Financial Support provided to Athletes by Hong Kong Sports Institute

In 2005/06, the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) has provided a comprehensive range of support services, including: stipends, squad training programmes and high performance coaching, sports scientific support, facilities, meals etc, to 545 athletes in order to enable them to pursue excellence in the international sports arena.

The financial support to athletes mainly comes from three funding sources, which are administered by HKSI, i.e. HKSI monthly stipends, Sports Aid Foundation Fund (SAFF), and Sports Aid for the Disabled Fund (SADF) which caters for the disabled athletes.

In 2005/06, HKSI has provided \$5 million as monthly stipends for 198 athletes based on the performance level of athletes. In addition, HKSI also disbursed grants of about \$9 million to 223 athletes, including disabled athletes in accordance with the criteria of SAFF and SADF, which resulted in a total of more than \$14 million.

In 2005/06, each Elite A athlete could receive up to \$17,500 per month which paid out from the SAFF and monthly stipends whereas each Elite B and C athlete could receive financial subsidy amounting to about in average \$10,000 and \$5,000 per month respectively. According to the actual allocation made by HKSI in 2005/06, it is noted that each Elite A athlete could receive at least \$10,000 per month.

Besides, the SADF also provided financial assistance to 39 disabled athletes while each Elite A athlete could receive about \$4,100 per month in average.

Reference:

Annex 1: Financial Support provided to Elite Athletes by HKSI

Annex 2: Financial Support provided to Disabled Elite Athletes by HKSI

Annex 3: Eligibility Criteria and Grant for SAFF and SADF

Annex 4: Criteria for Stipend Provision for HKSI Scholarship Athletes

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Elite Athletes						
		HKSI Stipends		Sports Aid Foundation Fund		
Category of Athletes Note 1 (based on the categorization under Sports Aid Foundation Fund)	Total number of athletes	No. of recipients	Annual Total	No. of recipients	Annual Total	Total
Elite A	18	125 (Note 2)		18	\$1,620,000	
Elite B	68			68	\$3,957,500	
Elite C	30		\$4,344,400	30	\$815,000	\$10,736,900
Potential Athletes (non-SAFF recipients)	33			-	-	
Junior Elite A	38	73 (Note 3)		38	\$1,065,000	
Junior Elite B	30		\$668,700	30	\$422,500	\$2,156,200
Potential Junior Athletes	51			-	-	
Other Potential Athletes	188	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	456	198	\$5,013,100	184	\$7,880,000	\$12,893,100

Note 1: based on the categorization as laid by the eligibility criteria under Sports Aid Foundation Fund

Note 2: based on the categorization as laid by the criteria for stipend provision for elite athletes

Note 3: based on the categorization as laid by the criteria for stipend provision for elite junior athletes

Financial Support provided to Disabled Elite Athletes by HKSI

Disabled Elite Athletes			
Category of Athletes Note4 (based on categorization under Sports Aid for the Disabled Fund)	No. of athletes	Annual Total	
Elite A	18	\$887,500	
Elite B	6	\$180,000	
Elite C	15	\$225,000	
Potential	50	-	
Total:	89	\$1,292,500	

Note 4: Based on the categorization as laid by the eligibility criteria under Sports Aid for the Disabled Fund

Remarks: Subsistence grant was provided to to athletes with disabilities separately via the Hong Kong Paralympians Fund.

Annex 3a

Eligibility Criteria and Grant for SAFF

Category	Grant (05/06)	Criteria
Elite A Elite A (Team)	\$90,000 \$400,000	 Olympic Games (1st – 8th and top 1/3) Asian Games World Champions/World Cup (Finals) Medallist (top 1/3)
Elite B Elite B (Team)	\$70,000 \$300,000	 Olympic Games (9th – 16th and top 1/3) Asian Games/World Champs (4th – 8th and top 1/3) Asian Championships/National Games/World Universities Games (1st – 8th and top 1/3)
Elite C Elite C (Team)	\$30,000 \$125,000	 Olympic Games (Qualified according to required standard) Asian Games/World Champs (4th – 8th and top 1/2) Asian Championships/National Games/World Universities Games (1st – 8th and top 1/2) East Asian Games/Asian Cup Series/National Championships (Medallist and top 1/3)
Junior A	\$30,000	 World Youth Games/World Youth Champs (1st – 8th and top 1/3) Asian Youth Champs/All City Games (Medallist and top 1/3)
Junior B	\$10,000	 World Youth Games/World Youth Champs (1st – 8th and top 1/2) Asian Youth Champs/All City Games (4th – 8th and top 1/3) Asian Youth Cup Series/Asian Age Group Champs/National Youth Championships (Medallist and top 1/3)

Eligibility Criteria and Grant for SADF

Category	Grant (05/06)	Criteria
Elite A Elite A (Team)	\$50,000 \$200,000	 Paralympic Games medallist World Champs/World Cup Final medallist (top 1/3)
Elite B Elite B (Team)	\$30,000 \$120,000	 Paralympic Games (4th – 8th and top 1/3) World Champs/World Cup Final (4th –8th and top 1/3) FESPIC Games/World Games/World Games for the Deaf(4th –8th and top 1/3)
Elite C Elite C (Team)	\$15,000 \$60,000	 Paralympic Games (4th – 8th and top 1/2) World Champs/World Cup Final (1st – 8th and top 1/2) FESPIC Games/World Games/World Games for the Deaf (4th – 8th and top 1/3) National Games for the Disabled/World Cup Series/IPC Sanctioned Events/Special Olympic (Overall results)/Asian Pacific Games for the Deaf (Medallist and top 1/3)

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Criteria for Stipend Provision 獎學金運動員津貼批核準則

1. Monthly Stipend 每月津貼

For Elite Athletes/精英運動員

	Training Commitment / Maximum Amount per Month 訓練時數 / 每月最高津貼		
Performance Level* 表現水平	Grade A 甲級 Minimum 25 hrs and 6 days/ week 每週最少 25 小時 及 6 天訓練	Grade B 乙級 Minimum 15 hrs and 5 days /week 每週最少 15 小時 及 5 天訓練	
5 pts 分	\$10,000	\$5,000	
4 pts 分	\$ 6,000	\$3,000	
3 pts 分	\$ 4,000	\$2,000	
2 pts 分	\$ 2,000	\$1,000	

For Elite Junior / 青少年精英運動員

100 日間 9 日間 10 日間				
	Training Commitment / Maximum Amount per Month			
	訓練時數/每月最高津貼			
Performance Level* 表現水平	Grade A 甲級	Grade B 乙級		
	Minimum 25 hrs and 6 days/ week 每週最少 25 小時 及 6 天訓練	Minimum 15 hrs and 5 days /week 每週最少 15 小時 及 5 天訓練		
5 pts 分	\$3,000	\$1,500		
4 pts 分	\$2,000	\$1,000		
3 pts 分	\$1,000	\$500		
2 pts 分	\$500	\$250		

^{*} Performance Level refers to Elite Vote Scoring Table / 評分參考自精英資助評核準則

2. Other areas of consideration 其他考慮因素

- ➤ Progress of performance 表現進度
- ➤ Commitment 責任感
- ▶ Attendance 出勤率
- ➤ Attitude 態度
- ▶ Potential 具潛質
- Years in the squad 在運動隊的年資
- ▶ Income salary, SAFF, prize money, etc. 收入 例如薪金, 體育資助基金, 獎金
- ▶ Others: actual needs of the individual 其他: 個別運動員實際需要

Criteria for Stipend Provision 獎學金運動員津貼批核準則

At the discretion of CE, up to 50% on top of the maximum amount of Grade A stipend could be provided to *Full Time Athletes*. [*Full Time Athletes* are Grade A athletes (both Senior and Junior) who take training and competition as their first priority, and can adhere to the Elite Training Programme at all times.]

院長可酌情提高**全職運動員**上述甲級津貼上限至 50%。[**全職運動員是指**那些甲級運動員(包括成人及青少年),以訓練和比賽爲最優先考慮,並且任何時間都能依從精英培訓計劃的安排者]。

Application of Stipend 每月津贴施行

- ➤ The above serves as a general guideline. Athletes achieving the required performance level and/or training commitment do not automatically granted the above stipend. Provision of stipend is subject to Head Coach's discretion, and CE's approval. 以上只作一般指引,不等於所有運動達到上述水平/要求便自動獲得上述津貼。運動員每月津貼的數目乃由總教練因應實際情況及個別需要而作出建議,由院長批核。
- ➤ The stipend should be reviewed and adjusted frequently based on athletes' performance. Stipend of the month will be reimbursed in the following month. 每月津貼名額因應運動員的表現作經常性的檢討及調整。每個月的津貼會在下一個月發放。
- For any application with deviation from the above, CE's approval should be sought. 任何申請不符合上述指引者, 須得院長批准。