REGULATIONS REGARDING THE IOC AWARD FOR SPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Foreword
The International Olympic Committee’s Sport and Environment Award was created by the IOC Commission for Sport and Environment to acknowledge and further encourage the implementation of good environmental practices in the field of sport.

Several organisations from around the world have environmental awards such as the European Better Environment Awards and UNEP Champions of the Earth Awards. And while sport has been the recipient of such awards no distinct category for sport existed until the launch of the IOC Sport and Environment Award.

As the leader of the Olympic Movement, the IOC feels a strong social responsibility to actively promote a healthy environment and to set good standards. In line with the existing objective of UN Millennium Development Goal No. 7 and the recommendations of the 13th IOC Olympic Congress, the IOC set up a biennial award to be presented at the World Conference on Sport and Environment to recognise outstanding activities, initiatives or projects in the field of sustainable sport and the environment.

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Candidates
The Award is open to individuals, groups and organisations nominated by or through National Olympic Committees, Recognised Organisations, International Federations and Continental Associations. More than one candidature can be endorsed by the aforementioned entities.

Olympic Host City projects are NOT eligible for participation; however a special recognition may be awarded to a Host City (Olympic Games or World Conference) contingent on the presentation of a competitive project or initiative.

Nominations
Nominations for the Award must be received by the IOC Department of International Cooperation and Development by 2 September 2013. Nominations received after this date cannot be considered.

Nominations will be submitted on the official entry form (see annex 1) and must be endorsed by the President or Secretary General of a National Olympic Committee, Recognised Organisation, International Federation or Continental Association. All entries, without exception, must be submitted in either French or English. The submission(s) should describe and document the following points:

- Identification and significance of project
- Clear, measurable and ambitious goals
- Fulfilment of goals and benefits realized
- Forecast of future benefits
- Ability of the project to be replicated by other organisations
- Engagement with stakeholders on sport environmental performance
- Recognition from stakeholders
- Independent verification of performance
Categories

One Award will be given to a nomination from each of the five Continents (Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania).

The Jury reserves the right to give separate awards, on a continental basis, to individuals (not organisations) having been appropriately nominated.

Below is a non exhaustive list of areas for which the Award may be attributed to a nominee in recognition of their contribution to sustainable development of sport and the environment:

- a. Design and/or construction of sport facilities
- b. Protection and enhancement of biodiversity or cultural heritage through sport
- c. Environmental education or raising sports community awareness on environmental and sustainability issues
- d. Management of sport events, facilities or clubs
- e. Media coverage and production of material to promote sustainability in sport
- f. Agenda 21 initiatives incorporating sustainable sport practises

Prizes

The Award winner from each continent will be invited to the 10th IOC World Conference on Sport and Environment in Sochi, Russian Republic (30 October - 2 November 2013) to receive the special sport and environment trophy from the IOC. The costs of an economy class air ticket and hotel accommodation for the winners will be met by the IOC.

Jury & Award Criteria

A jury composed of members of the IOC Sport and Environment Commission will select the winners.

The Jury will select the winners for each continent taking into account the following basic evaluation criteria:

- A. Impact of the activity/initiative/project on the promotion of sustainable sport
- B. Ability of the activity/initiative/project to be carried on and to serve as a catalyst for sustainable sport practise worldwide
- C. Voluntary contributions and innovative approaches

The Jury’s decision on all matters relating to the Award will be final, binding and not subject to appeal. The IOC reserves the right at its absolute discretion to vary, delete or add to any of these Regulations from time to time without prior notice. The Jury reserves the right not to attribute the award to a continent if no suitable nomination is received. Should circumstances require, the IOC also reserves the right to alter the timetable or cancel the Award without prior notice, without incurring any liability on its part.

Acceptance of 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 else) with respect to the Award and in particular, but without limitation, against the decisions of the IOC, the IOC Sport and Environment Commission or the Jury.
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 to, 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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