

Olympic Council of Ireland

2017 Key Milestones



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Milestone

9 February

OCI Election and AGM

Sarah Keane was elected to President as the OCI at the organisation's AGM and election held in February 2017. In addition to a new president was the election for the five OCI officer positions and seven executive committee members. Provided with a vote were the 34 national governing bodies affiliated to the OCI and the OCI executive and officers in position at the time.

February – November

OCI Board Meetings

13 meetings of the new Board have taken place so far this year with one more scheduled to take place before the end of the year.

March – June

Financial Systems overhaul and set up of various committees

Complete overhaul of the financial systems. Various committees were set up including Governance, Commercial and Finance, HR and Olympic Solidarity.

6 March

IOC international Women's Leadership Forum

OCI President spoke at the IOC leadership event in Lausanne.

8 March

International Women's Day

OCI event organised to mark International Women's Day and to celebrate female Irish Olympians

May

European Olympic Committee (EOC) Seminar

OCI delegation attended EOC seminar in Macedonia along with 49 other EOCs of Europe.



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26 May

Sport Ireland and OCI
Engagement Day

Sport Ireland collaborated with the Olympic Council of Ireland to host an engagement day with the NGBs in receipt of annual High Performance Funding. This provided the OCI with an opportunity to formally renew their relationships with the High Performance sports. The objective for hosting this session was two-fold; to inform NGBs of the next steps in the Performance Planning and Investment Process; and to facilitate NGBs, including Paralympics Ireland, in engaging with the OCI on plans and preparations for Tokyo 2020.

14 – 16 June

IOC Meeting

OCI President met with IOC President while other members of the OCI delegation met with various senior IOC personnel.

22 June

AGM

AGM took place at which 18 of the 25 Deloitte recommendations were implemented along with other updates to the OCI constitution.

23 June

OCI International Olympic Day event

OCI awards event was held to acknowledge Irish Olympians and to celebrate outstanding achievements over the years by Team Ireland.

30 June

New Athletes Commission
Appointed

A new OCI Athletes Committee was appointed and held its first meeting. This committee has set out an ambitious programme of work for the coming 12 months and beyond.



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**27 June, 18 July,
23 August**

Tokyo Working Group

The Tokyo Working Group had its first meeting on June 27th. Members of the Working Group include representatives from the OCI (CEO & President), Sport Ireland (Paul McDermott) and the Sport Ireland Institute (Liam Harbison & Phil Moore). The Terms of Reference for the Tokyo Working Group have been established. Critically, the service provider agreement between the OCI and Sport Ireland Institute is in its advanced stages, and a schedule of work has been drafted by the Group.

12 July

OCI family event for EYOF Team Ireland

OCI hosted a family event for the athletes and their families participating in the European Youth Olympics.

12 – 13 July

European Olympic Committee

OCI delegation travelled to EOC HQ to meet officers and staff.

23 – 29 July

European Youth Olympic Games

Team Ireland was represented by 40 athletes at the European Youth Olympic Festival in Győr, Hungary. Ireland won six medals at the multi-sport event which saw athletes (aged 13-17) compete against the best youth athletes in Europe. Athletics won five of the six medals with Cycling securing its first ever medal at the EYOF.

July – August

European Youth Olympic Games Debrief

Prior to the conclusion of EYOF, a debrief commenced with the athletes and staff of Team Ireland. This debrief was supported by the Sport Ireland Institute and was completed with a view to enhancing the event experience and improving the next major Championships delivered by the OCI. The OCI are committed to enhancing its debriefing processes throughout the Tokyo cycle, and Sport Ireland will support this as appropriate.



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14 August

Publication of the Moran Report

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Commencing last September (2016), Judge Carroll Moran conducted a report into the Rio Olympics ticket scandal. The 226-page report contained a number of key findings. Notably the report highlighted that the investigation was “hampered by the absence of co-operation” from key players including Pat Hickey, THG, the International Olympic Committee and the Rio Organising Committee. The report was accepted by the OCI and a follow up reconciliation by Grant Thornton commissioned by OCI.

17 August

Meeting of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport, Tourism and Sport

The Joint Oireachtas Committee on Transport, Tourism and Sport met to discuss the report by Justice Carroll Moran into issues surrounding the distribution of tickets for the Rio Olympic Games. Witnesses invited include Minister Shane Ross; Sarah Keane, President and Sarah O’Shea, Honorary General Secretary of the Olympic Council of Ireland; John Treacy, CEO, and Kieran Mulvey Chairman of Sport Ireland. Former OCI President Pat Hickey was invited but declined.

August – September

Revenue, Director of Corporate Enforcement and Department of Sport

Full cooperation from OCI with queries raised by the Revenue, Director of Corporate Enforcement and meetings held with the Department of Sport

9th October

Winter Olympic Games Athlete Engagement Day

Irish Winter Olympic hopefuls gathered in Dublin for a series of workshops hosted by the OCI and Sport Ireland. The aim of the workshops were to support the athletes on their final quest for qualification and to fully prepare those who are selected for the 2018 Winter Olympics.



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10 October

Input of NGBs in the OCI's new Strategic Plan

National Federations were provided with an opportunity to put forward their views on the OCI's Strategic Plan. The OCI welcomes National Federation input to its vision, mission, and strategic Framework. The Final document will be shared at the EGM in December 2017.

17 October

THG & OCI Terminate Contracts

Following a mediation carried out by Former Supreme Court Judge Mr Justice Finnegan, THG and the OCI reached an agreement to terminate the contracts agreed between the parties in 2016 that relate to the 2018-2026 Olympic Games.

24 – 25 October

Women in Sport event

OCI organised for a leading international public speaking coach to conduct a seminar for female leaders in OCI member Federations. This 2 day event was organised in conjunction with the IOC.

21 – 28 October

Tokyo Recce

Site visit to Tokyo to secure a pre-Games training camp. Travelling parties include a representative from the OCI, the OCI Athlete's Commission, Sport Ireland High Performance Unit and Sport Ireland Institute.



Future Events/ Milestones

- **November 2nd:** Invitation extended and accepted by the OCI to participate in a meeting of the Board of Sport Ireland
- **November:** OCI delegation with participate in the General Assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees at which all National Organising Committees will have a presence.
- **November:** OCI will attend the EOC General Assembly in Zagreb during which elections for a new EOC Executive will take place.
- Meeting of the Tokyo Working Group to debrief post-recce
- EGM to take place on **5 December** to implement remaining Deloitte recommendations, and the launch of our Strategic Plan.
- Communication to NGBs to update on camp location intentions
- Support services contract to be further developed and approved by the Tokyo Working Group and other relevant parties
- Continued preparation of the Winter Olympic team (selection, media management, logistics, etc.)
- Winter Olympics Games (**February 2018**)
- **August 2018:** For a limited number of sports, the opening of the qualification window for the 2020 Olympic Games
- **August 2018:** World Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires