DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION REPORT
2017 - 2021
AIMS OF THE PROGRAMMES

• Develop and promote Baseball, Softball, Baseball5 and Para-Sports at all levels.

• Focus on specific areas that are considered essential for the future of these sports by WBSC.

• Indicate common guidelines for all Continental Associations and National Federations.

• Priority to the Continental Associations and the National Federations with the greatest needs.
The first step taken by the Commission was to prepare the DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES MANUAL.

The WORKING TOOL that clearly focuses on the major areas, where WBSC wants to develop.
GUIDELINES IN FOUR DIFFERENT CATEGORIES
TOTAL OF 12 SPECIFIC PROJECTS

ATHLETES
1) support for elite athletes
2) support for teams
3) scholarships for youth athletes

COACHES
1) courses for coaches, umpires & scorers
2) support for coaches
3) development of national coaching structure

MANAGEMENT
1) grants for NFs and Continental Associations
2) courses for sports administrators
3) grants for BB/SB academies and playing facilities

PROMOTION & SCHOOLS
1) sport for all
2) support for school and community youth projects
3) provision of technical equipment
• WBSC will work closely with the Development Commission;
• WBSC only gives assistance and in no case will cover the entire cost of the project;
• The Continental Associations must be fully involved in the entire process of the project;
• The NF has to be in good standing before analysing the project
AMOUNT ALLOCATED

TOTAL ALLOCATED 2017 / 2021 = $7,084,954 USD
OUTCOME OF REQUESTS

- Request Information Only: 0 (all years)
IOC OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY
FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH NATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEES
THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING A SPORT ON THE OLYMPIC PROGRAMMES

TOTAL AMOUNT ALLOCATED 2017/2021: $1,253,220
FUTURE OF DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
COMMENTS & OBSERVATIONS

• Various National Federations are getting familiar with the procedure and some «well prepared» and qualified requests are arriving.

• Empower Continental Associations more and more through the allocation of funds that they can manage independently under the supervision of the WBSC.

• Find the right balance to allocate funds to Continental Associations in consideration of the activity carried out, the number of athletes, the real need and other fundamental parameters to achieve the purpose.

• Reorganise the development programmes in order to make them more effective.

• Implement the attention towards Para-Sport activities.
2022 – 2024 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES STRUCTURE
2 MAIN AREAS – 5 CATEGORIES – 13 PROGRAMMES

Athletes & Sport Development

ATHLETES
- Support Grant for Elite Athletes
- Support Grant for Teams

COACHES
- Technical Courses for Coaches
- Support Grant for Coaches
- Development of the National Coaching Structure

OFFICIALS
- Technical Courses for Umpires, Technical Commissioners and Scorers
- Support Grant for Umpires, Technical Commissioners and Scorers
2022 – 2024 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES STRUCTURE
2 MAIN AREAS – 5 CATEGORIES – 13 PROGRAMMES

MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION
- Grants for National Federations and Continental Associations Operational Structure
- Training Courses for Sports Administrators & Sports Managers
- Support Grant for Baseball/Softball Academies
- Support for Playing Facilities

SPORT PROMOTION
- Provision of Technical Equipment
- Support for School & Community Projects
2021 – 2024 OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY PROGRAMMES
2 MAIN AREAS – 4 CATEGORIES – 9 PROGRAMMES

OLYMPIC GAMES UNIVERSALITIES
- Team Support Grant

ENTOURAGE
- Athletes Career Transition
- Olympic Scholarship for Coaches
- Technical Courses for Coaches

SPORT DEVELOPMENT
- Continental Athlete Support Grant
- Development of National Sport System
- Youth Athlete Development

Athletes & Sport Development
How to apply: In order to submit any application for an Olympic Solidarity Programme, a National Federation must contact the National Olympic Committee of its country as the NOCs are the only bodies entitled to request and access OS funds.