

PROGRAMS & FUNDING GUIDELINES

FOR SPORTS ON THE PROGRAM OF THE 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES, TOKYO
FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2017 TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. BACKGROUND

These Programs and Funding Guidelines have been developed and approved by the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) Executive to promote the Fundamental Principles and values of Olympism in Australia in accordance with the role of the AOC as a National Olympic Committee under the Olympic Charter and its Objects under the AOC Constitution. These include promoting Olympism through:

- a. Olympic education and other programs in schools (Olympic Education);
- b. the AOC's exclusive authority for the representation of Australia at the Olympic Games, Youth Olympic Games and at the regional, continental or world multi-sports competitions patronised by the IOC and all matters incidental thereto; and
- c. providing funding for these Programs known as "**AOC Funding**" or, in the case of direct funding to medallists, "**AOC Medal Incentive Funding**".

2. SOURCES OF FUNDING

- a. **AOC Funding** is derived from income distributions from the Australian Olympic Foundation, grants from the International Olympic Committee (IOC), known as Olympic Solidarity, grants from the Organising Committees for the Olympic Games (OCOGs), sponsorship and licensing and fundraising for Olympic Teams by the AOC, State/Territory Olympic Councils and the Olympic Team Appeal Committees.
- b. While the AOC neither seeks nor derives any funding from the Australian Government or its Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), it acknowledges the critical assistance these bodies provide to both the AOC's member National Federations (NFs) of sports on the Olympic program and to athletes directly for their preparation for the Olympic Games.
- c. The AOC also acknowledges the assistance provided by the State and Territory Institutes and Academies of Sport to NFs and athletes for their preparation for the Olympic Games.
- d. For sports on the programs for the 2018 and 2022 Olympic Winter Games there are separate Programs and Funding Guidelines and for which \$9,626,723 has and will be budgeted for the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020.

3. OLYMPIC EDUCATION

- a. The AOC promotes Olympism in Australia through Olympic education and other programs (including Pierre de Coubertin awards, Boxing Kangaroo medallions, community programs, Olympians as education ambassadors, Olympic Day, Meet with a Champ, Chat with a Champ, Eat like a Champ, Remote Indigenous Schools' Attendance Strategy and Village Art Program).

- b. **AOC Funding** of \$550,000 is budgeted for this program.

4. **ATHLETE TRANSITIONING (FOR SUMMER AND WINTER OLYMPIANS)**

- a. Under this new program the AOC will assist Olympians to transition from “life as an athlete” to “life after sport” by focussing on developing
 - ii a health and wellness network (friendship, support, professional counselling and crisis management);
 - iii a corporate network of mentors and assisting with internships, cadetships, work experience and work placements.
- b. AOC funding of \$300,000 is budgeted for this program.

5. **AUSTRALIAN TEAM FOR THE 2018 YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES**

- a. The third Youth Olympic Games (YOG) will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 1- to 12 October 2018.
- b. Subject to the AOC Olympic Team Selection and other relevant By-Laws and the Team Membership Agreement which shall prevail, the AOC Selection Committee will consider all those athletes who qualify under the Qualification System of their International Federation (IF) and are nominated by their NF.
- c. **AOC Funding** of \$600,000 is budgeted for this Team.

6. **AUSTRALIAN TEAM FOR THE 2019 PACIFIC GAMES IN TONGA**

- a. This will be the second Pacific Games in which Australian athletes have been invited to compete. In 2015, the AOC sent 43 athletes who competed in four sports. In 2019, Australian athletes have been invited to compete in seven sports – Athletics, Beach Volleyball, Judo, Rugby 7s, Sailing, Taekwondo and Weightlifting.
- b. **AOC Funding** of \$250,000 is budgeted for this Team.

7. **SPORTS DEVELOPMENT**

- a. **AOC Funding** to NFs, from IOC Olympic Solidarity, will be considered for programs designed to assist sports development including coaching.
- b. **AOC Funding** of \$605,377 is budgeted for this program.

8. **FUNDING TO NFs**

- a. The AOC will consider applications for NF Funding for the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020 from the NFs of sports or disciplines on the program of the 2020 Olympic Games which receive less than \$100,000 from the ASC/AIS in high performance funding for 2016-17 and any subsequent year for:

- ii. up to \$100,000 each (provision for eight sports or disciplines);
 - iii. sports with athletes likely to win medals in Tokyo 2020 for additional NF Funding up to a total for all such athletes of \$100,000.
- b. this NF Funding must be applied by NFs for participation in qualifying events for Tokyo 2020, other international competition, direct athlete support, coaching, technical support and equipment. It must not be applied towards any NF or team administration costs.
- c. **AOC Funding** of \$900,000 is budgeted for this program.

9. DIRECT FUNDING TO MEDALLISTS

- a. Athletes who won medals at the 2016 Olympic Games or in the case of the new sports for 2020 only (baseball/softball, karate, sport climbing, skateboarding and surfing) in other major international competitions of a comparable standard in 2016 in events on the 2020 Olympic programme, or win medals in 2017, 2018 and 2019 at World Championships or other major international competitions of a comparable standard in events on the 2020 Olympic program (agreed in advance by the AOC as appropriate “benchmark competitions”), will be considered for **AOC Medal Incentive Funding** in the following year and in the following amounts:

ATHLETES				
Season in which result was achieved	Year in which MIF will be paid	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2016	2017	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
2017	2018	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
2018	2019	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
2019	2020	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000

The purpose of this funding is to help these athletes gain selection to represent Australia at the 2020 Olympic Games and win medals.

- b. In order for athletes to be considered for **AOC Medal Incentive Funding** they must maintain appropriate training regimes with the intention of gaining national (or in 2020 Olympic) selection in the year subsequent to them winning a medal. It is not necessary that the event for which they are training be the same as that in which the medal was won provided it is in the same sport and on the program of the 2020 Olympic Games. Athletes who won medals at the 2016 Olympic Games may be excused from maintaining an appropriate training regime and will carry forward their eligibility to be considered for **AOC Medal Incentive Funding** to 2018, 2019 or 2020. Athletes who carry forward their consideration for **AOC Medal Incentive Funding** to 2018, 2019 or 2020 will only be eligible for funding in the amount payable in 2017.
- c. Athletes who win more than one medal in any year will be considered for **AOC Medal Incentive Funding** in respect of their best result only. In other words, multi-medal winners will not be considered for multi-funding.
- d. Members of medallist teams and other combinations will be considered for the same **AOC Medal Incentive Funding** as individual medallists.

- e. **AOC Medal Incentive Funding** will be determined by the AOC in its sole and absolute discretion.
- f. Any **AOC Medal Incentive Funding** will be paid as one payment made as soon as practicable at the commencement of the calendar year following the medal winning performance. In the case of athletes who carry forward their consideration for **AOC Medal Incentive Funding** in respect of their 2016 Olympic Games result, the funding will be paid as one payment upon them actually gaining and accepting national selection in 2018, 2019 or 2020 (as relevant).
- g. Athletes who receive **AOC Medal Incentive Funding** have no duty or obligation to provide any services to the AOC and nor does the AOC regard this funding as a reward for services. It is a matter for the athletes as to whether they acknowledge or publicise it.
- h. In August 2015 the Australian Taxation Office issued Class Ruling 2015/68 in respect of the period 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2019 (which is an update on CR 2007/36 issued in respect of prior years). The rulings can be found on the AOC corporate website olympics.com.au under "Programs & Funding". The ruling confirms that athletes who are not carrying on a business as a sports person and are awarded **AOC Medal Incentive Funding** will not be taxed on that payment.

Whether an athlete is carrying on business as a sports person will depend on a review of all the facts. If in any doubt, athletes should refer the Class Ruling to a tax agent or adviser for consideration.
- i. **AOC Medal Incentive Funding** of \$4,520,000. is budgeted for this program.

10. AUSTRALIAN TEAM FOR THE 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES IN TOKYO, JAPAN

- a. Subject to the AOC Olympic Team Selection and other relevant By-Laws and the Team Membership Agreement which shall prevail, the AOC Selection Committee will consider all those athletes who qualify under the Qualification System of their International Federation (IF) and are nominated by their NF;
- b. **AOC Funding** of \$16,000,000 is budgeted for this Team.

11. REPRESENTATION AT INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION (IF) MEETINGS

- a. The AOC recognises the importance for NFs to be represented on IFs. To this end **AOC Funding** will be provided to Australians who are members of the executive organs of IFs of sports on the Olympic program, for travel related to approved meetings or international events of the IF for one meeting or international event per year.
- b. This **AOC Funding** will amount to the full cost of business international air travel subject to a reduction by the amount of any subsidy or assistance received from the IF or any other source and to the cost of the travel not exceeding the best fare the AOC can obtain.
- c. **AOC Funding** of \$262,000 is budgeted for this program.

12. GENERAL

- a. It is the responsibility of NFs to provide, without reminder, advance details of their programs for international competition and the results of all such competitions as they occur, including the details of all medal winning athletes who in the opinion of the NF should be considered for **AOC Medal Incentive Funding**.
- b. NFs receiving assistance under Olympic Solidarity programs must comply with all IOC acquittal and audit requirements.
- c. **AOC Funding** to NFs must be used for the purpose for which it is provided and any unused amounts refunded. On this understanding and recognising the special relationship between the AOC and member NFs, financial acquittals will not be required as a matter of course (except for Olympic Solidarity programs).
- d. NFs receiving **AOC Funding** or whose athletes receive AOC Medal Incentive Funding are requested to acknowledge it in appropriate publications and communications and on appropriate occasions.
- e. These are guidelines only and may be amended or varied by the AOC at any time.

13. AOC QUADRENNIAL FUNDING 2017-2020

AOC Funding of its programs for the period 1 January 2017 to 31 December 2020 is budgeted as follows, for:

Olympic Education	\$550,000
Sports on the Program of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games	\$6,542,723
Sports on the Program of the 2020 Olympic Games	\$23,437,377
Sports on the Program of the 2022 Olympic Winter Games	\$3,084,000
TOTAL	\$33,614,100

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