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FINA Athletes Development Programmes

Overview

FINA currently provides excellent programmes for athlete Development.

These programmes include:

1/ FINA Scholarships for Athletes

To assist elite athletes nominated by their respective National Federation in their preparation and qualification for the FINA World Championships, with a particular attention to athletes and National Federations having financial difficulties.

2/ FINA Scholarships for Young Athletes

The aim of this programme is to identify, qualify and prepare a small number of young Athletes aspiring to participation in FINA World Junior Championships and Youth Olympic Games.

3/ FINA Team Support Grants

FINA Team Support Grants are intended to assist elite teams who want to meet the qualification standards of the FINA World Championships.

National Federations supply athlete support in a variety of contexts on a daily basis. FINA recognises these efforts and wants to continue the support of athletes worldwide as they prepare for International Competitions.

It is recognised that the period immediately preceding FINA World Championships and FINA World Junior Championships has become an increasingly important determining factor for success for athletes. FINA wants to give a platform in which to support athletes on their journey towards aquatics success.

FINA Scholarships for Athletes Guidelines

Objective

To assist elite athletes nominated by their respective National Federation in their preparation and qualification for the FINA World Championships, with a particular attention to athletes and National Federations having financial difficulties

The aim of this programme is to identify, qualify and prepare a small number of athletes aspiring to participation in FINA World Championships. As part of the development of your National Federation, preparing athletes for international competition is important to their development and to the future of your national teams. Partnering with FINA can help you access these funds.

Description

The FINA Scholarships for Athletes offer National Federations the possibility to obtain financial and technical assistance for a select number of elite athletes who are training, and attempting to qualify for the FINA World Championships.

Through financial assistance in the following areas:

Training camps

FINA offers to cover some of the costs relating to the organisation of training camps for a limited number of athletes that want to qualify to FINA World Championships

Training centres

Based on the results of these talents at continental and regional competitions, FINA will offer variable terms for training courses at approved training centres

Application procedure

National Federations wishing to nominate their athlete(s) must provide a completed Participants Application Form, included in this document.

The Participants Application Form should then be submitted to FINA before the requested deadline.

Analysis and approval

FINA will review and assess each application.

Each athlete who will be awarded a FINA Scholarship will sign a contract with FINA and his/her National Federation that will clearly list the responsibilities associated with receiving the grant.

All National Federations will be contacted directly from FINA regarding approved applications.

Financial conditions and follow up

The amount allocated to each Athlete will depend on the scope of the proposed FINA Scholarships' Programme and budget availability.

In order to receive all financial funding, FINA must receive no later than 3 months after the completed programme the Participants Reimbursement Form, including an attached list of all the supporting payment receipts, duly itemised.

Annexes

- 1/ FINA Scholarships for Athletes Participants Application Form
- 2/ FINA Scholarships for Athletes Participants Reimbursement Form

FINA Scholarships for Young Athletes Guidelines

Objective

The aim of this programme is to identify, qualify and prepare a small number of young athletes aspiring to participation in FINA World Junior Championships or Youth Olympic Games. Youth is the future of any sport. As part of the development of your National Federation, preparing young athletes for international competition is important to their development and to the future of your national teams. Partnering with FINA can help you access these funds.

The eligible athletes must qualify for the FINA World Junior Championships or Youth Olympic Games and show the potential to qualify for the FINA World Championships in the future by producing outstanding results at international or continental youth competitions.

Description

This programme offers National Federations financial assistance to identify, qualify and prepare young talented athletes for FINA World Junior Championships and Youth Olympic Games.

The FINA Scholarships for Young Athlete allows National Federations to focus on their young athletes and their preparation for the FINA World Junior Championships or Youth Olympic Games in all the aquatics disciplines.

Through financial assistance in the following areas:

Training camps

FINA offers to cover some of the costs relating to the organisation of training camps for a limited number of athletes that will participate in the FINA World Junior Championships or Youth Olympic Games

Training centres

Based on the results of these young talents at continental and international junior competitions, FINA will offer variable terms for training courses at approved training centres

Application procedure

National Federations wishing to nominate their athlete(s) must provide a completed Participants Application Form, included in this document.

The Participants Application Form should then be submitted to FINA before the requested deadline.

Analysis and approval

FINA will review and assess each application.

Each athlete who will be awarded a FINA Scholarship will sign a contract with FINA and his/her National Federation that will clearly list the responsibilities associated with receiving the grant.

All National Federations will be contacted directly from FINA regarding approved applications.

Financial conditions and follow up

The amount allocated to each athlete will depend on the scope of the proposed FINA Scholarships Programme and budget availability.

In order to receive all financial funding, FINA must receive no later than 3 months after the completed programme the Participants Report Form, including an attached list of all the supporting payment receipts, duly itemised.

Annexes

- 1/ FINA Scholarships for Young Athletes Participants Application Form
- 2/ FINA Scholarships for Young Athletes Participants Reimbursement Form

FINA Team Support Grants Guidelines

Objective

Many National Federations in developed countries provide training camps that help Teams prepare intensively for top-level performances, usually in proximity to the FINA World Championships site, and FINA would like to open this opportunity to all elite teams.

The purpose of FINA Team Support Grants is to:

- Provide the opportunity to elite teams to participate in training camps by offering high quality facilities where teams can train and prepare
- Provide financial assistance to national team to prepare and participate in FINA World Championships.
- Allow athletes to engage with one another in a learning environment

This programme is dedicated to National Federations with a team recognised as having an international competitive level.

Description

FINA Team Support Grants are intended to assist elite teams who meet the qualification standards of the FINA World Championships prepare for the competition.

National Federations may nominate an elite team by completing the Participants Application Form included in this document.

Training camp format

Should a team be awarded a FINA Team Support Grant, they must provide supporting documents which indicate that they will be provided with the following:

- Access to appropriate training facilities
- A coach specialisation in the relevant sporting discipline
- Regular medical and scientific assistance and control
- Access to technical information

All training camps should last five (5) days to eight (8) days.

Application procedure

National Federations wishing to nominate their team(s) must provide a completed Participants Application Form, included in this document.

The Participants Application Form should then be submitted to FINA before the requested deadline.

Analysis and approval

FINA will review and assess each application.

Each team who will be awarded a grant will sign a contract with FINA and their National Federation that will clearly list the responsibilities associated with re-

ceiving the grant. All National Federations will be contacted directly from FINA regarding approved applications.

Financial conditions and follow up

The amount allocated to each Team will depend on the scope of the proposed FINA Scholarships Programme and budget availability.

In order to receive all financial funding, FINA must receive no later than 3 months after the FINA World Championships the Participants Report Form, including an attached list of all the supporting payment receipts, duly itemised.

Annexes

- 1/ FINA Team Support Grants Participants Application Form
- 2/ FINA Team Support Grants Participants Report Form

Additional Development Activities for Athletes

FINA pre-Championship Training Camps

Recognising that it has become customary for elite athletes to participate in high-level Training Camps in the period immediately prior to important championship events, FINA has initiated a programme to assist National Federations in providing this opportunity for athletes from developing areas. FINA pre-Championships Training Camps are intended to assist elite athletes and teams who meet the qualification standards of the FINA World Championships prepare for the competition.

The purpose of FINA pre-Championship Training Camps is to:

- Provide the opportunity to elite athletes to participate in pre-Championships training sessions by offering high quality facilities where athletes can prepare
- Allow athletes to engage with one another in a learning environment

National Federations may nominate an elite athlete or team who has qualified for the Championships to attend a pre-Championship Training Camp.

Training camp duration is generally seven to ten days, depending upon specific circumstances and geographic location. Basic requirements include the following:

- Selection of an appropriate training facility to prepare athletes for the highest level FINA competition
- Availability of a coach or coaches with a high level of technical expertise
- Access to regular medical and scientific assistance and control
- Access to technical information relevant to the sport discipline

Additional Information for Athletes Travel Assistance for FINA World Championships

Objective

The FINA Travel Assistance is intended to support athletes in all disciplines and support staff in their journey to the FINA World Championships.

The main objective is to provide flight and accommodation to a set number of athletes and support staff per country. The number of athletes and coaches per country is pre-determined by FINA and will be made available to each country prior to the FINA World Championships.

To support successful performances, it is important that qualified athletes and their support staff be provided with the best environment before competition. Offering a platform where athletes and support staff need not worry about logistics helps your Federation succeed.

Description

FINA Travel Assistance offer National Federations the chance to obtain financial assistance to cover costs related to travel and accommodation for a select number of elite athletes and support staff.

Before each FINA World Championships, National Federations will be contacted with the specifics regarding the number of athletes and support staff eligible for this Scholarship.

For travel assistance, there are two options for National Federations:

- 1/ Request the transfer of funds from FINA for the total travel assistance amount and proceed by making their own reservations (bank transfer or cash)
- 2/ Request that FINA issue flights in accordance with standard FINA travel procedures (National Federations must indicate the number of tickets requested)

FINA and the Organising Committee of the World Championships will provide travel assistance per the following conditions:

- Travel assistance will be provided only to participants of National Federations who qualify for accommodation assistance.
- The allocation of travel assistance is per discipline.
- If the number of participants is lower than the number mentioned above, the travel assistance will be provided in accordance with the actual number of participants.
- Travel assistance will be provided only to athletes who participate at the FINA World Championships.
- The National Federation is responsible for all additional travel expenses.
- Any unsettled invoices from FINA or the Organising Committee from the FINA World Championships will be deducted from the travel assistance amount.
- Travel assistance will only be provided to the National Federations who have completed the FINA Travel Assistance Application Form and have returned it to the FINA Headquarters Office before the indicated deadline.
- The National Federation is responsible for checking that every participant has a valid passport and/or visa for the period of the FINA World Championships.

For accommodation assistance, there are two options for National Federations:

- 1/ Stay at the designated Official Hotel of the FINA World Championships with no additional charges – athletes and support staff from the National Federation will receive full board accommodation in a Hotel designated by FINA and the Organising Committee for the maximum period of their discipline. All additional expenses such as telephone, fax, laundry, mini-bar and others should be covered by each person and/or National Federation.

2/ Official Hotel chosen by the National Federation – if the National Federation chooses a hotel that exceeds the allowance for accommodation and board per day and per person, the National Federation will be responsible for the remaining amount.

The “principle of distribution” for the free accommodation and meals is based on the participation of a National Federation in the previous FINA World Championships.

Considering this principle, a National Federation will receive free accommodation as follows:

- in twin bedrooms,
- three (3) meals per person per day,
- for a maximum number of athletes (as specified by FINA)
- for a maximum period per discipline (as specified by FINA)

Additional assistance conditions:

- The accommodation assistance will be provided only if the National Federation arranges accommodation in any of the official hotels proposed by the Organising Committee
- No accommodation assistance will be provided if the National Federation chooses another hotel.
- The maximum number of days of free accommodation per discipline cannot be changed. The National Federation is responsible for all additional accommodation and meal expenses for the days exceeding the period allocated.
- The National Federation will be responsible for the cost of the accommodation and meals for the days exceeding the period allocated.
- The allocation of free accommodation is per discipline.
- Each National Federation participating in the World Championships has to cover for the accommodation and meals for all other members of its delegation not included in the FINA quota.
- All additional accommodation and meal expenses must be paid in full as indicated by FINA.

Financial conditions

For travel assistance:

- National Federations who choose cash payment:
The cash payment will be made at the World Championship in the currency of the location of the event
- National Federations who choose bank transfer:
The bank transfer will be made after the conclusion of the Championships

For accommodation assistance:

- For those National Federations who choose to stay at the Official Hotel of the World Championships:
 - All accommodation will be paid for by FINA
 - All additional expenses such as telephone, fax, laundry, and mini-bar should be covered by each person and/or National Federation
- For those National Federations who stay at an official hotel of their own choosing:

Each federation will receive an allowance per day and per person for the amount designated to the federation – any remaining costs will be the responsibility of the National Federation.