

Annex A - Unleash the Roar!: The Eight Pillars

Pillar One: Let Them Play

Conditions in place by 2022:

- Nationwide adoption of FAS' National Football Curriculum delivered by FAS-certified coaches
- Revamped National Accreditation System (Coaching & Academies)
- Revamped competitions with expanded reach and adjusted format

Desired Outcomes:

- Unified curriculum with strong local coaches developed at all levels.
- Stronger interest, increased participation and healthier lifestyle amongst children
- Steady stream of players for School Football Academies (SFA)
- Conducive training environment with inculcation of strong values

Pillar Two: Let Them Soar

The second pillar of the project is aimed at improving the elite training structure, including establishing multiple pathways to the pinnacle of the youth game.

Conditions in place by 2022-2023:

- Selection system of players based on suitability (talent, character and commitment)
- Up to 10-15 SFAs with FAS coaching team and infrastructure (both local and foreign coaches)
- Enhanced National Accreditation System (coaching & academies)
- Established Elite League for SFAs with invitation of credible international school teams to participate
- Alternative pathways and competitions for development of players outside of SFAs.

Desired Outcomes:

- Unified Curriculum with strong local and foreign coaches.
- Ensure talent outside of the SFAs are part of this project.
- Conducive training environment with inculcation of strong values

Pillar Three: Scholarships

Conditions in place by 2022:

Overseas Football Scholarships

- Identification and establishment partnership with about 5 foreign universities/clubs (Australia, Europe and America)
- Establish criteria for foreign scholarships
- Football Scholarships for Foreign Sports Talents (FST)
- Establishment of scouting network within Local Private Academies and identified foreign countries (focus on Central Europe and ASEAN/Asia)
- Identification of 10 talented young footballers for local FST Football Scholarship (player should be at least 13-15 years old)
- Agreement by SFA/SSP for emplacement for local scholarship

Desired Outcomes:

- Provides the player and their parents with a sense of confidence that football and academia can co-exist without compromise of one over the other.
- Football Scholarships to provide elite footballers with a sustainable and attractive livelihood
- Supplement local talent development with foreign sports talent in Singapore.

Pillar Four: National Service

MINDEF will continue to support high-potential national footballers through MINDEF's existing provisions, which include early voluntary enlistment, short postponements of enlistment, and time-off to train for major competitions, which will allow sportsmen to do well while still fulfilling their NS obligations.

Pillar Five: Enhanced Technical Capabilities

Conditions in place by 2022:

- Aligned pathway development for players, coaches, and parents
- MOU with key international partners
- Privatisation of the SPL
- All technical coaches and personnel to be updated in the National Football Curriculum
- On-boarding programme for players, coaches, technical personnel and parents
- Scouting and talent identification network to be established

Desired Outcomes:

- Singapore's top elite players to play in top overseas leagues in Europe and Asia
- International competitions hosted in Singapore (For example: Merlion Cup, Lion City Cup, AFC qualifying competitions)
- Increase in number of AFC Elite Youth Scheme Accreditations.

Pillar Six: Science and Technology

Desired Outcomes:

- Implementation of National wide Athlete Monitoring database system
- Awareness and embracement of Science & Technology
- Coaches and support staff suitable trained and educated
- Identification of Key Sport Scientist and Analyst positions for all SPL Clubs, National and Age Group teams

- Professionalism of athletes and coaches systematically using technology for enhancing DTE and competition analysis
- Centralized High-Performance Football Centre to coordinate the alignment of philosophy
- Data driven entertainment (broadcasting)
- Enhance Job creation and attachment opportunities in the technology area

Pillar Seven: Infrastructure

Conditions in place by 2022:

- More school fields to be floodlit
- Indoor sports halls to be allocated for Futsal (Dual-Use Scheme [DUS] Schools)
- 5 Shared Stadiums and 10 Training Venues.
- High Performance Centre for Football
- Review of quality of football fields for SPL Clubs

Desired Outcomes:

- Increase playable space for football & futsal
- Improved football pitches for the SPL Clubs.
- Capture data for the development of players and teams at the project's High-Performance Centre

Pillar Eight: Whole-of-Society Partnership

Members from the public-private-people sectors can go beyond supporting as a financial supporter and to serve as community partners and work with Singaporeans to support these programmes that create shared experiences and mutual understanding and encourage Singaporeans to live better through Sport.