

BaseballSoftballUK is seeking independent members for its Development Strategy Committee, a voluntary position with a remit to help form and influence the strategic direction of the development work of BaseballSoftballUK for the 2009 – 2013 strategic cycle and beyond.

About BaseballSoftballUK

BaseballSoftballUK (BSUK) is the development agency for baseball and softball in the UK, set up as a joint venture between the British Baseball Federation and the British Softball Federation. Our vision is for baseball and softball "to become the nation's summer sport for all, run locally and played across the UK". Our key areas of work are growing the number of adults and young people playing regularly in teams and developing the sporting experience of those in the sports. This involves innovative and creative approaches to recruitment, programme development and partnership, as well as the development of the coaching and voluntary workforce, facilities, umpires and players.

The Development Strategy Committee is a sub-committee of the Board, is chaired by the Independent Board Director for Development. It is comprised of members from baseball and softball and other individuals with experience and insight into the development of the sports. The DSC oversees the progress of the development strategy and reviews the work of the development department. BSUK currently has sixteen members of staff, eleven in the Development Department.

Role Details

This is a voluntary position and will mainly consist of the following:

- Attendance of the DSC Meetings (there are eight meetings a year);
- Prepare for and contribute to these meetings;
- Undertake specific projects and pieces of work, on occasion, as they emerge from the meetings.

Although this can vary greatly depending on the individual and DSC activity, it's expected that the commitment to this role will be around a day a month.

As such, having a clear understanding of how sports can be developed within the UK, alongside other sporting agencies and partners, is important. The DSC meets eight times a year, usually late afternoon during the week, in London. Virtual meeting and conference call facilities enable members to join remotely – and currently, one member joins from New York.

Expenses will be paid in accordance with BSUK's expenses policies.

Desirable Skills and Experience

- Working within the sports industry in the UK;
- Dealing with national, regional and local partners to develop sports;
- Developing club and / or school sporting opportunities;
- Sports marketing;
- Exploring funding opportunities, and;
- Devising innovative sporting projects.

How to apply:

Please contact John Boyd on <<first.lastname>>@bsukmail.com or – 020 7453 7035, providing background of your experience.

Deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 5 November 2010