

Individual Athletes Support Scheme (IASS) 2025-2026

Athletes who are not supported under Tier A sports but meet the IASS funding criteria, will be provided with a programme funding via their respective National Sports Associations (NSAs) to support their additional elite training needs.

1. Pre-requisite

- a. Olympic Games/Asian Games Sports:
 - competed in the past one edition or the upcoming two editions.
- b. Paralympic Games/Asian Para Games Sports:
 - competed in the past one edition or the upcoming one edition.

2. Funding Criteria

- a. Athletes must have achieved **at least 3 points or more under the Elite Vote Scoring Table.**
- b. Funding is based on:
 - (i) performance of the applicant in the previous two years;
 - (ii) commitment to systemic training and competitions.

3. Support Provided under IASS

- a. Successful applicants will be granted “HKSI Sports Scholarship Athlete” status and entitled to the following support:
 - (i) receive the Elite Training Grant (ETG) /Elite Training Grant for Athletes with Disabilities (ETGD);
 - (ii) use of facilities available at HKSI;
 - (iii) sports science/medicine, strength and conditioning and other scientific support;
 - (iv) education and career counseling; and
 - (v) accident, travel, life and medical insurance.
- b. Based on athletes’ categories and training status, different levels of annual programme funding will be provided. Details are as follows:
 - (i) For Olympic Games/Asian Games Sports

Athlete Category		Training Status	Maximum Level of Annual Programme Funding	Support Period*
ETG	EA+ / EA	Full-time	\$400,000	4 Years
	EB+ / EB		\$200,000	2 Years
	EC		\$150,000	2 Years
	EA / EB+ / EB / EC	Part-time	\$150,000	1 Year
	Junior athlete	Full-time / Part-time	\$100,000	1 Year

* On condition that the athlete concerned could maintain its athlete category throughout the support period according to ETG criteria guideline.

(ii) For Paralympic Games/Asian Para Games Sports

Athlete Category		Training Status	Maximum Level of Annual Programme Funding	Support Period*
ETGD	EA+	Full-time	\$400,000	4 Years
	EA		\$200,000	4 Years
	EB / EC		\$150,000	1 Year
	EA / EB / EC	Part-time	\$150,000	1 Year

* On condition that the athlete concerned could maintain its athlete category throughout the support period according to ETGD criteria guideline.

- c. The maximum funding per NSA/Para Sport is \$2 million per year.
- d. Funding will be provided to the respective NSA to cover the costs on:
 - (i) coaching expenses (for short-term/part-time coaches);
 - (ii) local and overseas training expenses; and
 - (iii) purchase of sports equipment.
- e. There should be no duplication of funding from other public funding including HKSI's Tier B Sports funding / LCSD funding / CSTB funding / SF&OC funding /others.

Application

Applications should be submitted by respective National Sports Associations (NSAs) who are also responsible for monitoring and reporting on the usage of the funding and performance of the athletes.

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