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## OBJECTIVE

To offer National Olympic Committees (NOCs) assistance to identify, qualify and prepare young athletes in view of their selection to participate in the Summer and Winter Youth Olympic Games.

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## BENEFICIARIES

### Athlete profile

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

- Young athletes who have the potential to qualify for and participate in the Youth Olympic Games (Summer and Winter);
- 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) thanks to outstanding results during international or continental youth competitions;
- Athletes identified by their NOC to benefit from Universality Places (UPs) available to participate in the Youth Olympic Games.

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## DESCRIPTION

This programme offers the NOCs technical and financial assistance to identify young talented athletes and to qualify and prepare them for the Youth Olympic Games.

The programme offers the NOCs three separate options during the 2017-2020 quadrennial in order to respond to the pre-Youth Olympic Games phases for the Youth Olympic Games Buenos Aires 2018 and Lausanne 2020.

### Option 1 – Identification

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

- Create a national talent identification structure;
- Continue to develop existing programmes in collaboration with the IFs and National Federations (NFs);
- 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 their being selected for YOG qualification events; and
- Implement learn and share initiatives.

A limited number of highly talented young individual athletes, identified by the IFs through results at continental and international junior competitions, will be offered variable-term training courses, organised by the IFs.



## **Option 2 – YOG qualification**

To offer financial assistance to NOCs for the participation of young athletes in qualification competitions for the Youth Olympic Games.

## **Option 3 – YOG preparation grants**

A maximum of eight individual training grants (balanced number for men and women) for young athletes, confirmed as participating (qualification or UPs) in the Youth Olympic Games, to cover their training and coaching costs.

For NOCs with traditionally large YOG delegations that could provide more than 8 training grants, a general preparation grant will instead be offered.

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## **EXTERNAL PARTNERS**

Olympic Solidarity will collaborate with the IFs for the analysis, organisation and follow-up of certain activities organised in the context of this programme.

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.

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## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

For the three options described above, application forms for the Summer and Winter Youth Olympic Games should be submitted to Olympic Solidarity at least two months prior to the start of the activities that are scheduled.

For all activities organised by the NOC 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.

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## **ANALYSIS AND APPROVAL**

Olympic Solidarity will analyse each proposal and will consult the external partners where necessary.

In the cases where the athletes have been identified by the IFs, Olympic Solidarity will seek the approval of the NOCs before including the athlete in any activity (training course, competition, etc.) proposed by the IF.

Olympic Solidarity's decision as to whether assistance can be offered to an NOC within the context of this programme will depend on the following factors:

- Suitability of the profile of the athletes to be included in the activity;
- Relevance of the activities planned by the NOC in relation to the objective of the programme;
- Athlete's sporting ability and recommendations from relevant technical authorities (coaches, IFs, training centres, etc.).

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

NOCs may submit proposals at any time during the quadrennial related to the next edition (Summer or Winter) of the Youth Olympic Games, but Olympic Solidarity will not approve any projects retroactively.

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## FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

The quadrennial budget allocated to this programme amounts to USD 12,000,000.

Following the analysis of the proposals submitted, Olympic Solidarity will communicate to the NOC the maximum budget that they can be allocated within the context of this programme. Budgets submitted by the NOCs will be analysed on a case-by-case basis.

The budget allocated to the NOCs will depend on the scope of the projects proposed, the budget availability and, in some cases, the agreements reached with the external partners.

As a general rule, the financial transactions for the three options noted above will be between Olympic Solidarity and the NOC and/or the external partners.

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## FOLLOW-UP AND CONTROL

The NOC must submit a final technical and financial report of the activities organised, separately for each option and edition of the Youth Olympic Games, at the latest two months following the conclusion of the activity.

For projects involving external partners, the reporting responsibility lies with the IF and/or the training centre within which the athlete is training. Copies of all reports related to all athletes will be sent to the NOCs for their information.