



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SPORTS INSTITUTE (SASI) SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION POLICY

APPLICABLE TO SASI SPORTS PROGRAMS AND ATHLETES

1. ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a SASI Scholarship:

- Athletes must be a citizen of Australia (or undertaking steps to become an Australian citizen).
- Athletes must be living in South Australia for the duration of the scholarship period.
- Athletes must be registered and financial with the relevant State Sporting Organisation (SSO).
- Athletes must meet the minimum performance standards as outlined in the selection criteria.

Athletes are ineligible to receive a SASI scholarship:

- If the athlete has been convicted of a criminal offence;
- If the athlete has previously breached their Athlete Agreement or other SASI policies, as outlined in the SASI Athlete Agreement;
- If the athlete has previously behaved in a manner that has brought or has the capacity to bring SASI into disrepute;
- If it has been clearly demonstrated, based on previous behaviour or information, that the athlete has the capacity to bring SASI into disrepute;
- If the athlete has been de-registered, suspended or denied membership with either their State or National Sporting Organisation;

Athletes who have previously been a SASI sport program scholar who now reside interstate as part of a national squad program or are selected in a National squad program based in Adelaide shall be defined as Graduate scholars and not eligible for a SASI scholarship.

2. SELECTION PROCESS

- The selection criteria and minimum performance standards (refer Appendix A) will be developed in consultation with the National Sporting Organisation (NSO) and State Sporting Organisation (SSO). The SASI selection policy will be published by SASI and made available on the sport program page on the SASI website www.sasi.sa.gov.au
- Selection recommendations for the SASI sport program will be made by a Selection Panel, which will include the SASI Sport program Head Coach and a minimum of one representative from the sport (NSO or SSO). The SASI High Performance Coordinator for the SASI sport shall chair the selection panel.

- The Selection Panel will make their recommendations based on the selection criteria detailed in the selection policy.
- Selection recommendations for the SASI Sport program scholarships will be submitted for approval to the sport specific Performance Program Management Group (PPMG).
- Athletes who receive a scholarship will have their scholarship status reviewed by the Selection Panel no less than every 12 months.

3. NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION

- Athletes will be notified via letter of their selection and will be required to review and commit to the SASI Athlete Agreement and all other relevant SASI policies and processes by the nominated date. Athletes will also need to attend a compulsory induction/ information session.

4. ATHLETE OBLIGATIONS

All athletes who have been offered a SASI scholarship will be required to:

- Have the intent to compete and/or be involved in active training (including injury recovery and rehabilitation);
- Abide at all times to the terms and conditions outlined in the SASI Athlete Agreement and all other applicable SASI policies;
- Complete all requirements of the SASI Athlete Agreement.

5. APPEALS

- Athletes may only appeal their non-selection for a scholarship if they believe that the selection process has not been followed. All appeals must be made in writing to the SASI High Performance Manager and made within 7 days of selections being communicated.
- Athletes can only appeal their non-selection based on one or more of the grounds of appeal set out below;
 - The applicable selection criteria was not properly applied by the selection panel
 - The selection panel was affected by actual bias in making its decision with respect to the Athlete making the appeal
 - There was no material on which the selection panel's decision could be reasonably based
- The athlete will be required to provide further information about the grounds on which he or she seeks to make the selection appeal and provide supporting evidence.
- Once received, the appeal will be reviewed by the SASI High Performance Manager and response will be communicated within 10 working days from the appeal and supporting documentation evidence being received.

Appendix A

SASI SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION CRITERIA

Athletes selected as a SASI scholarship holder must be able to demonstrate that they are tracking towards a podium performance at a senior international benchmark event.

Eligibility does not necessarily guarantee a SASI scholarship offer. This will be dependent on the number of scholarships available. Athletes will be prioritised according to the sport specific selection criteria and based on the selection panel's opinion as to the athlete's potential to be a senior podium athlete at major international benchmark events.

Achieving the minimum performance standards does not automatically qualify the athlete for SASI squad selection.

SPORT SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

Scholarship Tiers and Disciplines

The South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) Cycling Program offers a scholarship program under the guidelines of Cycling Australia's scholarship selection guidelines listed below.

SASI Cycling Program Scholarships will be offered in the following disciplines for both Male and Female:

- Track Sprint
- Track Endurance

Exceptions

The disciplines of Road, BMX and Mountain Bike are exceptions to the program and are supported through the SASI Individual Athlete Program (IAP) which are open for application at the beginning of September and are offered for the period 1 January – 31 December.

3. Cycling Australia Scholarship Selection Guidelines Matrix

Athlete Category ¹	Criteria	Approx. Time to Podium Potential A
1. PODIUM	Individual athlete or member of a team in an Olympic or Paralympic discipline, who has a medal performance at a benchmark event in the previous 24 months ⁽²⁾ and considered capable of a medal at the next benchmark event ⁽²⁾ .	N/A
2. PODIUM POTENTIAL	A) Individual athlete or member of a team in an Olympic or Paralympic discipline, who placed 4 th to 8 th at the most recent benchmark event ⁽²⁾ and considered capable of progressing to <i>Level 1 – Podium</i> .	N/A
	B) Individual athlete or member of a team in an Olympic or Paralympic discipline, who is considered capable of progressing to at least <i>Level 2A – Podium Potential</i> in the next four years.	4 Years
3. COMMONWEALTH	Individual athlete or member of a team who does not satisfy the criteria for the above categories but had a gold medal performance at the 2014 Commonwealth Games and is considered capable of a gold medal at the next benchmark event ⁽²⁾ or the 2018 Commonwealth Games.	N/A
4. DEVELOPING	A) Individual athlete in an Olympic or Paralympic discipline, who is considered capable of progressing to at least <i>Level 2B – Podium Potential</i> in the next two years.	5-6 Years
	B) Individual athlete who does not satisfy the criteria for the above categories but had a medal performance at the 2014 Commonwealth Games and is considered capable of winning a medal at the next benchmark event ⁽²⁾ or the 2018 Commonwealth Games.	N/A
5. EMERGING	Individual athlete in an Olympic or Paralympic discipline, who is considered capable of progressing to at least <i>Level 4 – Developing</i> in the next two years.	7-8 Years

Note –

Athletes may bypass specific levels dependent on their performance at key competitions and also transition back into the club environment where appropriate.

Capability Assessment

The Capability Assessment examines the potential of the athlete to meet Podium Potential Status within 4-7 years utilising an athlete's *performance in competition* (including timed events), *potential to progress* (including physical, physiological, medical, psychological, coachability and commitment criterion and *external factors*).

SASI - Track Discipline

Consideration for selection in the SASI Track Cycling Squad a cyclist must have achieved the specified minimum performance standards within the previous 12 months in competition under Championship conditions. In conjunction with the specified minimum performance standards the following areas will be assessed for use in the selection process.

- Competition performances at National level
- Physical/ Physiological data (specific to discipline)
- Technical skills
- Tactical skills
- Performance trajectory
- Psychological skills
- Personal Excellence
- Performance history

Specified Minimum Performance standards

Event	Senior Male	Senior Female	U19M	U19F	U17M	U17F
Standing Lap	<17.80	<19.10	<18.20	<20.00	<18.60	<20.50
Sprint/ Keirin	<10.40	<11.50	<10.80	<11.80	<11.20	<12.20
Time Trial 1km - male 500m - female	<1.02.00	<35.00	<1.04.80 (1 st year) <1.03.80 (2 nd year)	<36.80 (1 st year) <36.00 (2 nd year)	<34.40	<37.00
Individual Pursuit	<4.28.00	<3.45.00	<3.25.00 (1 st year) <3.20.00 (2 nd year)	<2.30.00 (1 st year) <2.28.00 (2 nd year)	<2.22.00 (2 nd year)	<2.38.00 (2 nd year)
Omnium/ Madison	The cyclist shall have demonstrated tactical skill deployment appropriate to these events. A critical selection factor in the ability to initiate chases and bridge gaps. The cyclist must also have demonstrated the ability to achieve a competitive time in the individual pursuit. They must also demonstrate the knowledge and skill required to be competitive national level in bunch racing.					

4. SASI Training Agreement

SASI Training Agreement can be offered to athletes who are deemed to be in the high performance pathway, these include;

- Under 17 athletes transitioning into Under 19 age group.
- A cyclist who hasn't achieved the specified performance criteria in that year, but is a cyclist with significant potential and/or can be of benefit to the program can be offered a SASI Training Agreement.

CSA State Development Squad

The State Development Squad is a Cycling South Australia Squad which recognises U17 and U19 athletes in the high performance pathway in South Australia.

The State Development Squad underpins the SASI Cycling Program with the purpose of providing extended support to athletes to successfully represent South Australia at national junior track events.

Riders in the U15 race category may be invited to State Development sessions at the SASI coaching team's discretion.

Event	U19M	U19F	U17M	U17F
Standing Lap	<19.00	<20.50	<19.40	<20.85
Sprint/ Keirin	<11.00 (1 st year)	<12.20 (1 st year)	<11.50	<12.40
Time Trial 1km - male 500m - female	<1.06.00 (1 st year)	<37.30 (1 st year)	<35.70	<37.70
Individual Pursuit	<3.30.00 (1 st year)	<2.34.00 (1 st year)	<2.27.00 (1 st year)	<2.43.00 (1 st year)