13- Program for Supporting Continental Federations (CF) by the International Pencak Silat Federation (IPSF)

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Program Title: IPSF Support Initiatives for Continental Federations

Overview: The International Pencak Silat Federation (IPSF) aims to promote and develop Pencak Silat as a global sport. With its establishment in Asia, Europe, and America, and with Africa and Oceania in the process of being included, the IPSF recognizes the vital role Continental Federations (CF) play. This program outlines how the IPSF supports CFs and suggests future initiatives to enhance this support further.

Current Support Initiatives

1. Assisting in the Establishment of Continental Federations:

• The IPSF provides resources and guidance to help new CFs navigate the legal and structural requirements necessary for official recognition within their regions.

2. Training Programs:

• The IPSF organizes training programs for coaches and referees/jurors, emphasizing the latest coaching techniques and officiating standards to improve the quality of instruction and competition within each CF.

3. Development of Coaches and Referees/Jurors:

- Focused programs are designed to help develop national-level coaches who can train local athletes effectively.
- Initiatives for creating international-level coaches and referees/jurors are also implemented, with special training workshops and certifications.

4. Support for Continental Championships:

• The IPSF aids in hosting continental championships, facilitating logistical support, funding, and organizational expertise to ensure successful events that promote the sport and foster competition.

Suggested Future Support Initiatives

1. Increased Financial Support:

• Establish funding programs specifically designed to assist CFs in organizing events, securing training facilities, and providing scholarships for deserving athletes, coaches, and referees.

2. Digital Resource Hub:

• Develop an online platform that serves as a resource hub for CFs. This can include training materials, competition rules, certification processes, and best practices for event organization.

3. Cultural and Educational Exchange Programs:

• Create exchange programs that allow coaches and athletes to learn from each other's experiences across different regions, enhancing cultural understanding and technical skills.

4. Strengthening Communication Channels:

• Establish stronger communication channels through monthly newsletters, webinars, and regular meetings, facilitating better collaboration between the IPSF and CFs.

5. Promotion of Grassroots Programs:

• Support CFs in implementing grassroots initiatives that engage youth and communities, fostering interest in Pencak Silat from a young age. This could involve school programs, local competitions, and community workshops.

6. Monitoring and Evaluation Framework:

• Implement a system to assess the effectiveness of support initiatives, gathering feedback from CFs to continuously improve and adapt programs.

Conclusion

The IPSF is dedicated to supporting Continental Federations worldwide, recognizing their crucial role in the promotion and development of Pencak Silat. By providing current support initiatives and suggesting future programs, the IPSF aims to create a strong network of CFs that contribute to the growth of the sport globally. These efforts will ensure that Pencak Silat continues to thrive as a respected martial art and competitive sport on the international stage.

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