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2022 BFA Ordinary & Extraordinary Congress Minutes

Date: Jul. 3. 2022 09:30AM

Location: Taipei Marriott Hotel

Attendees:

President	Mr. Tom Peng (TPE)
Vice President	Mr. Chen Xu (CHN), Mr. Yang, Hae Young (KOR), Mr. Masatake Yamanaka(JPN)
Member at Large	Mr. Syed Fakhar Ali Shah (PAK)
Secretary General	Mr. Lin, Hua-Wei(TPE)
Representatives of Member Federations	Mr. Liton Sarker (BAG) Mr. Dara Chhem (CAM), Ms. Nicky To (HKG), Mr. Harish Kumar (IND), Mr. Houman Mansourian (IRI), Mr. Ali Abdulhussein Jasim (IRQ), Mr. Yuji Nagakubo (JPN), Mr. Lee, Chong Hoon (KOR), Mr. Abdulrahman Alshehri (KSA), Mr. Bounheng Southichak (LAO), Mr. Sazali Bin Husain (MAS), Mr. Dipak Neupane (NEP), Mr. Jose Antonio Munoz (PHI), Mr. Ahmed A. A. Tafesh (PLE), Ms. Foo Pei (SGP), Mr. Weligodage Saneth Sanka (SRI), Mr. Jeffrey Koo Jr. (TPE), Mr. Vutichai Udomkarnjananan (THA)
Commissions	Ms. Hiroko Yamada(JPN)
Honorary Guest	Mr. Riccardo Fraccari (WBSC)
Observer	Miss. Jiaren Chen (CHN), Mr. Harish Kumar Bhardwaj (IND), Mr. Kashif Rana (IRI), Mr. Farhad Eshvandi (IRI), Mr. Ali Abdulwahid Lazim Al-Hilfi (IRQ), Mr. Atsushi Nagamata (JPN), Mr. Mr. Minjun Cho (KOR), Mr. Bivek Subedi (NEP), Mr. Chaiwat Chaiwannachhinda (THA), Mr. Roger Kao (TPE), Mr. Richard Lin (TPE), Eason Wang (TPE), Howard Lai (TPE), Mr. Calvin Yeh (TPE), Mr. Ken Huang (TPE), Mr. Chris Day (TPE), Mr. Elle Tseng (TPE), Mavis Liao (TPE), Mr. Tim Tseng (TPE),

1) Roll Call

President Mr. Tom Peng named each member by alphabetical order and 20 out of 29 members countries/regions constitute a quorum.

2) BFA president's greeting

3) WBSC president's greeting

4) Reviews

- a. Review of the last Executive Meeting's minutes (Feb. 18, 2019, Taipei)
-Unanimously approved

b. 2019-2021 BFA Events

2019 Events

a. **XIV BFA West Asia Baseball Cup**

- Location: Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Competition Period: July 15-20, 2019
- Participating Federations: Bangladesh, India, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
- Final Standing: (1) Sri Lanka, (2) Pakistan, (3) India

b. **2019 X BFA U15 Baseball Championship**

- Location: Shenzhen, China
- Competition Period: August 18-24, 2019
- Participants: China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Chinese Taipei.
- Final Standing: (1) Japan (2) Chinese Taipei (3) Korea (4) China

c. **2019 XXIX BFA Asian Baseball Championship**

- Location: Taichung, Taiwan
- Competition Period: October 14-20, 2019
- Participants: China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Chinese Taipei.
- Final Standing: (1) Chinese Taipei (2) Japan (3) China (4) Korea

d. **2019 II BFA Women's Baseball Asian Cup**

- Location: Zhongshan, China
- Competition Period: November 9-14, 2019
- Participants: China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Pakistan, Philippines, Chinese Taipei.
- Final Standing: (1) Japan (2) Chinese Taipei (3) Philippines (4) China

e. **2019 BFA Umpire Clinic**

- Location: Manila, Philippines.
- Event Period: September, 2019
- Participants: 8 international umpires, 17 local umpires

f. **2019 SEA Games**

- Location: Philippines
- Event Period: December 2-8, 2019
- Participants: Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand
- Final Standing: (1) Philippines (2) Thailand (3) Indonesia

2020-2021 Events

- a. **2020 BFA 11th U12 Baseball Championship**
 - *Cancelled*
- b. **2020 BFA 13th U18 Baseball Championship**
 - *Cancelled*
- c. **2020 BFA 13th East Asia Cup**
 - *Cancelled*
- d. **2021 BFA 15th West Asia Cup**
 - *Postponed*
- e. **2021 BFA 11th U15 Baseball Championship**
 - *Cancelled*
- f. **2021 BFA 30th Asian Baseball Championship**
 - *Cancelled*
- g. **2021 BFA 1st University Baseball Championship**
 - *Cancelled*
- h. **2021 BFA 3rd Women's Baseball Asia Cup**
 - *Postponed*
- i. **2021 BFA Coach Clinic**
 - *Cancelled*
- j. **2021 BFA Umpire Clinic**
 - *Cancelled*
- k. **2021 BFA Scorer Clinic**
 - *Cancelled*
- l. **BFA— Fundamental Baseball Skills Videos**
 - The Five series of video have been posted on YouTube and sent the links to all BFA members

-Unanimously approved



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3. 2019-2021 BFA Closing Budget

-Unanimously approved

4. Membership Report

a. Membership fee:

The membership fee is two hundred dollars a year. The reason for this requirement is not actually a financial issue, because the act of paying a membership fee provides your intention and care to be one part of the BFA family.

b. Suspend:

There are four countries owning membership fees for more than nine years, and they have been losing contact since 2017. Therefore, BFA decided to suspend their membership until they reconnect with us and deal with the debts.

- Baseball And Softball Federation of The Republic of Kazakhstan
- Baseball And Softball Association of DPR Korea
- Brunei Amateur Softball & Baseball Association
- Uzbekistan Baseball Association

-Unanimously approved

5. 2022 Budget Draft

-Unanimously approved

5) Reports

1. Announcement of New Member Federations

a. New Members:

- Bangladesh Baseball-Softball Association
- Bhutan Baseball & Softball Association
- Palestine Baseball & Softball Federation
- Saudi Baseball and Softball Federation

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2. Amendment to BFA Constitution

2020 BFA Constitution amendments approved by Executive Committee



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a. DISCRIMINATION (New)

Section 22 – DISCRIMINATION

Clause 22

BFA shall not allow any discrimination against Member Federations, Associations or Organizations or individuals (athletes, officials, umpires, delegates, and the like) on the grounds of race, national origin, sex, color, religion, sexual orientation, ancestry, disability, or political affiliation.

-Unanimously approved

b. DISPUTES (New)

Section 23 – DISPUTES

Clause 23.1 Disciplinary Proceedings by National Federations

23.1.1

BFA recognizes the jurisdiction and right of a National Federation and the sport to discipline or disqualify in its own territory and its own sport any person in accordance with the rules of that National Federation or sport, in accordance with the obligations of that National Federation or sport to provide a full and fair opportunity for such person to be present, to be heard, to be represented by counsel and to appeal any such decision.

23.1.2

Subject to these Constitution, an applicable code and applicable law, a National Federation shall have the right to discipline or disqualify a foreign person that, in a BFA competition sanctioned by that National Federation, violates the rules of that National Federation. After a final determination is made and a decision is made to discipline or disqualify the person, the decision shall be provided to BFA and the National Federation to which the person belongs. All National Federations and BFA shall abide by the final determination (if appealed, a determination is not final unless and until affirmed on appeal). Should that foreign person contest any such decision of that National Federation, that person has the right to appeal such decision to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (“CAS”) under the applicable rules of CAS. The decision of the CAS shall be final. c) BFA may discipline or disqualify any person for any offense, which is a violation of these Constitution or a Code, pursuant to Section 8 of these Articles of Association.

23.1.3

BFA may discipline or disqualify any person for any offense, which is a violation of



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these Constitution or a Code, pursuant to Section 8 of these Articles of Association.

Clause 23.2 - Dispute Resolution

23.2.1 A complaint seeking a disciplinary ruling may be brought by the Executive Board, any National Federation or any Continental Association arising out of an act or omission that involves a matter under these Constitution or a Code, or arising out of a BFA competition that is not otherwise provided for in these Constitution or a Code. All complaints shall be in writing, state the matter of concern, accompanied by any supporting documentation, and a list of witnesses or other persons having information on which the complaining party wants to rely. Resolution of that complaint is be governed by Section 8 of these Constitution.

23.2.2

A complaint for dispute resolution may not be filed with WBSC unless and until all available administrative remedies provided by any other organization with authority over such complaint are exhausted.

23.2.2

The sole and exclusive means for dispute resolution shall be as provided for in these Constitution

-Unanimously approved

c. Code of Ethics (New)

-Unanimously approved

d. Tournament Regulation (New)

i. Amendment to the TQB of BFA all level Tournament Rules and Regulation

C11. TIE BREAKING

All ties after the preliminary round will be settled as follows (in order):

The standing of the teams after the round robin shall be according to the win-loss record of all the games played. All ties after Opening Round, Super Round and Finals shall be settled in the order of the following list. That is, if criteria (1) does not break the tie, then it is no longer considered the criteria capable of breaking the tie, and the next criteria (2) will be used. This logic continues through the list, in order, until the tie is broken:

(1) The team that won the game(s) between the teams tied shall be given the higher



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position.

- (2) Team's Quality Balance (TQB) and win-loss records in games between the teams tied.

Note: If three or more teams are tied and when criterion 1 does not break a tie, the team with the highest TQB will be placed in the first spot. The TQB is calculated as follows: (runs scored / innings played at bat) – (runs allowed /innings playing on defense). For a three-way tie and when the TQB is needed to break the tie, the TQB will place all three teams from highest to lowest placing.

- (3) The team that has the best Earned-Runs Team's Quality Balance (ER-TQB).
(4) Highest batting average in games between the teams tied.
(5) A coin flip.

Six Examples of the application of the Tie Breaker Criteria.

Scenario 1:

Game 1: Team A - Team B 5 - 4 Game 2: Team D - Team E 9 - 1

Standings after single round robin:

Team A	3 Won, 1 Lost	*
Team B	3 Won, 1 Lost	*
Team C	2 Won, 2 Lost	
Team D	1 Won, 3 Lost	*
Team E	1 Won, 3 Lost	**

* Criterion 1: Team A finishes higher than Team B, because of the result of game 1.

** Criterion 1: Team D finishes higher than Team E, because of the result of game 2.

Scenario 2:

Game 1: Team A – Team B 5 – 4 (8 1/3 innings)

Game 2: Team C – Team A 2 – 0 (8 2/3 innings)

Game 3: Team B – Team C 8 – 2 (8 1/3 innings)

Standings after single round robin:

Team A 3 Won, 1 Lost *

Team B 3 Won, 1 Lost *

Team C 3 Won, 1 Lost *



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- * *Criterion 1: No decision between any of the teams A, B and C.*
- * *Criterion 2: Team B has the highest TQB, followed by Team A and Team C. Therefore, Team B is 1st place, Team A is 2nd place and Team C is 3rd place.*

Team B: 12 runs scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.706; 7 runs allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.412 **TQB = 0.294**

Team A: 5 runs scored in 17 offensive innings = 0.294; 6 runs allowed in 17.67 defensive innings = 0.339 **TQB = -0.045**

Team C: 4 runs scored in 17.67 offensive innings = 0.226; 8 runs allowed in 17 defensive innings = 0.471 **TQB = -0.244**

-Unanimously approved

ii. Discuss the proposition of amendment to Tournament Rules and Regulation of West Asia Cup and East Asia Cup

The qualifiers for Asian Champion in West Asian countries will depend on the round of the Senior Asian Baseball Championship that is played in East Asia and West Asia. Out of which four teams qualify for the championship. One is the event winning team, and the other is the host team. It is requested that the top two teams of the tournament qualify instead of the host team. If the qualifying round cannot be held, the teams should qualify for the Asian Baseball Championship on the basis of ranking.

-Unanimously approved

iii. Playing Rules and Pace of Play

The BFA Executive Board has established a number of innings for each BFA tournaments as mentioned below:

Tournament	Innings
BFA U-12 Baseball Championship	6 innings
BFA U-15 Baseball Championship	7 innings
BFA U-18 Baseball Championship	7 innings
BFA Women’s Baseball Asian Cup	7 innings

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iv. Establishment of I BFA University Baseball Championship Tournament Rules and Regulation

A1.12

- A) To be eligible for the XXXX UNIVERSUTY BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, a player



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must be born between XXXX/01/01 to XXXX/12/31. The age between 18-25 years old.

- B) Be a student who is currently officially registered as proceeding towards a degree or diploma at a university or similar institute whose status is recognized by the appropriate national academic authority of his country (region).
- C) Be a former student of an institution mentioned in (B) who has obtained the academic degree or diploma in the years preceding the event.

A3.4. The participating team's official Delegations will be composed of:

Players	22
Coaches	4
Delegation Head	1
Team Doctor/ Physiotherapist	1
Umpire	1
Max. total:	29

A5. DOPING CONTROL

Preliminary phase: at least one game from each group each day with two players selected per team. The intention in the preliminary phase is to test each team at least once and preferably twice. However, such testing shall be limited to up to 2 games per day. Two players per team will be selected from all quarter final, semifinal and final games.

A6. 9. All-Star Team (one for each position, unless noted):

- Best Starting Pitcher - Plaque
- Best Relief Pitcher - Plaque
- Catcher - Plaque
- First baseman Plaque
- Second baseman - Plaque
- Third baseman - Plaque
- Shortstop - Plaque
- Outfielder (3) - Plaque
- Designated hitter – Plaque

B7. COMPETITION SYSTEM

6-Team Format

Round-robin Competition

1 group of 6 Teams, will play all vs. all, with top 4 teams from the group advancing to the Final. In case of a tie, see tie-breaking system.



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Finals

The teams will play in the Final Round in the following manner:

- 1st and 2nd places after the First Round will play Gold medal game;
- 3rd and 4th places after the First Round will play Bronze medal game.

Designated Hitter

C7.2. The designated hitter shall be accepted.

Run difference Rule

C7.6. If a team is losing by fifteen (15) or more runs after having batted at least in five (5) innings, the game is ended at that point. If a team is losing by ten (10) or more runs after having batted at least in seven (7) innings, the game is ended at that point. However, mercy rules will not apply to the Championship game while it is enforced for the bronze medal game.

-Unanimously approved

3. 2022 BFA Tournaments

- a. 2021 XV BFA West Asia Cup - Report by PFB

PFB had hosted three BFA events in Pakistan, the West Asian countries are used to it. Because of COVID-19, it should have been held by Iran but unfortunately the pandemic is occurred. PFB would like to host the XV West Asia Cup in Lahore, Pakistan around end of the October or the first week of November. Lahore is the place where the previous WAC host, so the field is suitable for hosting WAC. As the president of PFB, we invite West Asian families can participate in this edition of WAC.

Report by Mr. Ali Shah

- b. 2021 XI BFA U15 Championship - Report by BFA
c. 2022 XI BFA U12 Championship - Report by BFA

Due to COVID-19, many BFA's events were postponed and then canceled. We all understand that Asian countries are behind the whole process of the pandemic for some reasons, it causes various difficulties to hosting the event, such as lockdown, travel restrictions, and the vaccine issues for teenagers. That is, finding a potential



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host is hard enough, yet the governments of the participants require quarantine after the tournament, which makes participating in the tournament costly. Therefore, considering safety and health is the BFA's priority, so we made the hard decision to cancel these events [BFA U15 Championship and BFA U12 Championship]. Nevertheless, BFA would like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude to the Iranian baseball association that intended to host the last West Asian Cup despite this situation of the pandemic.

Report by BFA

d. 2022 XIII BFA U18 Championship - Report by BFA

This event is a highly competitive tournament, many previous participants went to play in the professional leagues such as MLB, NPB, KBO, and CPBL. BFA had canceled the last edition of U18 last year, we will try to find out the potential host to get this event done this year. That is, because it is the qualifier for the U18 world cup next year in Taipei. There are three spots in the Asian region, so we are trying to host the event instead of using the ranking system. BFA will do everything possible because it is the similar situation to the U12 and U15 championships.

Report by BFA

e. 2022 III BFA Women's Baseball Cup - Report by BFA

One of the tournaments that is presenting is the women's baseball championship, which will be held this year or early in the next year. One of the urgent reasons is that WBSC has changed the Women's baseball world cup system, that world cup is held every four years. Therefore, the BFA has to host this event before this world, unless the next BFA women's baseball championship will be held in 2025. That is too long for hosting this event.

Report by BFA

f. 2022 XIII BFA East Asia Cup - Report by BFA

This tournament has been canceled many times because it is really difficult to find a host. These East Asian countries refer to the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Cambodia, Singapore etc. We hope these countries from South Asia can work together and find a way to host, and BFA will try to do as much as possible to assist



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you. We cannot continue to adopt the ranking system to decide the qualifiers from this region for the Asian Championship.

Report by BFA

g. 2022 XIX Hangzhou Asian Games - Report by BFA

Asian Games, hosted every four years, is the hugest event in the world. BFA encourages all members to participate, to do so you have to contact your Olympic committee to include you in the delegation in the Hangzhou Asian Games. This event was supposed to be hosted in September this year, but it was postponed to next year due to COVID-19.

As we know, the OCA announced the postponement in the last few days. HANGOC has received 13 countries/regions' participating form, and is still waiting for the final decision of the dates from OCA. Hence, we think that OCA will announce the new schedule in a couple of days

Report by BFA and CBA

II. Ordinary Congress

1) Award Ceremony

2) BFA Election for the New Executive Commission

The President:

Mr. Jeffrey Koo Jr. (Chinese Taipei Baseball Association)

The Vice Presidents:

Mr. Chen Xu (Chinese Baseball Association)

Mr. Masatake Yamanaka (Baseball Federation of Japan)

Mr. Syed Fakhar Ali Shah (Pakistan Federation Baseball)

The Member at Larges:

Mr. Andrew Fan (Hong Kong Baseball Association)

Mr. Houman Mansourian

(Islamic Republic of Iran Baseball & Softball Association)

Mr. Rod Tingzon (Chinese Baseball Association)



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a. Election result:

President: Jeffrey Koo Jr.– Only one candidate for this position

Vice President:

Elected	Candidates	Votes
V	Mr. Chen Xu (CHN)	14
	Mr. Chong Hoon Lee (KOR)	8
V	Mr. Masatake Yamanaka (JPN)	19
V	Mr. Fakhar Ali Shah (PAK)	17

Member at Larges:

Elected	Candidates	Votes
V	Mr. Andrew Fan (HKG)	17
V	Mr. Houman Mansourian (IRA)	13
	Mr. Manne Nagarafa Krishnamurthy (IND)	8
V	Mr. Rod Tingzon (PHI)	15
	Mr. Vutichai Udomkarnjananan (THA)	6

III. Miscellaneous

BFA appoints Ms. Hiroko Yamada as director of Women’s baseball development committee, and Mr. Vutichai Udomkarnjananan as director of East Asian development committee.

IV. Next Meeting