



South Australian Sports Institute

SASI CYCLING SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION POLICY **22 November 2010 – 30 September 2011**

1. Scholarship Tiers & Disciplines

The South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) Cycling Program offers a 3-tiered scholarship program.

- (i) SASI Full Scholarship
- (ii) Associate Scholarship (SASI / AIS)
- (iii) Associate Scholarship (Professional)

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

- o Track Sprint
- o Track Endurance
- o Road / Road Time Trial

SASI may offer scholarships to athletes in disciplines other than those listed above, through the SASI High Performance/Paralympic Scholarship and Talented Athlete Awards Programs.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the South Australian Sports Institute (SASI) Squad programs are:

- To identify talented athletes with the potential to progress to the National Squad / Team level and to represent Australia at Junior and / or senior level.
- To develop and support identified athletes in all areas that are required for elite performance
- To prepare athletes adequately and appropriately for future consideration as National Team Athletes

3. Selections

- Selections for SASI Squad programs will be conducted in consultation with State and National Sporting Organisations, and endorsed by the SASI Joint Management Committee (JMC).
- A Selection Panel appointed by and including the SASI Coach will determine SASI Squad program scholarships.
- Sport specific selection criteria will be developed by the SASI Head Coach and the appointed Selection Panel, and will take into account any national criteria as part of the National High Performance Pathway.
- Scholarships can be offered as Discipline specific scholarships. They will typically cover a 12 month period. Shorter periods may be offered (e.g. 1-3 month trial). The Selection Panel may conduct reviews and SASI reserve the right to add or remove athlete's to/from a scholarship squad at any time.
- Selections for SASI Cycling Squad will be conducted in September – November.

4. Athlete Obligations

All SASI Scholarship athletes selected in the SASI Squad Program must:

- Be a resident of South Australia & registered with Cycling South Australia
- 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/or other SASI policies.
- Have met the sport specific selection criteria, or selected as a developing potential elite athlete as determined by the appointed Selection Panel

5. SASI Scholarship Holders Athlete Review:

Athletes will be subjected to regular review by the selection Panel. The review will consider;

- (a) Athlete's performance.
- (b) Athlete ongoing development.
- (c) Athlete's attitude and general demeanour.
- (d) Individual's ability to meet the selection criteria & objectives.

6. Other Considerations

Achieving the nominated selection criteria does not automatically qualify the athlete for SASI Squad selection. Other factors that will be taken into consideration when determining final selections are:

- The age and performance potential of the athlete
- 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 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
- Where the Selection Panel determines that, notwithstanding achievement of the selection criteria, the athlete does not have the potential to progress to Australian representation at Junior and / or Senior level.

7. Queries on Selection.

- The SASI Program Manager or SASI Cycling Head Coach, 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 Cycling Head Coach, for consideration.

SASI Full Scholarship Selection Criteria - Track

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

- Skill and tactical deployment relevant to the event.
- Current level of development
- Potential for improvement
- Performance history.
- Attitude/ Application to training and competition
- Previous Performance at National level

Specified Performance Criteria

Event	Men	Women	U/19 M	U/19 W		
Sprint/ Keirin	10.70	12.00	11.00(1 st y) 10.80(2 nd y)	12.10(1 st y) 12.00(2 nd y)		
Time Trial 1km/500m	1.04.00	35.80	1.06.00(1 st y) 1.04.05(2 nd y)	37.00 (1 st y) 36.20 (2 nd y)		
Individual. Pursuit 2,3,4 km	4.29.00	3.40.00	3.27.00 (1 st y) 3.23.00 (2 nd y)	2.32.00(1 st y) 2.29.00(2 nd y)		
Points / Madison / Scratch / Pursuit Omnium	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 shall 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 at a National level in Bunch Racing.					

A cyclist who hasn't achieved the specified performance criteria but in the selectors' opinions is a developing cyclist with significant potential and/or can be of benefit to the program can be awarded a Full SASI Cycling Scholarship.

SASI Full Scholarship Selection Criteria - Road & Road Time Trial

To be eligible for consideration for a SASI Road and Road Time Trial Cycling Scholarship the cyclist must have displayed the qualities and performances which show potential to progress to a standard required to become an elite performer, i.e. progress to AIS/National Team and represent Australia at the Open level.

The following areas will be assessed for use in the selection process

- Skill and tactical deployment relevant to the event.
- Current level of development.
- Age and potential for improvement.
- Performance history.
- Attitude/Application to training and competition
- Competitive in National and National Series Events (Top 10)

Associate Scholarship (SASI / AIS) Selection Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for an Associate Scholarship (SASI / AIS) Cycling, the cyclist must:

- Be a current AIS Scholarship holder (or in the process of transitioning to an AIS scholarship within 6 months).
- Provide the SASI Cycling Coach with details of all competition programs both domestic and international.
- Make themselves available for SASI physiology testing as determined by the SASI Cycling Coach
- Attend educational lectures, meetings as deemed necessary by the SASI Cycling Coach.
- Wear the SASI cycle in all training and Competition, unless otherwise agreed by the SASI Coach.

Associate Scholarship (SASI / AIS) Benefits:

Athletes will receive, if not provided by the AIS

- Training programs and coaching service to be provided by the SASI Cycling Coach (unless other coaching arrangements are agreed to by the SASI Cycling Coach)
- SASI – Cycling clothing (bib knick's and road jersey, skin suit if required).
- Access to SASI facilities as determined by the SASI coach and AIS coach.
- Assistance with ground transport at selected interstate events if needed.

NOTE: Associate Scholarship (SASI / AIS) athletes will be eligible for financial support for competition or training at the discretion of the SASI Cycling Head Coach in discussion with the AIS.

The availability and use of other SASI services, including sports psychology, ACE services etc will be at the discretion of the SASI Cycling Coach and in conjunction with the AIS.

Associate Scholarship (Professional) Selection Criteria

To be eligible for consideration for an Associate Scholarship (Professional), the cyclist must:

- Be a member of a UCI or National registered team. This includes Pro Tour, Continental Pro, Continental and National teams.
- Provide the SASI Cycling Coach with details of all competition programs both domestic and international.
- Make themselves available for SASI physiology testing as determined by the SASI Cycling Coach
- Attend educational lectures, meetings as deemed necessary by the SASI Cycling Coach.
- Wear the SASI cycle in all training and Competition, unless otherwise agreed by the SASI Coach.

Benefits will include access to SASI facilities. SASI group training and basic training plans if needed for targeted National/International events. Only basic equipment if needed such as Disc wheels will be available.