

# FIS MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT PROGRAM

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## 1 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide a detailed overview of the FIS Membership Support Program, outlining the focus areas, eligibility criteria, application procedures, financial conditions and reporting process. Whether you are a long-standing FIS member, a new member, or a National Ski Association (NSA) with one, two, or three votes, these guidelines are designed to help you understand and fully benefit from the Membership Support.

## 2 Objectives

Our membership support strategy is built on three core objectives that reflect our commitment to strengthening the sport community and driving sustainable growth. These objectives serve us as guiding principles for all initiatives and actions:

1. **Build the capacity of developing members** to promote and grow sport at the national level, ensuring they have knowledge and resources to succeed.
2. **Expand and deepen NSA partnership activities**, fostering collaboration and shared expertise to create a stronger, more connected network.
3. **Empower inclusion and gender equality, foster sustainability and promote good governance**, embedding these values into every aspect of organizational development and decision-making.

Together, these objectives aim to create a resilient, inclusive and forward-thinking sporting ecosystem that benefits all members.

## 3 FIS Membership Support Programs

Our membership support is structured around two programs, **FIS Plus Program** and **FIS Start Program**, designed to strengthen NSAs.

### 3.1 FIS Plus Program (FPP)

The FIS Plus Program is open to all FIS members, associated and full, regardless of the number of votes (1,2,3). This program supports nations by providing financial assistance to carry out projects, provided that the proposed project aligns with one or more of the following key focus areas:

1. **Youth athletes' development as part of a long-term national strategy**
2. **NSA partnership activities through joint initiatives and shared resources**
3. **Championing athlete legacy in Governance**
4. **Advancing sustainability in Sport Governance**
5. **Building an equitable Sporting Community**

These five areas were identified as key strategic priorities for FIS for 2026 and 2027. The aim of FIS is not only to provide support but also to inspire NSAs to expand their knowledge and drive development across multiple areas.

- All NSAs interested in applying for funding through the FIS Plus Program (FPP) must meet the following **eligibility criteria**:
  - Must be an official FIS member.
  - Have an active plan or clear commitment to promote and develop the sport at a national level.
  - Support gender equality and diversity in programs.
  - Applications involving two or more NSAs must include a letter of support from each participating NSA.
- Applications must be submitted for **future projects**; completed projects are not eligible for FPP support.
- Support **will not be provided for equipment purchases or infrastructure development**.
- All applications for FPP have to be submitted via the online form, available on the Membership Hub at the following link [FIS PLUS PROGRAM \(FPP\)](#).
- The application process takes place twice per year within the timeframe outlined below. Call for application depends on date of Council meeting.

#### **Call for application 1**

- Opening date: Between 01 and 15 April
- Closing date: 30 days after opening date

#### **Call for application 2**

- Opening date: Between 01 and 15 September
- 1. Closing date: 30 days after opening date
- The applications that are incomplete, do not meet the eligibility requirements, or are submitted after the deadline will not be considered and will be rejected.
- The applications will be reviewed by the FIS Development department in coordination with relevant FIS departments based on the focus of the application (e.g., Sport, Integrity, Sustainability). The final decision will be made by the Development department and presented to the FIS Council for acknowledgment.
- The applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria and prioritized in accordance with the available FPP budget.
  1. Alignment with the objectives and guidelines of the program
  2. Feasibility of the proposed activities
  3. Overall effectiveness of the project
  4. Contribution to the goals of the program
  5. Long-term sustainability of the project
  6. Promotion of gender balance
  7. Potential to serve as a model for other NSAs.

- Applicants will be informed of the approval or rejection of their application via FIS's official communication tools. In cases of rejection, the reasons will be clearly stated.
- The project must be delivered within one year of the application's approval. If the project is postponed or delayed, FIS must be informed, and written approval must be obtained to confirm the rescheduled implementation.
- It is strongly recommended to acknowledge FIS's support in media appearances and to display the FIS Logo where applicable.
- The FIS membership support for FIS Plus Program shall not exceed 50% of the total project costs. The maximum financial support that an NSA may receive is CHF 10'000 per application. Each NSA can apply for more than one project per year, but the maximum FIS contribution may not exceed CHF 20'000.
- Payment will be made in two instalments:
  - Advance payment of 50% upon application approval
  - Balance payment of 50% upon submission and acceptance of both technical and financial reports
- All payments will be issued to the respective NSA in the form of a credit note. Payments cannot be made to any other entity or bank account.

In the event that the project does not take place or is not delivered in line with the approved project, FIS may, upon written notice to the NSA, suspend any or all future payments of the FPP amount and/or require the reimbursement of all or any portion of the project costs, at FIS's sole discretion.

- Only NSAs whose final reports are accepted before the start of the next application period are eligible to apply for the next membership support programs.
- FIS reserves the right to conduct announced and unannounced visits to monitor project implementation. Any misuse of support may result in the suspension of the respective NSA from development and membership support for a defined time.
- Upon project completion, the online report form must be filled out. The Report form is available on the Membership HUB at the following link: [FIS PLUS PROGRAM \(FPP\)](#)
- FIS reserves the right to request additional information or supporting documents, including receipts related to the project activities. If per diems are included, they must not exceed 10% of the total approved grant amount.
- The Report form must be submitted within 30 days of the project's completion.

### 3.2 FIS Start Program (FSP)

The FIS Start Program is open to Associated members and to Members with 1 and 2 votes (development nations). This program supports nations by providing equipment and materials for training and promotional activities, contributing to the overall development of sport.

Under the FIS Start Program, the following support is available:

- ✓ Promotional Package (bibs, banners, beach flags, buffs)
- ✓ Specific Sport Discipline packages (poles, V-boards, Flags, drills)
- ✓ Shred Parks (Alpine, Nordic)
- ✓ Donations (roller skis or other equipment)

All NSAs interested in participating in the FIS Start Program (FSP) must meet the following **eligibility criteria**:

- Must be an official FIS member.
- Have an active plan or clear commitment to promote and develop the sport at a national level.
- Have an active plan how to use equipment (where, who, how).
- All applications for FSP must be submitted via the online form, available on the Membership Hub at the following link [FIS START PROGRAM \(FSP\)](#).
- The application process takes place once per year. If additional opportunities arise (e.g. due to new sponsors), an additional call for application will be published.

#### **Call for application**

- Opening date:           Between 01 and 15 April
- Closing date:           30 days after opening date
- The applications that are incomplete, do not meet the eligibility requirements, or are submitted after the deadline will not be considered and will be rejected.
- The applications will be reviewed by the FIS Development department. The final decision will be made by the Development department and presented to the FIS Council for acknowledgment.
- The applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria and prioritized in accordance with the available equipment and material.
  1. Alignment with the objectives and guidelines of the program
  2. Grassroots and youth development strategy in place
  3. Limited financial resources
  4. Plan for use - impact
  5. Potential for performance improvement
  6. Geographical representation
  7. Status of membership

- Applicants will be informed of the approval or rejection of their application via FIS's official communication tools. In cases of rejection, the reasons will be clearly stated.
- It is strongly recommended to acknowledge FIS's support in media appearances and to display the FIS Logo where applicable.
- The delivery of equipment will be organized either:
  - Direct collection from a dedicated address (e.g. factory, training camp)
  - Shipment at the cost of the NSA (credit from NSA account or direct payment on receipt of the equipment)
- Only NSAs whose final reports are accepted before the start of the next application period are eligible to apply for the next membership support programs.
- FIS reserves the right to conduct announced and unannounced visits to monitor project implementation. Any misuse of support may result in the suspension of the respective NSA from development and membership support for a defined time.
- Upon project completion, the online report form must be filled out. The Report form is available on the Membership HUB at the following link: [FIS START PROGRAM \(FSP\)](#)
- If the equipment or materials provided by FIS are not used, or are not used as intended, FIS may, upon written notice to the NSA, request the equipment is returned to FIS at the cost of the NSA.
- The Report form must be submitted within 30 days of the project's completion.