

Olympic Solidarity

Funding and Procedure

Olympic Solidarity is available to all NFs who are members of their National Olympic Committee (NOC). The Olympic Solidarity is a source of help and encouragement for all sports men and women from beginners to top level. It is available to all NOC's for programs of training courses and technical assistance for diffusing and developing knowledge of sports techniques, propagating Olympic ideals, especially fair play and collaborating with all federations and organisations linked with sport.

The principal objective of the IOC Olympic Solidarity Programme is to encourage the development of sport in countries where opportunities for improvement do not normally exist.

There are 5 types of programmes that are offered by Olympic Solidarity fund, i.e.

1. Technical Courses for Coaches (traditional courses)
2. Olympic Scholarship for Coaches
3. Scholarship for Development of a National Structure for Coaches
4. Olympic Scholarship for Athletes
5. Youth Support (Olympic Scholarship for Young Athletes)

1. Technical Courses for Coaches:

Olympic Solidarity Technical Courses are organised on a quadrennial period and year 2001 represents the first year of the 2001-2004 new quadrennial. As from 1st January 2001, the new programme offered by Olympic Solidarity within the 2001-2004 quadrennial plan, will be reserved exclusively for the training of national coaches.

Olympic Solidarity does not cover courses for the education of Judges and Course Designers within the framework of this new programme.

The FEI encourages all National Federations, whose level of equestrian sport could be improved by training courses, to apply for these technical training courses via their National Olympic Committee (NOC).

Each training course has a normal duration of 10 to 14 days and focuses on the appropriate level of training for national coaches in any of the FEI Olympic disciplines of Jumping, Eventing and Dressage.

In principle, the course will be level 1 giving access to basic level training. Level 2 courses can be planned subsequently, incorporating the best elements from level 1 instruction and could be organised on a regional basis. Please consult your NOC.

Each year, only one training course per country can be considered.

Procedure for applications:

- The National Federation will submit a request to the National Olympic Committee (NOC)

- The NOC will forward the request to Olympic Solidarity for the organisation of a technical course
- Olympic Solidarity will study the request and will send the full information to the FEI for nomination of an expert.
- The FEI will contact its NF in the country where the course is being organised
- The FEI will confirm to Olympic Solidarity, the organisation of the course and the name of the nominated expert.

Financing:

- Olympic Solidarity will be responsible for the organisational costs covered by the budget allocated.
- The FEI will be responsible for the Expert(s) travel expenses and daily indemnity.

Deadline for applications:

- At least six months before the start of the training course.

2. Scholarship for Coaches:

The goal is to offer the coaches the possibility to benefit from high level training experience and knowledge that they can afterwards apply to their respective national sports structures.

3. Scholarship for Development of a National Structure for Coaches:

The goal is to help NFs towards the development of their national coaching structures.

4. Olympic Scholarship for Athletes:

The principle objective is to assist the athletes from developing NOCs in their preparation for and their participation at the next Olympics.

5. Youth Support (Olympic Scholarship for Young Athletes).

The principle objective is to assist young athletes in the development of their potential without being restrain for financial reasons, in view of the next Olympiad.

Procedure for applications:

- The National Federation will submit a request to the National Olympic Committee (NOC)
- The National Olympic Committee will forward the request to Olympic Solidarity.
- The request will then be analysed by Olympic Solidarity and the FEI where a decision will be made.
- The FEI, if necessary, can then provide the necessary frame to conduct the training program.

The scholarships are reserved exclusively for “developing NOC’s”, and whilst the FEI recommends application for these scholarships it should be noted that not all requests are accepted by the local NOC.

These programs are only allocated to those participants who meet the requirements and demands for each scholarship. The NFs should first contact their NOC to see if they are eligible for application.

FEI highly encourages new Members to pursue this avenue of assistance and to work closely with their National Olympic Committee.