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2009/10 REGIONAL TALENT DEVELOPMENT SQUAD ATHLETE APPLICATION GUIDE



STEP 1: READ ATHLETE APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Aim of the Program

To provide talented regional swimmers with development and educational opportunities which assist their pursuit of higher achievements at a National standard of competition and move through the high performance pathway.

Athlete Eligibility Criteria

Athletes must:

- Be a current registered member of an affiliated regional swimming club.
- Reside, train and go to school in a regional area in WA.
- Train under an accredited coach affiliated with the same regional swimming club that the athlete is a member of.
- Nominate an affiliated country swimming club as their first claim club.
- Perform a minimum of 75% of squad training in country WA.
- Commit to a minimum of six training sessions per week with the coach of the country swimming club they are affiliated with, for the duration of the scholarship.
- Be a minimum of 12 years of age in the current scholarship year from July 1st 2009

Note: The number of places available is subject to funding. SWA retains the right to refuse applications regardless of achievement or places remaining.

Athlete Selection Criteria

- Selection is based on athlete performances at the 2009 Australian Age/Open Championships, 2009 SunSmart State Open Championships, 2009 SunSmart State Junior Championships, 2009 Summer Sensation and 2009 Country Championships.
- Priority is given to the following performances:
 - 1) National Age/ Open Medallists
 - 2) National Age/ Open Finalists
 - 3) National Age/ Open Heats
 - 4) National Age/ Open qualifying time at one of the selection meets (but did not attend National Age/ Open Championships)
 - 5) State Open, State Age, State Junior Distance, State Junior Sprint and Country Championships times within 5% of a National Age / Open qualifying time

In the event of a tie for the last few places, athletes will be separated by the percentage difference between their time and the winning time.

Athlete Program Benefits

Benefits to Regional Talent Development scholarship holders include:

- Funding assistance to the State Championships, Country Championships.
- Funding assistance to travel to Perth for the Development Squad Camp
- Participation in the Development Squad Camp
- Funding assistance to the Australian Age/ Australian Open Championships (if a qualifying time is achieved)
- Access to the Regional Talent Development Mentor Coach
- Other activities detailed in the Regional Talent Contract to be confirmed.

Note: Some of these activities may incur some cost due to the expansion of activities for the new season.

Coach Eligibility & Selection Criteria

Coaches must:

- Be the primary coach of an athlete selected in the 2009-10 Regional Talent Development program.
- Be a current registered member of an affiliated Swimming WA regional swimming club.
- Have a permanent residential address in regional WA.
- Support the swimmers commitment to a minimum of six training sessions each week for the duration of the contract.
- Have a National Police Clearance.
- Have a current Swimming Australia Coaching Accreditation.

Note: Number of places available is subject to funding. SWA retains the right to refuse applications regardless of achievement or places remaining.

Coach Program Benefits

The Academy of Sport offers the following benefits to coaches:

- Funding assistance to State Championships, Country Championships, Squad Allowance, Resource Allowance relative to where they live
- Funding assistance to travel to Perth for the Development Squad Camp
- Participation in the Development Squad Camp
- Funding assistance to Australian Age / Australian Open Championships (if their swimmer achieves a qualifying time)
- Access to the Regional Talent Development Mentor Coach

Proposed Regional Talent Development Activities 2009/10

These activities are tentative and subject to change. Further information will be given closer to the date. Note that these activities may incur a cost due to the expansion of activities in the new season.

Short Course Camp July 2009

Development Squad Camp September/October 2009

WA State Long Course Championships December 2009

National Age Preparation Camp March 2010

Parameters of the Program

A schedule will be developed between Swimming WA, the coach and the athlete, identifying those specific events, camps, clinics, and other commitments that the athlete will need to attend to satisfy the requirements of the scholarship.

All scholarships operate on a reimbursement system in which reimbursement forms must be signed and returned to SWA before funds are repaid. Also, reimbursements will only be made in accordance with the events or items predetermined by the athlete's annual training program or where prior approval of the activity has been granted by the Executive Director of Swimming WA.

Scholarships are not provided in retrospect. Funding must be applied for prior to the commencement of any program unless a special arrangement has been approved by the Executive Director of Swimming WA.

Management

The Executive Director of Swimming WA is responsible for the overall management of the Scholarship Program. Swimming WA will select and administer the scholarships and acquittal process. Scholarship funding is to be acquitted by completing the designated forms, signed as required by the program coordinators, showing proof of satisfactory attendance and performance.

STEP 2: COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION FORM

If after having read these guidelines you consider that you are suitable and there are genuine benefits for you, then all you need to do is complete the enclosed Application Form and return it Swimming WA.

Athletes applying for a scholarship must lodge their application on the form at the back of this document. It is advisable to send your application at least a week before the closing date to avoid any possible delays and unnecessary disappointment.

STEP 3: ASSISTANCE

If you require any assistance or have any questions concerning your application, please contact Sam Hunt, Development Officer at Swimming WA on (08) 9328 4599.

STEP 4: LODGING YOUR APPLICATION BY CLOSING DATE

Please return the 2009/10 Academy of Sport Application Form to Swimming WA by **Friday, 29th May 2009 at 5pm** by:

- 1) Post: PO Box 205, Leederville WA 6903
- 2) Fax: (08) 9227 6089
- 3) Email: sam@wa.swimming.org.au

Please note: Athlete scholarships are subject to funding

STEP 5: REGIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORT SELECTION

Swimming WA shall select the successful athletes within two weeks of the application closing date.

Swimming WA's decision is final and no appeal process regarding a decision will be entered into.

All athletes will be notified of the outcome of their application.

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REGIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORT
ATHLETE APPLICATION FORM**

Part A: ATHLETE DETAILS

Please complete all details in the table below:

Athlete Name:	
Date of Birth:	Age:
Parent Name:	
Address:	
Suburb:	Postcode:
Ph (H)	(W)
Mobile:	Fax:
Email:	
Shirt Size:	
Club:	
Head Coach:	
Ph No:	MOB:
Swimmers Coach:	
Ph No:	MOB:

PART B: ACADEMY OF SPORT ELIGIBILITY DECLARATION

Please answer all questions below:

- 1) Do you perform a minimum of 75% of training in regional WA?

Please circle: Yes / No

- 2) Is your nominated club, your first claim club?

Please circle: Yes / No

- 3) Which club coach conducts six sessions per week for you to attend?

Coach Name: _____

- 4) Do you receive any other grant funding, subsidies, or sponsorships from any another organisation or agency in relation to your athletic development or career?

Please circle: Yes / No

If yes, please provide details of these sponsorships (eg. Organisation name, sponsorship value, contact name)

PART C: SWIMMING ACHIEVEMENTS

Please list your highest swimming achievements in the past 12 months. Ensure that your performances meet one of the five priorities listed in the “*Athlete Selection Criteria*”. This information will be used for selection of athletes.

Meet	Event	Age Group	Qualifying Time	Time Achieved (within 5%)	Place
<i>Eg. Australian Age</i>	<i>Girls 100m Free</i>	<i>16 years</i>	<i>28.50</i>	<i>29.92</i>	<i>3rd</i>

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