



**SOROPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL OF EUROPE**  
**Sport Prize Guidelines**  
**February 2017**

**Article 1 – Objective**

On the initiative of a number of Clubs, Soroptimist International of Europe will bestow a Soroptimist International of Europe Sport Prize.

**Article 2 – Scope**

The objective of the Prize is to raise awareness of healthy lifestyles and to recognise exemplary work in sports. Soroptimist International of Europe will award an endowment to a girl/young woman, a group of girls/young women or to a volunteer woman coach or trainer, who trains on a *pro bono* basis and encourages girls to engage in sports and to pursue a healthy way of life. The Prize will be presented biennially either at the Governors' Meeting or at the SIE Congress. The funds set aside for the endowment will be acquired through donations from Clubs and a contribution from SIE. The "Women in Sport - *Mens sana in corpore sano*" Prize will continue to be awarded as long as the funds earmarked for this purpose are available.

**Article 3 – Selection**

The winner, hereafter named Sport Prize Grantee (SPG), will be

- A girl/young woman involved in sport (the candidate must be under the age of 25)
- A group of girls in a team sport (all the team members must be under the age of 25)
- A volunteer woman coach or trainer who trains on a *pro bono* basis and encourages girls to engage in sports and to pursue a healthy way of living (no age limit)

**Article 4 – Financial resources**

The Sport Prize financial resources are comprised of:

1. Legacies or donations given by participating Clubs or members for this purpose.
2. A contribution from the Federation
3. Other allocations decided on by the Governors' Meeting.

**Article 5 – Decision**

The selection of the 2017 recipient of the SIE Sport Prize will be decided by a jury chaired by the SIE President and composed of the Chair of the Scholarship Committee and three experts in the related field to be appointed by the SIE Board. The Chair of the Jury will present a report to the Governors' Meeting.

**Article 6 – Application**

The jury will prepare a form to be filled in by the nominating Clubs in the Federation. The form will include

- a CV of the candidate or that of the head of the group, clearly indicating the ages



- a description of her/their activities, documentation on these activities including the support of sponsors or other funds
- the main reasons why this/these candidate(s) is/are nominated
- a photo of the candidate(s)
- a signed agreement by the candidate that the information provided in the application may be used, as appropriate with pictures, by the nominating Club and SIE for the promotion of the Prize and/or the organisation on social media, in the press and broadcast media, in official statements and documents, press releases, articles or reports.

The application form will only be made available through the SIE website.

As a rule, nominations can be submitted to the Chair of the jury at any time throughout a biennium but must be submitted at least three months prior to the Governors' Meeting/Congress at which the Sport Prize will be presented. However, this year nominations will be accepted until **30 April 2017** and should be sent to the Chair of the jury and to the Chair of the Scholarship Committee.

The Chair of the jury will communicate with the other members of the jury, and the jury will select the winner. In the case of a deadlock, the Chair will cast the deciding vote.

The jury has no obligation to designate a laureate if the members consider that none of the candidates fulfils the conditions of eligibility or the criteria. The jurors do not have to justify their decision.

#### **Article 7 – Prize**

The Prize consists of:

1. A certificate delivered by SIE, signed by the SIE President and Chair of the jury
2. The jury may decide to offer an endowment to the winner which will not be less than €2,000 or not more than €4,000.

#### **Article 8 – Report**

A report, written by the Chair of the jury, including the name of the grantee or the name by which the group of women is known, her/their photo and what is most noteworthy about her/them will be publicised on the SIE website and in "The Link".