



SLALOM CANOE/KAYAK NATIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE Scholarship Criteria 2010

Background

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

Through an individual scholarship program, the NCE provides high performance coaching, access to facilities and equipment, sports science and sports medicine (SSSM) services, Athlete Career and Education (ACE) and individual athlete support.

Principles

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

In 2010/11 scholarship benefits and program funding will be prioritised towards the following athlete groups

- 2010 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 2010 will extend from April 1 2010 until following the national senior selection events in March 2011. A scholarship review will occur in October 2010, 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

NCE Athletes will sign both a SIS/SAS and AIS/NCE agreement. Athletes will be dual badged by their relevant State Institute of Sport/State Academy of Sport (SIS/SAS) and the AIS. 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:

New South Wales Institute of Sport

NSWIS is a major partner of the NCE contributing funding support for high performance coaching, venue access, servicing of NCE and NSWIS athletes as agreed annually.

NB: NCE athletes from other SIS/SAS benefit from this arrangement.

Western Australian Institute of Sport and Victorian Institute of Sport

WAIS and VIS athletes will receive assistance for training and competition as determined by their relevant State Institute.

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

NCE SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Commencing April 2010

The scholarship period for 2010 will extend from April 2010 until following the national senior selection events in March 2011. Selection is based on performance at the national senior team selection trials and other factors detailed below. A scholarship review will occur in October 2010. A results based tier system is used to prioritise scholarship benefits.

Selection Events

- Oceania Championships – Penrith, 19/20/21 Feb 2010
- Senior team selection trials 2 and 3 – Brady’s Lake Tasmania, 6/7 March 2010

Tier 1 criteria

Tier 1 scholarships will be offered to athletes who placed top 5 at the 2009 World Championships or 2009 World Cup medallists in Olympic disciplines and who are selected to the 2010 National Senior Team.

Tier 2 criteria

Tier 2 scholarships will be offered to athletes who meet the NCE senior performance standard and who are ranked first overall in a class following the completion of the selection events and who have achieved a semi final position or better in 2009 World Cup and/or World Championships.

Tier 3 criteria

Tier 3 scholarships will be offered to the following athletes who meet the NCE senior performance standard:

- athletes not included in Tier 1 or Tier 2 who are selected to the 2010 national senior team; and subject to the number of available scholarships
- the next two highest ranked Under 23 athletes in each class following the completion of national senior team selection events

Additional Tier 3 Scholarships

Subject to the number of available scholarships, program funding and coaching resources, additional athletes may be offered Tier 3 scholarships according to one or more of the following criteria:

- The next highest ranked athlete in a class who has met the senior NCE performance standard at two of the selection trials and who has demonstrated significant level of performance at national selection trials and/or international competitions over the past 12 months
- 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 2010-2012 period;

- 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;
- a current first year scholarship holder who does not meet performance standards at the selection events may, on the recommendation of the Head Coach, be offered a scholarship extension for an agreed period in the interest of long term athlete development.

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.

Athletes must meet the performance standard at two out of three of the 2010 selection events to be considered for selection to the NCE.

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 agrees to abide by the relevant Australian Canoeing, Australian Institute of Sport and SIS/SAS policies and procedures, in particular where they refer to athlete conduct and behaviour.

The athlete displays a suitable temperament, 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 as set out in the NCE athlete/coach agreement.

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 2010

NCE Scholarships will be reviewed in October 2010 based on the following criteria.

Tier 1 criteria

Tier 1 scholarships will be offered to athletes who achieve a top 5 performance at the 2010 World Championships or win a medal at a World Cup Race in Olympic disciplines.

Tier 2 criteria

Tier 2 scholarships will be continued for the National Senior Team members who meet the equivalent ICF standard for 2012 Olympic Qualification at the 2010 World Championships; and who complete a satisfactory performance review showing an ongoing commitment to the NCE program and international success in the 2011-12 period.

Tier 2 scholarships may be offered to athletes who demonstrate significant improvement and/or consistent high level performances in the World Cup season.

Tier 3 criteria

Tier 3 scholarships may be continued for 2010 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 2010 Athlete Agreement and develop a satisfactory 2011 Athlete Agreement.

Discontinued Scholarships

Scholarships may be discontinued following a performance review in October 2010 where an Athlete has not met targets in areas of performance, technique, fitness, Athlete Career and Education, or 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 2010 World Cups, 2010 World Championships, 2010 ICF ranking events, 2010 Junior World Championships 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 2010.

Athlete Performance Agreement

In all cases, Athletes must complete a satisfactory performance review against the targets set in their 2010 Athlete Agreement and develop a satisfactory 2011 Athlete Agreement.