



Olympic Solidarity 2021-2024 Plan

Olympic Scholarships for Athletes “Paris 2024”

Guidelines

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 XXXIII Olympiad, Paris 2024, with a particular focus on athletes and NOCs with the greatest needs.

Description

The programme offers individual scholarships or a tailor-made programme depending on the Olympic Games profile of the NOC.

Beneficiaries

Athletes

Only athletes with the following profile may be put forward by their NOC as scholarship candidates:

- **Olympic sport:** athletes practising an individual sport included on the programme of the Olympic Games Paris 2024 at international level.
- **Minimum technical level:** athletes with the technical level to be able to qualify for the Olympic Games Paris 2024. Proof of the athlete’s technical sports level must be shown through results obtained at international competitions, recognised by the International Federations.
- **Access to training funds:** 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.
- **Ethics:** athletes who have not 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 or the NOC.

National Olympic Committees

The NOC eligibility and conditions for the programme will be defined by their participation numbers in individual sports in the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 (the following team sports are not included in the calculation: basketball (including 3x3 basketball), baseball/softball, football, handball, hockey, rugby 7s, volleyball (incl. beach volleyball) and water polo).



A. NOCs that had 50 or fewer athletes in individual sports at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020

These NOCs will be offered five individual Olympic scholarships.

NOCs may propose to modify the number of scholarships, keeping within the maximum monthly available budget.

B. NOCs that had more than 50 athletes in individual sports at the at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020

These NOCs will be offered a tailor-made programme that allows for the flexible use of a fixed budget for their athlete preparation for the Olympic Games.

Programme Framework

A – Individual Olympic Scholarships

The individual scholarships give 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 Olympic Games Paris 2024.

The scholarship offers selected athletes a fixed monthly grant for their training and qualification costs that may contribute to the following items:

- Access to appropriate training facilities
- A coach specialised in the relevant sporting discipline
- Regular medical and scientific assistance and monitoring
- Accident and illness insurance since medical interventions are not covered by Olympic Solidarity
- Board and lodging costs
- Pocket money (amount to be established with the NOC)
- Travel costs for the athlete to participate in competitions, including Olympic qualification events.

Once a scholarship is awarded by Olympic Solidarity, the athlete's NOC is responsible for agreeing with the athlete on the use of the scholarship and the subsequent management of the funds as well as reporting to Olympic Solidarity.

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:



1) 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 options available:

Partner NOCs: Olympic Solidarity has agreements with a number of NOCs which have a well-developed training structures 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 at the start of the application process.

2) NOC training option

Olympic Solidarity recognises that a majority of athletes are training in an environment in which they feel comfortable and which offers all the necessary facilities. This environment is normally in 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.

Olympic qualification process

Since the principal objective of this programme is the participation of the Olympic scholarship holders in the Olympic Games Paris 2024, part of the monthly scholarship grant should be used to cover transport costs (including transport of equipment) to participate in Olympic qualification competitions.

For athletes benefiting from the training centre option, this 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.

Application Procedure for the NOC

NOCs with athletes fulfilling the criteria noted above may submit candidatures for Olympic scholarships on RELAY using the individual scholarship application form. The NOCs should submit an equal balance of male and female candidates and in priority order.



Analysis by Olympic Solidarity

Olympic Solidarity will analyse each candidature submitted in collaboration with the relevant International Sports Federation.

In view of the complexity of the analysis process and the number of candidatures expected, please note that a minimum of two months is needed to analyse a NOC's application for this programme.

Approval by Olympic Solidarity

Olympic Solidarity will be responsible for the final approval of the Olympic scholarships.

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

Monitoring by Olympic Solidarity

Olympic Solidarity requests regular feedback from the NOCs or training centre to monitor each athlete's progress towards Olympic qualification by means of:

- An evaluation form for each scholarship holder, signed by the athlete, NF and NOC, to be uploaded on RELAY by the NOC every four months.
- An individual financial report for each scholarship holder, to be completed on RELAY by the NOC every four months if the scholarship is paid to the NOC.

It is the responsibility of each NOC to ensure all scholarship holder reports under the NOC option (Evaluation Forms and Financial Reports) are fully and correctly completed and submitted together at the end of each scholarship period. The following scholarship payment will be released by Olympic Solidarity once all the documents have been accepted.

In order not to penalise scholarship holders who have reported on time, should the reporting be delayed by one or more scholarship holders, the athlete(s) concerned must be warned by their NOC. If their reports are then still not submitted, Olympic Solidarity should be informed, and appropriate measures will be taken (final warning, scholarship cancellation, etc.) If the scholarship reports have not been submitted by and NOC to Olympic Solidarity by the end of the following scholarship period (i.e. four-month delay), the period in question may be cancelled.

Since the primary objective of awarding an Olympic scholarship is the athlete's qualification for the Olympic Games Paris 2024, Olympic Solidarity reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship from any athlete in the following cases:

- Failure to qualify for the Olympic Games Paris 2024.
- Decline in technical level making it unlikely that the athlete will qualify for the Olympic Games Paris 2024.
- Any reason that will prevent the athlete from participating in the Olympic Games Paris 2024.
- Unethical behaviour (doping, discipline, etc.).
- Contravention of the athlete/NF/NOC scholarship agreement or Olympic Charter.
- Failure to comply with scholarship reporting procedures.
- Competition participation for a NOC other than scholarship applicant NOC.
- Any other reason in agreement with the NOC.



The programme is designed as a long-term investment in a limited number of athletes for the preparation of the Olympic Games Paris 2024. To allow NOCs to benefit from the maximum number of scholarships, the replacement of individual scholarships during the programme is not envisaged.

B – Tailor-made Programme

Application Procedure for the NOC

NOCs fulfilling the eligibility criteria noted above (more than 50 athletes in individual sports at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020) may submit a tailor-made application on RELAY.

Analysis by Olympic Solidarity

Olympic Solidarity will analyse the application, in collaboration with the relevant International Sports Federations, if necessary.

Approval by Olympic Solidarity

Olympic Solidarity will be responsible for the final approval of the application.

Monitoring by Olympic Solidarity

At the end of the programme, the NOC is responsible for completing a technical and financial report on RELAY.

Financial Conditions

The budget allocated to this programme for the 2021-2024 plan is USD 40,000,000.

Budget allocation

Training centre option

Olympic Solidarity will negotiate a fixed monthly rate with the training centres with which it has an agreement, and will make all payments for the 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.

NOC training option

The standard individual scholarship budget is USD1,500 per month per scholarship holder. Two scholarship payments options exist and one of these should be selected in the application form:

- Payment to NOC
- Payment to scholarship holder



Tailor-made Programme

The tailor-made programme offers a maximum budget of USD 150,000 per NOC eligible for this programme.

Timeline

This programme will be operational from 1 January 2022 until 31 August 2024:

- As from September 2021: NOCs to submit applications on RELAY
- **31 October 2021**: deadline for submitting applications to Olympic Solidarity to be included in the first batch of allocations (starting on 1 January 2022).
- **1 January 2022**: programme operational and first batch of scholarships activated.
- **26 July to 11 August 2024**: Games of the XXXIII Olympiad.

Just one scholarship allocation will be made per NOC. For NOCs that did not submit requests in time to benefit from the first allocation batch, additional allocation dates may be decided by Olympic Solidarity. These dates are dependent on the number and timing of applications received.

ANNEXES

Application form (for NOCs with individual scholarships – category A)
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Evaluation form (for NOCs with individual scholarships – category A)
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