



FEDERATION EQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE

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INTRODUCTION

The FEI is committed to developing equestrian sport world-wide and the Development Department is at the disposal of all NFs to guide and assist the progress of equestrian sport with the aim of Olympic participation for your NF.

FÉDÉRATION EQUESTRE INTERNATIONALE (FEI)

The FEI is the international governing body of Equestrian sport and is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC). It is the organisation, which establishes rules and regulations for the conduct of international equestrian events in Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Driving, Endurance, Vaulting and Reining disciplines. According to its Mission Statement and Code of Conduct, this includes the supervision and maintenance of the health and welfare of the horses taking part as well as the respect of the principles of horsemanship.

Since the FEI was formed in 1921, it has concerned itself with the welfare of the horse through its Statutes, General Regulations and Rules, which are continually reviewed and revised as equestrian sport develops. During the 1990 World Equestrian Games in Stockholm, the FEI issued a Code of Conduct for all people involved in the welfare of competition horses. The Code of Conduct was ratified by the General Assembly in 1991.

The FEI events provide an opportunity for new corporate sponsors to join the many others who have already identified equestrian sport as a sound means for international commercial partnership. Companies that partner the sport have a wide exposure through media coverage.

CORE VALUES

Same Podium

Equestrian sport is one of the very few sports where men and women can compete on equal terms all the way up to Olympic level. It is also the only sport, which involves two athletes, the horse and the rider. The relationship and mutual respect between both athletes is the key to a successful partnership.

A sport where age does not matter

Equestrian sport excites and engages the whole family, as it requires active participation at all levels. As in golf, riding is social activity as well as a sport and everyone regardless of age can participate. The majority of the riders are between 21 and 35 years of age (approx. 40%), but the age groups 36-50 and 17-20 are also strong. Athletes who stay on the international arena for years create personalities that help to promote the sport.

A sport that creates responsibility and respect

To be involved in equestrian sport is not only dedication to the sport, but also a way of life. The sport has unique features, in particular the co-operation between man and the horse. The sport also helps young people to foster responsibility and control, and helps them adopt important social values from a traditional sport.

Interesting target groups

The demographics for equestrian sport are desirable for most prestigious businesses and brands. It reaches not only the riders and fans, but also the families and relatives of those involved in equestrian sport. As a sport equally attractive to the male and female population, the target groups are broad but prestigious. The demography is more thoroughly examined in another part of this presentation.

STRUCTURE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

is the supreme authority of the FEI and meets in an ordinary session each year. All affiliated National Federations are entitled to attend but only full members are entitled to vote.

THE BUREAU

is responsible for the general direction of the FEI and for all relevant matters not consigned to the General Assembly. It consists of:

- The President of the FEI
- The Chairmen of each FEI established Committees and Regional Groups among whom two Vice Presidents are elected
- The Chairmen of the Judicial and Strategic Planning Committees in a consultative capacity.
- The Treasurer
- The Secretary General

The Bureau meets twice a year.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

is responsible for dealing with current matters of policy and management, which cannot be held over until the next Bureau Meeting. It sets the guidelines for the development of the sport and monitors the management of the Secretariat. It consists of the President, the two Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer one Group Chairman and the Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee in a consultative capacity. The Secretary General attends all Executive Board meetings.

THE SECRETARIAT

is composed of nine departments which are managed by the following:

Departments	Managers
• Sports Director	Michael Stone
• Jumping	John P. Roche
• Dressage, Vaulting, Ponies, Reining	Eva Salomon
• Eventing & Olympics	Catrin Norinder
• Endurance & Driving	Ian Williams
• FEI Calendar	Sabrina Zeender
• Development	Jacqueline Braissant
• Veterinary	Frits Sluyter
• Administration & Finance	Beat Schatzmann
• Legal	Alexander McLin
• Communication	Muriel Faienza

PURPOSE

MISSION

The primary mission of the FEI is to advance the orderly growth of equestrian sport world-wide by promoting, regulating and administering humane and sportsmanlike international competition in the traditional equestrian discipline and by helping them to evolve in ways that enhance their attractiveness both for the participants and the public, while respecting and furthering the ideals and principles of horsemanship.

CODE OF CONDUCT

1. In all equestrian sports the horse must be considered paramount.
2. The well being of the horse shall be above the demands of breeders, trainers, riders, owners, dealers, organisers, sponsors or officials.
3. All handling and veterinary treatment must ensure the health and welfare of the horse.
4. The highest standards of nutrition, health, sanitation and safety shall be encouraged and maintained at all times.
5. Adequate provision must be made for ventilation, feeding, watering and maintaining a healthy environment during transportation.
6. Emphasis should be placed on increasing education in training and equestrian practices and on promoting scientific studies in equine health.
7. In the interests of the horse, the fitness and competence of the rider shall be regarded as essential.
8. All riding and training methods must take account of the horse as a living entity and must not include any technique considered by the FEI to be abusive.
9. National Federations should establish adequate controls in order that all persons and bodies under their jurisdiction respect the welfare of the horse.
10. The national and international Rules and Regulations in equestrian sport regarding the health and welfare of the horse must be adhered to not only during national and international events, but also in training. Competition Rules and Regulations shall be continually reviewed to ensure such welfare.

THE FEI DISCIPLINES

JUMPING

The principles of Show Jumping are simple to understand but difficult for participants to master. Horse and rider have to negotiate a number of obstacles without knocking them down and, at speed.

Jumping is the most popular discipline in equestrian sport with the biggest number of participants in the World, from grass roots level to Olympic Games.

There wouldn't be show jumping without a course, and it's the skill of the course builder who ensures the course is neither too difficult, nor too easy for competitors. Course builders have international reputations and their skill and expertise is based on years of experience and first hand knowledge of the sport.

The riders' skills lie in the ability to assess the distance to the next obstacle how many strides his horse will take to reach the obstacle and exactly how fast his horse should approach it. And of course there's the horse, without which there would be no sport. The horse needs the ability, athleticism and desire to jump successfully. He must be bold but careful.

Equestrian sport has a remarkable history and an exciting future. Today, as the membership of the FEI approaches 130 nations, the sport continues to grow throughout the World. It has adapted successfully to achieve its widest-ever base of popularity and involvement while maintaining the elegance and prestige synonymous with its legacy.

DRESSAGE

This graceful exercise is often compared to ballet. Dressage is best known from the World famous Spanish Riding School in Vienna. Dressage has been an Olympic discipline since 1912.

Although the phrase "the art of Dressage" may be used in referring to this most artistic of the three equestrian sports, a Dressage horse must be no less an athlete. He is asked to perform difficult movements at all gaits, speeds and degrees of collection, which requires enormous strength and stamina. The horse is asked to execute movements of extreme difficulty, such as the piaffe, a highly elevated trot in place; the passage, similar to piaffe but moving forward; the pirouette, a circle at the canter in which the hind legs remain in place. The more skilful the rider, the less obvious will be his instructions to the horse. He must execute these precise manoeuvres with a high degree of accuracy on a very fit animal. Therefore the judges evaluate not only the horse's performance, but the rider's effectiveness as a communicator. The Dressage test is held in a 20 by 60 meter arena around which letters are placed at specific intervals to indicate precisely where the horse is to begin or end a required movement. All official FEI tests must be carried out entirely from memory. Each movement in a Dressage test is given a mark out of 10 by a panel of three or five Judges. Once totalled, these scores produce a percentage and the rider with the highest total score is declared the winner. Collective marks are awarded for paces, impulsion, submission and the rider's seat.

At FEI World Cup events there is one obligatory test, i.e. the Grand Prix followed by a second test, the Free Style Test. In the Free Style Kür to Music, the rider can choose the music, the choreography and the sequence of movements that have to be shown. In the Free Style test, the technical skill and the artistic performance are evaluated. In

the artistic part, one of the most important things is that the horse performs in rhythm to the music.

The winner of the World Cup Final is the rider with the highest percentage from the Grand-Prix and the Free Style to Music tests.

EVENTING

Eventing is a combined competition that requires the rider to have experience in all branches of equitation. A combination of dressage, cross-country and jumping, it is the outcome of a team effort by two athletes having without doubt great confidence in each other.

After an opening fitness inspection of the horse, competitors and horses will perform a **Dressage** Test. This test consists of a prescribed set of movements within a confined area of 60 x 20 m.

The focus of the entire event is on the second test, the **Cross Country** phase, which challenges the speed, boldness, stamina and jumping ability of the horse as well as the courage and knowledge of the rider. It is composed of four phases: a warm-up "roads and tracks", a speed test over eight steeplechase fences followed by a recuperation "roads and tracks" course. After a halt, including a second fitness inspection of the horse, comes what is considered to be the most interesting phase for spectators: the cross-country course. It consists of obstacles of 30 to 45 jumping efforts over 5-7 km of undulating ground.

The **Jumping** test takes place on the last day after a third horse inspection. The objective of this test is to prove that after the endurance day, horses remain supple and energetic enough to jump a course of twelve unfixed obstacles.

DRIVING

This is the one equestrian event in which there are no riders. Instead, the driver sits on a coach drawn by either a single -, a pair – or a team of four horses. There are three types of competitions, which can be combined: Dressage, Marathon and Cones.

Driving naturally has a strong element of fascination for the past, and in recent years has become more and more popular.

The object of the **Presentation**, which is normally no longer a part of a Combined Driving Competition, is to judge the turn out, cleanliness, general condition and impression of the horses, harness and vehicle. The teams are judged at the halt.

As in the horse-and rider event, **Dressage** allow to judge the freedom and regularity of paces, harmony, lightness and ease of movement, impulsion and the correct positioning of the horses on the move. This test consists of a prescribed set of movements within a confined area of 100 x 40 m. The driver is judged on his style of driving accuracy and general command of his team. The **Marathon** is nothing less than a rally, divided into stages, with a final test, in which the driver has to negotiate 6 to 8 obstacles including natural hazards such as gates, sharp turns, water and steep hills and artificial obstacles such as a ford, steep inclines and genuine labyrinths. This is a truly spectacular trial in which places are determined by the steadiness of the gaits over the various distances. And finally the **Cones**, a race against the clock on a field set out with twenty obstacles consisting in pairs of plastic cones each surmounted by a ball: if a ball should drop off a cone as the competitor goes past, a penalty is incurred. Final placing is determined by the sum of the points accumulated over the tree trials.

ENDURANCE RIDING

An Endurance ride is a competition against the clock to test the speed and the endurance ability of the horse. At the same time it should demonstrate the rider's knowledge of pace and use his horse performance over various types of ground and over natural hazards.

A competition consists of a number of phases. At the end of each phase (in principle every 30 km) there will be a veterinary inspection organised as a veterinary gate into a timed hold. The phases take place over two or more days. The course should not contain more than 10 per cent of hard surfaced roads. The more demanding part should not be near the end.

For competitions of more than one day, the minimum average distance at a normal international event is 80 km and a championship event 100 km. The minimum weight for the horse to carry must be 75 kg. For a championship one-day competition, the distance is usually 160 km and the winning riding time about ten to twelve hours.

VAULTING

Vaulters show different exercises on the back of the horse, in full harmony.

A vaulting team is composed of eight vaulters and one reserve vaulter, one lunger and one horse. The horse canters on the left hand around a circle of a minimum diameter of 15 m. Both the individual and the team vaulting competition consist of two parts: the compulsory test and the free test.

At Championships (World or Continental) separate vaulting competitions for men only and for women only must be organised. In the team vaulting competition, men and women vaulters may compete together. Pas-de-deux competitions (which are not part of championship) may be held for men pairs, woman pairs or for mixed pairs.

Team vaulting competitions are reserved to vaulters until the age of 18. There is no upper age-limit for individual vaulters.

REINING

Reining is the newest FEI discipline and was accepted as an FEI sport at the 2000 General Assembly. Reining is a western discipline similar to Dressage with a prescribed pattern followed in an enclosed arena. The movements include 360-degree spins, sliding stops and changes in pace. The horses used are primarily American Quarter Horses, however all types of horses do compete and are successful.

PONIES

Pony competitions offer an introduction for young competitors to the equestrian sport at a reasonable cost. A rider may compete in Pony competitions from the age of 12 to 16.

CHILDREN

The participation of children is an important element in the development of the equestrian sport throughout the world. A child competitor is 12 to 14 years old. Special regulations for international Jumping, Dressage events and Eventing for children have been created, in order to standardise the various types of competitions for children worldwide, while taking into account specific problems of children.

COURSES & SEMINARS FOR OFFICIALS FOR PROMOTION TO FEI STATUS

FEI Courses and Seminars for Judges, Course Designers, Technical Delegates, Veterinarians and Stewards for promotion to FEI status.

The FEI Sports Departments coordinate courses and seminars for the education of FEI Officials (Judges, Course Designers, Technical Delegates, Veterinarians, Stewards). These courses and seminars are run on a regional basis for all disciplines and are organised by an NF. Officials may also be sent to another country to gain the necessary qualifications.

The Sports Department of the discipline concerned will advise new NFs on the procedures.

Basic Courses & Seminars for National Officials are financed by the FEI Development Fund. They do not count for promotion to FEI Status.

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

The FEI has two avenues for Development assistance:
Please consult www.horsesport.org > development

1. FEI Development Fund.
2. Olympic Solidarity Fund

1. THE FEI DEVELOPMENT FUND is available to all developing FEI Member NFs. Each FEI discipline has been allocated finance to develop their particular discipline. These programs generally take the form of providing experts to visit the NF and give practical advice, technical training courses, technical assistance, etc. This is co-ordinated through the Development Department of the FEI (Ms Jacqueline Braissant).

In addition, the FEI organises the FEI World Challenges in Dressage and Jumping. The FEI World Challenge is a world-wide series of International competitions in the two most popular Equestrian disciplines, Jumping and Dressage (adults & children). Riders compete under identical conditions against each other while remaining in their own countries. The FEI ensures this uniformity by providing the same Judges for each country in Dressage and by designing identical courses for Jumping. Currently, the FEI World Challenge takes place in 55 countries divided into 10 regional groups.

TECHNICAL COURSES FOR JUMPING, DRESSAGE, EVENTING, VAULTING

Technical Courses for Riders

- Funds for training courses in Jumping, Eventing, Dressage, Vaulting

Technical Courses for Coaches (refer to OS programmes 2005-2008)

- Financed by Olympic Solidarity or sponsor and in some cases by FEI Development Fund
- According to FEI Coaching System Level I and Level II

Basic Development Courses for Judges, Course Designers

- Basic courses for Judges in Jumping, Dressage and Eventing and Course Designers in Jumping.

Procedure for applications:

- The NF will submit a request to the FEI Development Department
- The Development Department will study the request and will decide on each candidature, based on the applicant's previous experience and special needs of the NF and region

Financing:

- Through FEI Development Fund – Travel expenses of FEI Expert.

Deadline for applications:

- At least six months in advance for training courses. Otherwise, at any time.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR OFFICIALS (Jumping, Dressage, Eventing, Vet.)

Advanced Training for Judges and Course Designers – Jumping

- Advanced training for international candidate judges and course designers in Jumping who have a certain amount of training but, who lack

international experience due to the limited number of international events held in their region or as a result of their inability to visit events in other countries.

- The FEI will select European or North American host NFs and high-level events which will serve as a training ground for chosen judges and course designers. Persons seeking practical judging experience will assist as a member of the Ground Jury or attend as an observer. Applicants requiring experience in course designing may act as assistants to the official course designer.

Special Training for Judges, Course Designers and Technical Delegate – Eventing

- Training of course designers, technical delegates or judges from developing NFs.

Advanced Training for Judges – Dressage

- Basic development training courses for judges (not for promotion)
- Contribution towards travel expenses for Judges who wish to attend FEI courses (for promotion)

Veterinary Courses – Veterinary

- Training of veterinarians: Subjects covered include the organisation and structure of the FEI, FEI Rules and Regulations, medication control, transport stress, organisation of veterinary services at events and the identification of horses and completion of passports.
- Courses should be organised on a regional basis. The FEI will arrange for a course director to be appointed who is knowledgeable in taking into account the needs of the NF/Group concerned.

Procedure for applications:

- The NF will submit a request to the FEI Development Department.
- The Development Department in conjunction with the relevant sports department will study the request and will decide on each candidature, based on the applicant's previous experience and special needs of the NF and region

Financing:

- Jumping, Eventing: travel expenses of persons selected and if possible, so will meals and lodging, will be covered by the FEI. It may be necessary for either the NF or the representative attending the course or the host organising committee to cover all or part of accommodation costs of participants.
- Dressage: Travel expenses of Course Director and if necessary NF organizational costs of NF will be covered by the FEI: Travel expenses of Judges selected will be covered by the FEI.
- Veterinary: travel and accommodation expenses of preferably one but not more than two course-experts and a contribution to participants' accommodation, as well as administrative overhead, will be covered by the FEI.

Deadline for applications:

- At least six months in advance for training courses. Otherwise, at any time.
Allocations for qualified applicants will be made on a first-come first-serve basis.
- Requests, which are approved but cannot be financed during the current year will, when possible, be carried over the following year.

2. THE OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY FUND 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.

The 4 types of programmes below are available:

- Technical Courses for Coaches (using the FEI Coaching System)
- Development of a National Sport's Structure
- Olympic Scholarship for Athletes "Beijing 2008"
- 2012 – Training Grants for Young Athletes.

TECHNICAL COURSES FOR COACHES:

Objectives

- The main objective of the technical courses programme is to provide basic training to coaches – officially recognised as such – through courses led by an expert from another country.
- During the 2005–2008 quadrennial, particular focus will be laid on advance planning of the training courses and holding these in line with the rules established by the International Federations (IF) for this kind of training.
- The basic idea is to allow for a "standardisation" of the training given to coaches around the world, providing a quality and performance benchmark for NOCs and their national sports structures (national federations, coaches, athletes, etc.).

Description

Implementation

All training courses will be conducted by an international level expert nominated by the respective IF, i.e. the FEI.

On average, the training will last between 4-6 days depending on the course's level and according to the rules established by the FEI.

Planning and Objectives

The FEI invites the NFs to plan their activities over the long term, with training objectives for their coaches

Higher-level courses (level 2) can also be held, but only for coaches who have already attended a course on the level below.

These training courses may involve coaches from several NFs and be organised at regional level.

Application Procedure

The NFs should first plan their courses for coaches within their regional Group and with the FEI.

Then, the NFs are asked to submit to their NOC a request with a full, detailed budget covering all aspects of the course concerned.

Analysis and Approval

Olympic Solidarity will assess each application, and in doing so will consult the Olympic Continental Association if necessary.

Olympic Solidarity will send all this information to the IF concerned, i.e. the FEI so that it can appoint an expert qualified to give this kind of training.

Costs Covered by Olympic Solidarity

Olympic Solidarity will cover the following costs:

- Organisational costs pertaining to the course
- Transport costs for the expert - 1 plane ticket (+ visa and vaccination costs, if these are justified);
- Daily indemnity for the expert – amount fixed in agreement with each IF, i.e. the FEI.

NB: the costs of the expert (plane ticket and daily indemnity) are paid by the IF concerned, i.e. the FEI, which is in direct contact with the expert. Olympic Solidarity then reimburses these amounts to the IF, i.e. the FEI, upon presentation of the corresponding payment receipts.

Deadline for applications:

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

DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL SPORT'S STRUCTURE

Objectives

The development of sport in certain countries is often hindered by the fact that the national sport and coaching structure is disorganised or even non-existent.

The main objective of this programme is to allow NFs to develop their national sports and coaching structure by implementing a mid to long-term action plan for a specific sport.

Beneficiaries

All National Federations recognised by their NOC may benefit from this programme but priority will be given to NFs, which can clearly demonstrate that the basic sports and coaching structure is weak but shows nevertheless potential for development.

Description

NFs, through their NOCs will be offered the opportunity to receive a high level coach from abroad for a specific period of time (3 to 6 months). The action plan should include the following:

- Establishing coherent and realistic long term development plans
- Training of local coaches (national and club level)
- Improving the different training programmes for elite sport
- Sport for all
- School sports

This programme should be as much as possible combined with the Technical Course for Coaches programme.

External Partners

The high level experts will be nominated by the International Federation, i.e. the FEI.

Application Procedure

An official application form must be presented to the NOC by the NF concerned no later than 6 months prior to the start of the proposed project. The following information must be included on the application form:

- Proposed action plan
- Description of the current structure and detailed analysis of training needs
- Dates and timing for different phases, where applicable
- Detailed budget estimation including all items

Analysis and Approval

Olympic Solidarity will analyse the action plan submitted in collaboration with the IF concerned (FEI), and the Olympic Continental Association if necessary.

Olympic Solidarity will ask the respective IF (FEI) to propose a suitably qualified coach to be responsible for the implementation of the project.

Once all appropriate guarantees have been obtained, Olympic Solidarity will officially approve the action plan and the budget to be allocated.

This approval will be accompanied by an official contract, which should be signed by the NOC, the designated expert and Olympic Solidarity.

The action plan may only commence when the contract has been signed and all the concerned parties have agreed upon the technical and financial conditions.

Financial Conditions

The costs will be covered on the basis of the plan and the budget approved. The following items should be included in the proposed budget:

- Experts expenses in the country
- Illness and accident insurance
- International travel costs for the nominated expert (economy class – direct routing)

OLYMPIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ATHLETES “BEIJING 2008”

Objectives

The objectives and administration will be largely similar to the “Athens 2004” edition of the Olympic Scholarships for Athletes programme. The first Olympic scholarships will be awarded as from 1st January 2006 and, provided all conditions are fulfilled, will last until the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

The programme of Olympic Scholarship for Athletes “Beijing 2008” has been developed by Olympic Solidarity with the principle objective of assisting athletes nominated by their respective National Olympic Committees (NOCs) in their preparation and qualification for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad, Beijing.

This programme offers comprehensive assistance to individual athletes who are training and attempting to qualify for the Games. Past Olympic scholarship programmes have proven to be a huge benefit to athletes, National Olympic Committees and National Federations alike.

What is the Olympic Scholarship “Beijing 2008”?

The Olympic scholarship programme offers the possibility to obtain comprehensive financial and technical assistance for elite athletes who are training for and attempting to qualify for the OG Beijing 2008.

Athlete’s Profile

- An international level athlete
- The athlete must have the technical level to qualify for the Games in Beijing. Proof of the athlete’s technical level must be shown through results obtained at national and international competitions

Content of the Olympic Scholarship “Beijing 2008”

- Access to appropriate training facilities
- A coach specialised in the relevant sporting discipline
- Regular medical and scientific assistance and control
- Accident and illness insurance
- Board and lodging costs
- Adequate pocket money

How to apply?

- The NFs will submit candidatures to their NOC (National Olympic Committee).
- It is the NOC’s responsibility to submit candidatures to Olympic Solidarity for decision.

TRAINING GRANTS FOR YOUNG ATHLETES

Objectives

Identify and offer training possibilities to talented young athletes who have the potential to qualify for the Games of the XXX Olympiad in 2012.

Beneficiaries

Athlete Profile

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

- Young or developmental level athletes who have the potential to qualify for and participate in the Games of the XXX Olympiad in 2012;
- Athletes who practice an individual sport that is included in the Summer Olympic programme; and
- Athletes identified by the NOC or the International Federation due to outstanding results during International or Continental Junior competitions.

Description

This programme offers the possibility to young talented athletes to benefit from their first high-level training and coaching experience and will hopefully motivate them to perform well in international junior competitions during this quadrennial and subsequently to continue their training programme for the Olympic Games in 2012.

The programme offers two separate options during the 2005 – 2008 quadrennial in order to work with the profile of the athlete noted above:

Option 1 –

Offer technical and financial assistance to NOCs for the organisation of specific activities relating to the training of young athletes.

- Organisation of short-term national or international high level training camps;
- Preparation for regional, continental or international junior championships; or
- Assistance towards certain expenses relating to a specific individual's training programme.

Option 2 –

Individual training grants for young athletes focused on the preparation of the 2012 Olympic Games that are managed in collaboration with the International Federations.

- A limited number of highly talented young individual athletes, identified by the International Federations through results at continental and international junior competitions, will be offered short-term training courses at International Federation designated and approved training centres.

External Partners

Olympic Solidarity will collaborate with the International Federation (FEI) and the Continental Association concerned for the analysis of requests and the follow-up of certain activities organised in the context of this programme.

Option 1 –

The NF should send a request to its NOC. Then if agreed, the standard application form should be completed by the NOC and returned to Olympic Solidarity at least two months prior to the start of the activities that are scheduled.

Option 2 -

No application form is available for this option as the activities included are initiated primarily by the International Federation. Olympic Solidarity will naturally consult the NOC for every case involving athletes that are selected from their country.

For all activities organised by the NF/NOC for athletes who are under 18 years of age within the context of this programme, the NF/NOC is required to seek the consent of the athlete's parent and/or guardian before submitting an application to Olympic Solidarity.

Financial Conditions

- Option 1: Payments to the NOC concerned or, in some exceptional cases, to a specific training centre.
- Option 2: Payments to the IF or training centre organising the individual athlete's training, on behalf of the NOC.

The scholarships are reserved exclusively for "developing NFs", 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 its Members to pursue this avenue of assistance and to work closely with their National Olympic Committee.