

Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport

ATHLETE BONUS GRANTS

NSO Information Package



QLD Athlete Bonus Grants: Overview for NSOs

1. Overview

The Queensland Government awards Queensland athletes with a Bonus Grant for those selected to compete at one of the following international sporting competitions:

1. Olympic Games
2. Paralympic Games
3. Commonwealth Games
4. other competitions, as determined by the Chief Executive, Queensland Academy of Sport (CE QAS).

Bonus Grants are administered by the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS).

The one-off payments are awarded to athletes upon announcement of an official Australian Olympic, Paralympic or Commonwealth Games Team. Athletes are not required to have competed in the Games, rather the grant is awarded for the achievement of Australian Team selection. However, there may be some circumstances where athlete will be required to reimburse the amount paid, including but not limited to:

- doping violation
- charged or convicted of a criminal offence
- be found to have breached of any relevant sporting code of conduct rules and therefore de-selected
- other offences or circumstances deemed to be unsatisfactory by the CE QAS at their discretion.

The current amount of these grants is AUD\$3000 for Olympic/Paralympic Games and AUD\$2500 for Commonwealth Games.

For the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games the total funding pool being allocated to these Bonus Grants is \$470,000 based on projected number of Queensland athletes being selected for the Games teams.

2. NSO Responsibilities

Once Paris 2024 Olympic or Paralympic athletes have officially been announced by the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) or Paralympics Australia (PA), a pre-populated verification form will be sent to NSOs to confirm all eligible Queensland athletes based on the selection criteria (outlined in the QAS Bonus Grants Selection Criteria document).

Please note the endorsement is largely confirming the definition of being a Queensland athlete.

NSOs will be responsible for submitting any appeals should they arise.

QLD Athlete Bonus Grants: Selection Criteria

1. Definition of Queensland Athlete

One of the following three (3) eligibility criteria must apply.

1. Any QAS supported athlete shall receive the grant, provided they have been a QAS supported athlete for at least twelve (12) months prior to the time of the team selection/announcement;
OR,
2. Any non-QAS supported athlete who currently resides in Queensland must fulfill the following criteria:
 - a. permanently residing in the State for at least two (2) years prior to the team selection. This may require evidence such as electoral roll registration, rates or electricity bill; and,
 - b. represents Queensland at a National Championships, or, is registered and competes for a Queensland Sporting Club;OR,
3. Any non-QAS supported athlete who currently resides outside of Queensland must fulfil the following criteria:
 - a. either:
 - i. completed the majority of schooling (>6years) in a Queensland school or University;OR,
 - ii. has lived in Queensland (requiring evidence) for a period greater than 8 years out of the most recent 12 years;AND,
- b. represents the State of Queensland if competing nationally (not including professional interstate franchises or clubs).

2. Assessment

Once NSO endorsement is received, QAS High Performance Managers (HPM) crosscheck the information submitted against the eligibility criteria. The HPM then submits a report to the Selection Panel. The report advises the following:

- where an athlete meets all the eligibility criteria and is therefore **eligible** to receive the Bonus Grant
- where there is only partial evidence of an athlete meeting the eligibility criteria, the Selection Panel will need make an assessment recommending a **consideration** or **non-consideration** for eligibility.
- where an athlete meets none of the eligibility criteria and outlining why they are **ineligible**.