

# 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 will be given to applicants in need of support, but with a clear potential for development. Further, to be considered eligible for this programme, any player must be 15-year-old or older and match at least one of the following profiles:

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

This programme offers to specific athlete(s) a 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 finance the following activities/items:

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| • 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:

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| • Description of the activity;   |
| • CV (Resume) of the player(s);  |
| • Information on the organization 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 organization (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:

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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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- Equipment 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 athlete(s) presented;
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- Budget coherence;
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- Programmmes' 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 WBSC:

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

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- 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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