

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

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

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- 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;
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- 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;
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- A specific aggregation created explicitly for the participation in an elite international competition sanctioned by the WBSC.
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■ ■ ■ **Description**

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

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- Regional international events, or;
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- Continental Championships (senior and junior), or;
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- Baseball, Softball and Baseball5 World Cups, or;
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- Elite international competitions sanctioned by the WBSC.
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Specifically, the grants allocated through this programme can be used to finance the following activities/items:

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

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- Description of the activity;
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- Dates and location;
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- 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;
  - Detailed cost breakdown document.
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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, if any;
  - Board and lodging, if any;
  - Equipment, if any;
  - 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;
  - Profile and level of the athlete(s) presented;
  - Budget coherence;
  - Programmmes' feasibility;
  - Guarantee of team participation;
  - 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 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 WBSC all documents related with the approved activities / items.

### ■ ■ ■ 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 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 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:

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- Description of the activity;
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- Dates and location;
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- Main expectations from the project and opportunities it could create for the Continental Association
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- Signature of the Continental Association(s) President, Secretary General or Executive Director;
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- Name and contacts of a liaison person in charge of the communication between the Continental Association(s) and the WBSC;
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- Detailed cost breakdown document.
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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, if any;
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- Board and lodging, if any;
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- Equipment, 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 Continental Association(s) 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 team presented;
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- Budget coherence;
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- Programme's feasibility;
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- Guarantee of team participation;
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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 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 with the approved activities / items.

### ■ ■ ■ Payment Process

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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 budget) made upon receipt and acceptance of the final report.
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