



WORLD PROGRAMMES – ATHLETES



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## PROGRAMME GUIDELINES

### OBJECTIVE

To offer financial assistance to one national team per National Olympic Committee (NOC) to prepare and participate in regional, continental or world level competitions with a view to attempting to qualify for the Olympic Games.

### BENEFICIARIES

The national teams must have the following profile before their inclusion in this programme can be considered:

- A men's or women's team in a sport on the next summer or winter Olympic programme;
- A team recognised as being at international level.

### DESCRIPTION

This programme offers NOCs technical and financial assistance focused on the preparation of a team hoping to qualify for the Olympic Games.

### GAMES OF THE OLYMPIAD

Olympic Solidarity will offer financial assistance towards the preparation and participation of one national team per NOC in the qualification events for the Rio Olympic Games. NOCs can benefit from a fixed budget over the four-year period that will be agreed at the outset with the NOC.

For NOCs that do not have teams that could feasibly qualify for the Rio Olympic Games, Olympic Solidarity will offer limited financial assistance towards the preparation and participation (where not already covered by the respective International Federation (IFs) or Continental Association (CA) of one national team per NOC in the following competitions):

- Continental and Regional Games
- World and Continental Championships (senior and junior).



## OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES

NOCs with teams who are qualified or are taking part in the final qualification rounds for the Sochi Olympic Winter Games in ice hockey and curling can apply for an additional grant for the preparation of their team for Sochi. These NOCs will be able to benefit from both a winter and summer team support grant.

The programmes proposed by the NOCs should follow the rationale noted below and follow the two separate candidature phases:

- **Quadrennial plan:** Planning over the quadrennial period of the major competitions in which the team expects to participate, as well as the activities envisaged for each. The NOCs will therefore be able to give priority to the competitions that they consider the most important and choose to use their budget for specific projects.
- **Annual preparation project:** The annual preparation project must detail all the activities foreseen during the given year in order to prepare for the competitions indicated in the quadrennial plan.

The grants allocated in the context of this programme can be used to finance the following activities:

- Costs relating to the organisation of national or international training camps for the team preparing for a specific competition;
- Coaching costs for the team;
- Costs relating to the organisation of friendly matches that are useful to the team's general training programme; and
- Costs relating to the participation in competitions where the relevant International Federation does not cover these.

## EXTERNAL PARTNERS

The IFs and, if necessary, the CAs will assist Olympic Solidarity in analysing the NOC proposals, in offering technical advice and in following up the results of the teams included in this programme.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Each NOC can make a proposal for a grant for one team in a summer sport and for one team in a winter sport. These teams can be assisted until their respective Olympic Games in the current quadrennial period.

A two-step application procedure should be respected for this programme:

### STEP 1: GENERAL - QUADRENNIAL PLAN

At the beginning of the quadrennial period, the NOC should present to Olympic Solidarity a quadrennial plan that lists the competitions for which the NOC intends to prepare, using the



programme, during the 2013–2016 period (Annex 1). The quadrennial plan should include a brief description of the preparation projects for each competition, detailing the activities that will be organised and the percentage of the total grant that the NOC wishes to allocate to each year.

## **STEP 2: SPECIFIC – ANNUAL PREPARATION PROJECT**

Subsequently, and following the approval of the quadrennial plan, the NOC should submit an annual preparation project on a separate application form (Annex 2) to Olympic Solidarity detailing the activities that the NOC has announced in the quadrennial plan and that have been approved by Olympic Solidarity. The annual preparation project should be submitted at least two months prior to the beginning of the activities scheduled and should include a description of the activity, a forecasted budget and a list of names of the athletes who will take part.

## **ANALYSIS AND APPROVAL**

The analysis and approval of the NOC proposals will occur in two stages:

### **GENERAL - QUADRENNIAL PLAN**

Olympic Solidarity will analyse each NOC's quadrennial plan and will confirm which specific preparation projects can be included and the maximum (provisional) grant available to the NOC for the quadrennial period.

Taking into consideration the budget availability in 2016, a team that has obtained its qualification for the Olympic Games in Rio could receive an additional grant for its Olympic preparation programme.

### **SPECIFIC – ANNUAL PREPARATION PROJECT**

The proposals for the preparation projects will be analysed and approved by Olympic Solidarity according to the following criteria:

- Compatibility with the objective and guidelines of the programme;
- The profile and level of the team presented;
- The budget coherence;
- The feasibility of the preparation projects; and
- The guarantee that the team participates in the respective competition.

## **FINANCIAL CONDITIONS**

The quadrennial budget allocated to this programme is USD 10,000,000.

Following the analysis and approval of the NOC's quadrennial plan, Olympic Solidarity will inform each NOC of the maximum grant available for the team during the period of 2013– 2016.



The NOC will receive the maximum grant only if all preparation projects are carried out and the administrative requirements are fulfilled.

The NOC's grant will depend on the scope of the proposal and the budget availability.

## **FOLLOW-UP AND CONTROL**

### **GENERAL - QUADRENNIAL PLAN**

The approved quadrennial plan forms will serve as a reference for the follow-up and control of each NOC's programme. The NOC's preparation projects will be monitored according to the approved quadrennial plan form.

### **SPECIFIC – ANNUAL PREPARATION PROJECT**

Following the approval of the annual preparation project, the NOC and the team must complete the activities approved, participate in the competitions announced and submit a technical and financial report at the end of the year.

The follow-up, control and payment process will be as follows:

- Advance payment made with the approval letter of the annual preparation project;
- Balance payment made upon receipt and acceptance of the annual technical and financial reports detailing the activities carried out and the budget use (Annex 3).

The annual preparation project must be completed (reports approved) before NOCs are able to apply for the subsequent annual preparation project.

Should another NOC team qualify for the Olympic Games, the NOC may apply to replace its existing team support grant by the qualified team. Such requests must be fully documented and may be accepted within the initially allocated budget.

Olympic Solidarity may propose an alternative payment and reporting procedure when necessary.

## **ANNEXES**

### **1. Application form - quadrennial plan (1st step)**

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### **2. Application form – annual preparation project (2nd step)**

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### **3. Technical report form**

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