
SLALOM CANOE/KAYAK NATIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE Scholarship Criteria 2009

Background

The Slalom Canoe / Kayak National Centre of Excellence Program (NCE) maximises the collective expertise and resources of the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and Australian Canoeing (AC) in a unique partnership 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 2009/10 scholarship benefits and program funding will be prioritised towards the following athlete groups

- 2009 medal potential athletes
- Athletes who are considered most likely to achieve Olympic Qualification and success for Australia in London 2012

The National Head Coach and National Centre of Excellence coaches set the Scholarship criteria in consultation with the National Performance Director and Australian Canoeing Technical Committee Chair, or AC nominee.

Following the national senior team selection trials the Head Coach, in consultation with other NCE coaches makes scholarship recommendations to the National Centre of Excellence Joint Management Committee (JMC). The Joint Management Committee approves the NCE scholarships.

The scholarship period for 2009 will extend from April 1 2009 until following the national senior selection events in March 2010. A scholarship review will occur in October 2009, where tiers may be altered and additional athletes may be offered scholarships based on performance at designated benchmark events. Scholarships may be discontinued at this point.

AIS/NCE Scholarships – Relationship with State Institutes

In addition to benefits provided under the AIS/NCE scholarship NCE athletes may receive additional support and benefits from the relevant SIS/SAS organisation as follows:

NSWIS has not confirmed an ongoing NCE partnership with AC and the AIS for 2009. However, NSW registered athletes may continue to receive financial assistance and other support for training and competition under individual scholarships as determined by NSWIS.

Individual scholarship holders at WAIS and VIS will receive assistance for training and competition as determined by their relevant State Institute.

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

NCE Visiting Athletes

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

A visiting athlete is someone who is:

- training with the AIS scholarship program
- trialling for a future scholarship within an AIS program
- filling in to ensure adequate numbers at training within a residential program's daily training environment and/or during camps
- a high quality national or international level athlete attending training to stimulate the training/competition environment and value add to the program
- a SIS/SAS or state level athlete attending a program for a short period for development purposes
- invited to travel with an AIS team domestically or internationally for camps and/or competition

The scholarship period for 2009 will extend from April 1 2009 until following the national senior selection events in March 2010. Selection is based on performance at the national senior team selection trials and other factors. A scholarship review will occur in October 2009. A results based tier system is used to prioritise scholarship benefits.

Selection Events

- Australian Open – Penrith, 21/22 Feb 2009
- Senior team selection trials 2 and 3 – Penrith, 7/8 March 2009

Tier 1 criteria

Tier 1 scholarships will be offered to athletes who placed top 5 at the 2008 Olympics or 2008 World Cup Medallists and who are selected to the 2009 National Senior Team.

Tier 2 criteria

Tier 2 scholarships will be offered to athletes who meet the NCE senior performance standard at two of the national team selection events and who are selected to the 2009 National Senior Team.

Tier 3 criteria

Tier 3 scholarships will be offered to the following athletes who meet the NCE senior performance standard at two of the national team selection events:

- the next two highest ranked Under 23 athletes in each class following the national senior team selection events

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

- Canoe Development
Subject to an ongoing commitment to the development of C2 or C1W performances, the following athletes will be considered for selection:
 - Athletes who compete in C2 at the selection events and who achieve the NCE performance standard in another class
 - Athletes who compete in C1W at selection and achieve performance standard in another class or show clear potential in C1 as demonstrated at other national level competitions in 2009
- athletes who have met NCE performance standard (including 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
- athletes who, in the opinion of the Head Coach, in consultation with other NCE coaches have the potential to achieve international success in a class or classes in the 2009-2012 period

- the overall number of scholarships available, coaching resources, program funding
- 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 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 eligible Australian athlete/crew in any class at that event.

Senior Criteria	Under 23 Criteria
K1 104%	K1 106%
C1 112%	C1 116%
K1W 120%	K1W 124%
C2 120%	C2 124%
C1W 135%	C1W 142%

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, and AC.

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

NCE SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW CRITERIA

October 2009

NCE Scholarships will be reviewed in October 2009 based on the following criteria.

Tier 1 criteria

Tier 1 scholarships will be offered to athletes who achieve a top 5 performance at the 2009 World Championships or win a medal at a World Cup Race.

Tier 2 criteria

Tier 2 scholarships will be continued for the National Senior Team members who make the World Championships semi final (top 20) and who complete a satisfactory performance review showing an ongoing commitment to the NCE program and international success in the 2010-12 period.

Tier 3 criteria

Tier 3 scholarships may be continued for 2009 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 2009 Athlete Agreement and develop a satisfactory 2010 Athlete Agreement.

Discontinued Scholarships

Scholarships may be discontinued following a performance review in October 2009 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

Additional Tier 3 scholarships may be offered to athletes based on performances at the 2009 World Cups, 2009 World Championships, designated 2009 ICF world ranking events, designated benchmark events for Junior or Under 23 Australian national teams and/or significant individual improvement as measured in other competitions or performance trials as determined by the Head Coach in consultation with the selection panel.

Benchmark Events

The designated benchmark events for existing and new scholarship holders and the performance standards at these events will be published by March 31 2009.

Athlete Performance Agreement

In all cases, Athletes must complete a satisfactory performance review against the targets set in their 2009 Athlete Agreement and develop a satisfactory 2010 Athlete Agreement.