TO THE MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS OF FIFA

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OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY PROGRAMMES – INFORMATION FOR FIFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Sir or Madam,

We refer to our 2009 course catalogue, which contains information with regard to Olympic Solidarity courses.

For the 2009-2012 quadrennial, Olympic Solidarity will provide development programmes, which will aim to develop Olympic sports towards the London 2012 Olympic Games. The direct beneficiaries of these programmes are the National Olympic Committees (NOCs), which will work closely with the national federations in their preparation for the Games.

Football is an Olympic sport and FIFA has many years of experience in working closely with the IOC’s Olympic Solidarity department. It is in this light that we would like to provide further information about Olympic Solidarity programmes, and to encourage our member associations to work closely with their NOCs.

We are therefore enclosing a summary of the 2009-2012 Olympic Solidarity programmes for your perusal and would strongly recommend that you benefit from these programmes by getting in touch with your NOC.

We hope that this information will be useful to you and wish you a successful collaboration with the Olympic family in your country.

Yours faithfully,
FIFA

Jérôme Valcke
Secretary General

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    - FIFA Development Offices
OLYMPIC SOLIDARITY – GUIDE FOR FIFA MEMBER ASSOCIATIONS

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) supports the general development of Olympic sports through its Olympic Solidarity programmes. In accordance with its mandate from the Olympic Charter, Olympic Solidarity is responsible for distributing the share of the television revenue from the Olympic Games belonging to the National Olympic Committees (NOCs). This takes the form of programmes of assistance that focus on four areas of development, considered as essential for NOCs to accomplish the mission that is entrusted to them by the Olympic Charter.

Areas of development for the NOCs:
1. Athletes and teams
2. Coaches
3. NOC management
4. Promotion of Olympic values

The aims of Olympic Solidarity programmes are:

- To develop a network of sporting knowledge amongst athletes, coaches and administrators;
- To improve the level of athletes, teams and coaches through scholarships and programmes towards the Olympic Games;
- To educate sport managers and improve NOC administration;
- To guarantee the legacy of the Olympic Movement.

2009-2012 Programmes

For the 2009-2012 quadrennial, Olympic Solidarity has elaborated a number of world programmes that have an impact on the above-mentioned areas of development. The programmes are noted below:

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1 Information taken from: Olympic Solidarity 2009-2012 Quadrennial Plan. For a detailed information on each Olympic Solidarity programme, please visit: www.olympic.org
The Olympic Solidarity (International) offices in Lausanne, will manage the world programmes in coordination with the respective continental associations (CAs) in order to achieve greater specificity for the various continents and regions. Olympic Solidarity will also work closely with the International Olympic Sports Federations (IFs), IOC commissions and various other partners to develop and deliver these world programmes to all NOCs.

All NOCs will have access to the 19 world programmes during the 2009-2012 quadrennial. Please note, however, that in accordance with Olympic Solidarity's mission, budget allocation within the programmes will favour the NOCs with the most needs.2

### Application procedure

A FIFA member association (MA) may submit a request to the National Olympic Committee of its country for the Olympic Solidarity programmes related to teams and coach development (programmes 3 to 8). Based on the criteria of the programme and taking into consideration requests received from other sports codes as well as budget availability, the NOC may decide whether or not it is able to consider the application of the MA. If the answer is positive, the NOC will send the application to Olympic Solidarity for consideration and final approval. Should the programme be related to football (technical aspects), Olympic Solidarity will seek FIFA's technical comments on the proposal. The duration of projects vary according to the type and funds available from the National Olympic Committee.

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2 Olympic Solidarity Programmes – Guidelines 2009-2012
Financial arrangements

The NOC submits a budget proposal together with the overall project to Olympic Solidarity for its approval. Upon receiving Olympic Solidarity funding approval, the NOC is responsible for all organisational expenses of the activity (projects, expenses on site, player/team training etc.) At the end of each project, the NOC has to submit a technical and financial report to Olympic Solidarity.

In the case of coaching courses and other projects requesting the appointment of experts, Olympic Solidarity and FIFA are responsible for the FIFA instructor’s appointment, international travel expenses and daily allowances.

Who can apply

Member associations affiliated to FIFA may apply to their NOCs for assistance on behalf of teams, coaches and sports administrators.

How to apply

All applications MUST be made through the National Olympic Committee of your country. Your NOC will have the applicable forms to provide you with all the necessary additional information you may require.

N.B.: MAs must understand that the NOCs have the right to refuse their requests (as they must satisfy requests from all Olympic sports) and that all applications must be sent via the NOC.

What you gain

- Funding for your projects;
- Funding for teams’ training for a specific regional/continental competition;
- Funding for post-graduate education and training courses for coaches;
- Funding for coaches’ education;
- Funding for expert consultants in your sport and sport administration to improve the national and local sports structure;
- Funding for projects benefiting the organisation and infrastructure of your MA.