

Elite Athlete Support Program Policy

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1. Purpose

To define the criteria and guidelines by which recognised elite athletes may receive Council support for the use of Shoalhaven Swim Sport Fitness aquatics and sporting facilities as part of their training and development.

2. Statement

Council's Shoalhaven Swim Sport Fitness Department operates aquatics and sporting facilities in three geographical areas in the Shoalhaven: the North, Central and South. The Precinct manager in each area is responsible for the financial and operational management of all Swim Sport Fitness facilities in that area. Precinct managers will assess applications against this Policy with consideration of potential value-adding and budgetary constraints in each precinct. Any Council support provided will be approved by the Manager, Shoalhaven Swim Sport Fitness.

2.1. Scope

Fee support or value-added services approved under this Program may only apply to the use of Council's Shoalhaven Swim Sport Fitness aquatics and sporting facilities. It will not apply to the use of non-sporting assets.

This Policy does not apply at facilities that are managed by contractors, by lease or licence agreement, or by volunteer Management Committees (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 Council Support".

3. Provisions

3.1 Criteria for Applications

The following criteria apply to applications that will be assessed:

- 3.1.1 The athlete must have represented Australia at an international or national elite junior or senior level. Selection of an athlete does not include persons whose representation is limited to school sports activities.
 - 3.1.2 The athlete must have undergone their formative training in the Shoalhaven and be recognised as a medium/long term Shoalhaven Local Government Area resident. Swimmers must also have current or previous membership of the Swim Sport & Fitness Learn To Swim (squad) Program
- OR**
- The athlete shall have a current Scholarship Agreement with the Illawarra Academy of Sport and be a minimum of 16 years of age. They must continue to meet the criteria of the Scholarship Agreement (D17/181321).
- 3.1.3 Applicants must not be currently paid or receive significant sponsorship benefits to compete in their respective sports.
 - 3.1.4 Athletes receiving other Shoalhaven City Council financial or in-kind support are not eligible for support under the Elite Athlete Support Program.

- 3.1.5 Access to this Program shall be limited to individuals only, groups or teams will not be considered.
- 3.1.6 Exceptions to these criteria will be considered on their merits by relevant Precinct managers and approved by Manager, Shoalhaven Swim Sport Fitness.

3.2 Guidelines

The following guidelines apply to the implementation of this Program:

- 3.2.1 External coaches of successful applicants will be required to pay all lane hire/facility charges as per Council's fees and charges.
- 3.2.2 Recipients of support under this program must make a minimal level of fee contributions, to the equivalent payment of 1 session admission fee per week. The Manager, Shoalhaven Swim Sport Fitness may exercise discretion in granting exceptions to this requirement, based upon the current budgetary constraints in each precinct.
- 3.2.3 Recipients of support under this program are required to abide by Council's current Shoalhaven Swim Sport & Fitness – Patron and Staff Guidelines – Patron Behaviour – Standard Operating Procedure (PRD16/71).
- 3.2.4 Access to facilities will be permitted during normal hours of operation only.
- 3.2.5 Each athlete may be required to provide his / her own equipment for training sessions.
- 3.2.6 Illawarra Academy of Sport participant's access is limited to set programs designed by Illawarra Academy of Sport. Participants must not deviate from the set program.
- 3.2.7 Parents and other relatives of athletes under the Elite Athlete Support Program are not entitled to free access to facilities.
- 3.2.8 Use of Shoalhaven Swim Sport & Fitness facilities must be relevant to the Elite Athlete's professional field of endeavour.

4. Implementation

The City Lifestyles Directorate of Council will administer this Policy.

Shoalhaven Swim Sport Fitness Precinct managers will assess applications against this Policy, and any Council support provided will be approved by the Manager, Shoalhaven Swim Sport Fitness. This process will ensure that applications:

- are processed in a timely manner
- are assessed in liaison with the applicant
- maximise value-adding of potential services offered by each Swim Sport Fitness facility
- maximise fee discounts within current budgetary constraints

A report outlining applications received and all Council support approved under this Program will be included in the quarterly update presented to the Shoalhaven Sports Board.

5. Review

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

Application for Council Support Elite Athlete Support Program Shoalhaven Swim Sport Fitness



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"/>	
Are you a current recipient of AIS Sport Scholarship (please attach evidence): Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
When did you commence your training in the Shoalhaven Area:	

Details of your current/previous membership - Swim Sport & Fitness Learn To Swim (squad) Program:

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Have you represented Australia at an international level: Yes No

Details:.....

Have you represented your sport at a National Elite Junior or Senior Level:

(not including representation through school sports activities) Yes No

Details:.....

Attach proof/evidence of your induction & sporting achievements: Yes No

Provide details of other financial or in-kind support received from Shoalhaven City Council:

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Have you been or are you currently been paid or receiving in-kind

Sponsorship, provide details: Yes No

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Are you a resident of the Shoalhaven Area: Yes No

Date of Arrival:

Candidates Proposed by Illawarra Academy of Sport:

Date of original signing to Academy:

What sports:

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Declaration

I,..... agree that the information on this form is true and correct.

I agree to participate in marketing and promotion activities for Shoalhaven City Council and/or Shoalhaven Swim Sport Fitness as required.

I,..... (parent/guardian signature)

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.

RECOMMENDATION:

Date:

Reviewed – Shoalhaven Swim Sport Fitness Precinct manager:

APPROVE / NOT APPROVE

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

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.....

Term of Agreement - Dates:.....

APPROVAL:

Date:

Signature, Shoalhaven Swim Sport Fitness Manager:

Terms & Conditions

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