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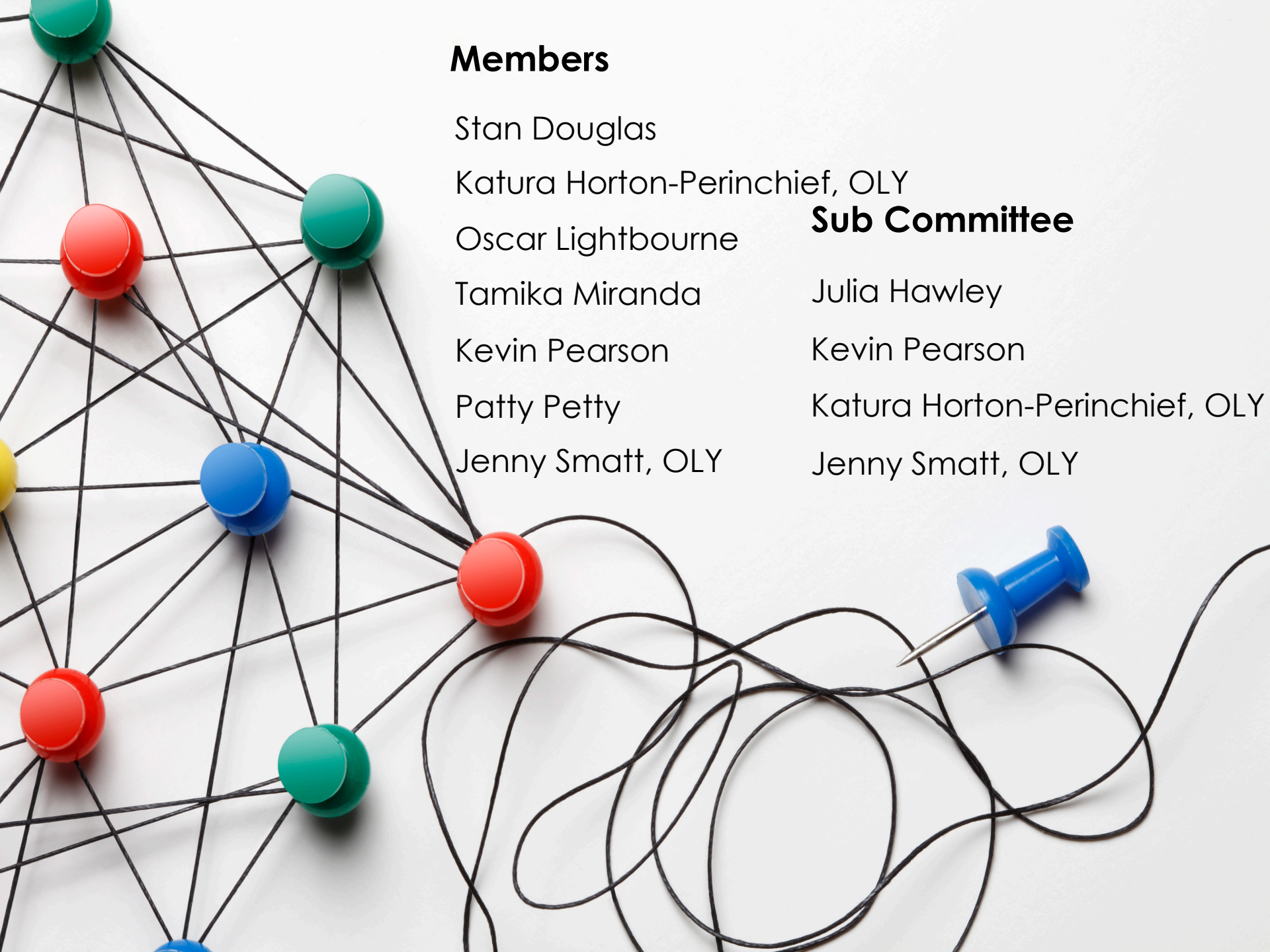
## **Junior Grant Funding Overview 2025**

# Meeting purpose

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- Inform and share the opportunities for Junior Athlete funding with parents and athletes
- Explain the types of funding i.e Pan Am Junior Funding, IOC and YOG and special grant for IF camps
- Outline criteria to be considered for funding and leading practice for planning
- Expand on how Jr funding aligns with the SC vision and mission
- Show the path for Junior and Major festivals
- Clarify some FAQs





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## **Vision**

Our athletes are finalists and medalists on the world stage.

## **Mission**

To identify, support, promote and select athletes in Festival Games.

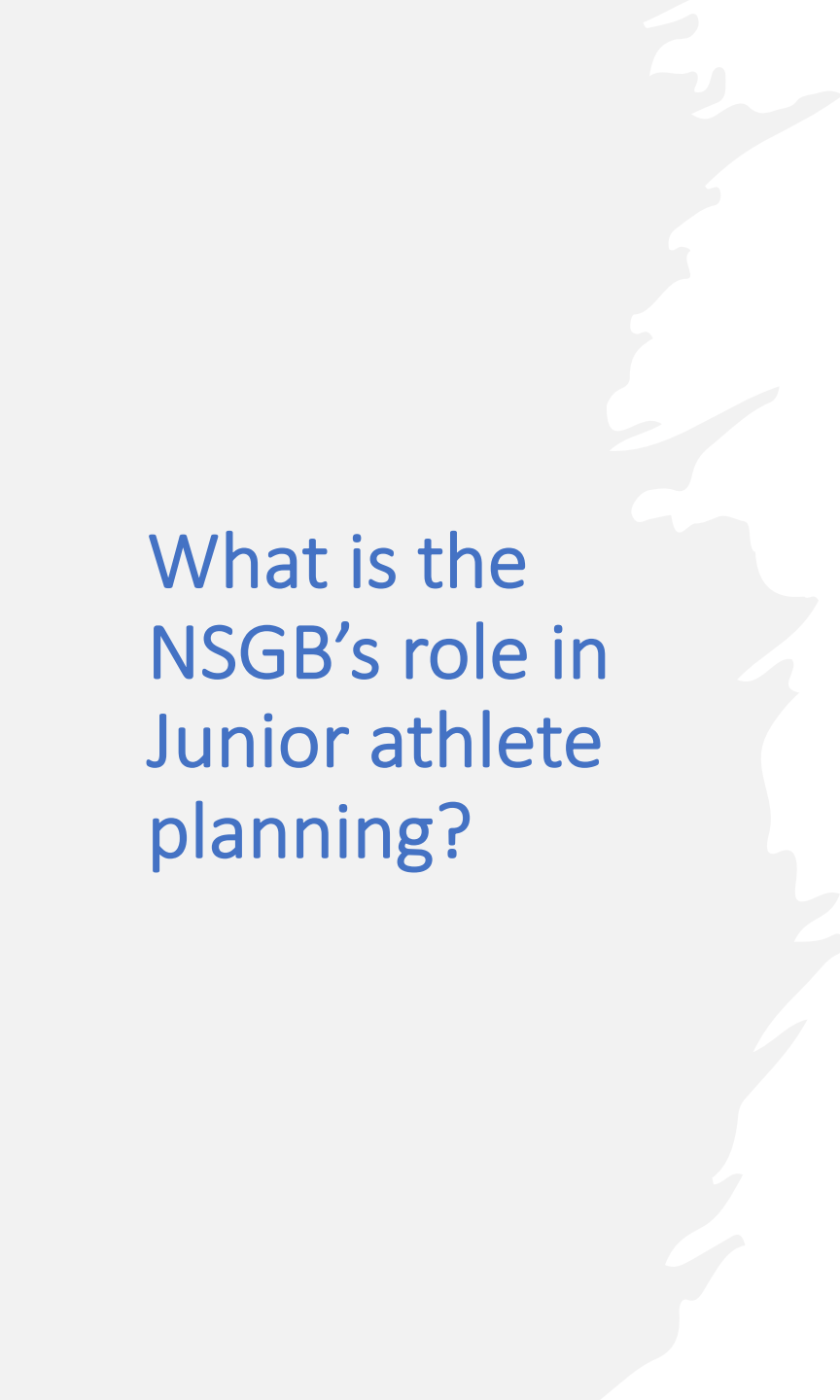


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# How do Juniors and Seniors differ?

	Seniors	Juniors
Funding	Performance based	Potential based
Inclusion criteria	Athletes must qualify for and compete at at least one of the BOA's major festivals	Athletes must train to compete in events that will prepare them for qualification to participate at one of the BOA's youth festivals
Qualification expectation	<p>Athletes must reach IF automatic qualification standard to be included in the team</p> <p>If universality is used, consideration standards of adequate level will be set</p>	<p>Athletes should reach IF automatic qualification standard to be included in the team</p> <p>All opportunities for participation spots will be explored and accepted after assessment of athlete readiness</p>
Performance standard	Finalists and medalists	Participation and Development



## What is the NSGB's role in Junior athlete planning?

### **NSGB responsibilities**

- Development of and adherence to an LTAD
- Talent identification
- Eligibility assessment
- Qualification pathway planning
- Training plan creation
- Budgeting
- Communication – opportunities and standards

**\*NOTE\*** Intent to compete at junior events during the quadrennial (ie. Presence on the long lists) is a prerequisite for junior development funding

# Why is funding at this level so important?

- Pan Am Sport Mandate
- Bermuda Government Mandate
- This is a critical phase for athlete development and increases our chances of success in achieving our SC vision and mission
- Supports athletes in adolescence who show strong potential but it's too early to tell their trajectory.
- With Jr Grant funding, we appreciate the Olympics may not be the goal and the athletes may not be at the forefront of their sport.
- Aligns with best practice for LTAD planning



# What is required and what's important with each?

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**Training plan** – we need to gain a full understanding of where you want to go and what support is needed in order to get there. It should include a multi-year forward view with the greatest detail for the current year.

## Fail to plan, plan to fail.

- ✓ **Sports Psychology**
- ✓ **Nutrition**
- ✓ **Physiotherapy**
- ✓ **Focused camps**

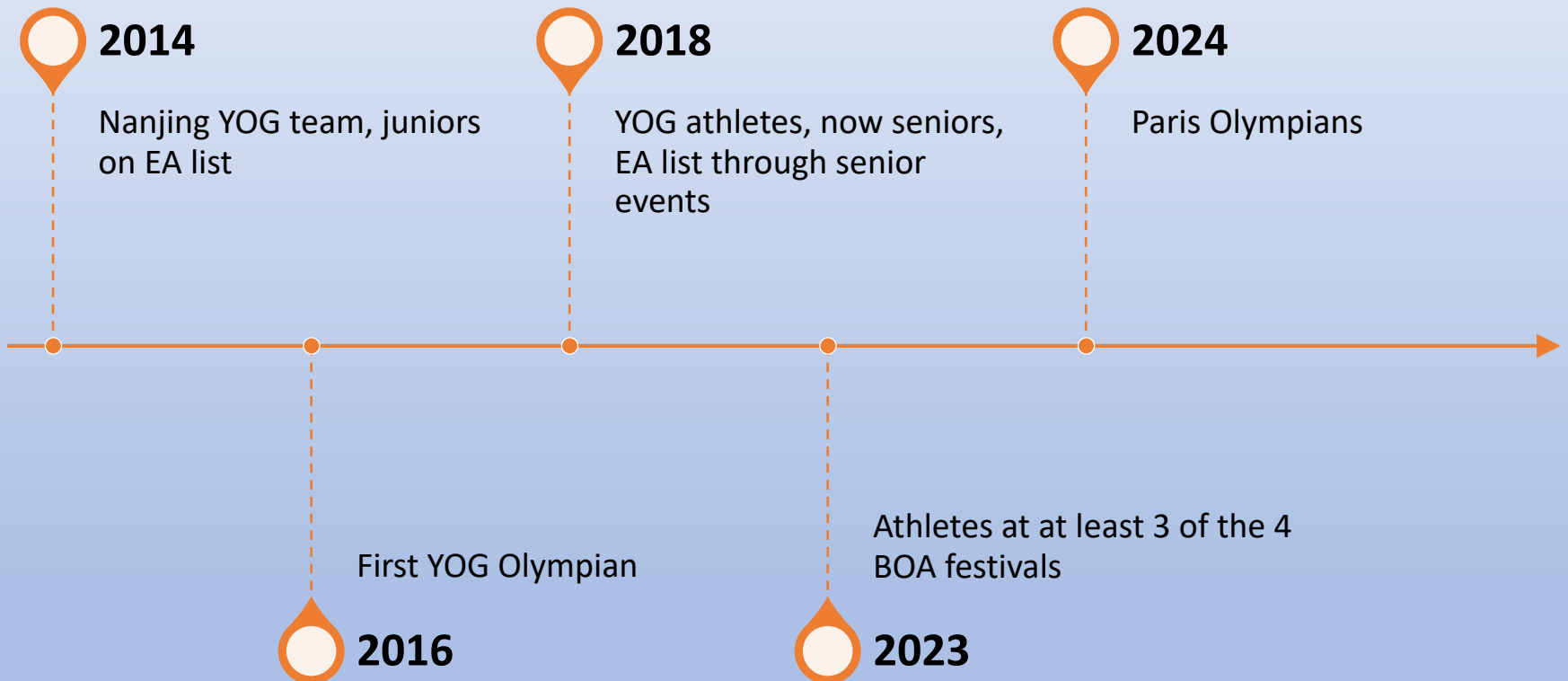


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- **Budget** – it is helpful for us to see the full picture. What is needed for success?
- **Coach report** – athletes who apply themselves and are committed to their training plan is key. The coach's role and feedback is important.
- **Results to date and trajectory** – To assess improvement and commitment. Not all athletes develop at the same rate and have a range of aspirations. This should be made clear in the training plan.
- **Goals** – the BIG goal as well as interim goals.
- **Eligibility requirements:**
  - **BOTC Passport** (if seeking Pan Am Sport or IOC funding)
  - **Appropriate age within the next year or two for upcoming Festivals** (varies per games)

# Our Experience with LTAD and Jr Funding



From talent identification...

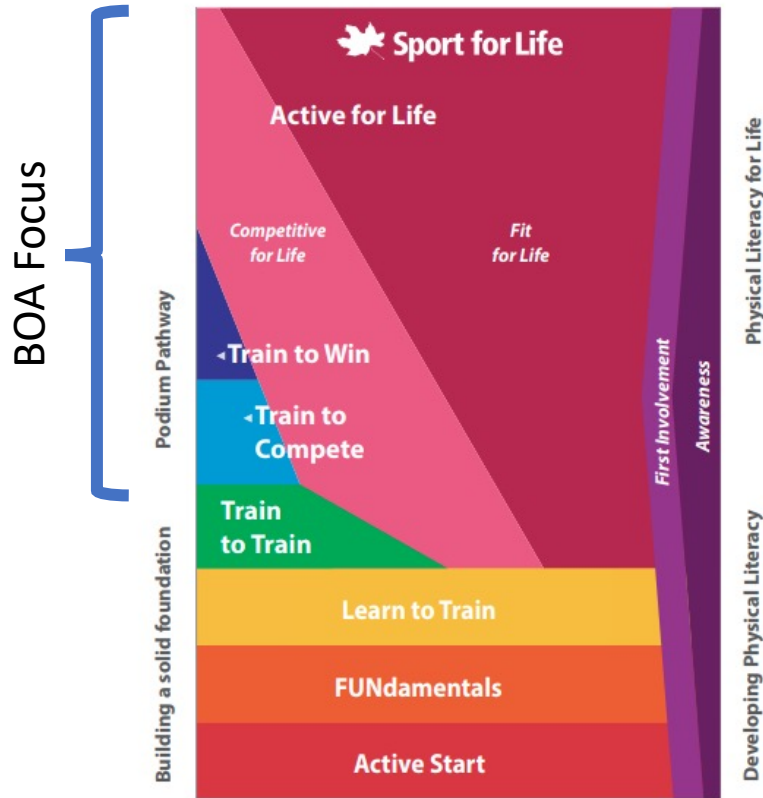




...to success stories

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## Long-Term Development in Sport and Physical Activity:



Long-term development is important both in sport performance and for life-long engagement in physical activity for health.

Stages for both sport development and excellence


Captures parasport participation



## What types of funding are available?

- Pan Am Sport – Pan Am Junior Games
- IOC – Youth Olympic Games
- Commonwealth Sport – Youth Commonwealth Games
- Continental grant – Caribbean Games
- IF grants for camps\*

\*Official camps can be identified and submitted to the BOA with a request for funding. The BOA will support the application with the international federation.



## Overwhelmed? Where can I get support or further information?

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- All templates are on the BOA website
- Engage your NSGBs – ask what the process is for consideration
- Share information with others
- Contact the BOA for preferred sports psychology and other support providers

# Tips and FAQs

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## **Who Should Provide Input To My Plan?**

- We suggest this is a collaborative effort and all of your “support team” are involved – coaches, physio, nutritionist, sports psych
- Ultimately it is the athlete’s plan

## **Do I Have to Be the Best In My Sport?**

- No. There should be a line of sight for qualification for and participation in junior events in the near term

## **When Should I Start Creating My Plan?**

- We encourage athletes to begin crafting plans a couple of years prior to being eligible for Junior events. These ages vary by sport.
- Plans should be a guide and not fixed. They create healthy conversation and dialogue between parents, coaches, athletes and support providers

## Tips and FAQs

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### **What Is the Deadline for NSGBs?**

- The deadline is Jan 15th so it is important to make this a near-term priority

### **What Is the Difference Between Junior and Elite Athlete Funding?**

- For elite athlete funding, athletes must have qualified for or participated in a BOA Festival event, Junior athletes are preparing for participation in a Junior event
- Junior grants are for development, Elite athlete funding is for athletes who have qualified for major festivals

# Questions?

