

PROGRAMS & FUNDING GUIDELINES

FOR SPORTS ON THE PROGRAM OF THE 2018 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES,
PYEONGCHANG FOR PERIOD 1 APRIL 2014 TO 30 JUNE 2018

1. BACKGROUND

These Programs and Funding Guidelines were 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 Winter Games, Youth Olympic Winter 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 the AOC's Olympic Winter Institute of Australia (OWIA) and member National Federations (NFs) of sports on the Olympic Winter program and to athletes directly for their preparation for the Olympic Winter Games.
- c. The AOC also acknowledges the assistance provided by the State and Territory Institutes and Academies of Sport to the OWIA and for the preparation of athletes for the Olympic Winter Games.

3. OLYMPIC EDUCATION

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).

4. ATHLETE TRANSITIONING (FOR SUMMER AND WINTER OLYMPIANS)

Under this program the AOC assisted Olympians to transition from “life as an athlete” to “life after sport” by focussing on developing;

- i a health and wellness network (friendship, support, professional counselling and crisis management);
- ii a corporate network of mentors and assisting with internships, cadetships, work experience and work placements.

For Olympic Education and Athlete Transitioning, AOC Funding of \$714,829 was spent during the period 1 April 2014 to 30 June 2018.

5. THE OLYMPIC WINTER INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA (OWIA)

- a. The OWIA was established by the AOC in June 1998 to improve the performances of its Australian Olympic Winter Teams and promote Olympism through winter sports generally.
- b. The objective of the OWIA is:
 - i. to develop and prepare elite Australian athletes for selection in Olympic Winter Games; and
 - ii. to assist with the development and funding of high performance coaches.
- c. The OWIA operates specialist high performance sport programs in disciplines identified to have medal potential outcomes.
- d. **AOC Funding** to the OWIA of \$4,031,392 (\$1,000,000 p.a. in 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and \$1,031,392 2017/18) was spent on this program.

6. AUSTRALIAN TEAM FOR THE 2016 WINTER YOUTH OLYMPIC GAMES

- a. Lillehammer hosted the second Winter Youth Olympic Games (WYOG) in 2016.
- b. The AOC sent a team of 17 athletes.
- c. **AOC Funding** of \$427,279 was spent on this Team.

7. AUSTRALIAN TEAM FOR THE 2017 ASIAN WINTER GAMES, SAPPORO, JAPAN

- a. The Asian Winter Games were held from 19-26 February 2017 and this was the first time Australian athletes had been invited to compete.
- b. The AOC sent a team of 30 athletes.
- c. **AOC Funding** of \$269,911 was spent on this Team.

8. SPORTS DEVELOPMENT

- a. **AOC Funding** to NFs, from IOC Olympic Solidarity, was considered for programs designed to assist sports development including coaching.
- b. **AOC Funding** of \$173,792 was spent on this program.

9. PYEONGCHANG 2018 OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY SCHOLARSHIPS

- a. The IOC's PyeongChang 2018 Olympic Solidarity Scholarships were designed to improve the competitiveness of athletes at the Olympic Winter Games. They could be used to meet the costs of access to training facilities, specialised training and coaching services, medical assistance and scientific monitoring, accommodation and meals.
- b. Twelve scholarships for the period 2014 – 2016 were awarded.
- c. **AOC Funding**, sourced from Olympic Solidarity, of \$156,203 was for this program.

10. FUNDING TO NFS

- a. The AOC considered applications for NF Funding for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018 from the NFs of the following sports on the program of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games which received less than \$100,000 from the ASC/AIS in high performance funding for 2016-17 and any subsequent year:
 - i. Biathlon, Curling, Ice Hockey, Skating (including Ice Racing), Bobsleigh (including Skeleton) and Luge for up to \$50,000 each;
 - ii. sports with athletes likely to win medals in PyeongChang 2018 for additional NF Funding up to a total for all such athletes of \$50,000.
- b. Any NF Funding was to be applied by NFs for participation in qualifying events for PyeongChang 2018, other international competition, direct athlete support, coaching, technical support and equipment. It was not to be applied towards any NF or team administration costs.
- c. **AOC Funding** of \$50,000 was spent on this program in 2014/15 and 2015/16 and \$322,500 was spent on this program for 2016/17 and 2017/18.

11. DIRECT FUNDING TO MEDALLISTS

- a. Athletes who won medals at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games and who won medals in 2014/15, 2015/16 or 2016/17 at World Championships or other major international events of a comparable standard in events on the 2018 Olympic Winter Games program (agreed in advance by the AOC as appropriate "benchmark competitions") were considered for **AOC Medal Incentive Funding** in the following years in the following amounts:

Season in which result was achieved	Year in which MIF will be paid	Gold	Silver	Bronze
2014 Olympic Winter Games	2014/15	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
2014/15	2015/16	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
2015/16	2016/17	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
2016/17	2017/18	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000

The purpose of this funding is to help these athletes gain selection to represent Australia at the 2018 Olympic Winter 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 2018 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 discipline and on the program of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games. Athletes who won medals at the 2014 Olympic Winter 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 2015/16, 2016/17 or 2017/18. Athletes who carry forward their consideration for **AOC Medal Incentive Funding** will only be eligible for funding in the amount payable in 2014/15.
- 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** for medallists 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 after 1 July following the medal winning performance. In the case of athletes who carry forward their consideration for **AOC Medal Incentive Funding** in respect of their 2014 Olympic Winter Games result, the funding will be paid as one payment upon them actually gaining and accepting national selection in 2015/16 or 2016/17 (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 and Funding". The ruling confirms that athletes who are not carrying on a business as a sportsperson and are awarded **AOC Medal Incentive Funding** will not be taxed on those payments.

Whether an athlete is carrying on business as a sportsperson 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 \$210,900 was spent on this program.

12. AUSTRALIAN TEAM FOR THE 2018 OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES IN PYEONGCHANG

AOC Funding of \$3,262,497 was spent on this Team.

13. REPRESENTATION AT INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION (IF) MEETINGS

- a. The AOC recognises the importance for NFs to be represented on IFs. To this end **AOC Funding** was provided to Australians who were members of the executive organs of IFs of sports on the Olympic Winter 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** covers the full cost of business international 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 \$19,218 was spent on this program.

14. 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.

15. AOC QUADRENNIAL FUNDING 2014-2018

Olympic Education & Athlete Transitioning	\$714,829
Sports on the Program of the 2018 Olympic Winter Games	\$5,661,195
2018 Olympic Winter Games	<u>\$3,262,497</u>
TOTAL	\$9,638,521

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