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 Award may be granted in recognition of an outstanding contribution to promote the advancement of gender equality, such as:
   - 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 IOC Women and Sport 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, a Continental Association of NOCs, 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 IOC Women and Sport 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 signed by the Nominator, more in particular by the President or Secretary General of the relevant NOC, IF or Continental Association of NOCs, 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
An individual or an organisation eligible to receive the IOC Women and Sport Awards as per Section 2 b) may self-nominate. Such self-nomination needs to be endorsed by one of the afore-mentioned Nominators (hereinafter referred to as the “Endorser”). In such case, the Nomination Form needs to be signed by the Candidate itself as well as the Endorser, more in particular by the President or Secretary General of the relevant NOC, IF or Continental Association of NOCs, 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 Athlete 365 and on NOCnet. Nominations must be submitted to the IOC using the Nomination Form, by the deadline communicated by the IOC, either electronically or by post. Nomination Forms may be submitted only in French, English or Spanish.

The Nomination Form must be signed, as further described in Section 3 a) above, by the relevant individual himself, or, in case of an organisation, by its authorised representative. More specifically, in case the Nominator or Endorser is an IF or NOC or Continental Association of NOCs, the Nomination Form needs to be signed by its President, Secretary General or Executive Director. Electronic signatures are valid.

Only duly filled in nominations submitted in compliance with the requirements set forth in 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 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 to the IOC by the deadline communicated by the IOC, either electronically or by post. Electronic signatures are valid. They may be submitted in French, English or Spanish. Only Candidates whose Candidature Forms have been submitted in compliance with the requirements set forth in 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 highlight the Candidate’s strong commitment to the promotion and protection of women and girls in and through sport at national, regional and/or international level, referencing key achievements and milestones achieved 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 Candidates, with confirmed endorsement as per Section 4 d) above, (the “Recipients”) will be invited to attend the award ceremony on the terms outlined by the IOC. The names of the Recipients will be publicly announced only 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 in 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 their 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 accept the terms
of these regulations and the decisions of the IOC, including by the Award Committee. 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.

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 active or passive 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 consent of the IOC use or authorise the use of, any Olympic emblem, trademark, theme, logo, mascot or other designation suggesting that he / she maintains any particular relation with the IOC.

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, the Nominator, before transferring any information related to individual Candidates to the IOC, shall ensure that he/she has obtained all required consents from the concerned Candidates so that the IOC is allowed to process such information in accordance with the applicable laws.

The IOC will use the information on the Nominators, the Endorsers and the Candidates for the following purposes:

- Assessing the Women and Sport nominations;
- Confirming the Candidates’ eligibility;
- Awarding the Women and Sport Awards;
- Maintaining internal records of Recipients and Candidates of the Women and Sports Awards; and
- Any other purpose to which the Candidates expressly agree.

Information on the Nominators, the Endorsers and the Candidates 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 purpose, 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. Unsuccessful Candidates’ information 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 the law, 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: privacy@olympic.org.

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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