



# YOUTH ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT - YOG QUALIFICATION

## Guidelines

World Programmes – Sport Development – Youth Athlete Development

### What are the programme's objectives?

To assist National Olympic Committees (NOCs) with supporting athletes attempting to qualify for the Youth Olympic Games.

### Who is this programme for?

Athletes who compete in sports included on the programme of the Summer or Winter Youth Olympic Games and who are either part of or will be part of the qualification process for either event.

### What activities are covered?

This programme is designed to help athletes with their qualification process for the Summer or Winter Youth Olympic Games.

### Who can apply?

All NOCs.

### Which sports are eligible?

Sports on the programme for the Winter or Summer Youth Olympic Games.

### Are any third parties involved?

N/A

### Are there any restrictions?

N/A



## Is there a deadline for submissions?

NOCs must submit applications via RELAY no later than two months prior to the start of a targeted qualification event. Olympic Solidarity will begin accepting applications 18 months ahead of each event.

## What is the application procedure?

NOCs should submit one application covering all the qualifying events.

## What is the maximum amount of funding an NOC can apply for?

Each NOC can apply for total assistance amounting to USD 60,000. This covers a maximum USD 30,000 for the Summer Youth Olympic Games Dakar 2026 (dependent on number of athletes, qualification events, etc.), and an additional maximum grant of USD 30,000 for the Winter Youth Olympic Games in 2028.

## What expenses are covered?

The following items and activities may be covered by the grant:

- travel to qualification event(s);
- accommodation;
- meals;
- rental equipment or access to equipment for competitions;
- insurance (with invoices); and
- support for coordination, delivery, reporting and recommendations.

Note: Costs related to athletes who attend training activities in the same venue as a qualification event immediately preceding the competition may also be considered.

## What are the payment options for this programme?

There is no advance payment option for this programme. Expenses agreed to in the application phase will be reimbursed by Olympic Solidarity once the final technical and financial reports have been submitted by the NOC on RELAY. A single payment will be made covering all sports.

## What are the reporting requirements?

NOCs must submit final technical and financial reports no later than two months after the last qualification event (all sports combined).

## Are there any other instructions?

NOCs should involve a gender equal balance of female and male athletes (50 per cent each). For coaches and administrators related to this programme, the goal should be a participation rate for females of at least 30 per cent.

Where gender balance cannot be achieved, NOCs, in coordination with the NFs, must propose measures towards reaching it over a certain period of time.



All beneficiaries must be made aware of the topics of athlete well-being, safeguarding, anti-doping and the prevention of competition manipulation through links provided in the Olympic Solidarity – Preface to Programme Guidelines. All beneficiaries have the responsibility to access the information and observe the guidelines.