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2026 WBSC Technical Officials Licensing Programmes in Hong Kong & China Event Outline

Organizer	World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC)
Host	The Baseball Association of Hong Kong, China (BAHKC)
Funding Body	Leisure and Cultural Services Department, HKSAR (LCSD)
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The WBSC developed licensing programmes for coaches, umpires, technical commissioners and scorers for baseball and softball, with the intention to establish – with the necessary support from all parties – recognized international standards of certification. The licensing programmes will serve as a reference point for an adequate evaluation of the general level of coaches and officials within each country and continent. Therefore, a great assessment tool for tailoring development projects based on objective strengths and weaknesses of each category compared to corresponding levels in the rest of the world. The implementation of the WBSC Licensing Programmes will encourage the organic growth of the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National coaching programmes; Overall level of the umpires, scorers and TCs; General development of the sport. <p>To attend a licensing course all participants are requested to pay the related fee to WBSC.</p> <p>Applications for on-site clinics shall be submitted by the Organisation Member to the WBSC through the relevant continental liaison, providing all the necessary information on the requested course.</p> <p>Applications for online courses must be validated by the relevant National Federation by, first, confirming the fulfilment of the requested requirements and, second, the creation – on behalf of the attendees – of the users’ profiles within the MyWBSC platform.</p>

Course	Licensing Course for Baseball Technical Commissioners (TCs)	Umpire Licensing Programme Level 1 Baseball	Scorer Licensing Programme for Baseball & Softball
Date	2026 April 4-7 (4 days)	2026 April 4-7 (4 days)	2026 April 3-7 (5 days)
Instructors	Jan Kuipers (NED) & Nicky To (HKG)	Carlos Rey (PUR) & Kelvin Bultron (PUR)	Roberto Saletti (ITA) & Cindy Chan (HKG)
Target participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential candidates should have knowledge of baseball rules and regulations. Candidates holding a baseball umpire and/or baseball scorer certificate are preferred. A good command of English is required, along with the ability to write well-organized reports. Candidates shall be nominated by the WBSC national member federations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local baseball umpires Participants shall be nominated by the WBSC national member federations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local scorers for baseball or softball Participants shall be nominated by the WBSC national member federations Participants must complete the online courses by 2026 March 15

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Venue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 4-6: Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, Causeway Bay, HONG KONG April 7: Zhongshan Park Baseball Stadium, Shenzhen, CHINA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 4-6: Shun Yeung Primary School, 30 On Chun Street, Ma On Shan, Shatin, N.T. HONG KONG April 7: Zhongshan Park Baseball Stadium, Shenzhen, CHINA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 3-6: Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, Causeway Bay, HONG KONG April 7: Zhongshan Park Baseball Stadium, Shenzhen, CHINA
Medium	English	English	English
Online course(s) via WBSC Academy	Highly recommended Licensing course for Baseball TCs - Level 1	Highly recommended Umpire Licensing Programme - Level 1 Baseball	<p>Mandatory</p> <p>Participants must complete the online courses by 2026 March 15</p> <p>One level and there are 4 parts with a final quiz that must be passed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BallClubZ scoring app course 2. Documents for scorers 3. WBSC Online workshop 4. Basic course (Baseball & Softball) <p>Number 4 is the most important. As a reminder, the participants can repeat the Quiz up to 4 times, after that they can't do it anymore and need to wait the reactivation of the profile (normally they need to wait around 6 months).</p> <p>Participants are suggested to complete the 4 courses at least 10 days before the Clinic in Hong Kong. Otherwise, they will still be able to participate to the clinic, but they will have to wait in order to obtain a license.</p>
Certificate	Participants passed in the evaluation, WBSC will award a Certificate of Participation		
Registration deadline	2026 March 25		
Registration Fee	HK\$1,350 (USD170) Included WBSC Course Fee USD120	HK\$1,000 (USD130) Included WBSC Course Fee USD80	HK\$1,350 (USD170) Included WBSC Course Fee USD120
Event Package for International Officials Included Registration Fee	HK\$4,400 (USD560)/head/event (5 nights, share twin room)	HK\$4,000 (USD520)/head/event (5 nights, share twin room)	HK\$4,900 (USD630)/head/event (6 nights, share twin room)
	HK\$7,000 (USD900)/head/event (5 nights, single room)	HK\$6,600 (USD850)/head/event (5 nights, single room)	HK\$8,000 (USD1,000)/head/event (6 nights, single room)
	Air ticket at own expenses		

REGISTRATION

- **LOCAL OFFICIALS**, please visit the following links to register on BAHKC Online Registration System

Please note that local participants' registration shall be subject to the approval of BAHKC.

Licensing Course for Baseball Technical Commissioners (TCs)

https://www.hkbaseball.org/product_details.php?id=595708

Umpire Licensing Programme Level 1 Baseball

https://www.hkbaseball.org/product_details.php?id=595709&lang_id=1

Scorer Licensing Programme for Baseball & Softball

https://www.hkbaseball.org/product_details.php?id=595710&lang_id=1

- **INTERNATIONAL OFFICIALS** shall be nominated by the respective National Baseball Federation by filling out the **Nomination Form for International Officials** and pay the Event Package fee to BAHKC **before 25 March 2026**.

BAHKC will provide a payment link after receiving the Nomination Form.

ENQUIRY:

The Baseball Association of Hong Kong, China

Phone No. (852) 2504 8330
E-mail event@hkbaseball.org
Website <https://www.hkbaseball.org>
Contact Person Local Officials: Mr Andy Lo
International Officials: Ms Nicky To

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1. Accommodation:

Courtyard by Marriott Hong Kong Sha Tin
1 On Ping Street, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong
Website: Marriott.com/HKGST

Share a twin room / Single room occupancy (subject to your selection)

- ✧ In-room Broadband or Wi-Fi Internet connection
- ✧ Daily buffet breakfast
- ✧ Inclusive of 10% service charge & 3% hotel accommodation tax per room per night

2. Local transportation:

- ✧ Airport pick-up on arrival day
- ✧ Shuttle bus on training days (to and from the venues)
- ✧ Hotel to Airport on departure day

3. Meals:

- ✧ Breakfast will be included in the accommodation
- ✧ Lunch on the training days
- * Dinner at participant's own arrangements

4. Insurance:

Participants must have travel insurance that covers baseball activities, and the geographic coverage should include Hong Kong and China.

5. Visa to visit Hong Kong AND China

Participants are responsible for applying for the required visa to visit Hong Kong AND China.

Visit Visa / Entry Permit Requirements for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
<https://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/visas/visit-transit/visit-visa-entry-permit.html#part1>

FAQs on Visa-free Entry into China
https://hk.ocmfa.gov.cn/eng/fwxx/wgrqz/202511/t20251110_11749819.htm

6. Application:

- i. National Baseball Federations make nomination to BAHKC by filling the Nomination Form and return to event@hkbaseball.org before **2026 March 25**;
- ii. The nominated participants will be provided a login to fill out the registration forms through BAHKC Online Registration System and pay online;
- iii. Registration deadline: **2026 March 25**

Enquiry: The Baseball Association of Hong Kong, China

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