

HIGH PERFORMANCE ROWING SCHOLARSHIPS 2010/11

INTRODUCTION:

The National Elite Sports Council (NESC) is in the process of moving towards a structure of standardised classifications for high performance athlete scholarships, training environments and staffing within these environments.

The National Rowing Centre of Excellence (NRCE) is supportive of this approach and has been working with all Sports Institutes and Academies across Australia (AIS/SIS/SAS) to implement the first phase of this, being the classification and timings of 2010/11 rowing scholarships. Additionally the NRCE will be aligning the elite development program to the broad criteria.

This information document outlines the agreed minimum performance criteria established for the respective scholarship tiers for which athletes will be assessed, together with the process and timings.

CRITERIA:

- The table following outlines the minimum performance criteria expected to be met in order for athletes to be considered for the respective scholarships, in each respective tier.
- The NRCE and each Sports Institute or Academy may choose to apply additional criteria over and above the minimum performance criteria, which may include annual performance improvement, other physical parameters, technical ability, psychological, cultural and behavioural history and expectations.
- In special cases athlete's individual circumstances may prevent them from achieving the minimum performance criteria. These athlete's special circumstances can be taken into consideration.
- To be considered, athletes are expected to be nominating for Australian representation within the scholarship period, or providing appropriate reasons if not.

Tiers	Age	Minimum Performance Criteria
Tier 1 World Class Athlete	Senior A	- Current Olympic Games , Paralympic Games or Senior A World Championship top 4 in crew boat or top 8 in single scull in previous two years (Olympic or Paralympic boat classes).
		- Returning Olympic Champion, Paralympic Champion, or Senior A World Champion (Olympic/Paralympic boat classes) in previous two years.
		- Special circumstances (refer below for details)
Tier 2 International Class Athlete	Senior A	- Current Olympic or Paralympic boat class Senior A team member
		- Current Non-Olympic boat class World Champion in crew boat or top 4 in single scull.
		- Returning Olympic, Paralympic, or World Championship top 4 in crew boat or top 8 in single scull in last two years (Olympic or Paralympic boat classes).
		- Plus achieving Orange level in NRCE ergometer monitoring for June-July ergometer test battery for 30min fixed rate and 2km tests.
		- Returning World Champion in non-Olympic crew boat in the last two years
		- Plus achieving Orange level in NRCE ergometer monitoring June-July ergometer test battery for 30min fixed rate and 2km tests.
- Returning Senior A team member within the last 4 years		
- Plus achieving Light Green in NRCE ergometer monitoring or better for your age during June-July ergometer test battery for either 30min fixed rate or 2km test.		
- Special circumstances (refer below for details)		



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Level	Age	Minimum Performance Criteria
Tier 3 Developing International Athlete	Senior A	- Current Non-Olympic boat class Senior A team.
	Under 23 & Under 19	- Current Under 23 or Junior World Championship top 4 in crew boat or top 8 in single scull - Plus achieving 1 Yellow and 1 Light Green in NRCE ergometer monitoring for your age during the same ergometer test battery for 30min fixed rate and 2km tests.
	All Ages	- Any athlete achieving 1 Dark Green plus at minimum 1 Orange in NRCE ergometer monitoring or better for your age during the same ergometer test battery for 30min fixed rate and 2km tests.
		- Athlete achieving 2 Light Green in NRCE ergometer monitoring or better for your age during the same ergometer test battery for 30min fixed rate and 2km tests. - Special circumstances (refer below for details)
Tier 4 Potential International Athlete National Talent Identification & Development (NEDP & NTID)	All Ages Talent Development	Existing NEDP Scholar – - To apply must be completing the NEDP monthly monitoring tests and data. - Achieving Yellow in NRCE ergometer monitoring for your age showing improvement in performance during the same ergometer test battery for 30min fixed rate and 2km tests.
		Entry level minimum – - Athlete must be already completing the NEDP monthly monitoring. - NTID Selection Standards achieve Dark Green in NRCE ergometer monitoring. - Achieving Yellow scores in NRCE ergometer monitoring for your age showing improvement in performance during the same ergometer test battery for 30min fixed rate and 2km tests. - Special circumstances (refer below for details)
	All Ages Talent Identification	Existing NTID Scholar – - Athlete must be already completing the NEDP monthly monitoring. - Achieving 4 Yellow scores in NRCE ergometer monitoring for 18 year age targets showing improvement in performance for all 4 ergo assessments.
		Entry level minimum – - NTID Selection Standards achieve Dark Green in NRCE ergometer monitoring. - Special circumstances (refer below for details)
Coxswains	All Ages	- Nominating for selection in the current season. - Have the approval of the gender specific National Head Coach, and SIS/SAS Head Coach. - Scholarship Tier to be agreed by National Head Coach, and SIS/SAS Head Coach.
Special Circumstances	For Tiers 1 – 3	- Athlete has done something significant in international rowing, or has the potential to do something significant in international rowing. - Be nominating for selection in the current season. - Have the approval of SIS/SAS head coach and gender specific national Head Coach. - Scholarship Tier to be agreed by National Head Coach, and SIS/SAS Head Coach.
	For Tier 4	- Have exceptional testing results in some of the NRCE ergometer monitoring or NTID testing. - Have approval of SIS/SAS or NTID program head, and NRCE Elite Development Manager.



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TIMING:

Date	Item
20 August 10	Closing date for AIS Rowing Scholarship applications
27 August 10	Draft proposed scholarships collated and sent to NRCE from SIS/SAS/SSOs
1 September 10	Applications discussed and proposed scholarships signed off by NRCE
9 September 10	Scholarships signed off by State JMCs and other applicable authorities
10 September 10	All Scholarships announced
4 October 10	2011/11 scholarships commence

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ADDITIONAL NOTES:

1. Refer to the Rowing Australia website www.rowingaustralia.com.au for the National Team Selection Policy, relevant Event Requirements, Elite Development (NEDP and rowing specific NTID) programs.
2. Notwithstanding, the number of scholarships and the numbers in scholarship tiers offered are determined by each individual Institute and Academy and are generally of a fixed number. Priority will be determined on athletes' current performance level, or perceived future potential.
3. Institutes and Academies are entitled to nominate additional athlete scholarships outside the annual timeframes stipulated as circumstances arise.
4. Refer to www.ausport.gov.au for information relating more broadly to the NTID program.
5. Refer to the follow websites for relevant information relating to specific scholarship programs:
 - a. AIS: www.ausport.gov.au/ais/sports/rowing/scholarships
 - b. ACTAS: www.tams.act.gov.au/play/sport_and_recreation/actas
 - c. QAS: www.qasport.qld.gov.au/
 - d. NSWIS: www.nswis.com.au/
 - e. SASI: www.recsport.sa.gov.au/sasi/about-sas
 - f. TIS: www.tis.tas.gov.au/
 - g. VIS: www.vis.org.au/
 - h. WAIS: www.wais.org.au/

