

## SLALOM CANOE / KAYAK NATIONAL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA 2005

### **Background**

The Slalom Canoe / Kayak National Centre of Excellence Program (NCE) maximises the collective expertise and resources of the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), Australian Canoeing (AC) and the New South Wales Institute of Sport (NSWIS) in a unique partnership to achieve medal winning performances and sustainable international success.

### **Principles**

The Slalom Canoe / Kayak National Centre of Excellence will offer up to a maximum of 20 scholarships.

The National Performance Director and National Centre of Excellence coaches set the scholarship criteria and make recommendations to the National Centre of Excellence Joint Management Committee (JMC).

The Joint Management Committee approves the NCE scholarships.

There will be two scholarship periods for 2005:

1. April to October 2005; and,
2. November 2005 to March 2006.

The scholarship criteria for April to October is detailed below. The November to March criteria will be available in September/October 2005.

### **NCE scholarships – Relationship with SIS/SAS**

#### NSW Registered Athletes

The NSWIS, the AIS and Australian Canoeing have agreed to fully integrate their Canoe Slalom Programs. This means former NSWIS athletes will only sign one NCE (joint NSWIS/AIS) agreement and will be dual badged NSWIS/AIS.

The NSWIS athletes will continue to receive financial assistance for training and competition, however these funds will be administered through the NCE operational budget (i.e. by Sam Hutchins, NCE Program Coordinator). The criteria for NSW based athletes requires the athlete to fulfil the selection criteria for the NCE, reside in NSW, be affiliated members of NSW Canoeing and compete for a NSW Club at selection events.

### Other 'State-based' Athletes

Other state based programs, linked to the relevant SIS/SAS, play a key role in the national program. These programs provide critical daily training environment support to athletes that do not reside in NSW. The NCE will continue to support these 'state-based' athletes through NCE camps and other benefits documented in the 'Schedule of Scholarship Benefits'.

The athletes in the VIS Canoe Slalom program and individual scholarship holders at the WAIS (or any other SIS/SAS) will continue to receive financial assistance for training and competition as determined by their relevant SIS/SAS.

These athletes will sign both a SIS/SAS and NCE agreement. These athletes will also be dual badged by their relevant SIS/SAS and the AIS.

### **Scholarship Criteria – April to October 2005**

#### **Tier 1 criteria**

Tier 1 scholarships will be offered to:

- Athletes/crews who achieved a top 5 performance at 2004 Olympic Games and are selected to the 2005 national senior team;
- Athletes who achieve a medal at a 2005 World Cup event.

#### **Tier 2 criteria**

Tier 2 scholarships will be offered to:

- The top 3 ranked athletes/crews in each class in the 2005 senior national team selection subject to meeting the following NCE tier 2 scholarship performance standard at two out of the four national team selection events:

The NCE tier 2 scholarship performance standard is the following percentage score above base score. The base score at each selection event is the lowest total score recorded by an athlete/crew at that event in any of the ICF classes.

K1	104%
C1	112%
K1W	120%
C2	118%

#### **Tier 3 criteria**

A maximum of 20 NCE scholarships will be offered. Tier 1 and tier 2 positions will be awarded first, with tier 3 scholarships allocated from the remaining positions.

Tier 3 scholarships will be offered to:

- The 4<sup>th</sup> ranked athlete/crew in the 2005 national senior team selection ranking in K1, C1 or K1W subject to meeting the NCE tier 2 scholarship performance standard above.
- 2005 Team 22 athletes/crews meeting the NCE tier 3 scholarship performance standard at two out of the four national team selection events:

The NCE tier 3 scholarship performance standard is the following percentage score above base score. The base score at each selection event is the lowest total score recorded by an athlete/crew at that event in any of the ICF classes.

K1	106%
C1	116%
K1W	124%
C2	122%

- Junior athletes achieving top 10 placing at the 2004 junior world championship and gaining selection to Team 22 in 2005.

### **General criteria**

In considering the performances of athletes at the selection events the selection panel may give weight to extenuating circumstances.

The athlete must be an Australian citizen, or currently taking all reasonable steps to become an Australian citizen.

The athlete must be eligible to represent Australia and be an affiliated member of Australian Canoeing by being a financial member of an affiliated Club.

The athlete is a fit and proper person to participate in the NCE scholarship program and to represent the AIS, the NSWIS and AC.

The Athlete displays a suitable temperament, and suitable levels of self-motivation and self-discipline, to participate in the NCE scholarship program.

Scholarship holders must comply with the training/competition requirements of the NCE Scholarship Program, the NCE Athlete Scholarship Agreement and the NCE Athlete/Coach agreement.

## **Visiting Athletes**

1. Athletes invited to train at the NCE at the discretion of the NCE coaches;
2. NSW registered athletes as recommended by the NSWIS Slalom Canoe Coach; and,
3. NSWIS Emerging Athletes (see program description)

Athletes invited to train with the NCE will be classified by the AIS as “visiting athletes” to the NCE program.