1. AIM

The IOC Women and Sport Awards (the “Awards”) are awarded annually to promote the advancement of gender equality in sport. They recognise outstanding achievements and contributions made to develop, encourage and strengthen the participation of women and girls at all levels in the sports world, in order to close the gender gap.

Six (6) Awards in the form of trophies are awarded each year as follows:

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

2. AWARD CRITERIA

a. The Awards may be granted in recognition of an outstanding contribution to promote the advancement of gender equality, such as:

- Increasing the participation of women and girls in sport and physical activities.
- Educating or raising awareness on gender issues.
- Creating an inclusive culture by challenging gender inequality within an organisation.
- Coaching women and girls in sport and physical activity.
- Supporting and coaching women in sports administrative and leadership structures.
- Fostering the inclusion of women in sport in the media.
- Acting as a role model and championing gender equality.

b. The following individuals and organisations are eligible to receive the Awards:

1) **Individuals, such as:**
   - a retired athlete (i.e. an athlete no longer involved in elite competitive sport)
   - an administrator
   - a coach
   - a journalist or writer
   - a sponsor
   - an academic

2) **Organisations, such as:**
   - a National Olympic Committee (NOC)
   - an International Federation (IF)
   - a National Federation
   - a Continental Association of NOCs
   - a sports club

3) **An active athlete, a team, an IOC Member or an IOC Women in Sport Commission member will NOT be considered.**
3. NOMINATION PROCESS

a. Nominations

Nominations can be put forward through one of the two following methods:

i. Nomination by IOC Members, NOCs, IFs (Summer/Winter) governing sports on the Olympic programme, IOC Women in Sport Commission members or members of any other IOC Commission (the “Nominators”).

Nominators are entitled to nominate an individual or an organisation eligible to receive the Awards as per Section 2 b) as candidate (the “Candidate”) by submitting a nomination form communicated by the IOC (the “Nomination Form”). The Nomination Form needs to be filled in and submitted by the Nominators to the IOC as further described in Section 3 b).

- In the event the Nomination Form is submitted online as detailed in Section 3 b) i) the Nominator, namely by the President or Secretary General of the relevant NOC or IF, or, as relevant, the IOC Member, IOC Women in Sport Commission member or member of the relevant other IOC Commission, must confirm that they have completed the form in compliance with the General Rules and Regulations.
- In the event the Nomination Form is submitted by email as detailed in Section 3 b) ii), the Nomination Form has to be signed by the Nominator, namely by the President or Secretary General of the relevant NOC, IF or, as relevant, the IOC Member, IOC Women in Sport Commission member or member of the relevant other IOC Commission.

ii. Self-nomination with endorsement

A Candidate may self-nominate as long as such self-nomination is endorsed by one of the aforementioned Nominators (hereinafter referred to as the “Endorser”). The Endorser shall be a different individual and/or organisation than the self-nominated Candidate. In such case, the Nomination Form needs to be filled in and submitted by the Candidate to the IOC as further described in Section 3 b).

- In the event the Nomination Form is submitted online as detailed in Section 3 b) i) the Candidate must provide written confirmation of endorsement signed by the Endorser, namely by the President or Secretary General of the relevant NOC or IF, or, as relevant, the IOC Member, IOC Women in Sport Commission member or member of the relevant other IOC Commission. The Candidate must also confirm that they have completed the form in compliance with the General Rules and Regulations and accept that their nomination for a Women and Sport Awards is subject to the continuing support and endorsement of their Endorser by indicating the same in the online form.
- In the event the Nomination Form is submitted by email as detailed in Section 3 b) ii), the Nomination Form has to be signed by the Candidate and the Endorser, namely by the President or Secretary General of the relevant NOC or IF, or, as relevant, the IOC Member, IOC Women in Sport Commission member or member of the relevant other IOC Commission.

b. Submission of Nominations

The IOC will publish a call to submit nominations on the IOC website (www.olympic.org), on IOC social media platforms, on Athlete365 and on NOCnet. Nominations must be submitted to the IOC by either filling in the downloaded Nomination Form and submitting it by email or through the online Nomination Form, by the deadline communicated by the IOC. Nomination Forms may be submitted only in French, English or Spanish.

As part of the submission of the Nomination Form, Nominators and Candidates will also submit a cover letter outlining how the Candidate has promoted the advancement of gender equality in sport that shall not exceed 500 words (one single spaced A4 page). In the event of a self-nomination by a Candidate (as described in
Section 3 a) ii) above), the Endorser shall provide a copy of the confirmation of endorsement. Self-nomination for the Awards shall be subject to the continuous endorsement of the Endorser.

i. Submitting an online Nomination Form
Nominators and Candidates may also fill in the online Nomination Form. Once the Nomination Form is filled in in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 3 a) above, it shall be submitted together with all the other documents required.

ii. Submitting an Nomination Form by email
Nominators and Candidates may download the Nomination Form which is available upon request by sending an email to genderequality@olympic.org. Once the Nomination Form is filled in and signed in accordance with the requirements set forth in Section 3 a) above, it shall be submitted electronically to the IOC at the following email address: genderequality@olympic.org, together with all the other documents required.

Only duly filled in Nomination Forms submitted in compliance with the present General Rules and Regulations will be considered.

4. SELECTION PROCESS

a. Award Committee
A committee composed of IOC Women in Sport Commission members representing the five continents (the “Award Committee”) will select the recipients of the Awards (the “Recipients”) as further described below. IOC Women in Sport Commission members who have nominated an individual or an organisation may not be part of the Award Committee.

b. Short-listing of Candidates
The Award Committee will short-list Candidates for the six different Awards.

Nomination Forms that highlight the Candidate’s strong commitment to the promotion and/or protection of women and girls in and through sport at national, regional and/or international level, will receive greater consideration for inclusion in the short-list than those focusing on the Candidate’s own achievements.

c. Submission of additional information by short-listed Candidates
Short-listed Candidates will be notified by the IOC and asked to submit additional information via a candidature form that will be communicated by the IOC (the “Candidature Form”). As part of the Candidature Form, Candidates will be asked to include a detailed description of the achievements and to submit supporting documentation such as certificates or awards, press articles, summaries of reports, photographs or videos.

Candidature Forms must be submitted electronically to the IOC by the deadline communicated by the IOC. They may be submitted in French, English or Spanish. Only Candidates whose Candidature Forms have been submitted in compliance with the present General Rules and Regulations will be considered.

d. Selection and Notification
On the basis of the Award Criteria specified in Section 2, the Award Committee will review the Candidature Forms and select the Candidates set to receive the six Awards. Candidature Forms that demonstrate the Candidate’s strong commitment to the promotion and/or protection of women and girls in and through sport at the national, regional and/or international level by providing details of key achievements and outcomes in this area will receive greater consideration than those focusing on the Candidate’s own achievements.
The IOC will notify the selected Candidates of its decision. It will also contact the Nominators or, as relevant the Endorsers, asking them to confirm within 10 days their endorsement of the respective selected Candidate. In the absence of such confirmation, the Candidate will not be eligible to receive the Award. In such case, a new Candidate will be selected by the Award Committee, in accordance with the criteria set forth in this Section 4 d).

5. AWARD CEREMONIES
The selected Recipients will be invited to attend the Award ceremony on the terms outlined by the IOC. The names of the Recipients will only be publicly announced on the day of the ceremony. Nominators, Endorsers and Recipients must respect this rule. Nominators and Endorsers, as relevant, are encouraged to recognise and celebrate the achievements of the Recipient that they have nominated, or, as relevant, endorsed after the Award ceremony, in line with the present General Rules and Regulations and other instructions of the IOC.

6. DISCRETIONAL FUNDING OF PROJECTS BY THE IOC
As an incentive to the Recipients, the IOC may, at its sole discretion, decide to fund projects that the Recipients develop in cooperation with NOCs, IFs, the United Nations or Non-Governmental Organisations, aimed at promoting women and girls and through sport. If the IOC decides to fund a project, the relevant Recipient will be required to enter into a written agreement with the IOC, which will detail the terms and conditions of the funding.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF THE REGULATIONS
By submitting a nomination for the Awards to the IOC / by endorsing a Candidate for the Awards / by being nominated or submitting a candidature for the Awards, Nominators, Endorsers and Candidates fully and unreservedly accept all the terms and condition of these present General Rules and Regulations and the decisions of the IOC, including by the Award Committee. The IOC’s decisions on all matters relating to the Awards are final and binding on all Nominators, Endorsers and Candidates. To the extent permitted by law, neither Nominators, nor Endorsers and Candidates shall have a right of recourse (whether through ordinary courts or arbitration or other means) with respect to the Awards and, in particular, but without limitation, against the decisions of the IOC.

To the extent permitted by law, Nominators, Endorsers and Candidates 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 Awards or receipt of the Awards from whatever cause, including the negligence of the IOC, its officers, agents, servants, employees or any of the other Candidates involved with the Awards.

Nominators, Endorsers and Candidates understand, acknowledge and accept that they shall not, neither prior nor after attribution of the Awards, without the prior written consent of the IOC use or authorise the use of, any Olympic emblem, trademark, theme, logo, mascot or other designation suggesting that they maintain any particular relation with the IOC.

The IOC reserves the right at its absolute discretion to vary, delete or add to any of these present General Rules and Regulations from time to time without prior notice and without any compensation or indemnification being due to Nominators, Endorsers and Candidates. These present General Rules and Regulations prevail over any provisions or representations contained in any promotional materials relating to the Award.

8. DATA PROTECTION
The following personal data will be processed by the IOC during the selection process: the Candidate’s title, first name, last name, nationality, date of birth, home address, email address, the Candidate’s achievements with regard to the promotion of gender equality in sport as well as other information (the “Candidate’s Data”), the
Nominator’s first name, last name and position (the “Nominator’s Data”) and the Endorser’s first name, last name and position (the “Endorser’s Data”).

Where Candidate’s Data is not provided by the Candidate, Nominators shall ensure that they have obtained all required authorisations from the concerned Candidates, before transferring any information related to individual Candidates to the IOC, so that the IOC is allowed to process such information in accordance with the applicable laws.

The IOC will use the Nominator’s Data, the Endorser’s Data and the Candidate’s Data for the following purposes:
- Assessing the IOC Women and Sport Awards nominations;
- Confirming the Candidates’ eligibility;
- Awarding the Awards;
- Maintaining internal records of Recipients and Candidates of the Awards; and
- Any other purpose to which the Candidates expressly agree.

Nominator’s Data, Endorser’s Data and Candidate’s Data will be processed in accordance with the present General Rules and Regulations and the terms of the IOC’s Privacy Policy, available here https://www.olympic.org/privacy-policy, in that order of precedence.

Where necessary for the above-mentioned purposes, information may be shared with members of the Award Committee. The IOC may also share the information with third parties that provide IT services and other services to the IOC. Some recipients may be based in countries that do not provide in their laws for a level of protection of privacy equivalent to that applied within the European Economic Area and Switzerland. Before transferring data from Switzerland or the European Union to such countries, the IOC will implement safeguard mechanisms recognised by Swiss and European regulators, such as standard contractual clauses, or seek the express consent of the Candidates.

The IOC will retain and process the Candidate’s Data, Nominator’s Data and Endorser’s Data for no longer than necessary for the above-mentioned purposes and/or authorised by applicable laws. Candidates’ Data of Candidates that have not been awarded an Award may be retained for a reasonable period, but for no longer than five years after the Award.

The information provided to the IOC shall be accurate, complete and up-to-date.

The IOC will implement technical and organisational measures to protect the information processed against the risks of unauthorised access, damage, destruction or theft, as required by applicable laws.

Candidates, Endorsers and Nominators have the right, in accordance with applicable laws, to request access to their data, to request the deletion or correction of any erroneous or incomplete data and to object to their use. For these purposes or for any question related to the processing of the information, the IOC Data Protection Officer can be contacted at the following address: https://app-eu.onetrust.com/app/#!/webform/787ca7a8-5c45-45f9-9c4d-29e9d88bb1d.

Any complaint in relation to the processing of personal data that has not been addressed within a reasonable deadline can be addressed to the Office of the Federal Data Protection and Information Commissioner, Feldeggweg 1, CH – 3003 Bern, Switzerland, info@edoeb.admin.ch

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