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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SPORTS INSTITUTE (SASI) SELECTION POLICY

APPLICABLE TO SASI SPORTS PROGRAMS AND ATHLETES

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for selection in a SASI Sport program:

- 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 sport program 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 be selected in a SASI sport program:

- 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 athlete 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 athletes and not eligible for selection in a SASI Sport program.

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, VA National Performance Director, and a minimum of one representative from the sport (NSO or SSO).

The SASI Manager, Sports and Programs for the SASI sport shall chair the selection panel.





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The Selection Panel will make their recommendations based on the selection criteria detailed in the selection policy.

Selection recommendations for the SASI Sport program will be submitted for approval to the sport specific Performance Program Management Group (PPMG).

Athletes who are selected will have their selection status reviewed by the Selection Panel no less than every 12 months.

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.

ATHLETE OBLIGATIONS

All athletes who have been selected into SASI sport program 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.

APPEALS

Athletes may only appeal their non-selection 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.





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Appendix A

SASI BEACH VOLLEYBALL PROGRAM SPORT SPECIFIC SELECTION CRITERIA

The SASI Volleyball program will work to develop and assist identified South Australian Emerging and Developing athletes, as categorised within the VA athlete categorisation framework, to achieve transition to VA National Beach Volleyball programs.

Athletes selected in the SASI Beach Volleyball program must be able to demonstrate that they are tracking towards selection in the Developing Volleyroos program, through

- Competition/ benchmark event performances
- Physical and Psychological attributes related to the sport of beach volleyball
- Beach Volleyball technical and tactical skills
- High performance athlete behavioural standards
- Athlete wellbeing and engagement
- Beach Volleyball capability assessment assessed by national team coaches and SASI coach.

Eligibility does not necessarily guarantee selection into the SASI Beach Volleyball program. This will be dependent on program capacity limits (maximum of 8 athletes at any one time). 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 standard and/ or being a categorised athlete does not automatically qualify the athlete for selection in the SASI Beach Volleyball program.

Sport specific criteria:

1. Performance

- Performance of the athlete at nominated benchmark senior and junior competitions during the previous sport program period.
- Commitment of the athlete to competing in all international and domestic competition opportunities
- Commitment to and performance in the 'Daily Training Environment'

2. Physical

- National Test Protocol including, but not limited to: speed, agility, relevant strength and power
- Satisfactory completion of a medical screening test, Satisfactory completion of a physiotherapy screening test

3. Technical

- Quality of essential skills, execution of specific skills, decision making skills

4. Tactical

- Execution of position specific skills under pressure and in game situations, attack and defence unit skills, decision making under pressure, game sense

5. Psychological

- The athlete consistently displays mental toughness, resilience, ability to cope, ability to focus, confidence





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6. Behavioural

- The athlete consistently displays: competitiveness, motivation, leadership, adaptability, coachability

7. Athlete wellbeing and engagement

- Appropriate support and development in life balance, including dual career focus

8. Capability Assessment

- Relative potential, as determined by the Selection Panel for the athlete to develop into an International standard athlete.
- 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, potential to progress (including physical, physiological, medical, psychological, coachability and commitment criterion and external factors).

9. Other

- Ongoing evaluation processes during sport program period, which includes meeting KPI's as set out in Individual Athlete Performance Plans

SASI Training Agreement

- SASI Training Agreement can be offered to athletes who are deemed to be in the high performance pathway, these include;
- Junior athletes transitioning into senior competition.
- An athlete who hasn't achieved the specified performance criteria in that year, but is an athlete with significant potential and/or can be of benefit to the program can be offered a SASI Training Agreement.



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