

Development Requests Procedures 2025

Little League

The World Baseball Softball Confederation Europe (WBSC Europe), through its Development Commission, aims to oversee the financial support for all National Federations, particularly those with the greatest needs, to grow our sports in Europe.

Eligibility: Only National Federations can request support.

To request financial support for the development of **Little League** baseball and/or softball from WBSC Europe, please follow the procedure outlined below:

1. **Determine Project Objectives:** Clearly define the specific objectives and goals for which you seek financial support. This could include initiatives such as coaching programs, grassroots initiatives, player development, or any other relevant projects for developing Little League baseball and/or softball, in your country.
2. **Prepare a Proposal:** Develop a comprehensive proposal outlining your project or initiative. The proposal should clearly describe the project, its goals, expected outcomes, and a detailed budget. Emphasize the potential impact and benefits of the project on the development of baseball and softball in Europe.
3. **Settle Previous Obligations:** Ensure that any outstanding obligations from previous WBSC Europe-funded projects are resolved before submitting a new application.
4. **Select a Category:** Choose one of the following Categories based on your project needs: Category 1: funding Up to €1,500; Category 2: up to €3,000; Category 3: up to €5,000, Category 4: up to €10,000. WBSC Europe funds via lump sum payments
5. **Contact WBSC Europe:** If you have any questions you can reach out to the WBSC Europe Development Commission through email: development@wbsceurope.org.
6. **Submit the Proposal:** Complete the application form, ensuring that all required information is provided accurately and comprehensively. Attach supporting documents, including your proposal, budget, and any other relevant materials requested by WBSC Europe. Double-check that you have met all the submission requirements.
7. **Timeline:**
 - a. **Application Deadline** - The deadline to submit funding requests for this part of the development projects is before December 31, 2025.
 - b. **Response and Approval** - Applicants will receive a response regarding their funding request no later than 15th of February.
 - c. **Funding Duration:** Approved funds can be utilized for entire year of 2026.
 - d. **Budget Allocation** – The Development Commission will provide 80% of the approved budget for the project. Applicants are required to invest at least 20% of the budget from their own resources.
 - e. **Payment Schedule** - The initial payment of 80% of the approved budget will be disbursed prior to the start of the project. The remaining 20% will be paid upon submission of the project report (see 8.).
 - f. **Project Documentation** - Applicants must maintain proper documentation of expenses incurred during the project, including invoices, receipts, and any other relevant supporting documents to be included in the project report.
 - g. **Media Reports:** Media reports are required before the start, during, and after the event or project. Coordination with the WBSC Media Team is necessary for all media-related activities. [Guidelines you can find here.](#)
 - h. **Fund Utilization** - The approved funds must be utilized strictly for the designated development project as outlined in the funding request. Any deviations or changes to

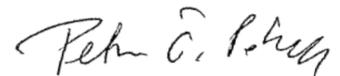
the project plan must be communicated and approved by the Development Commission in advance.

8. Funding Agreement and Reporting: Applicants must furnish a detailed report encompassing the project's progress, outcomes, and financial reconciliation within 30 days following the project's culmination. This report should delineate project accomplishments, encountered challenges, and insights gained. Additionally, applicants are obliged to acknowledge WBSC Europe's and Little Leagues support in their media materials by prominently displaying the [WBSC Europe's](#) and Little League logo.

Please note:

National Federations that received WBSC Europe funding during **2025**, either through the **Little League Call** or the **Standard Development Call**, are **not eligible to apply** for this 2025–2026 Little League Development Grant.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, do not hesitate to contact the Development Commission. We look forward to supporting your development initiatives and witnessing the positive impact they bring to our organization.



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