



INTERNATIONAL  
OLYMPIC  
COMMITTEE

## IOC WOMEN AND SPORT AWARDS – GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 1. AIM

The IOC Women and Sport trophies are awarded annually to promote the advancement of women in sport. They recognise outstanding achievement and contributions made to develop, encourage and strengthen the participation of women and girls at all levels in the sports world.

Six (6) Trophies are awarded each year as follows:

- One at the world level
- One each for Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania

### 2. AWARD CRITERIA

The IOC Women and Sport Award may be awarded to:

- a) an individual (man or woman)
  - a retired athlete (a “retired athlete” is an athlete no longer involved in elite competitive sport)
  - an administrator
  - a coach
  - a journalist, writer
  - a sponsor
- b) an institution
  - a National Olympic Committee
  - an International Federation
  - a Continental Association

In recognition of outstanding contribution to:

- The participation of women and girls in Sport and physical activities.
- Educating or raising awareness on gender issues.
- The coaching of women and girls in Sport and physical activity.
- Supporting and coaching of women in administrative and leadership sports structures.
- The promotion of women in sport in the media.
- Acting as a role model for women and girls.

**Note: An active athlete, a team, IOC members and IOC Women and Sport Commission members will not be considered.**

### **3. NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES**

Any National Olympic Committee, International Federation (Summer/Winter) on the Olympic programme, Continental Associations or IOC Women and Sport Commission members is entitled to propose a candidature, presenting specific actions carried out by the nominee that has significantly improved women's and girls' participation in sport.

A nominator is authorised to propose only one candidate.

The call for nominations will be posted on the IOC website ([www.olympic.org](http://www.olympic.org)) and sent by the IOC to all of the above organisations electronically. NOCs will receive the information via NOCNET. The completed nomination form should include a detailed description of achievements and a photograph of the candidate. It is important to provide supporting material such as certificates or awards, press articles, summary of reports, photographs or videos. All entries without exception must be submitted in French, English or Spanish.

**The President or the Secretary General of the relevant organisation must endorse and sign the nomination form on behalf of the organisation. Electronic submissions are accepted.**

### **4. SELECTION PROCESS**

On the basis of the above awards criteria, a pre-selection Jury composed of IOC Women and Sport Commission members representing the five continents will review the nominations propose the winners and then submit to the full Commission for the final selection.

Applications emphasising a strong commitment to the promotion and protection of women and girls, in and through sport at national, regional and international level will receive greater consideration than those highlighting the candidate's own achievements.

Nominators who fail to fill in the IOC awards candidature form will not be considered.

### **5. SUBMISSION OF CANDIDATURES**

Submission of nominations must arrive at the IOC Secretariat by the deadline. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered.

### **6. AWARD CEREMONIES**

Winners shall be invited through the nominator to attend the prize-giving ceremony on the terms outlined by the IOC. NOCs, IFs and Continental Associations will be requested to recognise and celebrate the achievements of their candidates.

### **7. FOLLOW-UP MEASURES**

As an incentive to the awardees, the IOC will fund projects that the awardees develop in cooperation with NOCs, IFs, the UN or NGOs, which should be aimed at promoting women and girls.

All good candidatures will be carried over for consideration in the next year even if they are not re-nominated by their relevant organisations or commission members.

### **8. ACCEPTANCE AND REGULATIONS**

By their nomination for the award, and submission to the IOC, nominees accept the terms of these regulations and the decisions of the IOC and jury. To the extent permitted by law, Award nominees shall have no right of

recourse (whether through ordinary courts or arbitration or other) with respect to the Award and, in particular, but without limitation, against the decisions of the IOC.

Nominees release, discharge, waive and agree not to sue the IOC, its officers, agents, servants and employees for any and all injuries, death or damage, liability for loss of personal property arising out of or attributable to the Award or receipt of the Award from whatever cause, including the active or passive negligence of the IOC, its officers, agents, servants, employees or any other nominees involved with the Award.

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