



South Australian Sports Institute

SASI Swimming Program Selection Criteria 2023/24

1 October 2023 – 30 September 2024

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SASI SQUAD SELECTION POLICY

APPLICABLE TO ALL SASI SPORTS PROGRAMS AND ATHLETES

1. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a SASI Scholarship:

- Athletes must be an Australian citizen (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 team/squad member and the transition to SA is supported by program partners.
- Athletes must be a registered athlete with the relevant South Australian State Sporting Organisation (SSO).
- Athletes must comply with the relevant sports interstate transfer policies.

Note:

- 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 Coach¹ as part of their development pathway (e.g. National Squads).*
- Eligibility does not apply to visiting scholarships, i.e. athletes from other SIS/SAS programs.*

2. SELECTIONS

- Selections for the SASI Squad program will be conducted in consultation with SSO and National Sporting Organisation (NSO) 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 Coach¹.
- Sport specific selection criteria will be developed by the SASI Head Coach¹ 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, associate or training agreement and will, as a principle, cover a 12-month period. Shorter periods may be offered (eg.1 – 3-month trial). Reviews may be conducted by the Selection Panel and SASI reserve the right to add or remove athletes to/from a scholarship squad at any time.

¹In the absence of a SASI Head Coach the Program Manager/Coordinator will fulfil this role

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 and other SASI policies;
- Have met the NSO National squad selection criteria or be selected as a developing potential elite athlete as determined by the appointed Selection Panel.
- Be actively working towards improvement in their training and results regardless of whether they are still meeting the Scholarship Selection Times each year.

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 the SSO or NSO;
- Where the Selection Panel determines that, notwithstanding achievement of the selection criteria, the athlete has not demonstrated the ability to progress/ improve to Australian representation at Junior and / or Senior level.

5. QUERIES ON SELECTION

- The SASI Program Manager or the SASI Head Coach¹, 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 Coach¹, for consideration by the Selection Panel.

SASI Swimming Program Selection Criteria 2023/24

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1. Eligibility

- Scholarship qualifying events include Olympic events only.
- Qualifying events are limited to:
 - o **Australian Open Championships**
 - o **National Age Championships**
 - o **World Championship Selection Trials**
 - o **Australian Open Water Championships**
- Swimmers must be in full-time training and coached by a nationally accredited coach.
- 'Eligibility' does not necessarily guarantee a SASI scholarship offer.

2. SASI Swimming Scholarship Categories

SASI SCHOLARSHIP

CRITERIA

1. SAL Categorisation levels (including Open Water): **Podium, Podium Ready, Podium Potential**
2. Qualifying results will only come from the following events:
Australian Open Championships
National Age Championships
World Championships Selection Trials
Australian Open Water Championships
3. Long Course results only

OPEN WATER: Senior National Team selection at most recent Australian Open Water Championships

SASI ASSOCIATE SCHOLARSHIP

CRITERIA

1. SAL Categorisation levels (including Open Water): **Developing, Emerging**
2. Qualifying results will only come from the following events:
Australian Open Championships
National Age Championships
World Championships Selection Trials
Australian Open Water Championships
3. Long Course results only
4. Athletes performing at or better than the SASI times identified in Appendix B

OPEN WATER: Junior Australian Team selection at most recent Australian Open Water Championships

**Multi Class athletes please refer to section*

SASI Swimming Scholarship Selection

Selections for the SASI Swimming Program each scholarship year will be made by the SASI Swimming Selection Panel and will be ratified by the Program Joint Management Committee (JMC).

The SASI Swimming Selection Panel will consist of the SASI Head Coach, the SASI Assistant Coach (if applicable), the SASI Program Manager, the South Australia State Coach and a representative from Swimming South Australia.

Selection of Swimmers for the SASI program will be based on the following three parameters:

- (a) show improvement in their year-by-year results in National competition,*
- (b) fulfill the eligibility requirements to be considered for a SASI scholarship (Part A of this document) and*
- (c) achieve one or both sets of criteria as listed above for SASI Scholarship or Associate Scholarship*

Scholarship Levels

a) SASI Scholarship

A SASI Scholarship will be offered to athletes who meet the selection criteria and eligibility requirements outlined in Swimming Australia's categorisation criteria (as described in Appendix A) for the Podium, Podium Ready, Podium Potential and International levels.

Athlete support will be prioritised and tiered based on each athlete's categorisation level and dependant on number of scholarship athletes within the swimming program.

Athletes who have been selected onto the National senior team at the most recent Australian Open Water Swimming Championships will be offered a SASI Scholarship. The level of this scholarship and support will be at the discretion of SASI.

b) SASI Associate Scholarships

A SASI Associate Scholarship will be offered to athletes that achieve the selection criteria as decided by the SASI Swimming Selection Panel and ratified by Swimming Australia.

Athletes who have been selected onto the National junior team at the most recent Australian Open Water Swimming Championships will be offered a SASI Associate Scholarship. The level of this scholarship and support will be at the discretion of SASI.

Specialist support and activities agreed to by the Joint Management Committee will be delivered with the aim of strengthening the development pathway for talented South Australian swimmers onto junior and senior national squads and teams.

c) Training Agreement

From time-to-time and based on individual circumstances, the Joint Management Committee may endorse the continued support of a previous scholarship level athlete with a SASI Training Agreement.

Training Agreements will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will take into account personal circumstances, longevity within the SASI program, up-coming major events, end of career planning and capacity to return to scholarship status through achievement of the SASI Selection Times.

Additions to SASI Swimming Program

Swimmers may be added to the SASI Program with support of a scholarship under special circumstances. The decision for this would be at the discretion of the Joint Management Committee.

- Swimmers who make the senior National Team for a major international long course meet i.e., Olympic Games, World Championships, Pan Pacs and Commonwealth Games, in an Olympic event, who are not currently on scholarship will be eligible for support.
- Swimmers who achieve a qualifying time at a meet other than the major long course championship may be considered for addition to the program. This will depend on the number of athletes in the program and support will be at the discretion of the Joint Management Committee.
- Qualified swimmers who move to South Australia from interstate will be considered for addition to the program. Swimmers who are current National Squad members in Olympic events will be eligible for immediate addition to the program with the approval of SAL, irrespective of the number already on scholarship.
- Swimmers identified by the National Head Coach and who have been invited and attend national team camps will be considered at the discretion of the JMC.
- Junior swimmers who achieve the SASI Selection Criteria early in a competition season will be considered at the discretion of the JMC.

6. Scholarship retention

- Swimmers who have been on SASI Scholarship for the previous year must show an appropriate performance progression at the next National Championships in comparison to the time performed at the previous National Championships in the event in which they qualified or qualify in another event. With the exception of Podium and Podium Ready athletes who will need to maintain performance.
- Athletes who re-qualify at a lower scholarship level than the one they are currently on or swim a slower time than the previous year, recorded at the Australian Championships (Open or Age) are not guaranteed re-selection. Retention of scholarships in these instances will be at the discretion of the Joint Management Committee.
- There will be performance and scholarship reviews every 6 months and scholarships may be terminated or downgraded at the discretion of the Joint Management Committee. Athletes may also be added at this time, being at the discretion of the Joint Management Committee.

7. Multi Class Athletes

The SASI Individual Athlete Program (IAP) provides support to athletes with a disability competing in Paralympic events.

To gain support through this program individual athletes must lodge an application for an IAP scholarship. Scholarship applications are called in October/November each year for scholarships that are offered on a calendar year basis.

APPENDIX A
Swimming Australia
Athlete Categorisation Performance Criteria

Please find up-to-date information about the Swimming Australia athlete categorisation process here:

<https://www.swimming.org.au/athlete-categorisation>

APPENDIX B

SASI Swimming Program – 2023/24 Selection Times

SASI Scholarship Criteria 2023/24

Men														
Scholarship Level/ Event	50FS	100FS	200FS	400FS	800FS	1500FS	100BK	200BK	100BS	200BS	100FLY	200FLY	200IM	400IM
Benchmark	21.83	47.96	01:46.06	03:46.47	07:47.46	14:57.00	53.00	01:57.12	59.49	02:09.68	51.28	01:54.91	01:57.74	04:12.50
Open 3%	22.48	49.40	02:00.37	03:53.26	08:01.48	15:23.77	54.59	02:00.63	61.27	02:13.57	52.82	01:58.36	02:01.27	04:20.08
20/21 4%	22.70	49.88	02:01.48	03:55.53	08:06.16	15:32.73	55.12	02:01.80	61.87	02:14.87	53.33	01:59.51	02:02.45	04:22.60
18/19 5%	22.92	50.36	02:02.71	03:57.79	08:10.83	15:41.70	55.65	02:02.98	62.46	02:16.16	53.84	02:00.66	02:03.63	04:25.13
17/U 6%	23.14	50.84	02:03.88	04:00.06	08:15.51	15:50.67	56.18	02:04.15	63.06	02:17.46	54.36	02:01.80	02:04.80	04:27.65

Woman														
Scholarship Level/ Event	50FS	100FS	200FS	400FS	800FS	1500FS	100BK	200BK	100BS	200BS	100FLY	200FLY	200IM	400IM
Benchmark	24.70	53.61	01:56.87	04:06.44	08:26.71	16:09.09	59.99	02:10.07	01:06.40	02:23.91	57.91	02:07.89	02:10.72	04:38.53
Open 3%	25.44	55.22	02:00.37	04:13.83	08:41.91	16:38.16	61.79	02:13.97	01:08.39	02:28.23	59.65	02:11.73	02:14.64	04:46.89
19/20 4%	25.69	55.75	02:01.48	04:16.30	08:46.98	16:47.85	62.39	02:15.27	01:09.06	02:29.67	60.23	02:13.01	02:15.95	04:49.67
17/18 5%	25.94	56.29	02:02.71	04:18.76	08:52.05	16:57.54	62.99	02:16.57	01:09.72	02:31.11	60.81	02:14.28	02:17.26	04:52.46
16/U 6%	26.18	56.83	02:03.88	04:21.23	08:57.11	17:07.24	63.59	02:17.87	01:10.38	02:32.54	61.38	02:15.56	02:18.56	04:55.24