



Illawarra Academy of Sport

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2010 GOLF SQUAD SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATION INFORMATION

Program Benefits

The Illawarra Academy of Sport is an independent sporting organisation that provides the opportunity and encouragement for talented athletes to achieve excellence in sport.

The scholarship program is based on developmental activities which will enhance progress to higher levels within golf. Scholarships are offered for a twelve-month period, and scholarship athletes are expected to attend these sessions in addition to club and representative commitments.

The benefits of an Academy Golf Scholarship includes exposure to high quality coaching from the regions leading professionals, individualised skill and technical training, sports science and video analysis, camps and tours, fitness testing, uniforms, golf-specific education sessions, and personal development activities in areas including sport psychology and nutrition.

Coaching sessions are held at Golf Clubs throughout the Southern Councils Group. In 2009 for example, ten day sessions were spread between Port Kembla, and Kiama Golf Clubs.

Sponsors & Supporters

The Academy Golf Program is supported by the Illawarra District Golf Association, the Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation, NSWGA and Women's Golf NSW.

Costs

The Academy covers the majority of costs associated with the scholarship program. Scholarship holders are, however, required to contribute to some components of the program such as uniform, and squad photos. The cost to scholarship holders in 2009 was no more than \$100. (Note: Selected athletes to be offered the opportunity to compete at the Academy Games at an additional cost)

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Scholarship, athletes must:

- Reside within the Southern Council Group (SCG), Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, Shoalhaven and Wingecarribee
- Be a playing member of a golf club affiliated with NSWGA, preferably through the IDGA
- Age requirement: born in 1993, 1994, 1995 or 1996.
- Have an AGU Handicap of 12 or less (males)/ WGU Handicap of 20 or less (females).

Selection Criteria

Satisfy the eligibility criteria and selection process;

- Demonstrate through past performance and/or potential capacity, the potential to improve performance to a high level.
- 1st year athletes (and parent) be available to attend a short interview on the day of the selection trial.
- Demonstrate dedication to improving performance.
- Display an ability to apply coaching & technical instruction.

Selection Process

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| Stage 1 - Nominate to trial | Open Fri 1 Jan 2010 - Close Fri 12 Feb 2010 | IAS website |
| Stage 2 - Invitation to attend trial | Mon 15 Feb 2010 | via SMS & Email |
| Stage 3 - Attend trial & interview | Sat 20 Feb 2010 | Port Kembla GC |
| Stage 4 - Notification of scholarship offer (by mail) | March 2010 | via Post & Email |
| Stage 5 - Sign agreement accepting scholarship terms | April 2010 | return via Post |
| Stage 6 - Attend athlete induction | Sun 2 May 2010 | University of Wollongong |

To submit a nomination form please visit:

www.ias.org.au