



# SPORTS FEDERATION & OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG, CHINA

## **Guidelines of the Panasonic Sports Scholarships Programme for Hangzhou 2022 Asian Games and Paris 2024 Olympic Games**

### ***I. Co-Organizers***

- Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China
- Shun Hing Group (also the Title Sponsor)

### ***II. Objectives***

1. To assist athletes in Hong Kong to be better prepared and strive for the best results in the Hangzhou 2022 Asian Games (AG) and Paris 2024 Olympic Games (OG).
2. To contribute to overall sports development in Hong Kong by providing financial support to the athletes with great potential.
3. To further strengthen Shun Hing Group's corporate image by leveraging on the marketing opportunities of Panasonic in its role as the Worldwide Audio / TV / Video Equipment Partner of the International Olympic Committee.
4. To reinforce Shun Hing Group's commitment in promoting the Olympic Movement to the Hong Kong community at large.

### ***III. Program Content***

1. 10 athletes will be selected for the Panasonic Sports Scholarship Programme for Hangzhou 2022 AG and Paris 2024 OG.
2. Each selected athlete will be awarded a total scholarship of HK\$345,600.
3. The Scholarship Programme will be from 1 January 2022 to 31 August 2024.

### ***IV. Eligibility***

To qualify for the Scholarships, the athlete must at all time of the application and during the period of the Scholarship Programme:

1. Practise in one of the Hangzhou 2022 AG and Paris 2024 OG individual sports (exclude team sports);
2. Meet the minimum level in technical skills required for the relevant sport to be qualified for the Hangzhou 2022 AG and Paris 2024 OG. Proof of the athlete's technical skills must be shown through results achieved at national and international competitions;
3. Be eligible to represent Hong Kong in the Hangzhou 2022 AG and Paris 2024 OG with valid HKSAR passport; and
4. Not be convicted of doping offences or have been sanctioned for actions contrary to the standards of sporting ethics as established by the Federation.

## **V. Administration and Monitoring**

1. Each scholarship holder and his/her respective NSAs are required to sign an agreement with the Federation and the Sponsor; and
2. Each NSA is required to submit a performance report and expenditure summary (Annex) to the Federation for evaluating the athlete's performance progress and checking the expenditure record after following periods:  
**Period 1: 1 January 2022 to 30 June 2022 (6 months)**  
**Period 2: 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022 (6 months)**  
**Period 3: 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023 (6 months)**  
**Period 4: 1 July 2023 to 31 December 2023 (6 months)**  
**Period 5: 1 January 2024 to 31 June 2024 (6 months)**  
**Period 6: 1 July 2024 to 31 August 2024 (2 months)**
3. The respective NSA will be entrusted with the responsibility to ensure that the scholarship in respect of each scholarship holder would be allocated and utilized in the best way to help the athlete to obtain the following:
  - (a) access to appropriate training facilities;
  - (b) access to coaches specialized the relevant sporting discipline;
  - (c) regular medical and scientific assistance and control;
  - (d) sports equipment;
  - (e) accident and medical insurance;
  - (f) board and lodging costs for overseas training and competition;
  - (g) pocket money allowance (for meal and transportation expenses), not exceeding HK\$5,400 per month;
  - (h) access to technical information on the Hangzhou 2022 AG and Paris 2024 OG; and
  - (i) additional items mutually agreed by the Federation and the Sponsor.
4. Disbursement of the scholarship in respect of each scholarship holder will be made with three installments subject to his/her submission of the completed performance reports and expenditure summary together with all invoices/receipts and not less than 2 photos in high resolutions, i.e., (not less than 300 dpi in JPG format) during his / her training / competition for the reporting period.

## **VI. Application Procedures**

1. The NSAs might nominate the potential / qualified athletes by submitting the completed Candidature Proposal Form together with the signed Athlete's Sports Aids Declaration Form and candidate's photos including 1 passport size photo and 3 action photos in high resolutions, i.e., not less than 300 dpi in JPG format to the Federation Secretariat at 2/F, Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path, So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong, **at or before 1 pm on 3 December 2021.**
2. Each eligible NSA might submit no more than **TWO** applications with a priority list.
3. After the assessment of the SF&OC Athletes Committee and endorsement by the Sponsor, the scholarship holders via their respective NSAs will be informed of the results in late December 2021. A Scholarship Presentation Ceremony may be held in January 2022. All scholarship holders, his/her coach and the representative of NSAs concerned would be invited to the Scholarship Presentation Ceremony.

## **VII. *Obligation of the nominated athletes / scholarship holders***

1. All nominees are obliged to attend all functions of the Panasonic Sports Scholarship Programme for Hangzhou 2022 AG and Paris 2024 OG.
2. When nominating the athletes, NSAs should ensure that the nominees will be available to attend the Scholarship Presentation Ceremony tentative scheduled to be held in January 2022, to accept and sign the Scholarship Agreement if they are one of the scholarship holders.
3. The Athlete, having awarded the scholarship under this Programme, shall use his/her best endeavour to attend the Ceremony and related functions (other than the Scholarship Presentation Ceremony) including but not limit to the promotion of this Programme and the activities for marketing promotion of the Sponsors, photo-taking session for the Sponsor's advertising materials and advertorial relating to this Programme and for the production promotion of the Sponsor as mutually agreed between the Federation and Sponsor PROVIDED that such functions shall not be excessive in terms of the duration (normally not over 4 hours per function) and number of occasions, (normally not more than 6 functions during the scholarship period) and the attendance of any such functions will not disturb the athlete's relevant sports training and practice discipline and schedule (for competition or training).
4. The photos taken of the Athlete (including the photos submitted by the Athletes and NSAs) may be used by Sponsor and SF&OC for the advertising materials and advertorial for the promotion of this Scholarship Programme during the Scholarship period.
5. The Athlete, having awarded the scholarship under this Programme shall NOT attend any ceremonies or functions, or accept any sponsorship, which is solely or jointly organized by any Competitors for promoting or marketing their products or services same or similar to the Sponsor's Products/Services during the scholarship period.
6. The Athlete, having awarded the scholarship under this Programme may enter into any types of sponsorship arrangement/ agreement with any entities during the scholarship period PROVIDED that prior written consent has been obtained from the Sponsor.
7. If the athletes, having awarded the scholarship under this Programme, violated any of the above obligations, the co-organizers reserve the right to FORFEIT the eligibility for the scholarship and / or terminate the scholarship and the athlete may be requested to return the sponsored amount.
8. Details of the obligations of athletes will be listed in the agreement with athlete for the Panasonic Sports Scholarship Programme for Hangzhou 2022 AG and Paris 2024 OG.