

UNIVERSITY APPLICATION

Support for Snow Australia Members

Policy and Criteria

Discipline/s:

All disciplines

Categories:

Snow Australia Membership and FIS Results Transcript

Snow Australia Membership and IPC WPAS/ WPSB Results Transcript

Snow Australia University Letter of Support for Emerging Athletes

Snow Australia University Letter of Support for Elite Athletes

1. Objective

This policy outlines the criteria applied by Snow Australia when considering requests for University support letters which will accompany an application for an Emerging or an Elite Sporting University Scholarship and additionally support for athletes involved in any of the aforementioned disciplines. This policy also outlines the process for requesting a membership and results transcript.

2. Selection Criteria

Each university has its own criteria when it comes to consideration for an elite or emerging sport scholarship. Some universities require an athlete to have already gained admission to the university before applying for a scholarship while others can assist with admittance through 'adjustment factors' or 'bonus marks' to their admission scores. It is imperative that you do some research on the university and scholarship you are applying for, before you contact Snow Australia seeking a support letter.

3. Eligibility

To be considered for an Elite or Emerging scholarship support letter from Snow Australia you must meet the following criteria.

3.1 Emerging

To be eligible to receive a Snow Australia University Letter of Support, athletes must:

- 3.1.1 Be a current financial member of Snow Australia;
- 3.1.2 Competing at a State/National level events above the Interschools Snowsports Championships in the current school year (if applicable). Please note, the Interschools Snowsports Championships will not be considered;
- 3.1.3 An Emerging Talent Program names athlete or the equivalent as deemed by the National Discipline Committee;
- 3.1.4 Be categorised as Emerging under the AIS categorisation framework as adopted and applied by Snow Australia.

3.2 **Elite**

To be eligible to receive a Snow Australia University Elite Letter of Support, athletes must:

- 3.2.1 Be a current financial member of Snow Australia;
- 3.2.2 Competing at an International level in the coming year;
- 3.2.3 Hold a National Institute Network (NIN) Scholarship including NSWIS, VIS, QAS, WAIS, SASI, TIS, or, and athlete contract with either Snow Australia or OWIA;
- 3.2.4 Be a named member of their relevant Discipline National Team
- 3.2.5 Be a currently categorised athlete under the AIS categorisation framework as adopted and applied by Snow Australia.

4. **Result Transcript**

If you do not meet the criteria for an Elite or Emerging support letter Snow Australia can provide you with a membership and FIS result transcript as per 4.1 below.

4.1 Upon request Snow Australia can provide its members with a membership and FIS result transcript. To be eligible you must:

- 4.1.1 Be a current financial member of Snow Australia;
- 4.1.2 Have previously competed in FIS sanctioned events in Australia or overseas.
- 4.1.3 Have previously competed in IPC WPAS / WPSB sanctioned events in Australia or overseas.

5. **Athlete Categorisation**

Athlete Categorisation is an Australian sport system-wide framework for categorising athletes in an attempt to provide consistency across sports in identifying and subsequently supporting Australia's best current and future medal prospects at the Olympics, Paralympics, World Championships and Commonwealth Games.

Snow Australia is responsible for the management of the categorisation for competitive snow sports. Snow Australia is bound by Sport Australia and The AIS to categorise athletes based on performance as per attachment A in this policy.

Snow Australia will not provide letters of support for those athletes who fall outside of the categorisation table without support from their relevant discipline committee.

6. **Application Process**

6.1 **Elite and Emerging Athletes**

If the above criteria has been met, applicants can apply for a support letter by submitting the following information to Snow Australia via email (info@snow.org.au). All applications will be presented to the respective Discipline Selection Committee for approval.

- University details
- Scholarship details
- University contact
 - Name

- Phone Number
 - Email Address
 - Copy of the university's application criteria
 - Your competition results from the last 24 months
 - International Federation number (FIS or IPC) No.
 - National Program involvement
 - End of season Club report or coach's recommendation
- 6.2 **Results Transcript FIS**
Applicants can apply for a Membership and FIS Result Transcript by submitting a request to Snow Australia via email (info@snow.org.au).
- 6.3 **Results Transcript IPC WPAS / WPSB**
Applicants can apply for a Membership and IPC WPAS / WPSB Result Transcript by submitting a request to Snow Australia via email (info@snow.org.au).

7. Approvals and Processing Timeframe

Please allow at least two weeks for requests to be processed from date of receipt.