

WBSC - World Baseball Softball Confederation



To improve their chance of returning into the Olympic program, IBAF (International Baseball Federation) and ISF (International Softball Federation) began talks about a unification process in 2011. 71% of the national federations voted for a common umbrella organization for baseball and softball on an extraordinary ISF Congress in 2012. As in a postal ballot (November / December 2012), a majority of the IBAF associations had also voted for unification, this plan was continued rapidly.

Already on Dec 17, 2012, the presidents of IBAF and ISF presented the name of the new association **World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC)**. The WBSC was represented by the two equal co-presidents and the secretary general of ISF.

The inaugural congress of the new merged federation took place in Hammamet TUN in May 2014.

2014: 139 member federations

2020: 161 member federations

Presidents

17.12.2012 - 14.05.2014 Riccardo Fraccari ITA - IBAF & Don E. Porter USA - ISF
14.05.2014 - Riccardo Fraccari ITA

Secretaries General

17.12.2012 - Low Beng Choo MAS

Player of the Year

	Baseball	Softball
2014	Ayami SATO JPN	Yukiko UENO JPN
2015	Shohei OTANI JPN	Sean CLEARY CAN
2016	Loidel CHAPELLÍ CUB	Jessica MOORE USA
2017	Triston CASAS USA	Nathan NUKUNUKU NZL
2018	Cody SCHRIER USA	Haylie Ann McCLENEY USA
2019	Robert HASSELL USA	Hikaru MATSUDA JPN
2020	<i>not awarded</i>	Hitto NAGAYOSHI JPN
2021	Tetsuto YAMADA JPN	Yamato FUJITA JPN
2022	Bryce ELDRIDGE USA	Marshall KRONK AUS
2023	Ren OGATA JPN	Ryuki TSUDA JPN
2024	CHEN Chieh-Hsien TPE	Yukiko UENO JPN
2025	Coleman BORTHWIK USA	Liam POTTS NZL