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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 mid to long-term actions 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 (3 to 6 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 the relevant National Federation to discuss and agree on an action plan, which shall take into account all strengths and weaknesses previously assessed. Such action plan shall outline one or more of the below items:

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- Training programme for national coaches, including field and classroom education, tests, assisted practice sessions, in game experience etc...;
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- Coaching assessment tool;
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- Coaching education structure;
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- Talent identification programme.
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- Baseball, Softball, Baseball5 school and community projects;
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Depending on specific needs and budget availability, it may be possible to divide the plan in modules.

In this case the instructor(s), rather than staying in the country for an extended period of time, will implement the action plan throughout 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:

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- Description of the current coaching structure and detailed analysis of the training needs;
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- Proposed action plan, including all the relevant activities and programmes to be implemented;
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- Proposed dates and location;
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- Detailed budget;
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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.
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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 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

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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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