



South Australian Sports Institute

**SASI SQUAD SELECTION POLICY
APPLICABLE TO ALL SASI SPORTS PROGRAMS AND ATHLETES**

1. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) Scholarship:

- Athletes must be a citizen of Australia (or undertaking all reasonable steps to become an Australian citizen.)
- Athletes must be a resident of South Australia for 3 months prior to selection unless the athlete is a national squad or team member and the transition to SA is supported by program partners.
- Athletes must also be registered athlete with the relevant South Australian club and State Sporting Organisation. All memberships must be up to date and paid for by the end of the financial year.
- Athletes must comply with the relevant sports interstate transfer policies.

Note:

i. This eligibility requirement does not include athletes who will continue to be supported interstate or overseas if relocation to these areas is supported by the SASI Head Coach as part of their development pathway (e.g. AIS, National Squads, etc).

ii. Eligibility does not apply to visiting scholarships i.e. athletes from other SIS/SAS programs etc.

2. SELECTIONS

- Selections for SASI Squad programs will be conducted in consultation with State and National Sporting Organisations, and endorsed by the SASI Joint Management Committee (JMC).
- Selections for SASI Squad programs will be determined by a Selection Panel, which must include the SASI Head Coach.
- Sport specific selection criteria will be developed by the SASI Head Coach and the Selection Panel, and will take into account any national criteria as part of the National High Performance Pathway.
- Scholarships can be offered as full or associate and will, as a principle, cover a 12 month period. Shorter periods may be offered (e.g. 1 – 3 month trial). Reviews may be conducted by the Selection Panel and SASI reserve the right to add or delete athletes to/from a scholarship squad at any time.

3. ATHLETE OBLIGATIONS

All athletes who have been selected in the SASI Squad program must:

- Have the intention to compete and/or be involved in active training (including injury recovery and rehabilitation).
- Abide by the terms and conditions as outlined in the SASI Athlete Agreement or other SASI policies.
- Have met the sport specific selection criteria, or be selected as a developing potential elite athlete as determined by the appointed Selection Panel.
- Scholarship athletes will need to support Case Management processes, including the new Athlete Monitoring System (AMS) as directed by their coach and support team. The AMS has been rolled out across all SASI Programs and National Sporting Organisations (NSO) in line with AIS requirements.

4. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Achieving the nominated selection criteria does not automatically qualify the athlete for SASI Squad selection. Other factors that may be taken into consideration when determining final selections are:

- Whether the athlete has been charged with and/or convicted of a criminal offence;
- Whether the athlete has previously breached their Athlete Agreement or other SASI policies, as outlined in the SASI Athlete Agreement and the SASI Athlete Behaviour and Discipline Policy;
- Whether the athlete has previously behaved in a manner that has brought or has the capacity to bring SASI into disrepute;
- Where it has been clearly demonstrated, based on previous behaviour or information, that the athlete has the capacity to bring SASI into disrepute;
- Whether the athlete has been de-registered, suspended or denied membership with either their State or National Sporting Organisation;
- Where the Selection Panel determines that, notwithstanding achievement of the selection criteria, the athlete does not demonstrate the ability to progress to Australian representation at Junior and / or Senior level.

5. QUERIES ON SELECTION

- The SASI Program Manager or the SASI Head Coach, are the only officers authorised by SASI to respond to any questions concerning the athletes selected for SASI Squads, in accordance with this Selection policy and the sport specific selection policy.
- All questions concerning any aspect of selection must be in writing and addressed to the SASI Program Manager, or the SASI Head Coach, for consideration by the Selection Panel.

2015-2016 SASI NETBALL SPORT SPECIFIC SELECTION GUIDELINES

SASI AIM / MISSION

The South Australian Sports Institute, in partnership with the Office for Recreation and Sport, state and national sporting organisations, will develop and deliver robust, sustainable and high performing talent pathways, programs and world class support services.

To achieve sustainable world class sporting success for South Australia and Australia by preparing and supporting targeted athletes and programs.

PROGRAM PURPOSE / AIM

The SASI Netball Program caters for the development and support of SA athletes currently or identified as capable of selection to National Squads and Teams.

The SASI Netball Program will provide world-class coaching, training and competition, facilities and support services to improve athlete's competitive performance.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION / SELECTION

The SASI Netball program will provide delivery of services as set out in the Netball Australia Athlete Classification – services inventory.

Athletes will be eligible for inclusion into the SASI Netball Program based on their performance relative to selection criteria for one of the scholarship categories.

NETBALL AUSTRALIA ATHLETE CLASSIFICATION

Athlete Category	Netball Australia Status	Description	Servicing
<p>Category 1 World Class Athlete (WC)</p> <p>Category 2 International Class Athlete (IC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diamonds Squad/Team 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of the Diamonds National Squad and/or Team competing at international level in benchmark and/or other IFNA recognised international events and capable of maintaining this level of performance 	<p>NA AIS</p> <p>SIS/SA</p> <p>S MO</p>
<p>Category 3 Developing International Athlete (DI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian 21/U Squad/Team Emerging Talent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of the Australian 21/U Squad/Team capable of reaching WC and/or IC Athlete status within 1 – 3 years Nationally identified athlete with the potential to progress to WC and/or IC Athlete status within 1 – 3 years 	<p>NA AIS</p> <p>SIS/SA</p> <p>S MO</p>
<p>Category 4 Potential International Athlete (PI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australian 19/U Squad Australian 17/U Squad Additional athletes included if approved at JMC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member of the Australian 19/U Squad or 17/U Squad capable of reaching DI Athlete status within 1 – 3 years Nationally identified athlete with the potential to progress to DI Athlete status within 4 – 7 years 	<p>NA AIS</p> <p>SIS/SA</p> <p>S MO</p>
<p>Category 5 Emerging Potential Athlete (EP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a Diamond Academy Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State/Territory identified and Nationally endorsed athletes with the ability to progress to PI Athlete status within 1 – 3 years 	<p>NA</p> <p>MO</p>

Selection Criteria / Factors

NB: Subjectivity is an unavoidable part of athlete selection where potential to perform is being assessed.

Scholarships will be filled based on a combination of the athlete's:

Performance

- at nominated events which are (within the 12 months prior to selection to the squad)
 - ANZ Championships
 - International Competitions
 - ANL
 - National Underage Championships.

Physical

- National Test Protocol including, but not limited to: speed, agility, aerobic capacity, relevant strength and power

Technical

- Quality of essential skills, execution of position specific skills, decision making skills

Tactical

- Execution of position specific skills under pressure and in game situations, attack and defence unit skills, decision making under pressure, game sense

Medical

- Satisfactory completion of a medical screening test
- Satisfactory completion of a physiotherapy screening test

Psychological

- The athlete consistently displays: mental toughness, resilience, ability to cope, ability to focus, confidence

Behavioural

- The athlete consistently displays: competitiveness, motivation, leadership, adaptability, coachability

External

- Support and development in life balance and individual athlete management