

OWIA Individual Athlete Performance Grant Information

BACKGROUND

The Olympic Winter Institute of Australia (OWIA) has a proud tradition of supporting athletes in their sporting pursuits. The objective of the OWIA is the fulfilment of podium performances at World Cup, World Championship events and ultimately at the Olympic Winter Games. With international competition intensifying and always improving, the OWIA aligns its elite athlete support with the strategic high performance goals of the Australian Sports System as defined by the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).

The OWIA identity represents a strong tie to the Olympic family in Australia. The Australian Olympic Committee provides funding for the operations of the OWIA in partnership with the federal government represented by the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), state institutes of sport, industry partners, commercial sponsors and suppliers.

The OWIA Board at its discretion may allocate a very limited number of Individual Athlete Performance Grants in those sports where the OWIA does not operate a medal outcome focused sports program. Eligibility for consideration:

- To an individual athlete who is most likely to be selected to the 2022 Olympic Winter Games.
- To an individual athlete who is currently, likely to be or has been, the best performed Australian in their sport.
- Typically, there will be only one Individual Athlete Performance Grant recipient in each sport.

ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL ATHLETE PERFORMANCE GRANT SELECTION PROCESS

Application process

To be eligible for consideration for an OWIA Individual Athlete Performance Grant, athletes are required to complete and return the OWIA Individual Athlete Performance Grant Application Form to the OWIA by the nominated due date (in or around April/May of each year):

- Athletes who do not complete an Application will not be eligible for an OWIA Individual Athlete Performance Grant.
- The OWIA will consult with the National Federation before selecting an athlete to receive an Individual Athlete Performance Grant.
- Individual Athlete Performance Grant offers are made in or around June of each year, at the sole discretion of the OWIA Board.
- The annual Grant period commences 1 July and ends 30 June.
- All applicants will be notified in writing of their application outcome.

Key selection criteria

Where it is determined that an Individual Athlete Performance Grant will add significant value to an athlete's program and ultimately enhance their performances at the elite international level, the OWIA Board, at the sole discretion may offer an Individual Athlete Performance Grant. The minimum performance level for consideration:

- Athlete with a top fifteen world ranking; and/or
- Athlete capable of a top fifteen world ranking; and/or



- Talent identified athlete at the discretion of the OWIA; and/or
- Individual Athlete Performance Grant recipient returning from injury.

Additionally, consideration will be given to:

- Athlete performance tracked over time in order to inform the prioritisation of athlete support.
- Athlete potential to progress.
- Displaying appropriate and positive behaviours.

Consultation with the Athlete's National Federation

The OWIA will consult with the National Federation before selecting an athlete to receive an Individual Athlete Performance Grant. Should the OWIA and National Federation not reach agreement on the selection of an athlete to receive an OWIA Individual Athlete Performance Grant, the OWIA at its discretion may elect:

- To support the athlete identified by the OWIA;
- Not to support the identified athlete;
- Not to support an athlete in that sport.

FUNDING AND BENEFITS

All athletes receiving an OWIA Individual Athlete Performance Grant will remain, a member/participant of their National Federation's program and/or team.

The OWIA will provide Individual Athlete Performance Grant recipients with:

- A fixed funding contribution to support the athlete's best endeavours to achieve and improve elite performance culminating in success at Olympic Winter Games and World Championships.
- Upon request, OWIA uniform. (Note: The athlete must be granted approval by their National Federation to wear any OWIA uniform and must adhere to the uniform requirements and protocols stipulated by their National Federation).
- Upon request, specialist injury management, medical and other support services. (Note: the athlete is covered on a primary basis by their National Federation's insurance and medical services).
- OWIA will not provide Individual Athlete Performance Grant recipients with competition insurance coverage.

Athletes supported by the OWIA are expected to contribute to the Australian performance outcomes at Olympic Winter Games, World Championships and World Cups.

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