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# SLALOM CANOE/KAYAK NATIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Scholarship Criteria 2008

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## **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 that aims to achieve medal winning performances and sustainable international success.

## **Principles**

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

In 2008/9 scholarship benefits and program funding will be prioritised towards the following athlete groups:

- Olympic Team athletes
- Athletes who are considered most likely to achieve Olympic Qualification and success for Australia in London 2012

The selection panel of the National Performance Director and National Centre of Excellence coaches set the scholarship criteria and following the national senior team selection trials make recommendations to the National Centre of Excellence Joint Management Committee (JMC). The Joint Management Committee approves the NCE scholarships.

The scholarship period for 2008 will extend from April 2008 until following the national senior selection events in March 2009. A scholarship review will occur in October 2008, where tiers may be altered and additional athletes may be offered scholarships based on performance at designated benchmark events. Scholarships may also be discontinued at this point.

## **NCE Scholarships – Relationship with State Institutes**

### **NSW Registered Athletes**

- The NSWIS, the AIS and Australian Canoeing have agreed to fully integrate their Canoe Slalom Programs. This means NSWIS athletes will only sign one scholarship agreement which will be recognised by AIS and NSWIS. NSWIS athletes will be dual badged NSWIS/AIS.
- The NSWIS athletes will receive financial assistance for training and competition during the period of the NSWIS program partnership. These funds will be administered through the NCE operational budget by Natasha De Paola, NCE Program Manager.
- 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.
- Note that financial assistance for NSWIS athletes from January 1 to April 30 2009 is subject to an NSWIS sports program review for the 4 year period commencing January 1 2009.

### **Other ‘State-based’ Athletes**

- The NCE will support ‘state-based’ athletes through services at designated NCE camps and other benefits documented in the ‘Schedule of Scholarship Benefits’.
- Individual scholarship holders at other State Institutes or Academies will continue to receive financial assistance for training and competition as determined by their relevant State Institute or Academy.
- 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.

### **NCE visiting athletes**

In addition to athletes offered scholarship under these criteria other athletes may be invited to train with the NCE from time to time. NCE Visiting Athletes include:

- Athletes invited to train at the NCE at the discretion of the NCE coaches;
- NSW registered athletes as recommended by the NSWIS Slalom Canoe Coach; and,
- NSWIS Emerging Athletes (see NSWIS EAP program description)
- Athletes invited to train with the NCE will be classified by the AIS as “visiting athletes” to the NCE program.



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## NCE SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

### Commencing April 2008

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The scholarship period for 2008 will extend from April 2008 until following the national senior selection events in March 2009. Selection is based on performance at the national senior team selection trials and other subjective criteria as determined by the selection panel. A scholarship review will occur in October 2008. A results based tier system is used to prioritise scholarship benefits.

#### **Selection Events**

- Oceania Championships – Penrith, 15/16 March 2008
- Senior team selection trials 2 and 3 – Penrith, 21/22 March, 2008.

#### **Tier 1 criteria**

Tier 1 scholarships will be offered to current Tier 1 scholarship holders (top five at 2007 world championship) who are selected to the Olympic Team. Robin Bell, 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 2007 world championship is a current Tier 1 athlete.

#### **Tier 2 criteria**

Tier 2 scholarships will be offered to athletes selected to the Olympic Team

#### **Tier 3 criteria**

Tier 3 scholarships will be offered to the following athletes:

- the second highest ranked athlete in each class following the selection trials subject to that athlete meeting the NCE senior performance standard at two of the selection events and an ongoing commitment to the NCE training program and international competitions in 2008 as agreed with the head coach.
- the next two highest ranked Under 23 athlete/crews in each class meeting the NCE senior performance standard at two of the national team selection events.

Additional athletes may be selected according to one or more of the following criteria:

- athletes who have met NCE senior performance standard, or Under 23 performance standard where relevant, at two of the selection trials and who have demonstrated significant performance improvement over the past 12 months at national selection trials

and/or international competitions as determined by the selection panel in its sole discretion;

- athletes who, in the opinion of the selection panel, have the potential to achieve international success in a class in the 2008-2012 period;
- the overall number of scholarships available, coaching resources, program funding; and
- any other factors considered relevant by the selection panel in the interests of the long term international success of Australia at world championships and Olympic Games

**The NCE senior performance standard** is the following percentage score above the base score. The base score at each selection event is the lowest total score recorded by an athlete/crew in any class at that event.

K1 104%      C1 112%      K1W 120%      C2 118 %

**The NCE Under 23 performance standard** is the following percentage score above base score. The base score at each selection event is the lowest total score recorded by an athlete/crew in any class at that event.

K1 106%      C1 116%      K1W 124%      C2 122%

#### **General criteria**

- In considering the performances of athletes at the selection events 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 attitude and suitable levels of self-motivation and self-discipline that demonstrate support for the overall program goals and individual performance goals.
- Scholarship holders must comply with the training/competition requirements of the NCE Scholarship Program, the NCE Athlete Scholarship Agreement and the NCE Athlete/Coach Performance Agreement as determined by the Head Coach, including full attendance at designated training camps and participation in training activities specified within a monthly program agreed with the NCE coaches.



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# NCE SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW CRITERIA

## October 2008

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NCE Scholarships will be reviewed in October 2008 based on the following criteria:

### **Tier 1 criteria**

Tier 1 scholarships will be considered for athletes who achieve a top 5 performance at the 2008 Olympic Games.

### **Tier 2 criteria**

Tier 2 scholarships will be considered for the selected Olympic athletes subject to a performance review and an ongoing commitment to the NCE program and international success in the 2009-12 period.

Tier 2 scholarships will be considered for scholarship athletes who achieve a top 10 result at one of the three World Cup events or at the Pre World Championships.

### **Tier 3 criteria**

Ongoing Tier 3 scholarships will be considered for 2008 NCE athletes, subject to a performance review of the targets set in their 2008 Athlete Agreement and a new Athlete Agreement.

### **Discontinued Scholarships**

Scholarships may be discontinued following a performance review in October 2008 where an athlete has not met targets in areas of performance, technique, fitness, Athlete Career and Education and attitude as agreed between the athlete and head coach

### **New Scholarships**

New Tier 3 scholarships will be considered for athletes who demonstrate significant individual improvement in 2008 as measured by performance at the 2008 World Cups, Pre World Championships, 2008 World Series events or Junior World Championships and as determined by the selection panel in its discretion.

### **Athlete Performance Agreement**

In all cases, Athletes must complete a performance review of the targets set in their 2008 Athlete Agreement and develop a new 2009 Athlete Agreement.