

ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY POLICY

Policy Statement

The South East Sports Academy (SESA) will service the Canberra Region Joint Organisation Area which is located in south-eastern New South Wales, to the immediate north, east and south of the Australian Capital Territory. It covers the NSW local government areas of: Bega Valley, Snowy Monaro, Eurobodalla, Queanbeyan-Palerang, Goulburn-Mulwarree, Yass Valley, Upper Lachlan and Hilltops.

To be deemed eligible to access an Academy program an athlete must:

- a. Reside in the Academy region; or
- b. Attend a school located in the Academy region; or
- c. Be registered and competing with an association / state affiliate which has its base within the Academy's region; or
- d. Reside in the ACT and be registered/affiliated with a sport organisation that has partnered with SESA.

NOTE: Athletes involved in the NSWIS or ACTAS Programs are eligible to apply for a squad program scholarship with the Academy. Such applications will be discussed with NSWIS or ACTAS.

Discretionary eligibility may also be provided to athletes outside the qualification area subject to approval from the SESA Coordinator, following consultation with relevant regional academies and sporting organisations.

Guidelines

1. Athletes are required to be registered with a State Sporting Organisation, directly or through an affiliated club or association at the time of their selection for the following reasons:
 - 1.1 Academy programs exist to assist athlete's progress through the state system. If an athlete is not registered with the relevant SSO they are ineligible to progress through the system, and therefore should not be in the Academy program.
 - 1.2 Athletes participating in Academy programs are covered by insurance via their sport registration. Therefore, athletes who are not registered with the SSO are not covered by the sport's insurance if they should sustain an injury during their time with the Academy.
2. In the event that an athlete ceases to meet the eligibility criteria after being initially accepted into the program, the Academy will review the athlete's eligibility with a view to determining if he/she should be permitted to continue in the program. In the event that there is a dispute regarding eligibility, the matter should be referred to the SESA Coordinator for consideration.