

Athlete With a Disability (AWD)



Fact Sheet 2009

NIAS:

NIAS exists to Identify and develop young talented athletes & provides a pathway to higher representative levels.

Who is Eligible

Athletes may be involved in an individual or team sport. Athletes who are eligible to apply for a NIAS squad based program during 2009 are ineligible.

Scholarships will be awarded based on the most recent performances by the athlete at regional level or equivalent.

There are no age restrictions for this program.

An athlete can only have an athlete with a disability program "Lonestar" Scholarship for 2 years.

Athlete must be a member of a regional and or state sporting body or be prepared to join.

The scholarship funds and support service entitlement will vary in accordance with the ranking of the athlete and the classification of the sport.

Selection Process

Up to 15 regional based athletes may be offered a scholarship based on their recent performances, ranking and recommendations from respective state/regional sporting organisations.

Applications will be assessed by the NIAS Lonestar AWD selection panel.

Personal interviews may be called for.

Applications need to be completed online via NIAS Web Site www.nias.org.au

Duration of Program

Scholarship period. July 2009 to November 2010

"Lonestar" AWD Athlete Scholarship Conditions. The Athlete needs to state:

Be committed and prepared to work toward representing at the national and international level.

Comply with the training requirements of their sport as prescribed by nominated coaching staff and respond in a positive manner to any suggestion or criticism.

Live in the NIAS geographic area.

Be committed to a holistic approach to their development, both on and off the field.

Maintain an appropriate performance standard to continue to receive a scholarship.

Behave and dress in a professional and dignified manner when representing the NIAS and its sponsors.

Wear the allocated Academy tracksuit and apparel when representing the Academy at media interviews, public relation activities, sponsor functions and to acknowledge the NIAS sponsors at every opportunity.

Attend Regional Athlete & Coach Education Program (RACE)

For further information on the commitment to NIAS please go to our web site www.nias.org.au

Benefits to athletes selected in Academy Programs are

Financial support Reimbursement grant of up to \$500-00 pa towards expenses incurred in gaining access to higher quality competition, training, facility access & gym fees.

Education/personal development sessions (RACE)

Clothing Package: NIAS Polo Shirt, Full Tracksuit, Shirt, Shorts, socks, and hat.

For more information on benefits please got to the NIAS website www.nias.org.au

Proposed Program

Date	Event	Venue	Time
30th June 2009	Applications close	NA	NA
	Assessments and Interviews if necessary	NA	NA
Late July 2009	Scholarships Announced	NA	NA
August 2009	Induction	Gunnedah	TBA
May- June 2010	RACE Workshops	Home Towns	TBA
November 2010	Academy Awards	Tamworth	6-10pm

Applications:

Open 8th April 2009 . Close 30th June 2009

Program Supported By

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