



AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE INC. (AOC)

PROGRAMS AND FUNDING GUIDELINES FOR SPORTS ON THE PROGRAM FOR THE 2008 OLYMPIC GAMES IN BEIJING (FOR THE PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2005 TO 31 DECEMBER 2008)

1. Background

- a) The AOC has the exclusive responsibility for the representation of Australia at the Olympic Games. Its objectives for the 2008 Olympic Games are to:-
 - i) field a full Team (depending on quotas and qualifications as finally determined by the IOC) estimated at 480 athletes;
 - ii) again place within the top five nations on the Gold and total medal standings (whatever the number of medals required); and
 - iii) win medals in more than the 15 sports disciplines in which the Australian Team won medals in 2004.
- b) To help achieve these objectives the AOC will endeavour to provide funding to be known as “**AOC Funding**” or, in the case of Direct Funding to Medallists and their Coaches, **adidas Medal Incentive Funding**.
- c) **AOC Funding** is derived from income distributions from the Australian Olympic Foundation, grants from the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the licensing and sponsorship activities of the AOC and fundraising by the AOC, State Olympic Councils and their Corporate Appeal Committees.
- d) The AOC has other programs and funding guidelines for sports on the program for the 2006 Olympic Winter Games.

2. Australian Olympic Team preparation - Australian Youth Olympic Festivals 2005 & 2007

- a) These Festivals for athletes from 13 to 19 years are the breeding ground for future Australian Olympians with 27 members of the 2004 Australian Olympic Team having competed in the 2001 and 2003 editions. The Festivals are an important opportunity for the AOC to promote its anti-doping position and Olympic values generally. They are also an integral part of the AOC’s commitments under its Co-operation Agreement with the Chinese Olympic Committee which participates with athletes in most sports at the Festivals.

- b) The 2005 AYOF will be conducted between 19 and 23 January 2005 in Sydney. The fourteen sports included on the program are Archery, Athletics, Basketball, Canoe/Kayak, Cycling, Diving, Equestrian, Gymnastics, Judo, Rowing, Shooting, Swimming, Volleyball and Weightlifting.
- c) **AOC Funding** of \$2.5 million is budgeted for the 2005 AYOF for this component of Olympic Team preparation. In addition the IOC is providing an Olympic Solidarity grant of US\$100,000 (approximately A\$143,000).
- d) The AOC will conduct the 2007 AYOF in January 2007 in Sydney. It is intended that fourteen sports be included on the program. The program of sports for the 2007 AYOF will be determined in 2005 but will again include as “core sports” those sports disciplines in which Australia won two or more medals at the 2004 Olympic Games, namely Swimming (15), Cycling Track (9), Diving (6), Rowing (4), Athletics (3), Canoe/Kayak Flatwater (2), and Trap Shooting (2) and Gymnastics.
- e) **AOC Funding** of \$2.5 million is budgeted for the 2007 AYOF for this component of Olympic Team preparation.

3. 2008 Australian Olympic Team preparation - International Competition

- a) For the preparation of the 2008 Australian Olympic Team **AOC Funding** will be provided to National Federations (NFs) towards their costs of international competition in the sum of \$3,000 per athlete and official in each of 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. This **AOC Funding** will be based on the Teams which, or numbers of athletes who, have qualified or are likely to qualify and be nominated by NFs for membership of the 2008 Australian Olympic Team.
- b) Within the **AOC Funding** likely to be available to an NF for international competition over the quadrennium the AOC will consider submissions from any of them for more **AOC Funding** in a particular year (and less in another year) in order to qualify for the 2008 Olympic Games.
- c) NFs which do not or are not likely to qualify a Team or any athletes for the 2008 Olympic Games will be provided with **AOC Funding** towards their costs of international competition in subsequent years of the quadrennium amounting to 50% of the funding referred to in paragraph (a) above.
- d) **AOC Funding** for international competition will be determined by the end of the calendar year preceding the year of funding and available prior to travel to the first competition.
- e) **AOC Funding** of \$8.2 million is budgeted for NFs towards their costs of international competition for this component of Olympic Team preparation.

4. 2008 Australian Olympic Team preparation – Direct Funding to Medallists and their Coaches

- a) Athletes and their coaches who won medals at the 2004 Olympic Games and win medals in 2005, 2006 and 2007 (including 4th placegetters in 2007) at World Championships or other major international events of a comparable standard in events on the 2008 Olympic program (agreed in advance by the AOC as appropriate “benchmark events”) will be considered for **AOC Direct Funding** henceforth to be known as the **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** for Athletes and Coaches (or some derivative thereof) in the following year in the amounts:-

ATHLETES				
	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>4th</i>
2005	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$5,000	
2006	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$5,000	
2007	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$5,000	
2008	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$2,500

COACHES				
	<i>Gold</i>	<i>Silver</i>	<i>Bronze</i>	<i>4th</i>
2005	\$2,500	\$1,875	\$1,250	
2006	\$2,500	\$1,875	\$1,250	
2007	\$2,500	\$1,875	\$1,250	
2008	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$500	\$500

The purpose of this funding is to help them gain selection to represent Australia at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing and win medals.

- b) In order for athletes to be considered for this **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** they must be maintaining a full-time training regime with the intention of gaining national (or in 2008 Olympic) selection in the year subsequent to them winning a medal (or being a 4th placegetter in 2007). 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 sport and on the program of the 2008 Olympic Games. Athletes who won medals at the 2004 Olympic Games may be excused from maintaining a full-time training regime and carry forward their consideration for this **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** to 2006 or 2007 provided that they actually gain and accept national selection in one of those years.
- c) In order for coaches of medallists to be considered for this **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** they must be continuing to coach with the intention of gaining and accepting national (or in 2008 Olympic) selection in the year subsequent to their athlete(s) winning a medal (or being a 4th placegetter in 2007). It is not necessary that the event for which they are coaching be the same as that in which the medal was won provided it is in the same sport and on the program of the 2008 Olympic Games.
- d) Athletes and their coaches who win or coach more than one medal or medallist in any year (including 4th placegetters in 2007) will be considered for **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** in respect of their best result only. In other words, multi-medal winners (including 4th placegetters in 2007) and their coaches will not be considered for multi-funding.

- e) Members of medallist teams and other combinations (including 4th placegetters in 2007) and their coaches will be considered for the same **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** as individual medallists (including 4th placegetters in 2007) and their coaches.
- f) If more than one coach is directly involved in the medal (including 4th placegetters in 2007) any **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** may be apportioned between them as considered appropriate by the AOC after consultation with the athlete(s) and NF concerned. In the case of teams and other combinations the amount to be apportioned between the coaches directly involved in the medal (including 4th placegetters in 2007) may be increased.
- g) National Team Head Coaches who are not directly responsible for coaching a medallist (including 4th placegetters in 2007) athlete, team or other combinations will be considered for **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** based on the overall performance of their team.
- h) **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** for medallists (including 4th placegetters in 2007) and their coaches will be determined by the AOC in its sole and absolute discretion. In the case of coaches this will be after consultation with the National Team Head Coach concerned or, in the case of **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** to them, after consultation with their NF.
- i) Any **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** for medallists will be provided by one payment as soon as practicable at the commencement of the following calendar year or in the case of athletes who carry forward their consideration for this **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** in respect of their 2004 Olympic Games result by one payment on them actually gaining and accepting national selection in 2006 or 2007.
- j) Any **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** for coaches of medallists will be provided by one payment as soon as practicable at the commencement of the following calendar year.
- k) **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** of \$4.6 million is budgetted for medallists and their coaches (including 4th placegetters in 2007) for this component of Olympic Team preparation.

5. Australian Team for the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing

AOC Funding of \$11.5 million is budgetted for the 2008 Australian Olympic Team. This is after the receipt of approximately \$2 million from the Beijing Olympic Games Organising Committee for air travel and freight assistance.

The \$11.5 million includes:-

- a) **AOC Funding** of \$1,000 for each athlete; and
- b) **AOC Funding** of \$250 for each coach or other support staff Team member (excluding AOC employees)

to be paid when the Team member arrives and is accredited for the Olympics in Beijing.

6. General

- a) It is the responsibility of **NFs** to provide, without reminder, advance details of their programs for international competition (including tax invoices for GST purposes as required) and then the results of all such competitions as they occur, including the details of all medal winning athletes and their coaches who in the opinion of the NF should be considered for **AOC Funding**.
- b) **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.
- c) Athletes and their coaches who receive **adidas Medal Incentive Funding** have no duty or obligation to provide any services to the AOC or adidas and nor does the AOC or adidas regard this funding as a reward for services. It is a matter for the athletes and their coaches as to whether they acknowledge or publicise it.
- d) **NFs** receiving **AOC 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.

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