

# FOR FEDERATIONS

YOU ARE NOT A SUPPORT ACTOR. YOU ARE THE PATHWAY.

WITHOUT STRONG, WELL-GOVERNED, ACTIVE FEDERATIONS — THERE IS NO LEVEL 3,  
NO LEVEL 4, NO NATIONAL TEAM. THE SYSTEM DEPENDS ON YOU.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO — STARTING NOW

### 1. CREATE OR UPDATE YOUR DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY

- Produce a one-page sport-specific development pathway document — what progression looks like from entry level to national team in your sport
- Every athlete in your sport should be able to see where they are and what comes next

### 2. BUILD YOUR ATHLETE TRACKING LIST

- Identify the top performers in your sport from TCISS, youth leagues, and national competitions
- Record names, contact information, age, school, and performance data
- Someone in your federation should be actively following the development of your top 10-15 young athletes at all times

### 3. SHOW UP AT SCHOOL EVENTS

- Assign at minimum one federation official to attend TCISS events in your sport with a scouting mandate — not just to watch, but to identify, record, and follow up
- The transition from school sport to federation development is the weakest link in the TCI pathway. You can close that gap

### 4. DEVELOP YOUR COACHING PIPELINE

- Create a coach development plan for your sport — what certifications are available, what support the federation can offer coaches, and how to raise the standard at all levels
- Prioritise school coaches — they carry the majority of contact hours with developing athletes

### 5. COMMUNICATE WITH FAMILIES

- Establish at minimum one annual contact point with parents of identified athletes — a meeting, a letter, or an information session
- Tell families what the pathway looks like. Tell them what the federation is doing to support their child. Tell them what they need to do

### 6. BUILD INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

- Begin building relationships with overseas clubs, academies, and college programmes in your sport
- Even one college coach who knows and respects TCI athletes in your sport is worth more than any brochure or profile

## KEY RESOURCES FOR FEDERATIONS

- TCI Sports Commission compliance framework — [tcisc.tc](http://tcisc.tc)
- NCSA Sports — [ncsasports.org](http://ncsasports.org)
- NAIA coach and athlete resources — [naia.org](http://naia.org)
- UK university sport scholarship contacts — [bucs.org.uk](http://bucs.org.uk)