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# Message from the President



**Riccardo Fraccari**

WBSC President

**“Building on our strengths, expanding our horizons — guiding the future of our disciplines worldwide”.**

This new edition of the Development Programmes Guidelines 2025–2029 serves as a guide for our members, athletes and officials who wish to benefit from the ever-growing WBSC network established over the past years. It represents both a continuation of our shared vision and a renewed commitment to supporting every corner of the global Baseball/Softball community.

Throughout this period, the WBSC has supported numerous projects and strengthened its collaboration with the Continental Associations, providing significant contributions to governance and the operational activities of countries across all continents. These partnerships have not only empowered Continental Associations and enhanced the capacity of our members, but have also encouraged a more inclusive and transparent approach to development, ensuring that every nation can contribute to, and benefit from, the collective progress of our sport.

Our continued efforts towards better governance and a more efficient structure have gone hand in hand with our tireless campaign to ensure that our sport remains part of the Olympic Programme. In this new cycle, we are particularly well positioned. With Baseball5 included in the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games, and both Baseball and Softball returning for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games, we are deepening our partnership with the IOC, National Olympic Committees and Olympic Solidarity. These milestones reinforce the WBSC’s long-term objective of strengthening the Olympic pathway and providing more opportunities for athletes worldwide to benefit from the sport and its values, or to reach the highest stage.

This manual explains how to make the best use of this network, this knowledge and these resources. I hope it serves as an inspiration and a practical tool for planning continental and national development strategies, while also guiding Continental Associations and National Federations to design sustainable projects that meet local, regional and global aspirations.

The WBSC remains fully committed to assisting, explaining and supporting our members. We have evolved with time, innovating and ensuring our sport remains youthful and attractive to new generations. We have broadened our foundation, developing new disciplines, new assets, engaging new fans and athletes, and inspiring new stakeholders - all while striving to keep our sport vibrant, inclusive and relevant for the society and the world stage.

# Introduction

The WBSC Development Programmes 2025-2028 are organised with two major areas of focus:

**Athletes & Sport Development**

**Management & Promotion**



The Athletes and Sport Development section includes a number of programmes dedicated to the development of the athletes, teams and officials, while the Management and Promotion section focuses on the promotion of our sport in the Continents and/or Countries including assistance in upgrading the organisational structure.

## Athletes & Sport Development

### ■ ■ ■ 01. Athletes

- Support Grants for Elite Athletes
- Support Grants for Teams

The athletes are at the heart of the Baseball/Softball Movement. It is thus crucial that the support they receive is adapted to their needs and follows their progress.

The Athlete Programmes are structured in such a way as to offer the Continental Associations and National Federations the opportunity to support their athletes according to their age and level, as well as to the type of competitions for which they are preparing.

The intention is to provide the Continental Associations and National Federations with technical and financial assistance in accordance with their needs while respecting the different stages of development of their athletes.

The Support Grants for Athletes exclusively target elite athletes taking part in international level competitions and offer Continental Associations and National Federations a high level of flexibility: while for some National Federations, the objective is qualification for the World Cups/International Tournaments, for others, it is to win them.

All National Federations also have the opportunity to help an elite level team qualify and prepare for the World or Continental Competitions through the Team Support Grant Programme.

World and Continental Competitions represent a great opportunity for many National Federations to witness their athletes and teams winning medals. Participation in these Competitions is a key factor in reaching the highest level. By investing in these athletes at intermediate level, the WBSC intends to fill the gap between youth and elite levels.

The Youth World and Continental Competitions represent an important step in the development process of tomorrow's champions. The National Federations and Continental Associations are involved from the very start through the available programmes, which focus on the identification, qualification and preparation of their young athletes.

## ■ ■ ■ 02. Coaches

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- Technical Courses for Coaches
  - Support Grants for Coaches
  - Development of the National Coaching Structure
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Coaches occupy a central role in an athlete's career and carry out a variety of functions, acting as teachers, trainers, mentors, psychologists and agents, in all age groups and categories at different levels, from beginners to elite athletes.

It is vital that coaches themselves are able to benefit from continuous high-quality training. This is the purpose of the Coaches' Programmes, which are designed to offer Continental Associations and National Federations everything they need to improve their coaches' knowledge and enable them to respond to the latest athlete training requirements.

## ■ ■ ■ 03. Officials

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- Technical Courses for Umpires, Technical Commissioners and Scorers
  - Support Grants for Umpires, Technical Commissioners and Scorers
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In the 2025-2028 Programmes, officials, umpires, technical commissioners and scorers have a dedicated area, as their role is key to the harmonious development of the game at all levels.

Officials have the power to control the respect of the rules, the pace of the game, and its integrity. For such reasons, the WBSC continues promoting development programmes for umpires, technical commissioners and scorers at the national and continental levels.

## Management & Promotion

### ■ ■ ■ 01. Management & Administration

- Grants for Continental Associations & National Federations Operational Structure
- Training Courses for Sports Administrators and Sports Management
- Support Grants for Baseball/Softball Academies
- Support for Playing Facilities

It is a WBSC priority to continue to reinforce the structure of Continental Associations and National Federations, as well as their global management capacities in order to better fulfil their mission in the best possible way, carrying out their tasks for the development of the sport in their country or territory.

These priorities are achieved through management programmes offering financial assistance and support for projects aimed at strengthening the management and administration of the Continental Associations and National Federations.

The programmes offer several training opportunities for sports administrators as well as facilitate exchanges of information and experience between Continental Organisations and National Federations.

### ■ ■ ■ 02. Sport Promotion

- Support for School and Community Projects
- Provision of Technical Equipment
- Provision of Starter Kits

The promotional and educational aspects are the foundation to develop all sports activities. Sport represents a powerful tool and has the potential to play a fundamental role within society, particularly with respect to the younger generations.

Since sport is a universal channel for social integration, the Continental Associations and National Federations have the power to play a key role within their respective communities. Through the Sport and Promotion Programmes the intention is to provide appropriate tools to develop and continue impactful social activities through Baseball, Softball and Baseball5.



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## Athletes





# Support Grant for Elite Athletes S|G|E|A

## Programme Guidelines

### ■ ■ ■ Objectives

To provide - through the relevant National Federations - assistance, financial support or specific opportunities to individual player(s) for personal sport development.

### ■ ■ ■ Beneficiaries

All National Federations (NFs) in good standing may benefit from this programme. Nevertheless, priority should be given to applicants in need of support, but with clear potential for development. Furthermore, to be considered eligible for this programme, any athlete(s) must be 15 years old or older and match at least one of the following profiles:

- Elite athlete who participated in a Baseball, Softball or Baseball5 World Cup, or;
- Athlete who played in the recent year(s) for the National Team of his/her country/region, or;
- Athlete whose potential is considered compatible for a future in a top professional league.

### ■ ■ ■ Description

This programme offers specific athlete(s) support to take part in elite development programme(s) (i.e., high level training

programmes, Baseball, Softball or Baseball5 academies, international competitions, etc.), managed by the WBSC, a Continental Association or any other organisation previously approved by the WBSC. Specifically, the grants allocated through this programme can be used to support the following activities/items:

- School fees, books and tuition;
- Food and accommodation;
- Transportation from the residence country to the location of the activity;
- Provision of technical equipment;
- Illness and accident insurance, if necessary.

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure

The application must be submitted by the relevant National Federation, on behalf of specific players (pertaining to the federation itself), which may receive approval for, maximum, one SGEA programme per year.

To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission, no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project. In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Description of the activity;
- CV (Resume) of the player(s);
- Information on the organisation managing the programme;
- Dates and location;
- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the National Federation
- Signature of the National Federation President, Secretary General or Executive Director;
- Name and contacts of a liaison person in charge of the communication between the organisation (i.e. school, academy etc..) and the National Federation/WBSC;
- Detailed cost breakdown.

Specifically, about the cost breakdown, the document shall include all activities/items and the related budget, such as:

- International and/or national travel costs, if any;
- Tuition costs, if any;
- Board and lodging costs, if any;
- Equipment costs, if any;
- Illness and accident insurance, if necessary.

### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the National Federation with its feedback based on the following criteria:

- Coherence with programme's guidelines and purpose;
- Profile and level of the athlete(s) presented;
- Budget coherence;
- Programmes' feasibility;
- Cost – Benefit analysis.

In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the National Federation, to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

### ■ ■ ■ Financial Conditions

Following the analysis and approval of the application, the WBSC will inform the National Federation of the maximum grant available. The amount will depend on the scope of the proposal and the availability of funds.

The National Federation will only receive the entire grant if all activities are carried out and the administrative requirements are fulfilled.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the National Federation is requested to maintain constant contact with the school/organisation and update the WBSC if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days after the completion of the project, the National Federation is requested to present the following documents to the Continental Associations which must then be submitted to the WBSC:

- Certificate of Participation;
- A detailed report with a technical evaluation, comments and all relevant information related to the activity;
- A financial report including all the supporting receipts/invoices.

### ■ ■ ■ Payment Process

During the programme, the National Federation is requested to maintain constant contact with the school/organisation and update the WBSC if necessary or requested.

- Advance payment (60% of the approved budget) made right after the official approval by the WBSC Development Commission;
- Balance payment (40% of the approved budget) made upon receipt and acceptance of the final report.

# Support Grant for Teams S|G|T

## Programme Guidelines

### ■ ■ ■ Objectives

To provide, through the relevant National Federations and/or Continental Associations, assistance to a National Team and/or a specific aggregation of players, for the preparation and participation in regional, continental or world-level competitions.

### ■ ■ ■ Beneficiaries

All Continental Associations and National Federations (NFs) in good standing may benefit from this programme.

Nevertheless, priority should be given to applicants in need of support, but with clear potential for development.

Further, to be considered eligible for this programme, the team must match at least one of the following profiles:

- A men's or women's National Team of any age group preparing for the participation in a Baseball, Softball or Baseball5 World Cup, or;
- A men's or women's National Team of any age group preparing for the participation in a Baseball, Softball or Baseball5 Continental Championship, or;
- A specific aggregation created explicitly for participation in an elite international competition sanctioned by the WBSC.

### ■ ■ ■ Description

This programme offers support to National Federations or Continental Associations for the preparation and/or participation of a team in the following events:

- Regional international events, or;
- Continental Championships (senior and junior), or;
- Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 World Cups, or;
- Elite international competitions sanctioned by the WBSC.

Specifically, the grants allocated through this programme can be used to support the following activities/items:

- National/international training camps;
- Coaching experts;
- Provision of technical equipment;
- Event participation.

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure for National Federations

The application must be submitted by the relevant National Federation, which may receive approval for, maximum, one SGT programme per year. To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission, no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project. In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Description of the activity;
- Dates and location;
- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the National Federation;
- Signature of the National Federation President, Secretary General or Executive Director;

- Name and contacts of a liaison person in charge of the communication between the National Federation and the WBSC;
- Detailed cost breakdown document.

Specifically, about the cost breakdown, the document shall include all activities/items and the related budget, such as:

- International and/or national travel, if any;
- Board and lodging, if any;
- Equipment, if any;
- Illness and accident insurance, if necessary.

### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the National Federation with its feedback based on the following criteria:

- Coherence with programme's guidelines and purpose;
- Profile and level of the athlete(s) presented;
- Budget coherence;
- Programmes' feasibility;
- Guarantee of team participation;
- Cost – Benefit analysis.

In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the National Federation, to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

### ■ ■ ■ Financial Conditions

Following the analysis and approval of the application, the WBSC will inform the National Federation of the maximum grant available. The amount will depend on the scope of the proposal and the

availability of funds. The National Federation will only receive the entire grant if all activities are carried out and the administrative requirements are fulfilled.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the National Federation is requested to maintain constant contact with the WBSC and provide updates if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days after the completion of the project, the National Federation is requested to present to the CAs all documents related to the approved activities/items which must then be submitted to the WBSC.

### ■ ■ ■ Payment Process

- Advance payment (60% of the approved budget) made right after the official approval by the WBSC Development Commission;
- Balance payment (40% of the budget) made upon receipt and acceptance of the final report.

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure for Continental Associations

The application must be submitted by the relevant Continental Association, which may receive approval for, maximum, three SGT programmes per year. To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission, no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project.

In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Description of the activity;
- Dates and location;

- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the Continental Association
- Signature of the Continental Association(s) President, Secretary General or Executive Director;
- Name and contacts of a liaison person in charge of the communication between the Continental Association(s) and the WBSC;
- Detailed cost breakdown document.

Specifically, about the cost breakdown, the document shall include all activities/items and the related budget, such as:

- International and/or national travel, if any;
- Board and lodging, if any;
- Equipment, if any;
- Illness and accident insurance, if necessary.

### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the Continental Association(s) with its feedback based on the following criteria:

- Coherence with programme's guidelines and purpose;
- Profile and level of the team presented;
- Budget coherence;
- Programme's feasibility;
- Guarantee of team participation;
- Cost – Benefit analysis.

In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the Continental Association(s), to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

### ■ ■ ■ Financial Conditions

Following the analysis and approval of the application, the WBSC will inform the Continental Association(s) of the maximum grant available. The amount will depend on the scope of the proposal and the availability of funds.

The Continental Association(s) will only receive the entire grant if all activities are carried out and the administrative requirements are fulfilled.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the Continental Association(s) is requested to maintain constant contact with the school/organisation and update the WBSC if necessary or requested,

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days after the completion of the project, the Continental Association(s) is requested to present to the WBSC all documents related to the approved activities/items.

### ■ ■ ■ Payment Process

- Advance payment (60% of the approved budget) made right after the official approval by the WBSC Development Commission;
- Balance payment (40% of the budget) made upon receipt and acceptance of the final report.



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## Coaches





# Technical Course for Coaches T|C|C

## Programme Guidelines

### ■ ■ ■ Objectives

To provide, through the relevant National Federations and/or Continental Associations, technical courses for active coaches in one specific country or region.

### ■ ■ ■ Beneficiaries

All Continental Associations and National Federations (NFs) in good standing may benefit from this programme.

Nevertheless, priority will be given to applicants in need of support, but with a clear potential for development.

### ■ ■ ■ Description

This programme offers the opportunity to receive, for a limited number of days, an instructor or a pool of instructors, who will run a technical course for a selected group of coaches.

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure for National Federations

The application must be submitted by the relevant National Federation, which may receive approval for, maximum, one TCC programme per year.

To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission, no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project.

In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Description of the activity;
- Dates and location;
- Training needs and level of the coaches in attendance;
- Tentative number of participants;
- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the National Federation;
- Signature of the National Federation President, Secretary General or Executive Director;
- Name and contacts of a liaison person in charge of the communication between the National Federation and the WBSC.

### ■ ■ ■ Cost Breakdown

With regards to the cost breakdown, the WBSC will cover the costs related with the following areas:

- Instructor(s) international airfare;
- Instructor(s) per-diem.

In the other hand, the National Federation is requested to cover the costs related with:

- Instructor(s) meals (3 per day) and accommodation\*;
- Instructor(s) local transportation from/to airport/training venue;
- Training venue and its setting;
- Participants' transportation, meals and accommodation, if necessary;
- Venue liability insurance;

- Administrative support for travel VISA, if necessary;
- Documents translation to the local language, if necessary.

\*Instructors' accommodation should be of minimum 4-star international standards. A 3-star accommodation can be accepted provided a WBSC prior approval.

### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the National Federation with its feedback based on the following criteria:

- Coherence with the purpose and guidelines of the programme;
- Programmes' feasibility;
- Cost – Benefit analysis.

In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the National Federation to allow the programme to be officially implemented. Further, the confirmation will be accompanied by the details of the instructor(s) that will run the course.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the National Federation is requested to maintain constant contact with the WBSC and provide updates if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days from the conclusion of the programme, the National Federation must submit the following documents to the Continental Associations which must then be submitted to the WBSC:

- List of participants;
- A detailed technical report with an evaluation and comments, as well as all other pertinent information (photographs, press clippings etc.).

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure for Continental Associations

The application must be submitted by the relevant Continental Association, which may receive a maximum of three TCC programmes per year.

To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Department no later than three months prior to the start of the proposed project. In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Description of the activity;
- Dates and location;
- Training needs and level of the coaches in attendance;
- Tentative number of participants;
- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the Continental Association;
- Signature of the Continental Association President, Secretary General or Executive Director;
- Name and contacts of a liaison person in charge of the communication between the Continental Association and the WBSC.

### ■ ■ ■ Cost Breakdown

With regards to the cost breakdown, the WBSC will cover the costs related to the following areas:

- Instructor(s) international airfare;
- Instructor(s) per diem.

On the other hand, the Continental Association is requested to cover the costs related to:

- Instructor(s) meals (3 per day) and accommodation\*;
- Instructor(s) local transportation from/to airport/training venue;
- Training venue and its setting;
- Participants' transportation, meals and accommodation, if necessary;
- Venue liability insurance;
- Administrative support for travel visa, if necessary;
- Translation of documents to the local language, if necessary.

\*Instructors' accommodation should be of minimum 4-star international standards. A 3-star accommodation can be accepted provided with prior approval from the WBSC.

### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Department will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the Continental Association with its feedback based on the following criteria:

- Coherence with the purpose and guidelines of the programme;
- Programme's feasibility;
- Cost – Benefit analysis.

In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the Continental Association to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

Furthermore, the confirmation will be accompanied by the details of the instructor(s) that will run the course.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the Continental Association is requested to maintain constant contact with the WBSC Development Department and provide updates if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days from the conclusion of the programme, the Continental Association must submit the following documents to the WBSC:

- List of participants;
- A detailed technical report with an evaluation and comments, as well as all other pertinent information (photographs, press clippings etc.).

# Support Grant for Coaches S|G|C

## Programme Guidelines

### ■ ■ ■ Objectives

To provide - through the relevant National Federations - assistance, financial support or specific opportunities to individual coach(es) for personal sport development.

### ■ ■ ■ Beneficiaries

All National Federations (NFs) in good standing may benefit from this programme.

Nevertheless, priority will be given to applicants in need of support, but with a clear potential for development.

Furthermore, to be considered eligible for this programme, any coach must match at least one of the following profiles:

- Coach who participated in a Baseball, Softball or Baseball5 World Cup;
- Coach with experience in a junior or senior national team;
- Coach who holds a licence to train or has trained at the highest level in the country or region whose National Federation is making the application;
- Coach who is currently working at an elite Baseball, Softball or Baseball5 academy or training centre.

### ■ ■ ■ Description

This programme offers to specific coach(es) support in taking part in elite development programme(s) (i.e., high level training programmes, Baseball, Softball or Baseball5 academies, international competitions, etc.), managed by the WBSC, a Continental Association or any other organisation previously approved by the WBSC.

Specifically, the grants allocated through this programme can be used to finance the following activities/items:

- School fees, books and tuition;
- Food and accommodation;
- Transportation from the residence country to the location of the activity;
- Fees for participating in specialised training centres;
- Illness and accident insurance, if necessary.

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure

The application must be submitted by the relevant National Federation, on behalf of specific coaches (pertaining to the federation itself), which may receive approval for, maximum, one SGC programme per year.

To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission, no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project. In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Description of the activity;
- CV (Resume) of the coach(es);
- Information on the organisation managing the programme;
- Dates and location;
- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the National Federation;

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- Signature of the National Federation President, Secretary General or Executive Director;
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- Name and contacts of a liaison person in charge of the communication between the organisation (i.e. school, academy etc..) and the National Federation/WBSC;
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- Detailed cost breakdown.
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Specifically, about the cost breakdown, the document shall include all activities/items and the related budget, such as:

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- International and/or national travel costs, if any;
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- Tuition costs, if any;
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- Board and lodging costs, if any;
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- Illness and accident insurance, if necessary.
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### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the National Federation with its feedback based on the following criteria:

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- Coherence with programme's guidelines and purpose;
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- Profile and level of the coach(es) presented;
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- Budget coherence;
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- Programmes' feasibility;
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- Cost – Benefit analysis.
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In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the National Federation, to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

### ■ ■ ■ Financial Conditions

Following the analysis and approval of the application, the WBSC will inform the National Federation of the maximum grant available. The amount will depend on the scope of the proposal and the availability of funds.

The National Federation will only receive the entire grant if all activities are carried out and the administrative requirements are fulfilled.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the National Federation is requested to maintain constant contact with the school/organisation and update the WBSC if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days after the completion of the project, the National Federation is requested to present the following documents to the Continental Association which must then be submitted to the WBSC:

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- Certificate of Participation;
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- A detailed report with a technical evaluation, comments and all relevant information related to the activity;
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- A financial report including all the supporting receipts/invoices.
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### ■ ■ ■ Payment Process

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- Advance payment (60% of the approved budget) made right after the official approval by the WBSC Development Commission;
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- Balance payment (40% of the approved budget) made upon receipt and acceptance of the final report.
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# Development of the National Coaching Structure D|N|C|S

## Programme Guidelines

### ■ ■ ■ Objectives

To provide, through the relevant National Federations, support in developing their coaching structure by implementing a mid- to long-term action plan.

### ■ ■ ■ Beneficiaries

All National Federations (NFs) in good standing may benefit from this programme.

Nevertheless, priority will be given to applicants in need of support, but with a clear potential for development.

### ■ ■ ■ Description

This programme offers the opportunity to receive, for a limited period of time (three to six months on average), an instructor, or a pool of instructors, to support the development of the coaching structure in a specific country/territory.

The first step is for the WBSC and/or the Continental Association and the relevant National Federation to discuss and agree on an action plan, which shall take into account all strengths and weaknesses previously assessed. Such an action plan shall outline one or more of the below items:

- Training programme for national coaches, including field and classroom education, tests, assisted practice sessions, in-game experience etc.;
- Coaching assessment tool;
- Coaching education structure;
- Talent identification programme;
- Baseball, Softball, Baseball5 school and community projects.

Depending on specific needs and budget availability, it may be possible to divide the plan into modules.

In this case the instructor(s), rather than staying in the country or region for an extended period of time, will implement the action plan through multiple sessions, while a local person will be entitled to coordinate activities in between sessions.

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure

The application must be submitted by the relevant National Federation, which may receive approval for, maximum, one DNCS programme per year.

To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission, no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project.

In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Description of the current coaching structure and detailed analysis of the training needs;
- Proposed action plan, including all the relevant activities and programmes to be implemented;
- Proposed dates and location;
- Detailed budget;
- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the National Federation;



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- Signature of the National Federation President, Secretary General or Executive Director;
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- Name and contacts of a liaison person in charge of the communication between the National Federation and the WBSC.
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Specifically, about the cost breakdown, the document shall include all activities/items and the related budget, such as:

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- International and/or national travel costs, if any;
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- Compensation for the instructor(s);
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- Board and lodging costs, if any;
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- Illness and accident insurance, if necessary.
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### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the National Federation with its feedback based on the following criteria:

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- Coherence with programme's guidelines and objectives;
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- Budget coherence;
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- Programmes' feasibility;
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- Cost – Benefit analysis.
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In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the National Federation, to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

Further, the confirmation will be accompanied by the details of the instructor(s) assigned to the course.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the National Federation is requested to maintain constant contact with the WBSC and provide updates, if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days after the completion of the project, the National Federation is requested to present the following documents to the Continental Association which must then be submitted to the WBSC:

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- A detailed report with a technical evaluation, comments and all relevant information related with the activities carried out;
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- Technical report from the instructor(s) on the implementation of the programme and the results achieved;
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- A financial report including all the supporting receipts/invoices.
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### ■ ■ ■ Payment Process

- 
- Advance payment (60% of the approved budget) made right after the official approval by the WBSC Development Commission;
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- Balance payment (40% of the approved budget) made upon receipt and acceptance of the final report.
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ATHLETES  
& SPORT  
DEVELOPMENT

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## Officials



# Technical Course for Umpires, Technical Commissioners, and Scorers T|C|U|T|C|S

## Programme Guidelines

### ■ ■ ■ Objectives

To provide, through the relevant National Federations and/or Continental Associations, technical courses for active umpires, technical commissioners and/or scorers in one specific country or region.

### ■ ■ ■ Beneficiaries

All National Federations (NFs) in good standing and Continental Associations (CAs) may benefit from this programme.

Nevertheless, priority will be given to applicants in need of support, but with a clear potential for development.

### ■ ■ ■ Description

This programme offers the opportunity to receive an instructor, or a pool of instructors, to run a technical course for a selected group of umpires, technical commissioners and/or scorers.

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure for National Federations

The application must be submitted by the relevant National Federation, which may receive approval for, maximum, one TCUTCS programme per year.

To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission, no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project.

In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Description of the activity;
- Dates and location;
- Training needs and level of the participants in attendance;
- Tentative number of participants;
- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the National Federation;
- Signature of the National Federation President, Secretary General or Executive Director;
- Name and contacts of a liaison person in charge of the communication between the National Federation and the WBSC.

### ■ ■ ■ Cost Breakdown

With regards to the cost breakdown, the WBSC will cover the costs related with the following areas:

- Instructor(s) international airfare;
- Instructor(s) per-diem.

While the National Federation is requested to cover the costs related with:

- Instructor(s) meals (3 per day) and accommodation\*;
- Instructor(s) local transportation from/to airport/training venue;
- Training venue and its setting;
- Participants' transportation, meals and accommodation, if necessary;
- Venue liability insurance;
- Administrative support for travel VISA, if necessary;
- Documents translation to the local language, if necessary.

\*Instructors' accommodation should be of minimum 4-star international standards. A 3-star accommodation can be accepted provided a WBSC prior approval.

### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the National Federation with its feedback based on the following criteria:

- Coherence with the objectives and guidelines of the programme;
- Programmes' feasibility;
- Cost – Benefit analysis.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days from the conclusion of the programme, the National Federation must submit the following documents to the Continental Associations which must then be submitted to the WBSC:

- List of participants;
- A detailed technical report with an evaluation and comments, as well as all other pertinent information (photographs, press clippings etc.).

In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the National Federation to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

Further, the confirmation will be accompanied by the details of the instructor(s) assigned to the course.

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure for Continental Associations

The application must be submitted by the relevant Continental Association, which may receive approval for a maximum of three TCUTCS programmes per year.

To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Department no later than three months prior to the start of the proposed project. In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Description of the activity;
- Dates and location;
- Training needs and level of the participants in attendance;
- Tentative number of participants;
- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the Continental Association;
- Signature of the Continental Association President, Secretary General or Executive Director;
- Name and contacts of a liaison person in charge of the communication between the Continental Association and the WBSC.

### ■ ■ ■ Cost Breakdown

With regards to the cost breakdown, the WBSC will cover the costs related to the following areas:

- 
- Instructor(s) international airfare;
  - Instructor(s) per diem.
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While the Continental Association is requested to cover the costs related to:

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- Instructor(s) meals (3 per day) and accommodation\*;
  - Instructor(s) local transportation from/to airport/training venue;
  - Training venue and its setting;
  - Participants' transportation, meals and accommodation, if necessary;
  - Venue liability insurance;
  - Administrative support for travel visa, if necessary;
  - Translation of documents to the local language, if necessary.
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\*Instructors' accommodation should be of a minimum 4-star international standard. A 3-star accommodation can be accepted with prior approval from the WBSC.

### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Department will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the Continental Association with its feedback based on the following criteria:

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- Coherence with the objectives and guidelines of the programme;
  - Programme's feasibility;
  - Cost-Benefit analysis.
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In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the Continental Association to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

Furthermore, the confirmation will be accompanied by the details of the instructor(s) that will run the course.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the Continental Association is requested to maintain constant contact with the WBSC and provide updates if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days from the conclusion of the programme, the Continental Association must submit the following documents to the WBSC:

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- List of participants;
  - A detailed technical report with an evaluation and comments, as well as all other pertinent information (photographs, press clippings etc.).
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# Support Grant for Umpires, Technical Commissioners and Scorers S|G|U|T|C|S

## Programme Guidelines

### ■ ■ ■ Objectives

To provide - through the relevant National Federations - assistance, financial support or specific opportunities to individual umpire(s), technical commissioner(s) or scorer(s) for personal sport development.

### ■ ■ ■ Beneficiaries

All National Federations (NFs) in good standing may benefit from this programme. Nevertheless, priority will be given to applicants in need of support, but with a clear potential for development.

Furthermore, to be considered eligible for this programme, any official must match at least one of the following profiles:

- Officials who officiated in a Baseball, Softball or Baseball5 World Cup;
- Officials with experience in junior or senior international events;
- Officials who hold a licence to officiate at the highest level in the country or region whose National Federation is applying for.

### ■ ■ ■ Description

This programme offers support to specific officials to take part in elite development programme(s) (i.e. high level training programmes, Baseball, Softball or Baseball5 academies etc.), managed by the WBSC, a Continental Association or any other organisation previously approved by the WBSC.

Specifically, the grants allocated through this programme can be used to support the following activities/items:

- School fees, books and tuition;
- Food and accommodation;
- Transportation from the country of residence to the location of the activity.

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure

The application must be submitted by the relevant National Federation, on behalf of specific umpire(s), technical commissioner(s) or scorer(s) (pertaining to the federation itself), which may receive approval for, maximum, one SGUTCS programme per year.

To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project.

In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Description of the activity;
- CV (Resume) of the official(s);
- Information on the organisation managing the programme;
- Dates and location;
- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the National Federation;



- Signature of the National Federation President, Secretary General or Executive Director;
- Name and contacts of a liaison person in charge of the communication between the organisation (i.e. school, academy etc..) and the National Federation/WBSC;
- Detailed cost breakdown.

Specifically, about the cost breakdown, the document shall include all activities/items and the related budget, such as:

- International and/or national travel costs, if any;
- Tuition costs, if any;
- Board and lodging costs, if any;
- Fees for participation in specialized training centers.

### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the National Federation with its feedback based on the following criteria:

- Coherence with programme's guidelines and objectives;
- Budget coherence;
- Programme's feasibility;
- Cost – Benefit analysis.

In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the National Federation, to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

### ■ ■ ■ Financial Conditions

Following the analysis and approval of the application, the WBSC will inform the National Federation of the maximum grant available.

The amount will depend on the scope of the proposal and the availability of funds.

The National Federation will only receive the entire grant if all activities are carried out and the administrative requirements are fulfilled.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the National Federation is requested to maintain constant contact with the school/organisation and update the WBSC if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days after the completion of the project, the National Federation is requested to present the following documents to the Continental Association which must then be submitted to the WBSC:

- Certificate(s) of Participation;
- A detailed report with a technical evaluation, comments and all relevant information related to the activity;
- A financial report including all the supporting receipts/invoices.

### ■ ■ ■ Payment Process

- Advance payment (60% of the approved budget) made right after the official approval by the WBSC Development Commission;
- Balance payment (40% of the approved budget) made upon receipt and acceptance of the final report.

MANAGEMENT  
& PROMOTION

## Management & Administration



# Grant for National Federations and Continental Associations Operational Structure GOS

## Programme Guidelines

### ■ ■ ■ Objectives

To offer assistance to National Federations or Continental Associations in order to upgrade their operational structure, with the purpose of enhancing the level of event organisation and sport development.

### ■ ■ ■ Beneficiaries

All National Federations (NFs) in good standing and Continental Associations (CAs) may benefit from this programme.

Nevertheless, priority should be given to applicants in need of support, but with a clear potential for development.

### ■ ■ ■ Description

This programme offers support to a National Federation or a Continental Association for the improvement of the operational structure of their organisation. The grants allocated could be used to cover costs related to the following areas:

- Recruitment of qualified personnel for specific areas of operations or for specific projects;
- Provision of services provided by specialised organisations or freelance professionals;
- Purchase or rental of software and/or hardware material and equipment;
- Rental of office space.

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure for National Federations

The application must be submitted by the relevant National Federation, which may receive approval for, maximum, one GOS programme per year.

To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project.

In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Description of the activity;
- Description of the current structure of the organisation, including names and job descriptions;
- Financial statement of the previous year and budget of the current year;
- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the National Federation;
- Signature of the National Federation President, Secretary General or Executive Director;
- Name and contact of the person in charge of all the communication between the organisation and the WBSC; and
- Detailed cost breakdown document including all items subject to be covered by the grant.

Specifically, about the cost breakdown, the document shall include all activities/items and the related budget, such as:

- Salaries and compensations for the recruitment of specialised personnel;
- Provision of services;
- Purchase or rental of software and/or hardware material and equipment;
- Rental of office spaces; and/or
- Any other cost or expenses related to the request.

### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the National Federation with its feedback based on the following criteria:

- Coherence with the objectives and guidelines of the programme;
- Programme's feasibility;
- Cost/Benefit analysis.

Depending on the request, the WBSC may suggest alternative ways of reaching the purpose and possibly assist the National Federation by allocating WBSC personnel/consultants for a limited span of time, or by granting the use of software, machineries, equipment or intellectual properties of the WBSC itself.

In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the National Federation to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the National Federation is requested to maintain constant contact with the WBSC and provide updates if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days from the conclusion of the programme, the National Federation must submit the following documents to the Continental Associations which must then be submitted to the WBSC:

- A detailed report with an evaluation, comments, as well as all other pertinent information;
- A financial report including all the supporting receipts/invoices.

### ■ ■ ■ Payment Process

- Advance payment (60% of the approved budget) made right after the official approval by the WBSC Development Commission;
- Balance payment (40% of the approved budget) made upon receipt and acceptance of the final report.

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure for Continental Associations

The application must be submitted by the relevant Continental Association, which may receive approval for, maximum, three GOS programme per year.

To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project.

In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Description of the activity;
- Description of the current structure of the organisation, including names and job descriptions;
- Financial statement of the previous year and budget of the current year;

- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the Continental Association;
- Signature of the Continental Association President, Secretary General or Executive Director;
- Name and contact of the person in charge of all the communication between the organisation and the WBSC; and
- Detailed cost breakdown document including all items subject to be covered by the grant.

Specifically, about the cost breakdown, the document shall include all activities/items and the related budget, such as:

- Salaries and compensations for the recruitment of specialised personnel;
- Provision of services;
- Purchase or rental of software and/or hardware material and equipment;
- Rental of office spaces; and/or
- Any other cost or expenses related to the request.

### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the Continental Association with its feedback based on the following criteria:

- Coherence with the objectives and guidelines of the programme;
- Programme's feasibility;
- Cost/Benefit analysis.

Depending on the request, the WBSC may suggest alternative ways of reaching the purpose and possibly assist the Continental Association by allocating WBSC personnel/consultants for a limited span of time, or by granting the use of software, machineries, equipment or intellectual properties of the WBSC itself.

In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the Continental Association to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the Continental Association is requested to maintain constant contact with the WBSC and provide updates if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days from the conclusion of the programme, the Continental Association must submit the following documents to the WBSC:

- A detailed report with an evaluation, comments, as well as all other pertinent information;
- A financial report including all the supporting receipts/invoices.

### ■ ■ ■ Payment Process

- Advance payment (60% of the approved budget) made right after the official approval by the WBSC Development Commission;
- Balance payment (40% of the approved budget) made upon receipt and acceptance of the final report.



# Training Course for Sport Administrators & Managers T|C|S|A|M

## Programme Guidelines

### ■ ■ ■ Objectives

To offer assistance to National Federations or Continental Associations in order to upgrade their management and administrative structure, with the purpose of enhancing their overall level of efficiency and organisation.

### ■ ■ ■ Beneficiaries

All National Federations (NFs) in good standing and Continental Associations (CAs) may benefit from this programme.

Nevertheless, priority should be given to applicants in need of support, but with a clear potential for development.

### ■ ■ ■ Description

This programme offers training courses to a National Federation or a Continental Association for the improvement of the quality of their organisations in terms of management and/or administration.

The training courses may be focused on, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- Management and Administration;
- Accounting;
- Media and Marketing;
- IT;
- Communication and Public Relations.

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure for National Federations

The application must be submitted by the relevant National Federation, which may receive approval for, maximum, one TCSAM programme per year.

To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project.

In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Description of the activity;
- Description of the current structure of the organisation, including names and job descriptions;
- Financial statement of the previous year and budget of the current year;
- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the National Federation;
- Signature of the National Federation President, Secretary General or Executive Director;
- Name and contact of the person in charge of all the communication between the organisation and the WBSC; and
- Indication of the areas in need of improvement.

In case the National Federation wishes to propose a specific course or programme managed by a private organisation, the following information is required:



- Company information;
- Course or programme's title and objectives;
- Budget, including all items of expenditure;
- Name and contacts of the attendees.

### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the National Federation with its feedback based on the following criteria:

- Coherence with the objectives and guidelines of the programme;
- Programme's feasibility;
- Profile of the proposed company, if any;
- Cost/Benefit analysis.

In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the National Federation to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the National Federation is requested to maintain constant contact with the WBSC and provide updates if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days from the conclusion of the programme, the National Federation must submit the following documents to the Continental Associations which must then be submitted to the WBSC:

- A detailed report with an evaluation and comments, as well as all other pertinent information;
- List of certificates of participation being awarded;
- A financial report including all the supporting receipts/invoices.

### ■ ■ ■ Payment Process

- Advance payment (60% of the approved budget) made right after the official approval by the WBSC Development Commission;
- Balance payment (40% of the approved budget) made upon receipt and acceptance of the final report.

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure for Continental Associations

The application must be submitted by the relevant Continental Association, which may receive approval for, maximum, three TCSAM programme per year.

To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project.

In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Description of the current structure of the organisation, including names and job descriptions;
- Financial statement of the previous year and budget of the current year;
- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the Continental Association;
- Signature of the Continental Association President, Secretary General or Executive Director;
- Name and contact of the person in charge of all the communication between the organisation and the WBSC; and
- Indication of the areas in need of improvement.

In case the Continental Association wishes to propose a specific course or programme managed by a private organisation, the following information is required:

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- Company information;
  - Course or programme's title and objectives;
  - Budget, including all items of expenditure;
  - Name and contacts of the attendees.
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### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the Continental Association with its feedback based on the following criteria:

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- Coherence with the objectives and guidelines of the programme;
  - Programme's feasibility;
  - Profile of the proposed company, if any;
  - Cost/Benefit analysis.
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In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the Continental Association to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the Continental Association is requested to maintain constant contact with the WBSC and provide updates if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days from the conclusion of the programme, the Continental Association must submit the following documents to the WBSC:

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- A detailed report with an evaluation, comments, as well as all other pertinent information;
  - List of certificates of participation being awarded;
  - A financial report including all the supporting receipts/invoices.
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### ■ ■ ■ Payment Process

- 
- Advance payment (60% of the approved budget) made right after the official approval by the WBSC Development Commission;
  - Balance payment (40% of the approved budget) made upon receipt and acceptance of the final report.
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# Grant for Baseball/Softball Academies G|B|S|A

## Programme Guidelines

### ■ ■ ■ Objectives

To offer assistance or financial support for the creation or development of Baseball/Softball academies.

### ■ ■ ■ Beneficiaries

All National Federations (NFs) in good standing and Continental Associations (CAs) may benefit from this programme.

Nevertheless, priority should be given to applicants in need of support, but with a clear potential for development.

### ■ ■ ■ Description

This programme offers support to a National Federation or a Continental Association, for the creation or improvement of Baseball/Softball academies or training centres whose main focus is player development.

The grants allocated could be used to cover costs related to the following areas:

- Recruitment of qualified personnel/instructors;
- Purchase or rental of software and/or hardware equipment;
- Rental of office space;
- Purchase of technical equipment;
- Purchase or rental of vehicles and/or machinery;
- Expenses related to food, accommodation and transportation for athletes and staff;
- Illness and accident insurance for athletes and staff; and
- School fees and books.

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure for National Federations

The application must be submitted by the relevant National Federation, which may receive approval for, maximum, one GBSA programme per year.

To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project. In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the National Federation;
- Name and contact of the person in charge of all the communication between the organisation and the WBSC;
- Signature of the National Federation President, Secretary General or Executive Director;
- Detailed cost breakdown document including all items subject to be covered by the grant.

And, in case of improvements of existing academies/training centers:

- Description of the current structure, including names and job descriptions;
- Financial statement of the previous year and budget of the current year.

Specifically, about the cost breakdown, the document shall include all activities/items and the related budget, such as:

- Salaries and compensations for the recruitment of specialised personnel;
- Provisions;
- Purchase or rental of software and/or hardware material and equipment;
- Rental of office spaces;
- Any other cost or expenses related to the request.

### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the National Federation with its feedback based on the following criteria:

- Coherence with the objectives and guidelines of the programme;
- Programme's feasibility;
- Cost/Benefit analysis.

Depending on the request, the WBSC may suggest alternative ways of reaching the purpose and possibly assist the National Federation by directly providing equipment/apparel, instructors, intellectual properties etc...

In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the National Federation to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the National Federation is requested to maintain constant contact with the WBSC and provide updates if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days from the conclusion of the programme, the National Federation must submit the following documents to the Continental Associations which must then be submitted to the WBSC:

- A detailed report with an evaluation and comments, as well as all other pertinent information;
- A list of the athletes who benefitted from the programme;
- A list of the activities carried out;
- A financial report including all the supporting receipts/invoices.

### ■ ■ ■ Payment Process

- Advance payment (60% of the approved budget) made right after the official approval by the WBSC Development Commission;
- Balance payment (40% of the approved budget) made upon receipt and acceptance of the final report.

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure for Continental Associations

The application must be submitted by the relevant Continental Association, which may receive approval for, maximum, three GBSA programmes per year.

To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project. In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the Continental Association;
- Name and contact of the person in charge of all the communication between the organisation and the WBSC;
- Detailed cost breakdown document including all items subject to be covered by the grant.

And, in case of improvements of existing academies/training centers:

- Description of the current structure, including names and job descriptions;
- Financial statement of the previous year and budget of the current year.

Specifically, about the cost breakdown, the document shall include all activities/items and the related budget, such as:

- Salaries and compensations for the recruitment of specialised personnel;
- Provisions;
- Purchase or rental of software and/or hardware material and equipment;
- Rental of office spaces;
- Any other cost or expenses related to the request.

### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the Continental Association with its feedback based on the following criteria:

- Coherence with the objectives and guidelines of the programme;
- Programme's feasibility;
- Cost/Benefit analysis.

Depending on the request, the WBSC may suggest alternative ways of reaching the purpose and possibly assist the Continental Association by directly providing equipment/apparel, instructors, intellectual properties etc...

In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the Continental Association to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the Continental Association is requested to maintain constant contact with the WBSC and provide updates if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days from the conclusion of the programme, the Continental Association must submit the following documents to the WBSC:

- A detailed report with an evaluation, comments, as well as all other pertinent information;
- A list of the athletes who benefitted from the programme;
- A list of the activities carried over;
- A financial report including all the supporting receipts/invoices.

### ■ ■ ■ Payment Process

- Advance payment (60% of the approved budget) made right after the official approval by the WBSC Development Commission;
- Balance payment (40% of the approved budget) made upon receipt and acceptance of the final report.

# Grants for Playing Facilities S|P|F

## Programme Guidelines

### ■ ■ ■ Objectives

To offer assistance or limited financial support for the construction, renovation or upgrade of Baseball/Softball/Baseball5 playing facilities.

### ■ ■ ■ Beneficiaries

All National Federations (NFs) in good standing and Continental Associations (CAs) may benefit from this programme.

Nevertheless, priority should be given to applicants in need of support, but with a clear potential for development.

### ■ ■ ■ Description

This programme offers support to a National Federation or a Continental Association for the construction, renovation or upgrade of Baseball/Softball/Baseball5 playing facilities.

The grants allocated could be used to cover costs related to the following areas:

- Purchase of venue equipment and/or machinery;
- Construction or renovation of infrastructures;
- Project infrastructure assistance and technical support.

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure for National Federations

The application must be submitted by the relevant National Federation, which may receive approval for, maximum, one SPF programme per year.

To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project.

In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the National Federation;
- Name and contact of the person in charge of all the communication between the organisation and the WBSC;
- Whereabouts of the facility location;
- Estimation of the costs;
- Signature of the National Federation President, Secretary General or Executive Director.

And, in case of improvements of existing playing facilities:

- Description of the current structure, including use, number of athletes served and blueprints;

Specifically, about the estimation of the costs, the document shall include all activities/items and the related budget, such as:

- Provisions of equipment and/or services;
- Any other cost or expenses related to the request;
- Construction and/or renovation work.

### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the National Federation with its feedback based on the following criteria:

- Coherence with the objectives and guidelines of the programme;
- Programme's feasibility;
- Cost/Benefit analysis.

Depending on the request, the WBSC may suggest alternative ways of reaching the purpose and possibly assist the National Federation by directly providing equipment, technical support, intellectual properties etc...

In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the National Federation to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the National Federation is requested to maintain constant contact with the WBSC and provide updates if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days from the conclusion of the programme, the National Federation must submit the following documents to the Continental Associations which must then be submitted to the WBSC:

- A detailed report with an evaluation and comments, as well as all other pertinent information;
- A financial report including all the details of expenditure as well as all the supporting receipts/invoices.

### ■ ■ ■ Payment Process

- Advance payment (60% of the approved budget) made right after the official approval by the WBSC Development Commission;
- Balance payment (40% of the approved budget) made upon receipt and acceptance of the final report.

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure for Continental Associations

The application must be submitted by the relevant Continental Association, which may receive approval for, maximum, three SPF programmes per year.

To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project.

In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the Continental Association;
- Name and contact of the person in charge of all the communication between the organisation and the WBSC;
- Whereabouts of the facility location;
- Estimation of the costs.

And, in case of improvements of existing playing facilities:

- Description of the current structure, including use, number of athletes served and blueprints.

Specifically, about the estimation of the costs, the document shall include all activities/items and the related budget, such as:



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- Provisions of equipment and/or services;
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- Any other cost or expenses related to the request;
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- Construction and/or renovation work.
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### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the Continental Association with its feedback based on the following criteria:

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- Coherence with the objectives and guidelines of the programme;
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- Programme's feasibility;
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- Cost/Benefit analysis.
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Depending on the request, the WBSC may suggest alternative ways of reaching the purpose and possibly assist the Continental Association by directly providing equipment, technical support, intellectual properties etc...

In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the Continental Association to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the Continental Association is requested to maintain constant contact with the WBSC and provide updates if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days from the conclusion of the programme, the Continental Association must submit the following documents to the WBSC:

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- A detailed report with an evaluation, comments, as well as all other pertinent information;
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- A financial report including all the items of expenditure as well as all the supporting receipts/invoices.
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### ■ ■ ■ Payment Process

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- Advance payment (60% of the approved budget) made right after the official approval by the WBSC Development Commission;
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- Balance payment (40% of the approved budget) made upon receipt and acceptance of the final report.
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MANAGEMENT  
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## Sport Promotion



# Provision of Technical Equipment P|T|E

## Programme Guidelines

### ■ ■ ■ Objectives

To offer assistance to National Federations or Continental Associations by providing technical equipment or financial support to purchase technical equipment to be used for the development of Baseball/Softball/Baseball5 in the country or continent.

### ■ ■ ■ Beneficiaries

All National Federations (NFs) in good standing and Continental Associations (CAs) may benefit from this programme.

Nevertheless, priority will be given to applicants in need of support, but with a clear potential for development.

### ■ ■ ■ Description

This programme offers to a National Federation or a Continental Association the opportunity to receive Baseball, Softball or Baseball5 equipment and/or financial support to purchase technical equipment.

The equipment shall be used to implement sport activities within the country or the continent, such as:

- National/Continental championships;
- Sports promotion activities;
- Youth development programmes.

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure for National Federations

The application must be submitted by the relevant National Federation, which may receive approval for, maximum, one PTE programme per year.

To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project.

In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Detailed description of the activities to be implemented;
- List of equipment needed, including quantities;
- Number of teams, clubs and/or athletes which will benefit from it;
- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the National Federation;
- Information about shipping, storage, and distribution;
- Name and contacts of a person in charge of all the communication between the National Federation and the WBSC;
- Signature of the National Federation President, Secretary General or Executive Director.

### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the National Federation with its feedback based on the following criteria:

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- Coherence with the purpose and guidelines of the programme;
  - Programmes' feasibility;
  - Availability of requested equipment;
  - Cost – Benefit analysis.
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In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the National Federation to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

Further, the approval shall be accompanied by the list of equipment being granted, with the relative information on the shipper – in case of equipment distributed by the WBSC itself – or the provider – in case of equipment to be purchased.

### ■ ■ ■ Financial Conditions

The coverage of the expenses related with the equipment itself, including the shipping costs and customs fees will be defined on a project basis, keeping in consideration the type and quantities of equipment donated and/or the financial support provided to purchase it.

In general, the National Federation will be requested to cover all the costs related to any eventual customs fees, storage and distribution.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the National Federation is requested to maintain constant contact with the WBSC and provide updates if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days from the conclusion of the programme, the National Federation must submit the following documents to the WBSC:

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- Technical report that specifies the list of equipment received, how it has been used and/or distributed (number of clubs/ athletes who benefited from it), as well as all other pertinent information (photographs, press clippings, etc.);
  - A financial report including all the items of expenditure as well as all the supporting receipts/invoices, in case of equipment purchased through a support grant.
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### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure for Continental Associations

The application must be submitted by the relevant Continental Association, which may receive approval for, maximum, three PTE programmes per year.

To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project. In particular, the application must include the following information:

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- Description of the activities to be implemented;
  - List of equipment needed, including quantities;
  - Number of teams, clubs and/or athletes which will benefit from it;
  - Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the Continental Association;
  - Information about shipping, storage, and distribution;
  - Name and contacts of a person in charge of all the communication between the National Federation and the WBSC;
  - Signature of the Continental Association President, Secretary General or Executive Director.
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### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the Continental Association with its feedback based on the following criteria:

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- Coherence with the purpose and guidelines of the programme;
  - Programmes' feasibility;
  - Availability of requested equipment;
  - Cost – Benefit analysis.
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In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the National Federation to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

Further, the approval shall be accompanied by the list of equipment being granted, with the relative information on the shipper – in case of equipment distributed by the WBSC itself – or the provider – in case of equipment to be purchased.

### ■ ■ ■ Financial Conditions

The coverage of the expenses related with the equipment itself, including the shipping costs and customs fees will be defined on a project basis, keeping in consideration the type and quantities of equipment donated and/or the financial support provided to purchase it.

In general, the Continental Association will be requested to cover all the costs related to any eventual customs fees, storage and distribution.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the Continental Association is requested to maintain constant contact with the WBSC and provide updates if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days from the conclusion of the programme, the Continental Association must submit the following documents to the WBSC:

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- Technical report that specifies the list of equipment received, how it has been used and/or distributed (number of clubs/ athletes who benefited from it), as well as all other pertinent information (photographs, press clippings, etc.);
  - A financial report including all the items of expenditure as well as all the supporting receipts/invoices, in case of equipment purchased through a support grant.
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# Support for School and Youth Community Projects S|S|Y|C|P

## Programme Guidelines

### ■ ■ ■ Objectives

To offer assistance, limited financial support, and/or specific opportunities to National Federations, with the aim to implement sport educational programmes within schools and/or local communities.

### ■ ■ ■ Beneficiaries

All National Federations (NFs) in good standing may benefit from this programme. Nevertheless, priority will be given to applicants in need of support, but with a clear potential for development.

### ■ ■ ■ Description

This programme offers assistance to National Federations to put in place projects aiming at spreading the discipline(s) of Baseball, Softball and/or Baseball5 through the younger generations while educating them to the values of respect, teamwork and responsibility. Specifically, the range of services provided by the WBSC comprehends the following areas:

- Education: dedicated manuals will be distributed by the WBSC in order to provide to the future teachers or coaches the necessary tools to implement the projects;

- Training courses: before the beginning of the programme, the WBSC may foresee the organisation of on-site or on-line technical courses in order to train the future teachers and coaches;
- Starter kits: WBSC will provide starter kits containing all the necessary material to put in place an appropriate field of play, together with some Baseball, Softball and/or Baseball5 equipment;
- Assistance: depending on the projects, the WBSC may provide direct support by, for example, grant a financial contribution, provide apparel for a national school project etc...

### ■ ■ ■ Application Procedure

The application must be submitted by the relevant National Federation, which may receive approval for, maximum, one SSYCP programme per year. To allow sufficient time for analysis, the official application form must be presented to the WBSC Development Commission no later than 3 months prior to the start of the proposed project. In particular, the application must include the following information:

- Description of the activity;
- Dates and location;
- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the National Federation;
- Name and contacts of a liaison person in charge of the communication between the National Federation and the WBSC;
- Tentative number of kids involved;
- Training needs and level of the kids involved;
- Signature of the National Federation President, Secretary General or Executive Director.

Moreover, each school or local community in which the programme will be implemented shall provide the following information through the relevant National Federation:

- Name and address;
- Liaison person and related contact details;



- Name and signature of the legal representative;
- Number of kids, classes or groups involved in the project with info on the age gender; and
- Frequency of Baseball, Softball and/or Baseball5 activity.

### ■ ■ ■ Analysis and Approval

The WBSC Development Commission will review the application and, within 30 days, will provide the National Federation with its feedback based on the following criteria:

- Coherence with the purpose and guidelines of the programme;
- Programmes' feasibility;
- Cost-Benefit Analysis.

In case of approval, the WBSC will double-sign the application form - turning it effectively into a binding contract - and send it back to the National Federation to allow the programme to be officially implemented.

### ■ ■ ■ Cost Breakdown

With regards to the cost breakdown, the WBSC will cover the costs related with the following areas:

- Provision of starter kits, including shipping costs;
- Provision of the manuals, including shipping costs;
- Instructor(s) international airfare, per-diem, illness and accident insurance in case of on-site training course;
- Any other allowance granted by the WBSC Development Commission.

In the other hand, the National Federation is requested to cover the costs related with the translation and printing of the manuals, if needed. Further, in case the training course is requested, the NF has to take care of the following:

- Instructor(s) meals (3 per day) and accommodation\*;
- Instructor(s) local transportation from/to airport/training venue;
- Training venue and its setting;
- Participants' transportation, meals and accommodation, if necessary;
- Venue liability insurance;
- Administrative support for travel VISA, if necessary;
- Documents translation to the local language, if necessary.
- Any other expense not covered by the WBSC.

\*Instructors' accommodation should be of minimum 4-star international standards. A 3-star accommodation can be accepted provided a WBSC prior approval.

### ■ ■ ■ Follow-up and Control

During the programme, the National Federation is requested to maintain constant contact with the WBSC and provide updates if necessary or requested.

### ■ ■ ■ Final Report

Within 30 days from the conclusion of the programme, the National Federation must submit the following documents to the WBSC:

- A detailed report with a technical evaluation, comments and all relevant information related with the activity from the National Federation;
- A detailed report with a technical evaluation, comments and all relevant information related with the activity from all the schools and or local communities involved.

### ■ ■ ■ Payment Process

- Instructor(s) international airfare, per-diem, illness and accident insurance in case of on-site training course;
- Any other allowance granted by the WBSC Development Commission.



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