



Title: BAFA National Programme aims and goals

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Executive summary

Home nations competitive activity within the United Kingdom is managed by BAFA and currently exists to a greater or lesser degree.

This activity will entirely support the BAFA National Programme and will be undertaken by the BAFA strategic team acting as the National Programme Directorate and with the support of the Operational, 'nations within BAFA' teams and head coaches and team managers from both disciplines and all age groups.

It is important to note, home nations activity by birthright may be challenging to deliver from a logistical perspective. It may also prove uncompetitive in some instances and of little value to the National Programme. Therefore, the concept of regional 'all-star' activity and programmes under the National Programme will be created as follows:

- Chieftains (North)
- Crusaders (South and East)
- Dragons (West)
- Giants (Northern Ireland)

BAFA will develop some, many or all of the aforementioned programmes accommodating the whole of the United Kingdom as and when it is appropriate.

The success of this project will ultimately lead to a true home nations competition within the National programme in the future.

Aims and goals

Adult contact

- Maintain Group A status in the 2010 European championships
- Win the European championships in 2013

Student contact

- To develop current all-star activity to NP regional activity in 2009 and subsequent years
- BAFA to lobby EFAF and IFAF to develop student international competitions

Youth contact

- Deliver an NP regional game in 2008 and subsequent years
- Deliver a GB Lions game in 2009 and subsequent years
- BAFA to continue to lobby EFAF to amend rules to permit GB Lions to compete in the European Junior Championships without compromising British athlete's welfare

Junior contact

- Deliver an NP regional game in 2009 and subsequent years

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Adult flag

- Deliver NP regional activity in 2009 and subsequent years
- To win the European championships in 2010
- BAFA to lobby EFAF and IFAF to amend the rules to permit mixed-gender competition at local and international level

Youth flag

- Deliver an NP regional game in 2009 and subsequent years

Junior flag

- Deliver an NP regional game in 2009 and subsequent years

Cadet flag

- Review and consider delivering an NP regional game in 2010 and subsequent years to support Long Term Athlete Development

Conclusion

The BAFA Board of Directors, acting as the National Programme Directorate, will recruit personnel (Head Coaches and/or Team Managers) by a set process to deliver these aims and goals for those areas that are currently without personnel.

To deliver this activity, the BAFA has appointed BAFA Director, Jim Messenger, as Lead Director for the National Programme. Jim will work with the Operations team to deliver these aims and goals.

The BAFA National Programme aims and goals will be subject to review and update as and when the National Programme Directorate feel is appropriate.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Marshall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

Gary Marshall
BAFA Chairman