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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 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 creation or the improvement of Baseball / Softball academies or training centers whose main focus is players' development.

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

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

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

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- Description of the current structure, including names and job descriptions;
  - Financial statement of the previous year and budget of the current year;
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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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- Salaries and compensations for the recruitment of specialised personnel;
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- Provisions;
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- Purchase or rental of software and/or hardware material and equipment;
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- Rental of office spaces;
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- Any other cost or expenses related to the request.
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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;
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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 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 WBSC:

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- A detailed report with an evaluation, comments, as well as all other pertinent information;
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- A list of the athletes who benefitted from the programme;
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- A list of the activities carried over;
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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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### ■ ■ ■ 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:

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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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- Detailed cost breakdown document including all items subject to be covered by the grant.
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And, in case of improvements of existing academies / training centers:

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- Description of the current structure, including names and job descriptions;
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- Financial statement of the previous year and budget of the current year;
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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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- Salaries and compensations for the recruitment of specialised personnel;
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- Provisions;
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- Purchase or rental of software and/or hardware material and equipment;
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- Rental of office spaces;
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- Any other cost or expenses related to the request.
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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 / 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:

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- A detailed report with an evaluation, comments, as well as all other pertinent information;
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- A list of the athletes who benefitted from the programme;
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- A list of the activities carried over;
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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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