



Olympic Solidarity 2021-2024 Plan

Youth Athlete Development

Guidelines

Objective

To offer National Olympic Committees (NOCs) assistance to identify and train young athletes for youth competitions and support athletes to participate in qualification events in view of their selection to participate in the Youth Olympic Games.

Beneficiaries

The profile of the athletes to be included in this programme is as follows:

- Young athletes who have the potential to participate in national, continental or international youth competitions and/or the Youth Olympic Games;
 - Athletes who practise a sport that is included in the Summer or Winter Youth Olympic Games programme;
 - Athletes identified by the NOC or the International Federation (IF) following promising sporting results during international or continental youth competitions;
 - Athletes either qualified or identified by their NOC to benefit from Universality Places (UPs) to participate in the Youth Olympic Games.
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Description

This programme offers the NOCs technical and financial assistance to identify and train young talented athletes for youth competitions at a national, continental or international level and to provide them assistance to qualify for the Youth Olympic Games.

The programme offers the NOCs three separate options during the 2021-2024 plan:

Youth Athlete Identification

Offers technical and financial assistance to NOCs for the organisation of specific activities related to the identification and training of young athletes.

- Create a national talent identification structure;
- Continue to develop existing programmes in collaboration with the International Federations and National Federations;
- Collaborate with existing national programmes;



- Organisation of short-term national or international talent identification projects and training camps;
- Train youth athletes with a view to them being selected for youth competitions; and
- Implement learn and share initiatives.

Youth Olympic Games Qualification

Offers financial assistance to NOCs for the participation of young athletes in qualification competitions for the Youth Olympic Games in the 2021-2024 plan.

This option is designed to reimburse transport costs (plane, bus, boat, etc.) for qualifying events. Other costs linked to the participation, such as accommodation, visas, registration fees and transporting equipment can also be accepted. In view of the age of the participants, the costs of an accompanying adult (coach, physiotherapist, guardian, etc.) can also be covered.

The following expenses will not be taken into consideration within the scope of this option:

- Costs relating to the participation of athletes in the Youth Olympic Games
- The purchase of team delegation uniforms

International Federation Training Opportunities

A limited number of talented young athletes will be offered development opportunities organised by the International Federations through variable-term training courses and training camps in view of youth competitions.

Eligible NOCs are those that participated in the Olympic Games Rio 2016 with a delegation of 50 athletes or fewer. NOCs will be invited to participate in these IF opportunities by Olympic Solidarity during the 2021-2024 plan and will be requested to confirm their participation on RELAY.

External Partners

In certain cases, Olympic Solidarity will also collaborate with other partners, such as the Continental Associations (CAs), training centres, coaches and/or high-level experts.

Application Procedure

For the options described above, NOCs wishing to benefit from one or several opportunities should submit a request by applying through RELAY at least two months prior to the start of the activities that are scheduled or within the deadline specified in the invitation for the IF training opportunities.

Youth Athlete Identification

NOCs can apply annually on RELAY.



YOG Qualification

One application per NOC can be submitted for the Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024 on RELAY.

International Federation Training Opportunities

Invitations will be sent to the relevant NOCs through RELAY. All details, such as athlete names, sporting CV, arrival and departure dates, etc, will be communicated directly by the NOC or National Federation to the International Federation as specified in the invitation.

For all activities organised for athletes who are under 18 years of age within the context of this programme, the NOC must ensure that the consent of the athlete's parent and/or guardian is given before submitting an application to Olympic Solidarity.

Analysis and Approval

Youth Athlete Identification and YOG Qualification

Applications will be analysed and approved by Olympic Solidarity in accordance with the following criteria:

- Compatibility with the objective and guidelines of the programme;
- Feasibility of the project;
- Budget consistency;
- Suitability of the profile of the athletes (age, in particular) to be included in the activity; and
- Participation in qualification competitions as stipulated in the relevant International Federation qualification systems.

Should the application be approved, Olympic Solidarity will send a confirmation to the NOC specifying the scope of the project and the budget allocated.

NOCs may submit proposals at any time during the 2021-2024 plan, but Olympic Solidarity will not approve projects retroactively.

International Federation Training Opportunities

Olympic Solidarity will seek the approval of the NOCs before confirming an athlete in any activity (training camp, competition, etc.) proposed by the International Federation.

Financial Conditions

The quadrennial budget allocated to this programme amounts to USD 14,000,000.



Youth Athlete Identification

Based on the projects listed in the application, an annual maximum grant of USD 25,000 per NOC will be made available for the 2021-2024 plan. Budgets not allocated for a specific year will be reinvested back into the programme and will therefore not be retroactively allocated or carried forward.

Youth Olympic Games Qualification

Based on the application (athletes and qualification competitions), a maximum grant of USD 30,000 will be made available to an NOC for the Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024.

Follow-up and Control

The NOC must ensure that the approved activities are completed, and that the reporting procedures as indicated on RELAY are followed.

Youth Athlete Identification

The follow-up, monitoring and payment process will be as follows for each year of the programme:

- 75% advance payment made with the Olympic Solidarity confirmation of the project;
- 25% balance payment made upon receipt and acceptance of the technical and financial reports detailing the activities carried out and the budget used.

The NOC must submit a final technical and financial report at the latest two months following the conclusion of the activities. These reports must be accepted by Olympic Solidarity before an NOC can apply for the following year of the programme.

Youth Olympic Games Qualification

Upon approval of the project, no advance payment is made.

The NOC must submit a final technical and financial report at the latest two months after the final qualification events (all sports combined) based on the approved allocation. Once the reports have been approved by Olympic Solidarity, the agreed travel expenses will be reimbursed (only one reimbursement will be made per NOC for all sports).

International Federation Training Opportunities

Following the activities, the reporting and payment process will be carried out between Olympic Solidarity and the International Federation.