

Athlete Eligibility Policy

Policy Statement

The South West Sydney Academy of Sport will service a region bounded by the Local Government Areas of Liverpool, Campbelltown, Camden, Wollondilly, and Goulburn (Where applicable). To be deemed eligible to access an Academy program an athlete must either:

- 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 it's base within the Academy region.

Discretionary eligibility may also be provided to athletes outside of the areas of qualification following the approval from the executive committee after consultation and support from other relevant regional academies.

Guidelines

1. Athletes are not required to be registered with an SSO affiliated club at the time of their selection. However all athletes will be expected to register with a club in time for the commencement of the next season for the following reasons:
 - 1.1 Academy programs exist to assist athletes 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 insurance if they should sustain an injury during their time with the Academy.
2. An association's base is deemed to be the facility at which the association conducts it's activities. The base of sports that do not have one primary facility will be defined as that sport's postal address.
3. In the event that an athlete ceases to meet the eligibility criteria after being initially accepted into the program, he/she shall be allowed to continue until the end of the program. The eligibility of the athlete will be reviewed by the Sport Sub-committee before re-admission for subsequent years. In the event that there is a dispute regarding eligibility, the matter should be referred to the Advisory Board for consideration.

Approval & Review

The South West Sydney Academy of Sport Board approves this
Athlete Eligibility Policy on
This policy is due for review on