

# 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 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, support 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:

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- Purchase of venue equipment and / or machineries;
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- Building or renovation of infrastructures;
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- Project infrastructure assistance and technical support.
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■ ■ ■ **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:

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

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- Description of the current structure, including use, number of athletes served and blueprints;
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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 National Federation 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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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 WBSC:

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- A detailed report with an evaluation, comments, as well as all other pertinent information;
  - 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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## ■ ■ ■ 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:

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

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