

**SASI CANOE SPRINT PROGRAM SELECTION CRITERIA**  
**1st JUNE 2016 – 31st MAY 2017**

**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.

#### **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

### **2016-2017 SASI CANOE SPRINT SPORT SPECIFIC SELECTION GUIDELINES**

#### **6. PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The SASI Canoe Sprint program is recognised as a world-class program producing internationally successful athletes, across all categories.

The SASI Canoe Sprint Program is a National Training Centre within the National High Performance Program of Australian Canoeing (AC). The program works in collaboration with Canoe South Australia in the conducting of talent identification and development initiatives as well as supporting its Coach Education programs.

#### **7. KEY OPERATING PRINCIPLES**

- The program is athlete focused and coach driven, operating with a team approach.
- It is focused on providing a world class daily training environment.

- Athletes are expected to have ownership of their program and their future performance.
- Athletes are expected to maintain an appropriate level of life balance which includes either continuing educational/vocational studies or part-time work.

## 8. AUSTRALIAN CANOEING AND “THE WINNING EDGE”

- a) Prospective SASI scholarship athletes will also be assessed against Australian Canoeing’s (AC) athlete assessment tiering which is in line with the Australian Institute of Sport’s (AIS) “Winning Edge” program.
- b) *Australia’s Winning Edge 2012-2022* is our nation’s game plan to move from world class to world best. A key part of this strategy is to identify our high potential athletes and ensure they receive the right support at the right time in their pathway.
- c) The AC Winning Edge Athlete Categories (“Athlete Categories”) has been developed following The (AIS) guidelines. The AC Athlete Categories aims to align former athlete categorisations with the principles of Australia’s Winning Edge. This will provide a consistent basis to:
  - identify the athletes with the greatest potential to contribute to Australia’s Winning Edge targets in Tokyo 2020 and at world championships annually;
  - track their performance over time; and
  - provide prioritisation of support to these athletes
  - Importantly, membership of an Athlete Category requires evidence of an athlete’s potential for future success. It does not solely recognise past results.

### Overview of the AC Winning Edge Athlete Categories

For further information on AC’s “Athlete Categories” selection policy, please refer to the following link:

[http://canoe.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/AC\\_Athlete-Categories-Selection-Criteria\\_Final.pdf](http://canoe.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/AC_Athlete-Categories-Selection-Criteria_Final.pdf)

## 9. THE SASI CANOE SPRINT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN 2016-17

SASI Canoe Sprint Program provides comprehensive and innovative services to identify, develop and support talented athletes in the pursuit of sporting excellence in Canoe Sprint at National and International Benchmark Events (BME). SASI Canoe Sprint program will offer targeted support to current and potential National squad athletes who have demonstrated the ability to medal at International Benchmark Events. The ultimate aim of this program is to assist with AC and SASI medal targets in 2016 and beyond.

- To be selected each athlete must have demonstrated their ability to participate in the SASI scholarship program and to represent SASI. Each athlete must also display a suitable temperament and suitable levels of self-motivation and self-discipline to participate in the SASI scholarship program.
- All scholarship athletes are expected to be capable of National Team selection in 2017.
- If a previously unidentified athlete is demonstrating exceptional performance, the SASI Head Coach with the approval of the JMC may also request additional athletes be considered for daily training environment access.
- Associate or Full Scholarship Scholarships may be awarded, based on objective performance results that take place throughout the 2016 and 2017 competitive seasons.
- Athletes who have been ill or injured during the scholarship period may retain their scholarship status provided they meet their rehabilitation expectations set by the relevant medical/psychological professionals and training requirements set by the Head Coach. Athletes in this scenario may also be required to meet JMC approved Performance Standards (please refer to Performance Table 1 below) at 2016 and 2017 Grand Prix events.
- To maintain scholarship status, athletes must adhere to the prescribed training program designed by SASI coaches as well as maintaining KPI’s at Grand Prix, National and International Regattas.
- Scholarship athletes will also be required to take part in the new Athlete Monitoring System (AMS) that has recently been rolled out by both SASI and Australian Canoeing.

## Scholarships:

Athletes selected onto 2016 National Teams in Olympic distances for kayak events (Senior, U23, U18) will be offered a SASI Full scholarship.

## Additional Scholarships:

Additional scholarships (Full or Associate) may be awarded to those kayak discipline athletes who obtain the following results on Performance Table 1 listed below:

### Performance Table 1.

	Open		U23		U18	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Olympic Distance K1 - National Championships	1000m - Top 9 200m - Top 7	500m - Top 9 200m - Top 5	1000m - Top 9 200m - Top 6	500m - Top 9 200m - Top 3	1000m - Top 7 200m - Top 5	500m - Top 7 200m - Top 3
Olympic Distance K2 - National Championships	1000m - Top 5 200m - Top 5	500m - Top 5 200m - N/A	1000m - Top 3 200m - Top 3	500m - Top 3	1000m - Top 2 200m - Top 2	500m - Top 2
Olympic Distance K1 - GP Events	1000m - Top 9 200m - Top 7	500m - Top 9 200m - Top 5	1000m - Top 9 200m - Top 6	500m - Top 9 200m - Top 3	1000m - Top 7 200m - Top 5	500m - Top 7 200m - Top 3
Olympic Distance K2 - GP Events	1000m - Top 5 200m - Top 5	500m - Top 5 200m - N/A	1000m - Top 3 200m - Top 3	500m - Top 3	1000m - Top 1 200m - Top 1	500m - Top 1

- Targeted service plans will be offered to all successful scholarship holders and will be based on meeting KPI (Key Performance Indicators) as set out in the athlete's Individual Athlete Performance Plan (IAPP). Servicing levels will be dependent on scholarship type, final ICF world ranking in an Olympic event along with an athlete's final athlete categorisation according to AC's "Athlete Categories" selection policy sited above in section 8.
- Athletes may be upgraded or added to full SASI scholarship status if they are tracking towards National Team nomination throughout the 2016-2017 domestic season.
- The 2017 goal for SASI is to support athletes who are tracking towards National Team selection for the U18, U23 and Open World Championship events.
- Each Grand Prix event will be assessed by the Head Coach for its competitiveness since attendance must be representative of all inter-state programs and athletes. If attendance numbers are low in the respective age groups then athletes will need to compete at the 2017 National Championships to be re-considered for a scholarship.
- U23 and Open athletes who do not qualify for a World Championship team must demonstrate they are tracking towards future U23 and Senior World Championship Team selections through improved national rankings and performances e.g. time and/or % behind the winner at designated national competitions in either the singles or doubles events.
- If there is no U23 category at Grand Prix events then those athletes will be evaluated within the Open events (i.e. If an U23 athlete places 9<sup>th</sup> in the Open K1 200m final but is the 3<sup>rd</sup> ranked U23 athlete in that same final then that athlete will have met the top 6 requirement since they are tracking towards a World U23 nomination).

## Men's and Women's Canoe Discipline:

SASI will also consider selecting men's and women's canoe athletes for a full or associate scholarship if an athlete demonstrates a certain performance standard in Olympic Distance events (See Table 2 below) at the U23 and U18 World Championships. Since women's Canoe events for the 2020 Olympic Games are yet to be confirmed by the IOC, SASI will still consider a women's canoe performance in the proposed Olympic events at the U23 World Championships (WC1 200m, WC2 500m). Time standards will be used to select athletes due to the limited result history of Australian canoe athletes at both the senior and junior levels.

Please refer to minimum time standards required to obtain either a full or associate scholarship in Olympic distance events. These standards are based on average times that have qualified for B finals at both the U23 and U18 World Championships over the past 3 years:

**Performance Table 2.**

EVENT	SCHOLARSHIP LEVEL	U23 Time Standard	U18 Time Standard
MC1 1000m	FULL	4:10.0 and under	4:15.0 and under
	ASSOCIATE	4:10.1 – 4:25.0	4:15.1 to 4:30.0
MC1 200M	FULL	43.0 and under	45.0 and under
	ASSOCIATE	43.1 to 45.0	45.1 to 48.0
MC2 1000m	FULL	3:50 and under	3:55.0 and under
	ASSOCIATE	3:50.1 to 3:59.0	3:55.1 to 4:05.0
WC1 200m	FULL	54.0 or under	57.0 and under
	ASSOCIATE	54.1 to 58.0	57.1 to 1:05.0
WC1 500m	FULL	2:30.0 or under	2:30.1 to 2:49.9
	ASSOCIATE	2:45.0 or under	2:45.1 to 2:59.9
WC2 200m	FULL	50.0 and under	55.0 and under
	ASSOCIATE	50.1 to 54.0	55.0 to 59.0

**2016 Olympic Hopes Team:**

- South Australian athletes who qualify for the 2016 Australian Olympic Hopes Team may be offered access to SASI coaching, facilities and equipment dependent on the availability of SASI staff along with the individual level of each Olympic Hopes athlete.

**Training Access:**

- South Australian athletes who fall short of the minimum standards listed above in Performance Table 1 may be offered Training Access dependent on Head Coach discretion and will be considered based on National ranking in singles and doubles events along with an athlete history of past International results.
- South Australian athletes who demonstrate talent throughout the domestic season either through an invitational time trial or regatta may be offered the Temporary Access to train with SASI squad athletes. Following a 1-3 month trial, these Temporary Access athletes may go on to receive Associate Scholarship status. These invitations must be approved by the Head Coach and SASI Program Management.

**10. SASI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND BENEFITS**

Based on each athlete’s categorisation according to AC’s policy and at the discretion of the SASI Head Coach, athletes may have access to the following:

- Access to training facilities, travel and competition support.
- Coaching by SASI coaches.
- Access to boats within SASI canoe sprint fleet.
- Sports science support.
- Sports Medicine Support.



- Career and education support

**CONTACT**

To apply for as SASI scholarship, please email your intention. Please send to: Nathan Luce, SASI Canoe Sprint Head Coach [nathan.luce@sa.gov.au](mailto:nathan.luce@sa.gov.au) 0427801045. Applications will close on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2016.