



2011 INDIVIDUAL ATHLETE PROGRAM (IAP) 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.

Scholarships are awarded based on the most recent performances. The intent of this program is to assist athletes, and not duplicate assistance for athletes provided by scholarship programs offered by other groups.

The scholarship program is based on developmental activities, which will enhance progress to national and international competition within the athlete's chosen sport. Scholarships are offered for a twelve-month period and scholarship athletes are expected to attend all sessions in addition to club and representative commitments.

The Academy provides a comprehensive sport education program to assist with improving performance. In 2011 the program will also offer financial assistance to be claimed by athletes for expenses incurred in training for or competing at national and/or international events.

Costs, Sponsors & Supporters

The Academy covers core program costs with the support of the program's major sponsor, BlueScope Steel. The program is also supported by state and national sporting organisations through their endorsement of athletes for scholarship.

Nomination Endorsement

To complete your nomination you must also get your relevant state or national sporting organisation to complete "IAP - SSO Recommendation Form," and send it into the Academy.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Scholarship, athletes must:

- Reside within the Southern Council Group (SCG), Wollongong, Shellharbour, Kiama, Shoalhaven and Wingecarribee
- Be a member of the State Sporting Organisation within the sport.
- Satisfy the age requirement: Turn 14-17 years of age during 2011. Special consideration may be given to athletes outside the eligible age, subject to the approval of the IAS board.

Selection Criteria

Satisfy the eligibility criteria and selection process:

- Demonstrate dedication to improving performance.
- Currently competing at National level **OR**
- Demonstrate/possess the potential to compete at International level within eighteen months.

Selection Process

Stage 1 - Submit nomination and IAP-SSO Recommendation	Close Sat 21 Aug 2010	IAS website
Stage 2- Independent panel of local sport experts review all nominations.	by Tues 7 Sept 2010	N/A
Stage 2 - Invitation to interview	Wed 8 Sept 2010	via SMS / Email
Stage 3 - 1st Year Athletes (& parents) attend interview	Mon 13 Sept (Mittagong), Mon 13 Sept (Bomaderry), Tues 14 Sept 2010 (Wollongong)	Various Locations
Stage 4 - Notification of scholarship offer (by mail)	Late Sept / Early Oct 2010	via Post
Stage 5 - Sign agreement accepting scholarship terms	Early Oct 2010	return via Post
Stage 6 - Attend athlete induction	Sun 17 Oct 2010	University of Wollongong

To submit a nomination form please visit:

www.ias.org.au

Note: Athletes who have previously been involved with the Academy are still eligible to apply but must submit a new nomination form for the 2010 program.