



REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9064

Republic of the Philippines  
CONGRESS OF THE PHILIPPINES

Metro Manila

Eleventh Congress

Third Regular Session

*Began and held in Metro Manila, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day  
of July, two thousand.*

REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9064

*AN ACT GRANTING CASH AWARDS TO THE MOST MONETARY RESULTS  
AND INCENTIVES TO NATIONAL ATHLETES, COACHES, AND  
TRAINERS, APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**Section 1.** Short Title. — This Act shall be known as the "National Athletes, Coaches and Trainers Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001" or "Sports Benefits and Incentives Act of 2001".

**Section 2.** Statement of Policy. — The State shall promote excellence in sports and through sports by providing for the welfare of national athletes, coaches and trainers competing for the country and particular benefits and incentives for those who have brought honor and recognition to the country by winning in international competitions.

**Section 3.** Definition of Terms. — For purposes of this Act, the following terms shall be defined as follows:

(a) National Athletes -- shall refer to athletes who are Filipino citizens, members of the national training pool, recognized and accredited by the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and who have represented the country in international competitions;

(b) National Coaches and Trainers -- shall refer to coaches and trainers who are Filipino citizens, members of the national coaches and trainers pool, recognized and accredited by the Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) and the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) and who have represented the country in international competitions;



ic) International Competitions - shall refer to international sports competitions which are sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) or held every four (4) years including qualifying championships in team sports wherein only one (1) or two (2) countries may qualify for the Olympics or World Championships.

Competitions granting prize money or those held in honor of any personality or sponsor shall not be included.

**Section 4. Benefits and Privileges for National Athletes, Coaches and Trainers.** - Any national athlete, coach and trainer who is currently registered as such before the NSC shall be entitled to the following:

- a) the grant of twenty percent (20%) discount from all establishments relative to the utilization of transportation services, hotels, and other lodging establishments, restaurants and recreation centers and purchase of medicine and sports equipment available in the country;
- b) minimum of twenty percent (20%) discount on admission fees charged by theaters, cinema houses and concert halls, circuses, carnivals and other similar places of culture, leisure and amusement;
- c) free medical and dental consultations in private or public hospitals and similar establishments anywhere in the country; and medical insurance program to be provided by the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC).

d) a comprehensive social security program to be formulated by the Social Security System within one hundred eighty (180) days from the approval of this Act;

e) priority in existing livelihood programs being undertaken by various government agencies subject to the guidelines and qualifications by the implementing body; and

f) priority in national housing programs, affordable 'pechanay' plans and other housing opportunities subject to the guidelines and qualifications set by the National Housing Authority, NHA, or the Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF).

Such privately-owned establishments shall enjoy tax credits equivalent to the discounts extended to the athletes.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) shall, as soon as possible, provide for the rules and regulations for the implementation of this Act.

**Section 5. Scholarships.** - A national athlete who wins in an international competition or any other qualified member of the national team who wins in the fourth civil degree or consanguinity shall be entitled to scholarship benefits in the form of tuition fees in state colleges and universities in order to complete a college or university degree. The following conditions shall be observed: given priority in the allocation of state funds and university scholarship grants:

Likewise, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA) shall give priority to winning national athletes who seek to avail of grants and study under their programs subject to the qualifications or requirements.

Private colleges and universities shall likewise be encouraged to adopt a similar program in their institutions for winning national athletes.

**Section 6. Retirement Benefits.** - Any national athlete, coach and trainer who wins in an international competition or has coached or trained such winning national athletes shall receive a lump sum amount equivalent to twenty-five percent (25%) of his/her total cash incomes accumulated from the start of his/her active sports career as a member of the national training squad or national coaches and trainers, and up to the date of retirement from active competition, comprising as determined by the NSC, a lump sum amount shall be awarded after the athlete's death, as provided in the retirement papers.

**Section 7. Death Benefits.** - Upon the death of a national athlete, coach and trainer, his/her family, immediate family or dependents shall be entitled to a lump sum benefit of Three hundred fifty thousand pesos (P350,000.00) per family member, plus medical, funeral and transportation expenses, plus other necessary and reasonable benefits.

For courses of more than three months, benefits shall refer to the legitimate financial and immediate or dependent family members. Secondary beneficiaries shall refer to the parents and immediate family members, in the absence of such athlete, coach and trainer.

**Section 8. Cash Incentives for National Athletes.** - National athletes and national coaches and trainers performing prominently in competitions shall be entitled to cash awards in the following amounts:

**A. Individual Events**

a) For gold medalists:

- 1) Five million pesos (P5,000,000.00) for Olympic Games;
- 2) Two million five hundred thousand pesos (P2,500,000.00) for Subcontinental World Championships;
- 3) One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Asian Games;
- 4) One hundred thousand pesos (P100,000.00) for Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games).

b) For team medalists:

- 1) Two million five hundred thousand pesos (P2,500,000.00) for Olympic Games;
- 2) One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) for Southeast Asian Games and

Philippine Sports Commission

**Annex B: Comparison of Senior Citizens Act versus Sports Benefits and Incentives Act**

	<b>Senior Citizens Act</b>	<b>Sports Benefits and Incentive Act</b>
Republic Act No.	RA 7432 /9257	RA 9064
Year of implementation	1992 / 2003	2001
Governing Office	Office of Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA)	PSC
Beneficiaries	Resident Citizen at least 60 y/o	Active National Athletes and Coaches
Identification Document	ID issued by OSCA	ID issued by PSC
Privileges		
Medical & Dental	Free in government facilities 20% discount in private facilities	<i>Free in private or public hospitals</i>
Purchase of Medicine	20%	20%
Medical Insurance	under National Health Program	<i>Free with Philhealth subject to guidelines</i>
SSS	Continuation	<i>Entitled to but subject to guidelines</i>
Air / Sea Transportation	20%	20%
Public Transportation	20%	20%
Restaurant & Lodging	20%	20%
Recreation Center, Admission	20%	20%
Educational Privileges	Educational assistance	<i>Scholarships to athlete or to a qualified member of family, subject to guidelines</i>
Livelihood	Exempt in Training Fees (DTI, TESDA)	<i>Priority but subject to guidelines</i>
Housing Program	Housing program for poor, abused	<i>Priority but subject to guidelines</i>
Retirement Benefit	As provided for in SSS, Pag-ibig etc.	Pension benefits
Death Benefit	20% in funeral parlors, cremation	P30,000
Income Tax Exemption	Yes	(None stated)
Incentives to Establishments	Tax deductions, tax holidays etc.	<i>Tax deductions</i>
Employment	15% discount of Salary	None
Others	Express Lane Privileges	None

Note: Italics in the Sports Benefits column connote non-implementation