 WBSC Meetings & Events:

- 2nd U15 Women Softball World Cup 2025: Caronno Pertusella & Legnano, Italy.
- Men Softball World Cup Finals 2025: Prince Albert, Canada.
- 2nd Youth Baseball5 World Cup 2025: Nayarit, Mexico.
- U18 Women Softball World Cup Finals 2025: Oklahoma City, USA.
- VI WBSC Congress & Elections 2025: Bangkok, Thailand.

7.1.7 Multi-sports Events – Games:

- 12th World Games 2025: Chengdu, China (Men & Women Softball competitions).
- 33rd South East Asian (SEA) Games 2025: Bangkok – Chonburi, Thailand (Men Baseball, Baseball5, Men & Women Softball);
- Update on 20th Asian Games 2026: Aichi Nagoya (Men Baseball & Women Softball).

7.1.8 Updated Officials Rules of Softball (Fast Pitch) 2026 – 2029 and the Rules Changes.

- 7.2 She requested the SA Members – NFs to take note that there is a new WBSC Officials Rules of Softball for 2026 – 2029, with some changes and updates taking effect in all Softball Asia tournaments this year, including the SA & WBSC tournaments, as well as the Asian Games (Softball competition) 2026.
- 7.3 She thanked all those who continued to support SA in its events and activities, and recorded SA's appreciation to all who hosted, and participated, in SA's tournaments, events and activities.
- 7.4 There were no queries raised on the matters in the Report.

Proposal:

To consider and approve the Report of the SA President and Secretary General for the period 01 November 2024 to 01 December 2025.

DECISION

The SA Congress unanimously approved the Report of the SA President and Secretary General for the period 01 November 2024 to 01 December 2025.

8. **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SA’S RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 01 NOVEMBER 2024 TO 31 DECEMBER 2025**

8.1 SA President Low presented the SA’s Receipts and Expenditure Accounts for the period from 01 November 2024 to 31 December 2025, and highlighted the following:

Total Receipt:	USD115, 647.88
Total Expenditure:	USD 92,695.10
Surplus:	USD 22,952.78

8.2 She explained that the receipts from the SA Members’ annual subscription/fees and SA tournaments’ participation fees of USD500.00 per participating team per tournament, were not enough to cover SA costs and expenses to operate, and run all of the SA events and activities. She recorded SA’s deepest gratitude to the following:

8.2.1 SA Chairman, Mr. Pan Yi Chuan, for his contribution of the equivalent of USD10,000.00 per year, and totalling USD20,000.00 for the financial years of 2024 and 2025.

8.2.2 JSA for their annual contribution of the equivalent of JPY1,000,000 per year, totalling JPY2,000,000 for the financial years 2024 and 2025.

8.2.3 WBSC for the development grants of USD13,500.00 for the financial year 2024, and USD25,000.00 for the financial year 2025, respectively.

8.3 She also recorded SA’s appreciation to Mizuno for its continuous contribution of competition balls, umpire uniforms and other attire to SA, especially for the Asian Games.

8.4 There were no queries raised on the matters in the Statement of Accounts.

Proposal

To consider and approve the SA Receipts and Expenditure Accounts for the period 01 November 2024 to 31 December 2025.

DECISION

The SA Congress unanimously approved the SA Receipts and Expenditure Accounts for the period 01 November 2024 to 31 December 2025.

9. **TO CONSIDER THE REPORTS OF THE SA VICE-PRESIDENTS AND SA COMMITTEES**

There were no reports from the SA Vice Presidents and SA Committees.

10. **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE SA CALENDAR FOR 2026 – 2027**

SA President Low presented the SA Calendar of events and activities for the year 2026 – 2027, for discussion and consideration.

She stated that this SA Calendar was important to enable the SA Member-NFs in their respective planning and budget preparations for the respective events and activities.

10.1 There was general discussion on the events and activities proposed, with the proposed hosts of the respective events – tournament making their respective bids

for discussion. There was general consensus on the hosts proposed for the 2026 SA tournaments and events.

Softball Asia Calendar for 2026

<u>No.</u>	<u>Tournament / Event</u>	<u>Place & Dates for Event</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1.	Joint 6th Softball Asia EXCO Meeting – 28th Softball Asia Biennial Congress – Elections 2026	Place: Kuala Lumpur Malaysia Joint SA EXCO Mtg – SA Congress Date: 27 Jan 2026	For SA EXCO Officers & Invitees For SA Member-NFs & Invitees <i>To elect SA EXCO for 2026–2029</i>
2.	3rd Baseball5 Asia Cup 2026 (Qualifier for World Cup 2026)	Place: D’Park (Mall), Tsuen Wan, New Territories, HKG Pre-Tournament Date: 26 Mar 2026 Tournament Dates: 27 – 31 Mar 2026	To determine 3 Asia slots for World Cup 2026 Note: World Cup 2026 <i>Place: San Juan, Puerto Rico</i> <i>Dates: TBD</i>
3.	U23 Men Softball World Cup 2026	Place: Sincelejo, Colombia Pre-Tournament Date: 24 Apr 2026 Tournament Dates: 25 Apr – 03 May 2026	2 Asia slots were determined in Asia Cup 2025: • Japan • Singapore
4.	U15 Women Softball Asia Cup 2026 (Qualifier for U15 WSB World Cup 2027 (1 Stage) – 2 Asia slots)	Place: Weihai Sports Complex, Shuangdao Bay, China Pre-Tournament Date: 11 Oct 2026 Tournament Dates: 12–17 Oct 2026 (<i>TBC</i>)	To determine 2 Asia slots for World Cup 2027 Note: World Cup 2027 <i>(Place & dates TBD)</i>
5.	5th Asian Universities Women Softball Asia Cup 2026	Place: Fu-Shing Softball Stadium & National Chi-Na University Softball Field, Puli-Nantou, TPE Pre-Tournament Date: 21 Oct 2026 Tournament Dates: 22–26 Oct 2026 (<i>TBC</i>)	• For Athletes 18 – 28 years old. • Each athlete must be a full-time student in a university, with a valid student identification card
6.	U18 Men Softball Asia Cup 2026	Place: Manila OR The Villages at Clark City, Pampanga, Philippines Pre-Tournament Date: 03 Dec 2026 Tournament Dates: 04–08 Dec 2026 (<i>TBC</i>)	To determine 2 Asia slots for World Cup 2027 Note: World Cup 2027 <i>Places: Havlickuv Brod & Lednice, Czechia</i> <i>Dates: 25 Apr–03 May 2027</i>

No.	Tournament / Event	Place & Dates for Event	Remarks
7.	Women Softball World Cup – Group Stage 2026	Places & Dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group A – Prague & Havlickuv, Czechia (16 – 20 Jun 2026) ○ Canada, Chinese Taipei, Italy, Cuba, Australia, Czechia. • Group B – Lima, Peru (14 – 18 Jul 2026) ○ Japan, Puerto Rico, Great Britian, Peru, Venezuela, Uganda. • Group C – Oklahoma City, USA (12 – 16 Sep 2026) ○ USA, Netherlands, China, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa. 	3 Asia slots were determined in Asia Cup 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japan • China • Chinese Taipei <p>(Note: SA applied for Wild Vard – Replacement Card for Team Philippines if there are any withdrawals from the listed teams)</p>
8.	Baseball5 World Cup 2026	Place: San Juan, Puerto Rico Tournament Dates: <i>TBD</i>	3 Asia slots to be determined in Asia Cup 2026
9.	20th Asian Games 2026 Aichi Nagoya (Men Baseball competition) (Women Softball competition)	Place: Aichi–Nagoya Asian Games Dates: 19 Sep – 04 Oct 2026 AG Opening Ceremony: 19 Sep 2026 AG Closing Ceremony: 04 Oct 2026 Women Softball Place: Anjo City Pre-Competition Team Managers Meeting: 24 Sep 2026 Women Softball Dates: 26 Sep – 03 Oct 2026	8 Qualified Eligible Teams were determined in Women Softball Asia Cup (Xi’an) 2025: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Japan 2. China 3. Chinese Taipei 4. Philippines 5. Korea 6. Hong Kong China 7. Singapore 8. Thailand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HOWEVER, participation subject to approval – consent of respective National Olympic Committee (NOC)
10.	4th Summer Youth Olympic Games 2026 Dakar – Baseball5	Place: Senegal, Dakar Opening Ceremony: 31 Oct 2026 Closing Ceremony: 13 Nov 2026 Baseball5 Competition Dates: 30 Oct – 03 Nov 2026	Qualification and participation criteria decided by IOC (International Olympic Committee), in consultation with WBSC, with host country having 1 slot.
11.	7th Softball Asia EXCO Meeting 2026	Place: Kuala Lumpur Malaysia Date: Dec 2026 (<i>TBD</i>)	For SA EXCO Officers & Invitees

Other Events for 2026:

- **WBSC – Asia Baseball5 Game Officials Refresher Seminar 2026**
- **WBSC – Asia Baseball5 Coaches Seminar 2026**
- **WBSC – SA Umpires Certification – Refresher Seminar 1 2026** (*New WBSC Official Rules of Softball 2026 - 2030*)
- **WBSC – SA Umpires Certification – Refresher Seminar 2 2026** (*New WBSC Official Rules of Softball 2026 - 2030*)

Events for 2027:

- **3rd Youth Baseball5 Asia Cup 2027 – World Cup (2027) Qualifier**
 - **Place:** *TBD*
 - **Dates:** *TBD*
- **U18 Women Softball Asia Cup 2027 – World Cup Group Stages (2028) Qualifier.**
 - **Place:** *TBD*
 - **Dates:** *TBD*
- **Men Softball Asia Cup 2027 – World Cup Group Stages (2028) Qualifier.**
 - **Place:** *TBD*
 - **Dates:** *TBD*
- **WBSC U18 Men Softball World Cup 2027**
 - **Place:** Havlickuv Brod & Lednice, Czechia
 - **Dates:** *TBD*
- **WBSC Women Softball World Cup Finals**
 - **Place:** Redcliffe, Queensland, Australia
 - **Dates:** 05 – 11 April 2027
- **WBSC U15 Women Softball World Cup Finals**
 - **Place:** *TBD*
 - **Dates:** *TBD*

Proposal

To consider and approve the SA Calendar of Events for 2026 – 2027 (SUBJECT to changes), with the awarding of the 2026 events and tournaments as proposed.

DECISION

The SA Congress unanimously approved the SA Calendar of Events for 2025 – 2026 (SUBJECT to changes), and approved-ratified the awarding of the following 2026 events and tournaments:

1. **3rd Baseball5 Asia Cup – World Cup Qualifier – 3 Asia slots)**
Place: Hong Kong China
Pre-Tournament Meeting: 26 March 2026
Tournament Dates: 27 – 31 March 2026
(*Final dates will depend on the number of participating teams*)

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2. **U15 Women Softball Asia Cup 2026 – World Cup Qualifier – 2 Asia slots)**
Place: Weihai, China
Pre-Tournament Meeting: 11 October 2026
Tournament Dates: 12 – 17 October 2026 (*TBC*)
(Final dates will depend on the number of participating teams)
3. **5th Asian Universities Women Softball Asia Cup 2026**
Place: Puli – Nantou, TPE
Pre-Tournament Meeting: 21 October 2026
Tournament Dates: 22 – 26 October 2026 (*TBC*)
(Final dates will depend on the number of participating teams)
4. **U18 Men Softball Asia Cup 2026 – World Cup Qualifier – 2 Asia slots**
Place: Manila or Clark City, Philippines
Pre-Tournament Meeting: 03 December 2026
Tournament Dates: 04 – 08 December 2026 (*TBC*)
(Final dates will depend on the number of participating teams)
5. **Softball Asia Executive Council Meeting 02 / 2026 – 2030**
Place: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Date: December 2026 (*TBC*)
6. **WBSC – Asia Baseball5 Coaches Seminar 2026** (Date & Place *TBC*)
7. **Two (2) WBSC–SA Umpires Certification – Recertification Seminars 2026** (Date & Place *TBC*)
(New WBSC Official Rules of Softball 2026 - 2030)

11. PRESENTATION BY WBSC

WBSC Continental Liaison (Asia – Oceania) Executive Aki Huang made a PowerPoint presentation for the information of all attendees, and highlighted the following:

11.1 WBSC Grants for Continental Associations

- Grant given to each of the Continental Association (CA) to empower the respective CAs to decide on development projects to support.
- First grant given in 2019, and the total Grants given until 2025, to all CAs amounted to USD259,000.00.
- Grant given to Softball Asia in 2025: USD25,000.00.

11.2 WBSC Development Fund – Special Projects

- For B4B: Baseball for the Blind Project.

11.3 Olympic Solidarity Programmes by IOC (International Olympic Committee)

- Amount granted to WBSC Members – globally: USD1,190,165.00.
- Amount granted to Asia was lowest for 2021 – 2025: USD23,197.00.
 - 2021: USD12,176.00.
 - 2022 – 2023: --
 - 2024: USD11,021.00.
 - 2025: --
- New 2025 – 2028 Olympic Solidarity Budget for:
 - World Programs: USD266 million (41%).
 - Continental Programs: USD222 million (34%).
 - IOC Subsidies for NOCs participation in the Olympic Games (OG) and Youth Olympic Games (YOG): USD119 million (18%).
 - Technical Support Services & Administration: USD43 million (7%).
- Olympic Solidarity Programs:
 - Athletes & Sport Development, such as:
 - ❖ Team Support Grant.
 - ❖ Development of National Sport System.
 - ❖ Youth Athlete Development – Identification & Training.
 - ❖ Youth Athlete Development – YOG Qualification.
 - ❖ Technical Courses for Coaches & Athletes (Four / six per year).
- Application Process – through the respective NOCs. All National Federations were encouraged to contact their respective NOCs on the matter.

11.4 WBSC Academy: Two (2) dedicated areas

- Open Area – open to everyone through the WBSC website.
- Reserved Area – available to all WBSC Members – National Federations (NFs) through the MyWBSC System.
- WBSC Academy Online Courses
 - Only Members – NFs can register Academy Users.

11.5 WBSC Licensing Programs for

- Coaches.
- Umpires.
- Technical Commissioners.
- Scorers.

11.6 WBSC Membership Updates

- WBSC has 192 NFs – Affiliate Members, 15 Associate Members, in 142 countries and territories globally.
- WBSC has in Asia, 39 NFs – Affiliated Members:
 - 13 Baseball (BB) only NFs, 9 Softball (SB) only NFs, 17 combined BB-SB NFs.
- There is a new WBSC Membership Webpage.
- There is a WBSC Member Handbook, available on the WBSC website.
- On MyWBSC System, there is a Reports & Assessment page.

11.7 General Updates

- WBSA Members – NFs were encouraged to:
 - Obtain / Maintain NOC recognition.
 - Add Baseball5, eSports, and para-Sports in their respective statutes / constitution.
 - Stay in constant / regular communication with the WBSA Membership Department, headed by Francesca Fabretto.

11.8 WBSA Departments / Contacts

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12. TO ELECT THE SA EXCO FOR THE NEW TERM 2026 – 2030

12.1 Appointment of Election Officer

12.1.1 SA President Low informed the delegates that the term of the current elected EXCO Members would end with this Congress, and that the EXCO Members for the new term 2026 – 2030 would be elected at this Congress.

12.1.2 She informed that the SA Secretariat had sent out the Call for Nominations on 19 November 2025, for the positions in the SA EXCO up for elections (namely, for Chairman, President First Vice President, Five (5) Vice President, and Secretary General), and the List of Nominated Candidates was as follows, with all candidates having completed the necessary declarations, confirmations and agreement for the elections, as at the close of nominations on 26 December 2025. She informed that based on the nominations received by the SA Secretariat, all the stated positions were uncontested:

Nominations for Elections to Softball Asia EXCO 2026 – 2030

<u>No.</u>	<u>Nomination Organization</u>	<u>Name of Nominee</u>	<u>Position Nominated</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1.	Chinese Taipei Softball Association (CTSA)	PAN Yi-Chuan	SA Chairman	Acceptance - Integrity Form ✓ (24 Dec 2025)
2.	2.1 Japan Softball Association (JSA) 2.2 Korea Baseball Softball Association (KBSA) 2.3 Softball Association of Malaysia (SAM) 2.4 Softball Association of Thailand (SBAT) 2.5 Amateur Association of Philippines (ASAPhil)	LOW Beng Choo	SA President	Acceptance - Integrity Form ✓ (26 Dec 2025)

<u>No.</u>	<u>Nomination Organization</u>	<u>Name of Nominee</u>	<u>Position Nominated</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
3.	Japan Softball Association (JSA)	Taeko UTSUGI	SA First Vice President	Acceptance - Integrity Form ✓ (25 Nov 2025)
4.	4.1 Korea Baseball Softball Association (KBSA)	KIM Eun Young	SA Vice President	Acceptance - Integrity Form ✓ (15 Dec 2025)
	4.2 Chinese Softball Association (CSA)	ZHENG Lu	SA Vice President	Acceptance - Integrity Form ✓ (26 Dec 2025)
	4.3 Softball Association of Thailand (SBAT)	Yotsakrai PHAINPANITPORN	SA Vice President	Acceptance - Integrity Form ✓ (20 Dec 2025)
	4.4 Amateur Association of Philippines (ASAPhil)	Jean Henri LHUILLIER	SA Vice President	Acceptance - Integrity Form ✓ (26 Dec 2025)
5.	5.1 Japan Softball Association (JSA) 5.2 Korea Baseball Softball Association (KBSA) 5.3 Softball Association of Malaysia (SAM) 5.4 Softball Association of Thailand (SBAT) 5.5 Amateur Association of Philippines (ASAPhil)	LIM Swee Gaik, Sally	SA Secretary General	Acceptance - Integrity Form ✓ (26 Dec 2025)

12.1.3 She informed that although all the elected positions were uncontested, the Congress would still have to appoint the Elections Officer to conduct and formalise the elections pursuant to Elections By-Laws. She presented the following person, who is a senior practicing lawyer based in Kuala Lumpur, for the consideration and approval of the Congress, for appointment as the independent Elections Officer:

- Dato' M. Rajasekaran.

Proposal

To consider and approve the appointment of the following as the Elections Officer to conduct and formalize the elections of the Softball Asia Executive Council Members for the new term 2026 – 2030:

- *Dato' M. Rajasekaran.*

DECISION

The SA Congress unanimously approved the appointment of the following as the Elections Officer to conduct and formalize the elections of the Softball Asia Executive Council Members for the new term 2026 – 2030:

- **Dato' M. Rajasekaran.**

12.1.4 SA President Low then requested all the SA EXCO Members to vacate his/her respective position, and handed over conduct of the Congress and elections to the Elections Officer, Dato' Rajasekaran.

All the SA EXCO Members vacated his/her respective positions. Dato' Rajasekaran took over conduct of the elections for the SA EXCO officials.

(The doors to the Meeting Room were closed and the Room secured, with no person or delegate allowed entry or exit during the entire voting process and procedure.)

12.2 Elections of the following office-bearers of the Softball Asia Executive Council

12.2.1 One (1) Chairman

12.2.2 One (1) President

12.2.3 One (1) First Vice President

12.2.4 Five (5) Vice Presidents

12.2.5 One (1) Secretary General

12.2.1 Election of One (1) SA Chairman

The Elections Officer, Dato' Rajasekaran, announced the "Election of the position of Softball Asia Chairman". He stated that there was only one (1) candidate for the post of Chairman, namely, Mr. Yi-Chuan PAN.

DECISION

With the confirmation by acclamation of the delegates of the Congress for the record, it was declared that Mr. Yi-Chuan PAN elected as the Softball Asia Chairman for the term 2026-2030.

12.2.2 Election of One (1) SA President

The Elections Officer, Dato' Rajasekaran, announced the "Election of the position of Softball Asia President". He stated that there was only one (1) candidate for the post of President, namely, Ms. (Dato') Beng Choo LOW.

DECISION

With the confirmation by acclamation of the delegates of the Congress for the record, it was declared Ms. (Dato') Beng Choo LOW elected as the Softball Asia President for the term 2026-2030.

12.2.3 Election of One (1) First Vice President

The Elections Officer, Dato' Rajasekaran, announced the "Election of the position of First Vice President". He stated that there was only one (1) candidate for the post of First Vice President, namely, Ms. Taeko UTSUGI.

DECISION

With the confirmation by acclamation of the delegates of the Congress for the record, it was declared Ms. Taeko UTSUGI elected as the Softball Asia First Vice President for the term 2026-2030.

12.2.4 Election of Five (5) Vice Presidents

The Elections Officer, Dato' Rajasekaran, announced the "Election of the position of Five (5) Vice Presidents". He stated that there were only four (4) candidates for the post of Five (5) Vice Presidents, namely:

- (1) Mr. ZHENG Lu Jimmy (CHN).
- (2) Ms. Eun-Young KIM (KOR).
- (3) Mr. Jean Henri LHUILLIER (PHI).
- (4) Mr. Yotsakrai PHAINPANITPORN (THA).

DECISION

With the confirmation by acclamation of the delegates of the Congress for the record, it was declared the following elected as the Softball Asia Four (4) Vice Presidents for the term 2026-2030:

- (1) **Mr. ZHENG Lu (CHN).**
- (2) **Ms. Eun-Young KIM (KOR).**
- (3) **Mr. Jean Henri LHUILLIER (PHI).**
- (4) **Mr. Yotsakrai PHAINPANITPORN (THA).**

12.2.5 Election of One (1) Secretary General

The Elections Officer, Dato' Rajasekaran, announced the "Election of the position of Secretary General". He stated that there was only one (1) candidate for the post of Secretary General, namely, Ms. Sally LIM Swee Gaik.

DECISION

With the confirmation by acclamation of the delegates of the Congress for the record, it was declared Ms. Sally LIM Swee Gaik elected as the Softball Asia Secretary General for the term 2026-2030.

12.3 The Elections Officer, Dato' Rajasekaran, handed back conduct of the Congress to the newly elected SA President Low. She took over conduct of the Congress and thanked Dato' Rajasekaran for the smooth formalization and conduct of the elections.

She also thanked the delegates of the Congress for their confidence in the newly elected SA EXCO officials for 2026 - 2030.

13. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS TO SERVE WITH THE SA EXCO FOR THE NEW TERM 2026 – 2030:

- 13.1 Confirmation of the Athletes' Representatives (one (1) male and one (1) female).
- 13.2 Softball Asia Advisor.
- 13.3 SA Joint Secretary (to be based at the Chairman's Office in TPE).
- 13.4 SA Umpires Director.
- 13.5 SA Scorers Director.
- 13.6 SA Technical Commissioners Director.
- 13.7 WBSC Asia Baseball5 Co-Chair.
- 13.8 WBSC Asia Baseball5 Game Officials Director.
- 13.9 One (1) internal auditor to serve for the term 2026-2030.

13.1 Confirmation of the Athletes' Representatives (one (1) male and one (1) female), and to serve on the SA EXCO 2026-2030

13.1.1 SA President Low informed that as at the close of nominations on 26 December 2025, there were no nominations received by the SA Secretariat for the Athletes' Representatives (one (1) male and one (1) female), to serve on the SA EXCO 2026-2030.

She stated that it was important to have the Athletes representation on the SA EXCO, as the Athletes' voice and views were very important in the SA EXCO's deliberations and decisions.

Proposal

13.1.2 SA President proposed the following two (2) athletes as the Athletes' Representatives for consideration and approval of the Congress delegates:

- Athletes' Representative (Male): Mr. Aloysius ONG Jun Heng (from Singapore – Men Softball athlete – he was the SA Athletes' Representative (Male) for the term 2022 – 2026).
- Athletes' Representative (Female): Ms. Ayako ROKKAKU (from Japan – Female Baseball5 athlete in view of the key role of SA in the promotion and development of Baseball5 in Asia – she is also on the WBSC Executive Board as the Athletes' Representative (Female) for the term 2026 – 2029).

DECISION

The SA Congress unanimously approved the appointments of the following as the Athletes; Representatives, and to serve on the SA EXCO for 2026-2030.

- Athletes' Representative (Male): Mr. Aloysius ONG Jun Heng (from Singapore – Men Softball Athlete).
- Athletes' Representative (Female): Ms. Ayako ROKKAKU (from Japan – Female Baseball5 athlete).

13.2 Softball Asia Advisor, and to serve on the SA EXCO 2026-2030

SA President Low stated that under Article 15.4 of the SA Constitution, the EXCO may appoint any person eligible and beneficial to SA as advisor. She proposed that former JSA President, Mr. Yutaka Miyake, be appointed as an Advisor of Softball Asia and to serve on the SA EXCO for the term 2026-2030, in view of his vast knowledge and

experience, and the important role played by JSA in the development of Softball in Asia and globally, for consideration and approval of the Congress. She stated that he also served as SA Advisor for the term 2022 – 2025:

Article 15.4 The Executive Council shall be authorised to invite and appoint such person(s) whom in its sole opinion, is eligible and beneficial to Softball Asia, to be patron(s) and or advisor(s).

Proposal

To consider and approve the appointment of Mr. Yutaka MIYAKE as the Softball Asia Advisor, and to serve on the SA EXCO 2026-2030.

DECISION

The SA Congress unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Yutaka MIYAKE as the Softball Asia Advisor, and to serve on the SA EXCO 2026-2030.

13.3 SA Joint Secretary (to be based in the SA Chairman’s Office in TPE, and to serve the SA EXCO

SA President Low stated that it was important to continue the good communication between the SA Chairman and the SA Secretariat office, and in view of the busy schedule of the SA Chairman in his local county and in TPE, she proposed Mr. CHANG Chia Hsing, who is also the Secretary General of the Chinese Taipei Softball Association, be appointed as the SA Joint Secretary, to be based in the SA Chairman’s Office in TPE, and to serve on the SA EXCO 2026-2030, for the consideration, and approval of the Congress.

Proposal

To consider and approve the appointment of Mr. CHANG Chia Hsing as the SA Joint Secretary (to be based in the SA Chairman’s Office in TPE, and to serve on the SA EXCO 2026-2030.

DECISION

The SA Congress unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. CHANG Chia Hsing as the SA Joint Secretary (to be based in the SA Chairman’s Office in TPE), and to serve on the SA EXCO for the term 2026-2030.

13.4 SA Umpires Director, and to serve on the SA EXCO 2026-2030

13.5 SA Scorers Director, and to serve on the SA EXCO 2026-2030

13.6 SA Technical Commissioners Director, and to serve on the SA EXCO 2026-2030

SA President Low informed that it was important for SA to appoint the following Directors to serve the SA EXCO 2026-2030, to manage the various SA tournaments, events, and respective activities in the new term 2026 - 2030.

She informed the attendees of the Congress that the former Chair of the SA Competitions and Technical Committee, See Kok Wooi, had informed her and the SA Secretary

General Sally Lim, in person, that he needed to be excused from SA duties and responsibilities as he needed to attend to resolve issues relating to his overseas business and personal matters.

Proposal

She proposed the following appointments as the respective Directors, and to serve on the SA EXCO 2026-2030, for the consideration, and approval of the Congress delegates.

- *SA Umpires Director: ROSLI bin Ismail (from Malaysia) (he served in the past SA tournaments and events as Umpires Director.)*
- *SA Scorers Director: Morris KO Chun Cheung (From Hong Kong, China)(he served in the past SA tournaments and events as Scorers Director.)*
- *SA Technical Commissioners Director: WOO Jisuk (From Korea) (he served in the past SA tournaments and events as Technical Commissioner.)*

DECISION

The SA Congress unanimously approved the appointments of the respective Directors, and to serve on the SA EXCO 2026-2030:

- **SA Umpires Director: ROSLI bin Ismail (from Malaysia)**
- **SA Scorers Director: Morris KO Chun Cheung (From Hong Kong, China).**
- **SA Technical Commissioners Director: WOO Jisuk (From Korea).**

13.7 WBSC Asia Baseball5 Co-Chair, and to serve on the SA EXCO 2026-2030

13.8 WBSC Asia Baseball5 Game Officials Director, and to serve on the SA EXCO 2026-2030

SA President Low informed that it was important for SA to appoint the following to serve on WBSC Asia Baseball5, to assist SA in managing Asia Baseball5 tournaments, events, and activities, and to serve the SA EXCO 2026-2030.

She reminded the attendees that Asia Baseball5 was a joint venture project between Baseball Federation of Asia (BFA) and SA, with the mutual agreement that SA would organize and manage Asia Baseball5 tournaments, events, and activities. She confirmed that in alignment with that agreement, she would continue to serve as the WBSC Asia Baseball5 – Asia Baseball5 Chair.

Proposal

She proposed the following appointments, and for them to serve on the SA EXCO 2026-2030, for the consideration, and approval of the Congress delegates.

- *WBSC Asia Baseball5 Chair: Beng Choo LOW (SA)*
- *WBSC Asia Baseball5 Co-Chair: Eason WANG Yu-Sheng (nominated by from Baseball Federation of Asia (BFA)/ Chinese Taipei Baseball Association (CTBA), and the previous WBSC Asia Baseball5 Co-Chair).*
- *WBSC Asia Baseball5 Game Officials Director: NOR HAJAR bte Abd Hamid (from Malaysia) (she served in the past WBSC Asia – SA Baseball5 tournaments and events as Game Officials Director.)*

DECISION

The SA Congress unanimously approved the appointments of the following, and for them to serve on the SA EXCO 2026-2030:

- **WBSC Asia Baseball5 Chair – Asia Baseball5: Beng Choo LOW (SA)**
- **WBSC Asia Baseball5 – Asia Baseball5 Co-Chair: Eason WANG Yu-Sheng (from Baseball Federation of Asia (BFA) / Chinese Taipei Baseball Association (CTBA)).**
- **WBSC Asia Baseball5 Game Officials Director: NOR HAJAR bte Abd Hamid (from Malaysia).**

13.9 One (1) internal auditor to serve for the term 2026-2030

13.9.1 SA President Low informed that under Articles 7.8.11 and 14.1 of the SA Constitution, the Congress is to appoint an internal auditor to audit the accounts of the SA.

Article 7.8 The agenda of the Congress meetings shall include:

7.8.11 Appointment of one (1) internal auditor, if applicable.

Article 14.1 The account books of Softball Asia shall, where necessary, be audited annually by an internal auditor appointed by the Congress of the Executive Council.

13.9.2 She proposed that the out-going SA internal auditor, Mr. Willeam MAH Choon How, who is also the President of the Softball Association of Malaysia, and is based in Kuala Lumpur, where the SA office is located (and therefore cost-effective and convenient to carry out the task), be appointed as the internal auditor of SA for the term 2026-2030.

Proposal

To consider and approve the appointment of Mr. Willeam MAH Choon How as the SA internal auditor of the SA accounts for the term 2026-2030.

DECISION

The SA Congress unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Willeam MAH Choon How as the SA internal auditor of the Softball Asia accounts for the term 2026-2030.

13.10 SA President reminded the Congress that at the Joint SA EXCO – SA Extraordinary Congress held on 17 October 2025, in Bangkok Thailand (in conjunction with the WBSC Congress 2025), Mr. Yotsakrai Art PHAINPANITPORN (Thailand), was elected as the SA Continental Representative to serve on the WBSC Executive Board for 2026 – 2029.

13.11 The Congress took note of the results of the elections and appointments as follows:

Softball Asia Executive Council 2026 – 2030

Chairman:	Mr. Yi-Chuan PAN	TPE
President:	Dato' (Ms.) Beng Choo LOW	MAS
First Vice President:	Ms. Taeko UTSUGI	JPN
Vice Presidents:	1. Mr. Jean Henri LHUILLIER	PHI
	2. Mr. Yotsakrai Art PHAINPANITPORN	THA
	3. Ms. Eun Young KIM	KOR
	4. Mr. Jimmy Lu ZHENG	CHN
Secretary-General:	Ms. Sally Swee Gaik LIM	MAS
Joint Secretary:	Mr. Chia Hsing CHANG	TPE
Advisor:	Mr. Yutaka MIYAKE	JPN
Athletes Representative – Male:	Mr. Aloysius Jun Heng ONG	SGP
Athletes Representative – Female:	Ms. Ayako ROKKAKU	JPN

Directors 2026 – 2030

SA Scorers' Director:	Mr. Morris Chun Cheung KO	HKG
SA Technical Commissioners' Director:	Mr. Jisuk WOO	KOR
SA Umpires' Director:	Mr. ROSLI Ismail	MAS

WBSC Asia Baseball5

Chair:	Dato' (Ms,) Beng Choo LOW	SA
Co-Chair:	Mr. Eason Yu-Sheng WANG	BFA/CTBA
Baseball5 Game Officials Director:	Ms. HOR HAJAR Abd. Hamid	MAS

SA Internal Auditor: Mr. Willeam Choon How MAH MAS

14. NOTICE OF MOTIONS, IF ANY

There was no notice of motions received by the SA Secretariat to be tabled for discussion at this Congress.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 National Federation Reports

SA President Low informed that the respective Reports for the following National Federations were received by the SA Secretariat, and copies have been included in the Meeting documents package, for information of all delegates:

- Brunei Amateur Baseball and Softball Association.
- Bhutan Baseball and Softball Association.
- Chinese Softball Association.
- Softball Association of India.
- Iraqi Baseball and Softball Association.
- Japan Softball Association.
- Korea Baseball Softball Association.
- Amateur Softball Association of the Philippines.
- Singapore Baseball & Softball Association.
- Chinese Taipei Softball Association.

15.2 Update on the Women Softball competition in the 20th Asian Games Aichi-Nagoya

2026

- 15.2.1 SA President Low reminded the eight (8) qualified – eligible teams, namely, CHN, HKG, JPN, KOR, PHI, SGP, THA, and TPE, to continue to keep in close communication, and cooperation, with their respective NOCs to ensure that all deadlines for submission of registration and documents are complied with, for participation in the Asian Games 2026 Aichi-Nagoya.
- 15.2.2 She circulated a proposal of the competition schedule to the representatives of the eight (8) eligible teams, and requested them to give their views, by the end of February 2026. She stated that although views would be considered, it would not be practical to expect that all requests for changes to the schedule would be met.
- 15.2.3 She informed that although the Softball competition venue would be in Anjo City, about 40 – 45 km from Nagoya city, and about 45 – 60 minutes by road, she had requested for the Athletes – Participating Teams, and Technical Officials, to be housed in Nagoya city for a better Asian Games – Multi-sports event experience.
- 15.2.4 She also informed that at the previous Asian Games Technical Delegates Meeting held in July 2025, she inspected the proposed Athletes – Teams hotel by the Asian Games Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Organizing Committee (AINAGOC), and found that the conditions and suitability of the rooms and facilities were, in her considered view, not acceptable nor appropriate for our Asia world-class Softball athletes. She informed that she had written to AINAGOC and also OCA (Olympic Council of Asia) for a change of the Athletes – Teams hotel, and was awaiting for an update.
- 15.2.5 Japan Softball Association (JSA) staff-in-charge, Tomohiro Hisaka, informed the attendees that JSA was looking into the matter, and proposing a hotel change as requested by SA President.

15.3 Update on Softball World Cups 2026 – 2027

SA President Low requested the delegates to take note the following 2026 – 2027 Softball World Cups - events:

- **U23 Men Softball World Cup 2026**
(Asia slots were determined in Asia Cup 2025: Japan and Singapore)
Place: Sincelejo, Colombia
Pre-Tournament Date: 24 Apr 2026
Tournament Dates: 25 Apr – 03 May 2026
- **Women Softball World Cup – Group Stage 2026**
(3 Asia slots were determined in Asia Cup 2025: Japan, China, Chinese Taipei)
 - **Group A** – Prague & Havlickuv, Czechia
Dates: 16 – 20 Jun 2026
Teams: Canada, Chinese Taipei, Italy, Cuba, Australia, Czechia.
 - **Group B** – Lima, Peru
Dates: 14 – 18 Jul 2026
Teams: Japan, Puerto Rico, Great Britian, Peru, Venezuela, Uganda.
 - **Group C** – Oklahoma City, USA
Dates: 12 – 16 Sep 2026
Teams: USA, Netherlands, China, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa.
- **Baseball5 World Cup 2026**

(3 Asia slots to be determined in Asia Cup 2026)

Place: San Juan, Puerto Rico

Tournament Dates: TBD

- **WBSC U18 Men Softball World Cup 2027**
Place: Havlickuv Brod & Ledenice, Czechia
Dates: TBD
- **WBSC Women Softball World Cup Finals 2027**
Place: Redcliffe, Queensland, Australia
Dates: 05 – 11 April 2027
- **WBSC U15 Women Softball World Cup 2027**
Place & Tournament Dates: TBD

15.4 Saudi Arabia Baseball Softball Federation

Mr. Abdulrahman AlSheri, the Chief Executive Officer of the Saudi Arabia Baseball Softball Federation (SABSF) informed that SABSF was prepared to take a more active role in the development activities in Asia, particularly in Baseball5.

15.5 Iraq Baseball Softball Federation

Iraq Baseball Softball President Mr. Ali Baldawi requested SA President to continue efforts to obtain the inclusion of Baseball5 in multi-sports events, such as the Asian Games, and Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games.

15.6 Softball Federation of Pakistan

Softball Federation of Pakistan Senior Vice President Dr. Farhan Essa ABDULLA offered SPF's assistance for the SA website.

15.7 Softball Association of India


Softball Association of India Secretary General Pravin Anaokar informed that they were trying to coordinate Baseball5 events and activities in India.

16. ADJOURNMENT

16.1 SA President Ms. Low thanked all delegates and attendees for attending this Congress. She also thanked WBSC Asia & Oceania Continental Liaison Aki Huang for her services in assisting the NFs for Asia. She recorded appreciation to the SA Secretariat, and all those involved in the meeting set-ups, and logistics, to ensure the smooth and successful conclusion of the Congress. She wished everyone and their families good health, and to continue to stay well and safe. She requested everyone to continue to support each other and the SA, in the best interests of further future development of Softball and Baseball5 in Asia as she said, the strength was in Asian unity and cooperation.

16.2 There being no other matters, the meeting was adjourned at 12.55 p.m., with a vote of thanks to the Chair of the meeting.

Minutes confirmed by:



DATO' LOW BENG CHOO
President, Softball Asia

Date: 27 January 2026