



AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE INC. (AOC)

PROGRAMS AND FUNDING GUIDELINES FOR SPORTS ON THE PROGRAM FOR THE 2010 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES IN VANCOUVER (FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2006 TO 31 MARCH 2010)

1. Background

- a) The AOC has exclusive responsibility for the representation of Australia at the Olympic Winter Games. Its objective for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games is to field a team all of whom perform at least as well as the competition result upon which they achieved selection and which again wins medals.
- b) To help achieve these objectives the AOC will provide funding to be known as “**AOC Funding**” or, in the case of Direct Funding to Medallists and their Coaches, **adidas Medal Incentive Funding**.
- c) **AOC Funding** is derived from income distributions from the Australian Olympic Foundation, grants from the International Olympic Committee, the licensing and sponsorship activities of the AOC and fundraising by the AOC, its State Olympic Councils and their Corporate Appeal Committees.
- d) The AOC has other programs and funding guidelines for sports on the program for the 2008 Olympic Games.

2. Australian Olympic Winter Team preparation – the Olympic Winter Institute of Australia

- a) The Olympic Winter Institute of Australia (OWIA) was established by the AOC in June 1998 in an effort to improve the performances of its Australian Olympic Winter Teams.
- b) The objectives of the OWIA are to:
 - develop and prepare elite Australian athletes for selection in Olympic Winter Games; and
 - assist with the development and funding of high performance coaches.
- c) The OWIA currently conducts programs for elite athletes in Alpine and Freestyle Skiing – Aerials & Moguls, Snowboard, Figure Skating,

Skeleton (Women) and Short Track Speed Skating disciplines. The NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS) is the program operator of the shared national team Alpine program on behalf of the OWIA and Ski and Snowboard Australia. NSWIS also operates underpinning programs in Moguls and Snowboard under the direction of the OWIA.

- d) Athletes are considered by the OWIA for support through scholarships. Priority for scholarships is given to athletes currently competing at World Cup or World Championship level and who have the potential to be selected for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. Other athletes who have the potential to be selected for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games will also be considered.
- e) **AOC Funding** to the OWIA will be \$750,000 p.a. in 2006/07 and 2007/08. It will increase to \$1,000,000 p.a. in 2008/09 and 2009/10 for this component of Olympic Winter Team preparation.

3. 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team preparation - International Competition

- a) For the preparation of the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team **AOC Funding** will be provided to National Federations (NFs) towards their costs of international competition in the sum of \$3,000 per athlete and official in each of 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09 and 2009/10. This **AOC Funding** will be based on the Teams which, or numbers of athletes who, are likely to be selected for membership of the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team.
- b) Within the **AOC Funding** likely to be available to an NF for international competition over the quadrennium the AOC will consider submissions from any of them for more **AOC Funding** in a particular year (and less in another year) in order to qualify for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.
- c) NFs which do not or are not likely to qualify a Team or any athletes for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games will be considered for **AOC Funding** towards their costs of World Championship or World Cup or other agreed international competition in the absolute discretion of the AOC.
- d) **AOC Funding** for international competition will be determined by the end of June preceding the financial year of funding and available prior to travel to the first competition.
- e) In the sports and disciplines in which the OWIA and NSWIS conduct or operate programs this **AOC Funding** for international competition may be directed to the OWIA and NSWIS instead of the NFs, in the sole and absolute discretion of the AOC, to be applied towards the costs of international competition for such sport or discipline.
- f) **AOC Funding** of \$ 800,000 is budgeted for NFs (including that which may be directed to the OWIA and NSWIS) towards their costs of international competition for this component of Olympic Winter Team preparation.

4. 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team preparation – Direct Funding to Medallists and their Coaches

- a) Athletes and their coaches who won medals at 2006 Olympic Winter Games or win medals in 2006/07, 2007/08 or 2008/09 (including 4th placegetters in 2007/08 and 2008/09) at World Championships or other major international events of a comparable standard in events on the 2010 Olympic Winter Games program (agreed in advance by the AOC as appropriate “benchmark events”) will be considered for **AOC Direct Funding** to be known as **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** for Athletes and Coaches (or some derivative thereof) in the following years in the following amounts:

ATHLETES				
	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>4th</i>
2006/07	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$7,500	
2007/08	\$20,000	\$13,400	\$10,000	
2008/09	\$20,000	\$13,400	\$10,000	\$6,700
2009/10	\$20,000	\$13,400	\$10,000	\$6,700

COACHES				
	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>4th</i>
2006/07	\$3,750	\$2,500	\$1,875	
2007/08	\$5,000	\$3,350	\$2,500	
2008/09	\$5,000	\$3,350	\$2,500	\$1,675
2009/10	\$5,000	\$3,350	\$2,500	\$1,675

The purpose of this funding is to help them gain selection to represent Australia at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver and win medals.

- b) In order for athletes to be considered for **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** they must maintain appropriate training regimes with the intention of gaining national (or in 2010 Olympic) selection in the year subsequent to them winning a medal (or being a 4th placegetter in 2007/08 and 2008/09). 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 discipline and on the program of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. Athletes who won medals at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games may be excused from maintaining an appropriate training regime and will carry forward their eligibility to be considered for **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** to 2007/08 or 2008/09 provided they actually gain and accept national selection in one of those years.
- c) In order for coaches of medallists to be considered for this **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** they must be continuing to coach with the intention of gaining and accepting national (or in 2010 Olympic) selection in the year subsequent to their athlete(s) winning a medal (or being a 4th placegetter in 2007/08 and 2008/09). It is not necessary that the event for which they are coaching be the same as that in which the medal (or 4th place in 2007/08 and 2008/09) was won provided it is in the same sport and on the program of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

- d) Athletes and their coaches who win or coach more than one medal or medallist in any year (including 4th placegetters in 2007/08 and 2008/09) will be considered for **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** in respect of their best result only. In other words, multi-medal winners (including 4th placegetters in 2007/08 and 2008/09) and their coaches will not be considered for multi-funding.
- e) Members of medallist teams and other combinations (including 4th placegetters in 2007/08 and 2008/09) and their coaches will be considered for the same **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** as individual medallists (including 4th placegetters in 2007/08 and 2008/09) and their coaches.
- f) If more than one coach is directly involved in the medal (including 4th placegetters in 2007/08 and 2008/09) any **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** may be apportioned between them as considered appropriate by the AOC after consultation with the athlete(s) and NF concerned or the OWIA. In the case of teams and other combinations the amount to be apportioned between the coaches directly involved in the medal (including 4th placegetters in 2007/08 and 2008/09) may be increased.
- g) National Team Head Coaches who are not directly responsible for coaching a medallist (including 4th placegetters in 2007/08 and 2008/09) athlete, team or other combinations will be considered for **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** based on the overall performance of their team.
- h) **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** for medallists (including 4th placegetters in 2007/08 and 2008/09) and their coaches will be determined by the AOC in its sole and absolute discretion. In the case of coaches this will be after consultation with the National Team Head Coach concerned or, in the case of **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** to them, after consultation with their NF or the OWIA.
- i) Any **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** for medallists (including 4th placegetters in 2007/08 and 2008/09) will be provided by one payment as soon as practicable after 1 July following the medal winning or 4th placegetting performance or in the case of athletes who carry forward their consideration for this **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** in respect of their 2006 Olympic Winter Games result by one payment on them actually gaining and accepting national selection in 2007/08 or 2008/09.
- j) Any **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** for coaches of medallists (including 4th placegetters in 2007/08 and 2008/09) will be provided by one payment as soon as practicable after 1 July following the medal winning or 4th placegetting performance.
- k) **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** of \$95,000 is budgetted for medallists and their coaches (including 4th placegetters in 2007/08 and 2008/09) for this component of Olympic Winter Team preparation.

5. Australian Team for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver

AOC Funding of \$2.3 million is budgeted for the 2010 Australian Olympic Winter Team. This is after the receipt of approximately \$235,000 from the Vancouver Olympic Winter Games Organising Committee for air travel and freight assistance.

The \$2.3 million includes:-

- a) **AOC Funding** of \$1,000 for each athlete; and
- b) **AOC Funding** of \$250 for each coach or other support staff Team member (excluding AOC employees)

to be paid when the Team member arrives and is accredited for the Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver.

6. Australian Olympic Winter Team preparation – Australian Youth Olympic Festivals 2007 and 2009

- a) These Festivals for athletes from 13 to 19 years are the breeding ground for future Australian Olympians. The Festivals are an important opportunity for the AOC to promote its anti-doping position and Olympic values generally. They are also an integral part of the AOC's commitments under its Co-operation Agreement with the Chinese Olympic Committee which participates with athletes in most sports at the Festivals.
- b) The 2007 AYOF was conducted between 17 and 21 January 2007 in Sydney. There were fourteen summer sports included on the program and for the first time Figure Skating and Short Track Speed Skating (winter sports) were included.
- c) **AOC Funding** of \$ 3.2 million was provided for the 2007 AYOF for this component of Olympic Team preparation. In addition the IOC provided an Olympic Solidarity grant of US\$100,000 (approximately A\$143,000). Of these amounts the costs of the winter sports was approximately \$125,000.
- d) The AOC will conduct the 2009 AYOF in January 2009 in Sydney. It will again include the winter sports unless the proposed Melbourne Ice Centre is constructed and the AOC conducts a separate winter AYOF for the winter sports at the Melbourne Ice Centre and other selected winter sports on the Victorian and NSW snowfields.
- e) **AOC Funding** of \$3 million is budgeted for the 2009 AYOF including \$150,000 for the winter sports for this component of Olympic Winter Team preparation. This and additional AOC Funding will be budgeted for a separate winter AYOF in 2009 if the Melbourne Ice Centre is constructed.

7. General

- a) It is the responsibility of NFs to provide, without reminder, advance details of their programs for international competition (including tax invoices for GST purposes as required) and then the results of all such competitions as they occur, including the details of all medal winning athletes and their coaches who in the opinion of the NF should be considered for **AOC Funding**.
- b) **AOC Funding** to NFs and the OWIA 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 and the OWIA, financial acquittals will not be required as a matter of course.
- c) Athletes and their coaches who receive **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** have no duty or obligation to provide any services to the AOC or adidas and nor does the AOC or adidas regard this funding as a reward for services. It is a matter for the athletes and their coaches as to whether they acknowledge or publicise it.
- d) **NFs** receiving **AOC 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.

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