

Elite Athlete Support Program Policy

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1. PURPOSE

To define Council's criteria and guidelines in processing applications for elite athletes wishing to utilise Council's Shoalhaven Swim & Fitness Centres and recreation / sporting facilities as part of their training and development.

2. STATEMENT

The title shall be the Shoalhaven Elite Athlete Support Program, and the Policy will provide criteria for assessment of candidates for the Program in **either** of the following two (2) areas:

- Assessment criteria for use in assessing potential candidates proposed by the Shoalhaven Sports Board under the Shoalhaven Elite Athlete Support Program - Swimming
- Assessment criteria for use in assessing potential candidates proposed by the Illawarra Academy of Sport under the Shoalhaven Elite Athlete Support Program for use of gymnasium facilities only – Gym use

This is to allow Council to assess approaches by elite athletes for the use of Council's Shoalhaven Swim & Fitness Centres or recreation / sporting facilities at no cost. This Policy is based on the following Council Minutes:

- Min13.891 - Preparation - Elite Athlete Support Program - Shoalhaven Swim & Fitness Centre & Sporting Facilities – Criteria
- Min13.1224 - Shoalhaven Sports Board - Council Policy - Adoption - Elite Athlete Support Program
- Min15.52 - Notice of Motion - Illawarra Academy of Sport - Scholarship holders - Leisure Centres - Free entry - Council Policy - Amendment - Elite Athletes Support Program

2.1. Scope

The Aquatics Manager will preside over initial applications for use of Shoalhaven Swim & Fitness Centres.

This Policy does not apply where a Council facility is managed by contractors, under lease or licence agreement or under control by a Management Committee (as defined by Sections 355 and 377 of the Local Government Act 1993).

2.2. Applications

Applications for fee support under this Policy should be made on the attached form "Application for Fee Support".

3. PROVISIONS

- 3.1 Fee support for the use of facilities may only be considered and approved by delegated authority to access Council's Shoalhaven Swim & Fitness Centres and / or recreation / sporting facilities.
- 3.2 The Shoalhaven Sports Board and Illawarra Academy of Sport will adhere to the following criteria in assessing athletes for free access to Council's Shoalhaven Swim & Fitness Centres and sporting facilities:
 - 3.2.1 Applicants must meet the relevant criteria of the Shoalhaven Sporting Hall of Fame – refer to Attachment A - Trim No D14/172345.

OR

- 3.2.2 Be a current member of Illawarra Academy of Sport and are 16 years of age - criteria pertaining to potential candidates proposed by Illawarra Academy of Sport is contained in Attachment B – 2017 Illawarra Academy of Sport Scholarship Agreement - D17/181321.
- 3.3 Applicants must not be currently paid or sponsored to compete in their respective sports.
- 3.4 External coaches of successful applicants will be required to pay all lane hire/facility charges as per Council's fees and charges.
- 3.5 An athlete's inclusion into the Elite Athlete Support Program should not conflict with any other schemes support by way of fee waiver or subsidy currently offered by Council.
- 3.6 Access to Council's Shoalhaven Swim & Fitness Centres and sporting facilities shall be limited to free casual swimming entry only or gym use and does not extend to any other program such as coaching, personal training or group exercise classes.
- 3.7 Access shall be limited to individuals only, groups or teams will not be considered.
- 3.8 Successful applicants shall also be required to abide by Council's current –"7.01 – Shoalhaven Swim & Fitness – Patron and Staff Guidelines – Patron Behaviour – Standard Operating Procedure (PRD16/71". Failure to do so may lead to the withdrawal of free casual entry and / or termination of membership.
- 3.9 Access to facilities will be permitted during normal hours of operation only.
- 3.10 Each athlete will be required to provide his / her own equipment for training sessions.
- 3.11 Illawarra Academy of Sport participant's access is limited to set program designed by Illawarra Academy of Sport. Participant must not deviate from the set program.
- 3.12 Parents and other relatives of athletes under the Elite Athlete Support Program are not entitled to free access to facilities.

3.13 Use of Shoalhaven Swim & Fitness Centres and / or sporting facilities must be relevant to the Elite Athlete's chosen field of endeavour.

4. IMPLEMENTATION

The Finance Corporate & Community Services Group of Council will administer this Policy.

5. REVIEW

To be reviewed within one (1) year of the election of a new Council.

6. APPLICATION OF ESD PRINCIPLES

None applicable.



Application for Elite Athletes Access to Shoalhaven Swim & Fitness Facilities & other Council Facilities

Please complete the following application form & submit to Council via email: council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au

Personal Details	
Surname:	First Name:
Address:	Telephone (H):
	Telephone (W):
	Mobile Phone:
Email Address:	
Date of Birth:	Gender: Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/>
Country of Birth:	Nationality:
Facility	
Location/Facility to be used:	
Sporting Details	
Sport:	
Sporting Achievements: (please list & attach separate sheet if required)	
Have you been inducted into the Shoalhaven Sporting Hall of Fame: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are you a current member of Illawarra Academy of Sport: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
When did you commence your training in the Shoalhaven Area:	
Have you represented Australia at an international level: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Have you represented your sport at a National Elite Junior or Senior Level: (not including representation through school sports activities) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes in what sport?.....
Have you attached proof/evidence of your induction & sporting achievements: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you been or are you currently been paid or receiving sponsorship: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Are you a resident of the Shoalhaven Area: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Candidates Proposed by Illawarra Academy of Sport:
Date of original signing to Academy:
What sports:
Declaration
I,..... agree that the information on this form is true and correct.
I,..... (parent/guardian signature)
<i>Privacy Notification: the information requested on this form is being collected by Shoalhaven City Council for the use of the facilities only. The information will be used solely by Council officers for the purpose mentioned or a directly related purpose. The applicant understands that this information is provided on a voluntary basis and may apply to Council for access or amendment of the information at any time.</i>
APPROVAL:
<i>Reviewed – Shoalhaven Swim & Fitness (Aquatics) Manager:</i>
APPROVED / NOT APPROVED
<i>Commencement Date:</i>

Terms & Conditions

- External coaches of successful applicants will be required to pay all lane hire / facility charges as per Council's fees and charges
- Inclusion in this program should not conflict with any other support schemes by way of fee waiver or subsidy currently offered by Council

- Access to Council's Swim & Fitness facilities shall be limited to free casual swimming entry only and does not extend to any other program such as coaching, personal training or group exercise classes
- Access shall be limited to individuals only, groups or teams will not be considered
- Successful applicants shall abide by Council's Patron Behaviour Guidelines – failure to do so may lead to the withdrawal of free casual access
- Access to facilities will be permitted during normal hours of operation only
- Each athlete will be required to provide his/her own equipment for training purposes
- Use of Council's facilities must be relevant to the Athlete's chosen field