

Continental Association Championships & Continental Training Centres (CTCs)

ISAF to Provide Annual Budget

A submission from Sailing Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea Yacht & Boat Association and the Singapore Sailing Federation

Purpose or Objective

ISAF is an Olympic Sport on the Olympic Games Program. ISAF should strategically and equitably invest in developing its Olympic status, investing in principles of Olympism, Universality and the development of Olympic representation of Sailors from all its member MNAs

Proposal

ISAF appropriates grants to Continental Associations (CAs) for the organisation and operation of Continental Competitions and a Continental Training Centre (CTC) in each Region.

Many MNAs do not have National Training Centres or are inefficient and cannot fund the costs of professional Training Centre staff and equipment.

CA's plans for CTC are fully advanced with a strategy of coordination using these National Sailing Academies, improving inefficient and underutilised national centres and combining and sharing resources at the CTC level for the benefits of all MNA's and our Sailors.

Significant focus and investment should be made by ISAF into a budget to support the hosting of CA Championships (Area Championships) and Continental Training Centres (CTC). Detailed budgets are available to ISAF for consideration.

CTC (Continental Training Centre) support grants of USD20,000 pa. Based upon 5 CAs this will require an annual budget of USD100,000 to CTCs

CAC (Continental Association Championships) support grants of USD40,000 pa for Championships and Athlete Preparation & participation costs. Based upon 5 CAs this will require an annual budget of USD200,000 to CACs - or USD1m for CAC over 4 years

Proposal from the USD9.65m Olympic Games Revenues received by ISAF.

Current Position

ISAF does not invest in Continental Championships or Continental Training Centres

Reasons: Sailing Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea Yacht & Boat

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universality principles & Olympic Games Athlete preparation utilising Continental Training Centres.

2. ISAF received in the last Quadrennium GBP9.685million (combined 2012 and 2013 Olympic Games Revenues as shown in the 2013 ISAF Financial Statements).
 3. There is no significant budget appropriation in ISAF that recognises the underlying significance of this revenue. Insignificant and token allocations are made to Development Budget, Olympic Classes and Olympic Games preparation.
 4. ISAF does not maintain a high profile as an Olympic sport and is not high on the list of performing IFs on the IOC program.
 5. CA's plans for CTCs are fully advanced in Oceania with a strategy of coordination using MNA National Sailing Academies, plus improving those MNA academies that are either inefficient, underutilised or non-existent national Training centres and combining, sharing resources at the CTC level for the benefits of all MNAs and our Sailors. Greater efficiency in financial and skill based resources and higher performance outputs are achieved especially in small MNA countries.
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 7. Continental qualifying systems based on the IOC 5 Continental regions and the ISAF Continental Associations should be introduced. This will follow the recommended IOC system of regional classification.
 8. ONOC (Oceania National Olympic Committees) and OSFO (Olympic Sports Federations of Oceania) 2014 AGM's in Guam in May this year considered a recommendation relating to this matter of equitable allocations of grants between IFs and their CAs.
 9. Back in 2010 ONOC undertook an analysis of IF funding to sports in the ONOC region. The range is embarrassingly wide from IF grants as high as +USD20m per annum to USDnil pa.
 10. Unfortunately ISAF was in the nil category in the ONOC survey. This survey is available to ISAF if required as evidential data.
 11. Following the Guam ONOC and OSFO AGMs submissions are being addressed to the IOC and Sport Accord recommending consistent approach be adopted by IFs in their equitable allocation and sharing of resources across continental regions in their commitment to raising the standards of athlete performances in Oceania and all regions. ISAF should be a leader in adopting this policy.
 12. This policy could well be extended to the sharing of Olympic Games Revenues for the development of athletes within all continental regions
 13. In our continental region (ONOC) there is an Olympic Solidarity Continental Grant Program available to Regional Sports Federations for Continental Training Centres (CTCs). This is a strategy designed to invest in the preparation of athletes for qualification into the Olympic Games. OSAF does not qualify for these grants as it cannot match these grants with at least equivalent grants from ISAF. This is reason for ISAF to consider the allocation of direct grants to Continental Associations.
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2014 NOVEMBER CONFERENCE

COUNCIL DECISION – NOVEMBER 2014

Council received submission 018-14 from Sailing Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea Yacht & Boat Association and the Singapore Sailing Federation

Decision

On proposal to defer from Adrienne Greenwood, seconded by Totos Theodossiou, Council deferred Submissions 017-14, 018-14, 019-14, 020-14 and 023-14 to November 2015. A Working Party shall be appointed drawn from the Executive Committee, Constitution Committee and the Continental Associations and the members shall be appointed by the President (3 rejected, 0 abstain, 37 approve – 39 participated).

Recommendation from the Reporting Committee

Executive Committee

Recommendation to Council: Reject

Prefer model & approach in 017-14

Opinion from the Other Committees

Constitution Committee

Opinion: No Recommendation

Subject to policy.

Development and Youth Committee

Opinion: Reject

Regional Games Committee

Opinion: Defer

The Regional Games Committee recommends that the Executive Committee establish a Working Party to define the roles and responsibilities of the continental sailing associations in the ISAF governance model. The Working Party shall:

1. include representatives of the current ISAF Affiliate Continental members, the Executive Committee, and such other members as are deemed necessary.
 2. ensure broad consultation with relevant individuals and groups, and in particular, with all ISAF Affiliate Continental members.
 3. report to the Executive Committee at the ISAF Mid-Year Meeting and return with final recommendations at the 2015 ISAF Annual Conference.
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