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The Secretaries General of

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Subject: **IOC Certificate in Drugs in Sport (2025-2026)**

Dear Madam/ Sir,

1. The Olympic Values Programme under Olympic Solidarity is pleased to announce the availability of 10 scholarships for the 2025–2026 intake of the IOC Certificate in Drugs in Sport, developed and delivered by SportsOracle. This prestigious international postgraduate program—endorsed by the IOC Health, Medicine and Science Commission—is designed for healthcare professionals, sports scientists, and those engaged in anti-doping initiatives. Key topics include:

- Clinical use of drugs in sport for injury and illness
- Prevention of misuse and abuse of drugs in sport
- Safe, evidence-based supplement use
- Promoting the health of the athlete through effective medicine use

2. The program culminates in the awarding of an official IOC Certificate, with a formal presentation ceremony at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland.

3. The Olympic Solidarity scholarship covers tuition fees only. Any additional costs (e.g., internet access, printing, travel, and attendance at the certificate ceremony) must be borne by the participant or their NOC.

4. Students must hold a relevant undergraduate degree in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, sports science, or an allied health science. They must be eligible to practice in their profession, and, where appropriate, registered with their national healthcare regulatory agency. Individuals able to demonstrate professional experience of working in the anti-doping environment may also be considered for admission.

5. The language of instruction will be English, and students whose native language is not English should provide evidence of competence in English, e.g. IELTS at 6 or above, GCSE or equivalent in English language. The following list contains the main English language qualifications which are acceptable pre-requisites for entry onto this Certificate Program. Other English Language Qualifications held by applicants will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Program Directors or Academic Advisory Board after we have received an application.

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- English as first language or successful completion of High School and/or Degree Level Education in English language
- UK Based O-level, GCSE or Standard Grade English – Grade C or above
- International GCSE English as a Second Language – Grade C or above
- International Baccalaureate (IB) – Grade 4 minimum in English
- CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) – B2 (Upper Intermediate) or above
- Cambridge English Language Assessment with a minimum score of 160
- Duolingo with a minimum score of 105
- IELTS with a minimum score of Band 6
- TOEFL iBT with a minimum score of 68
- TOEIC with a minimum overall score of 650

6. For further information and guidance, please visit the official website of SportsOracle:
<https://www.sportsoracle.com/course/ioc-certificate-in-drugs-in-sport/>

7. Foregoing above, it is requested to please nominate a suitable candidate and send an updated CV, copy of CNIC/passport and copies of all necessary degrees/ diplomas /documents, as mentioned at para 4 & 5 **latest by 05 May, 2025**. For queries or assistance, please contact the undersigned or Mr. Zaigham Abbas, Manager OS Programs (0300-4003692).

Note: - Selected candidates must sign/submit an undertaking (on stamp paper) to complete the program and submit all required assignments to SportsOracle (course organizers). Failure to comply will result in repayment of the full course fee (£1,800 GBP).

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Best regards,

Muhammad Khalid Mahmood

Secretary General

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