

High Performance Athlete Scholarship Policy

This policy is designed to:

- Reward club members who have achieved National recognition in either Track & Field, Cross Country or other major out of stadium events.
- Ensure that nationally recognised members retain membership of Newstead Athletics Club.
- Ensure positive publicity is gained for the club being associated with the High Performance Athlete and thus attracting new members to join.
- Increase visibility of the club in the sport.

Eligibility Criteria

Athletes must

- be greater than 12 years of age in the current season.
- meet one or more of the following criteria
 - Achieve a top three position in any National Championship event recognised by Athletics Australia.
 - Be selected in an Athletics Australia recognised National squad.
 - Achieve a newsworthy result in a major nationally recognised event, eg, Top five finish in the Melbourne Marathon, as reviewed by the Scholarship Sub-Committee.
- Demonstrate commitment to the High Performance Athlete Scholarship expectations detailed in this policy.

High Performance Athlete Scholarships will be reviewed on an annual basis and renewal is dependant of meeting the above criteria. Note: where performance doesn't meet the required standard due to injury or stepping up age groups, a scholarship may be awarded following review by the Scholarship Sub-Committee.

The club will:

- Pay or reimburse the appropriate AT registration for the athlete. Note: Registration fees to be provided from general club funds.
- Provide one (1) club competition uniform (Singlet, t-shirt or crop top).
- Provide free weekly entry into our club run Cross Country competition.
- Reimburse individual entry fees in State competition for up to five (5) events.
- Provide financial support to the athlete for interstate athletics events as per our State Team Policy.

High Performance Athlete Scholarship holders are expected to:

- Wear the club uniform at public running events as much as possible.
- Wear club uniform for medal presentations where possible.
- Attend the end of season awards function at their own cost (when costs apply).
- Be accompanied by a parent or guardian to all events if aged under 16.
- Participate (and/or parents) in club activities (E.g. fundraising, competition day assistance).

Successful Cross-Country recipients are expected to:

- Compete in as many club Cross- country events as possible bearing in mind conflicting National / Major events or conflicts with National training requirements.
- Compete in State Cross Country Championships and relays.
- Compete in the State All Schools Cross-Country Championships (e.g. Symmons Plains) if applicable.

Successful Track and Field athletes are also expected to:

- Compete in as many Senior/ Northern Tasmanian Athletics (NTA) competition events as possible bearing in mind conflicting National / Major events or conflicts with National training requirements.
- Compete in State Track & Field Championships (12 years and over).