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PETALING JAYA: The Malaysian Hockey Confederation (MHC) are looking for sponsors to fund their hockey activities for 2024.

MHC president Datuk Seri Subahan Kamal said the body need at least RM12mil to run things from the national team to technical affairs.

Subahan will ensure that he and his executive committee members work doubly hard to increase funds as there are new elements of the sports beginning to pick up steam, one of them being hockey 5s.

"We want to pay the players on time and cover their travel and training expenses to ensure they can compete in any competition without any worries. For that, we need at least RM12mil," he said in a press conference.

"In the past, we didn't have the 5s but now we have it. Then there is indoor hockey, which we have improved a lot in recent years and so there is a need for extra funding.

"We can't rely solely on government funding, so we have taken steps to approach private entities to back us. Tenaga Nasional have backed us for so long and pledge to increase their sponsorship if we do well in the tournaments.

"Many nations reach the top level because of funding, so we need to do our best to get things going through sponsorships and funds."

Subahan also hailed Youth and Sports Minister Hannah Yeoh's move to increase the monthly allowances of athletes to a minimum of RM1,500.

"Then you have the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) and Social Security Organisation (Socso) too. It's the right step from our ministry."