Abstract

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This is a plan to further develop baseball in Great Britain. This model draws on the successes and failures from the long history of baseball across Europe, and also on government policies affecting youth sport. Two models are included: a comprehensive initial model to increase participation and create pathways for players and coaches to excel; and an intermediate stage for intensive development amongst teenagers with high potential. The first model focuses on the improvement of baseball coaches, empowering them to get more children involved in the game. It also aims to make the structures they coach and play in more efficient and accessible. The second model, the creation of an elite academy, creates opportunities for the players emerging with talent and dedication to reach their potential.