

Olympic Solidarity 2017-2020 Plan

Olympic Scholarships for Athletes “Tokyo 2020”

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OBJECTIVE

To assist elite athletes selected and proposed by their respective National Olympic Committees (NOCs) in their preparation and qualification for the Games of the XXXII Olympiad, Tokyo 2020, with a particular focus on athletes and NOCs with the greatest needs.

DESCRIPTION

The Olympic scholarship programme offers NOCs the possibility to obtain financial and technical assistance for a limited number of elite athletes who are training, and attempting to qualify, for the Tokyo Olympic Games.

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Technical and financial assistance for elite athletes

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Olympic qualification

TRAINING CENTRE OPTION

Athlete training in global training centre network established by OS.

Reporting by centre or partner NOC or IF to OS and NOC every four months.

Administered by OS, training centre or partner NOC or IF.

NOC TRAINING OPTION

Athlete training in home country or abroad in a centre approved by the NOC.

Reporting by NOC to OS every four months.

Administered by NOC.

TRAVEL SUBSIDY

Reimbursement of agreed transport costs by OS.

One reimbursement per athlete.

Administered by NOC or training centre/partner NOC or IF

Content of an olympic scholarship

Should an athlete be awarded an Olympic scholarship, the NOC or training centre will ensure that he/she benefits from funding for items such as:

- Access to appropriate training facilities;
- A coach specialised in the relevant sporting discipline;
- Regular medical and scientific assistance and control;
- Accident and illness insurance;
- Board and lodging costs;
- Adequate pocket money;
- A fixed subsidy to offset travel costs to participate in the required international Olympic qualification competitions;
- Access to technical information on the Tokyo Olympic Games.

The budget distribution and items to be covered by the scholarships must be agreed upon by the athlete, National Federation (NF) and NOC in the scholarship agreement.



Athlete training options

In its decision to allocate an Olympic scholarship, Olympic Solidarity will strive to ascertain the optimum training environment for each athlete. Olympic Solidarity’s decision as to whether athletes will train in their home country or abroad in a high-level training centre will be exclusively focused upon the needs of the athlete and the requirements of his/her sport. The principal partners in this decision process will be the NOC and training centres. Two training options exist:

a) Training centre option

Olympic Solidarity will assist certain scholarship holders to train in an international high-level training centre with which Olympic Solidarity has a service agreement for this programme. The agreements should enable athletes to access training in most of the popular sports. There are three types of options available:

- **Partner NOCs:** Olympic Solidarity has agreements with a number of NOCs which have a well developed training structure to place athletes in their high-performance training centre network.
- **Partner IFs:** Olympic Solidarity has agreements with a number of International Federations to place athletes in their training centre network.
- **Individual training centres:** Olympic Solidarity has entered into a limited number of service agreements with specialised training centres.

The choice of the high-level training centre will be determined by Olympic Solidarity in collaboration with the NOC and, where need be, the Continental Association concerned on the basis of the personal profile of the athletes and their sporting needs. In these cases, responsibility for the administration (technical and financial) of the Olympic scholarship will lie primarily with the training centre.

Further information on the training centre network is available upon request from Olympic Solidarity before and during the allocation of the scholarships.

b) NOC training option

Olympic Solidarity recognises that a majority of athletes are training within an environment in which they feel comfortable and which offers all the necessary facilities. This environment is normally within their national territory; however, in some particular circumstances, it could be in an independent training centre overseas that is not part of the training centre network noted above.

In this option, responsibility for the administration of the Olympic scholarship and training location will lie exclusively with the NOC.

The basis of calculation for an “NOC training option” per athlete, per month, will be negotiable, and will be dependent upon the cost of training the athlete in his/her chosen training environment (i.e. in their home country or abroad).

Olympic qualification process

Since the principal objective of this programme is the participation of the Olympic scholarship holders in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, Olympic Solidarity will offer each athlete a fixed travel subsidy to cover transport costs (including transport of equipment) to participate in Olympic qualification competitions. All

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other costs (entry fees, board and lodging, coach’s travel, etc.) relating to participation in the competition must be covered by the monthly scholarship.

For athletes benefiting from the training centre option, the qualification travel subsidy will be managed directly by the centre. The scholarship holders and their training centres are responsible for coordinating with the athletes’ NF/NOC to ensure entry in the relevant qualification competitions.

Athletes who manage to qualify and who are entered to participate in the Tokyo Olympic Games by their NOC will have their scholarships confirmed up until 31 August 2020. Scholarships awarded to athletes who fail to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games will be withdrawn as of the date of their final qualification opportunity.

EXTERNAL PARTNERS

The Summer Olympic International Federations will assist Olympic Solidarity in the analysis of the NOC candidatures by offering technical advice and in the follow-up of the results of the athletes who are awarded scholarships.

Olympic Solidarity will work with certain partner NOCs, IFs and independent training centres to provide training opportunities to the scholarship holders.

BENEFICIARIES

NOC and athlete profile

This programme aims to promote universal representation at the Olympic Games. Consequently, candidates from NOCs that have traditionally sent small delegations to the Games will be prioritised. Olympic Solidarity intends to apply the principle of solidarity when allocating scholarships by favouring the NOCs with the greatest needs. Athletes must have the following profile to be considered for a scholarship:

- **Olympic sport:** An international-level athlete practising an individual sport included on the Olympic programme.
- **Technical level:** The athlete must have the technical level to be able to qualify for the Tokyo Olympic Games. Proof of the athlete’s technical sports level must be shown through results obtained at national and international competitions. Top-level athletes such as Olympic medallists or world champions may be put forward by their NOC for an Olympic scholarship. However, these candidatures will be specifically reviewed on a case-by-case basis with Olympic Solidarity’s technical partners to decide whether these athletes’ profiles are compatible with the objectives of the programme.
- **Access to training funds:** Only athletes to whom a scholarship will make a significant difference to their training, and who do not have access to alternative means of paying for their preparation, may be put forward by their NOC/NF for a scholarship.
- **Ethics:** Athletes who have been convicted of a doping offence or sanctioned for actions contrary to the standards of sporting ethics as established by the Olympic Charter, the IOC, NOCs or training centres may not be put forward as scholarship candidates.



APPLICATION PROCEDURE

NOCs may submit candidatures for scholarships by using the corresponding application form.

- The maximum number of candidatures that an NOC can submit for Olympic Solidarity to choose from is 12. To facilitate this process, we ask the NOCs to make a pre-selection to limit their applications in accordance with to the eligibility criteria noted above.
- Olympic Solidarity asks the NOCs to create an order of priority for the candidates submitted.
- The NOCs must make every effort to submit an equitable balance of male and female candidates.

ANALYSIS AND APPROVAL

Olympic Solidarity will analyse each candidature submitted in collaboration with the relevant IFs and, if needed, the respective Continental Association of the NOC.

Olympic Solidarity will be responsible for the final approval of the Olympic scholarships and of the training option for the athletes. The scholarship allocation and budget will be based on the NOC's past delegation size at the previous Games and on the number of athletes corresponding to the athlete profile described above.

Each athlete awarded a scholarship will be required to sign an agreement with his/her NOC and NF that will clearly list the responsibilities of each party and the monthly budget distribution of the scholarship.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

The budget allocated to this programme for the 2017-2020 quadrennial plan is USD 32,000,000.

Budget allocation

1. Training centre option

Olympic Solidarity will negotiate a fixed monthly rate with the training centres with which an agreement is signed, and will make all payments relating to athletes in the centre directly to the centre. In addition, Olympic Solidarity will reimburse a return air ticket in economy class for the scholarship holder to travel to and from the centre.

2. NOC training option

Experience has shown that the cost of athlete training varies widely between regions of the world. Therefore, Olympic Solidarity and the NOC will agree upon the monthly amount of the scholarship per athlete per month. The number of scholarships allocated to an NOC will depend upon the amount offered to each athlete. Olympic Solidarity will make all payments relating to this training option directly to the NOC, which will then administer the scholarship holder funds regardless of where the athletes are training.

3. Travel subsidy

For the full period of the programme, a travel subsidy will be available to each scholarship holder to cover transport costs for participation in Olympic qualification events. NOCs or the training centre/partner NOC or IF may claim this travel subsidy once during the course of the programme by submitting the completed financial report, once the maximum budget is attained for the relevant athlete or at the end of the qualification period.



FOLLOW-UP AND CONTROL

Olympic Solidarity requires the evaluation form to be submitted every four months, from the scholarship award date, by either the NOC or the training centre, to monitor each athlete's progress towards Olympic qualification. This form includes a financial statement to be signed by the athlete, NF and NOC confirming the distribution of scholarship funds as agreed in the agreement.

In addition, one financial report for all the scholarship holders is to be submitted by the NOC every four months, together with the evaluation form.

Termination of an olympic scholarship

Olympic Solidarity reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship from any athlete in the following cases:

- Non-qualification for the Tokyo Olympic Games;
- Decline of technical level;
- Medical reason that prevents the athlete from training;
- Unethical behaviour (doping, discipline, etc.);
- Breach of the athlete/NF/NOC agreement or Olympic Charter;
- Any other reason in mutual agreement with the NOC or the training centre.

TIMELINE

This programme will be operational from 1 September 2017 until 31 August 2020:

- **March 2017:** launch of the application procedure.
- **1 June 2017:** deadline for submitting applications to OS to be included in the first batch of allocations (starting on 1 September 2017).
- **1 September 2017:** programme operational and first batch of scholarships activated.
- **1 January 2018:** second batch of scholarships activated.
- **24 July to 9 August 2020:** Games of the XXXII Olympiad.

Please note that additional allocation dates may be decided by OS according to the number and timing of applications received as well as budget availability. However, since just one scholarship allocation will be made per NOC these additional dates will be only for NOCs that did not submit requests in time to benefit from a previous batch.