

SLALOM CANOE / KAYAK NATIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE 2005/2006 SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW CRITERIA

Background

The Slalom Canoe / Kayak National Centre of Excellence Program (NCE) maximises the collective expertise and resources of the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), Australian Canoeing (AC) and the New South Wales Institute of Sport (NSWIS) in a unique partnership to achieve medal winning performances and sustainable international success.

Principles

The Slalom Canoe / Kayak National Centre of Excellence will offer up to a maximum of 20 scholarships.

The National Performance Director and National Centre of Excellence coaches set the scholarship criteria and make recommendations to the National Centre of Excellence Management Committee (MC).

The NCE Management Committee approves the NCE scholarships.

There will be two scholarship periods for 2005:

1. April to October 2005; and,
2. November 2005 to April 2006.

The scholarship criteria for November 2005 to April 2006 are detailed below.

NCE scholarships – Relationship with SIS/SAS

NSW Registered Athletes

The NSWIS, the AIS and Australian Canoeing have agreed to fully integrate their Canoe Slalom Programs. This means former NSWIS athletes will only sign one NCE (joint NSWIS/AIS) agreement and will be dual badged NSWIS/AIS.

The NSWIS athletes will continue to receive financial assistance for training and competition, however these funds will be administered through the NCE operational budget (i.e. by Sam Hutchins, NCE Program Coordinator). The criteria for NSW based athletes requires the athlete to fulfil the selection criteria for the NCE, reside in NSW, be affiliated members of NSW Canoeing and compete for a NSW Club at selection events.

Other 'State-based' Athletes

Other state based programs, linked to the relevant SIS/SAS, play a key role in the national program. These programs provide critical daily training environment support to athletes that do not reside in NSW. The NCE will continue to support these 'state-based' athletes through NCE camps and other benefits documented in the 'Schedule of Scholarship Benefits'.

The athletes in the VIS Canoe Slalom program and individual scholarship holders at the WAIS (or any other SIS/SAS) will continue to receive financial assistance for training and competition as determined by their relevant SIS/SAS.

These athletes will sign both a SIS/SAS and NCE agreement. These athletes will also be dual badged by their relevant SIS/SAS and the AIS.

Scholarship Criteria – November 2005 – April 2006

Tier 1 criteria

Tier 1 scholarships will be offered to athletes who achieve/have achieved one of the following:

- A top 5 performance at the 2005 World Championships.
- A medal at a 2005 World Cup event.

In addition, athletes must complete a satisfactory performance review against the targets set in their 2005 Athlete Agreement and develop a satisfactory 2006 Athlete Agreement based on the following: performance, technique, fitness and attitude. These will be discussed and agreed between the athlete and Head Coach.

Tier 2 criteria

Tier 2 scholarships will be offered to athletes who achieve/have achieved one of the following:

- The following placing at the 2005 World Championships;
 - Top 20 K1W class
 - Top 20 in C1 class
 - Top 15 in C2 class
 - Top 25 in K1 class.
- A finals placing at a 2005 World Cup event.

In addition, athletes must complete a satisfactory performance review against the targets set in their 2005 Athlete Agreement and develop a satisfactory 2006 Athlete Agreement based on the following: performance, technique, fitness and

attitude. These will be discussed and agreed between the Athlete and Head Coach.

Tier 3 criteria

Tier 3 scholarships will be offered to 2005 NCE athletes who do not meet the Tier 1 or 2 criteria set above, but who complete a satisfactory performance review against the targets set in their 2005 Athlete Agreement and develop a satisfactory 2006 Athlete Agreement based on the following: performance, technique, fitness and attitude. These will be discussed and agreed between the Athlete and Head Coach.

General criteria

In considering the performances of athletes during the November 2005 - April 2006 scholarship period the selection panel may give weight to extenuating circumstances.

The athlete must be an Australian citizen, or currently taking all reasonable steps to become an Australian citizen.

The athlete must be eligible to represent Australia and be an affiliated member of Australian Canoeing by being a financial member of an affiliated Club.

The athlete is a fit and proper person to participate in the NCE scholarship program and to represent the AIS, the NSWIS and AC.

The athlete displays a suitable temperament, and suitable levels of self-motivation and self-discipline, to participate in the NCE scholarship program.

The athlete has an ongoing commitment to training for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

Scholarship holders must comply with the training/competition requirements of the NCE Scholarship Program, the NCE Athlete Scholarship Agreement and the NCE Athlete/Coach agreement.

Visiting Athletes

1. Athletes invited to train at the NCE at the discretion of the NCE coaches;
2. NSW registered athletes as recommended by the NSWIS Slalom Canoe Coach; and,
3. NSWIS Emerging Athletes (see program description)

Athletes invited to train with the NCE will be classified by the AIS as "visiting athletes" to the NCE program.