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History

The Royal Belgian Baseball & Softball Federation was officially constituted in 1975. However, Belgian baseball goes back further.

Belgian Baseball originates on the docks of Antwerp in the inter-war period, where US sailors played in their spare time. American companies in Antwerp eventually set up teams and locals soon caught on to the game. In 1936 clubs came together to form the Flemish Baseball League, to which Softball was later added. The Belgian Federation was set up in 1975. A Francophone Baseball and Softball League then joined in 1988.

Vision & Mission

Vision :

Enable the games of Baseball and Softball to be played in Belgium within a continuously improving environment.

Missions :

- Promote brand image of Baseball & Softball in Belgium;
- Set up and manage national competitions;
- Provide training for national competition officials (umpires & scorers);
- Set up and manage national teams to engage in international competitions;
- Ensure excellent relations and collaborations with international federations and representative national and international sports organizations (CEB, IBAF, ESF, ISF, COIB-BOIC, ADEPS, BLOSO, ...)
- Promote ethics & fair-play.



Agenda 2010-2011:

2010

National Competition

Regular Season: WE 10-11 April – WE 24-26 September
 Belgium Series: October

Little League Competition

Regular Season: April – June
 Belgium Championship Tournament : 9-11 July @ Merksem

European Competitions – Clubs*

2-6 June	European Cup – BB (Hoboken Pioneers)	Rotterdam, NL
14-19 June	European Cup Qualifier – BB (Port of Antwerp Greys)	Anvers, BE
15-21 August	European Cup – SD (Braasschat Braves)	Haarlem, NL
	Cup Winner's Cup – SD (Hoboken Pioneers)	Haarlem, NL
23-28 August	European Cup – SH (Chicaboos' Stabroek)	Ronchi de Legionari, IT

European Championships – National Teams

6-10 July	European Championship – Slowpitch Coed	Prague, CZ
19-24 July	European Championship A – Baseball Cadets	Eindhoven, NL
22 July – 1 August	European Championship A – Baseball Senior	Stuttgart, DE
25-31 July	European Championship A – Softball U19	Vienna, AT
	European Championship A – Softball Men	Havlickuv Brod, CZ
3-8 August	European Championship B – Baseball Juniors	Attnang-Puheim, AT

2011

CEB Congress

Brussels - March

Championnat National

Regular Season: WE 1-3 April – WE 23-25 September
 Belgium Series: October

* BB – Baseball; SD – Softball Ladies; SH – Softball Men



National Teams

Belgium

BASEBALL

- Cadets:** A Cadet National Team was re-started in 2009 and promptly went undefeated at the European Championship Pool B Tournament held in Antwerp, beating Poland in the Finals. In 2010, they will be attending the European Championship Pool A Tournament in Eindhoven July 19-24.
- Juniors:** After winning the European Championship Pool B Tournament in 2008, the Junior National Team attended the European Championship Pool A Tournament held in Bonn. Once again it unfortunately proved a very tough step to take as they finished at the bottom. Relegated back to Pool B, they hope to earn a quick ticket back to Pool A this year when they travel to the European Championship Qualifier in Attnang Puchheim (AT).
- Seniors:** Due to the World Cup being held in Europe, there were no European Championships held in 2009. Our Seniors won Pool B back in 2008, winning against Austria in the Finals, earning a ticket to this year's Pool A Tournament to be held in Stuttgart from July 23 to August 1.

SOFTBALL

- Junior Girls** A Junior Girls' National Team was launched for the very first time in 2008 and won its first game at its very first international event. In 2009 they attended their 1st European Championships in Alkmaar. Finishing at the bottom, the girls showed much promise with 2 near-wins. Their next European Competition takes place this year in Vienna, July 26-31.
- Senior Ladies** The Softball Ladies went undefeated to win this year's European Championships Pool B Tournament in Antwerp, winning against Sweden in the Finals. Hence they return to the European Championship Pool A Tournament, which will be held in 2011.
- Senior Men** The Softball Men have remained with Europe's elite in the A-Pool these past few years. The next European Championship Pool A Tournament takes place this year in Havlickuv Brod (Czech Rep.) from July 26 – August 3.
- Slowpitch** The most recent National Team is a CoEd slowpitch National Team, started in 2009. They will be traveling to the European Championships in Prague from July 6-10.





Teams

					
	Brussels Kangaroos	Frameries Athletics	La Louvière Snarling Wolves	Liège Rebel Foxes	Louvain-la-Neuve Phoenix
					
	Namur Angels	Seraing Brown Boys	Tournai Celtics	Braine le Chateau Black Rickers	Binche Guardians



							
	Antwerp Dockers	Antwerp Eagles	Berendrecht Bears	Beveren Lions	Borgerhout Squirrels	Brasschaat Braves	Deurne Spartans
							
	Gent Knights	Heist o/d Berg Afterburners	Hoboken Pioneers	Leuven Twins	Merchtem Cats	Mortsel Stars	Oostende Piranhas
							
	Oudenaarde Frogs	Royal Greys	Sint Niklaas Foxes	Stabroek Chicaboo's	Steendorp Briqville Sluggers	Tongeren Sharks	Wielsbeke Pitbulls
							
	Zonhoven Sunville Tigers	Zottegem Bebops	Brussels Astros	Ham The Pancakes			



Stats



