

Athlete Scholarship and Prioritisation Policy

Version 1.0

1 Policy Summary

This policy outlines the criteria used for the prioritisation of scholarships and other limited resources made available to athletes where applications / entries must be prioritised (or limited) by the NZISA.

2 Application

This policy shall be used to set out the prioritisation criteria for Prime Minister's Athletes Scholarships. It may be used for prioritisation of entries or applications when approved by Council for such purpose.

3 Must Meet All Application Requirements

Athletes must meet any conditions or criteria or requirements set out in the application / announcement / entry form. Athletes who do not meet all the requirements shall not be considered further. Where meeting "high-performance" is a condition of application, applicants must, at the very minimum, be International Representatives at the time of the closing of applications / entries.

4 NZISA Priority Levels

Athletes shall be prioritised in the following order:

1. **Senior Worlds:** Singles, pairs, and dance athletes selected to represent New Zealand at Senior Worlds at the preceding selection event.
2. **Four Continents:** Singles, pairs, and dance athletes selected to represent New Zealand at Four Continents at the preceding selection event.
3. **Junior Worlds:** Singles, pairs, and dance athletes selected to represent New Zealand at Junior Worlds at the preceding selection event.
4. **International Representatives:** Singles, pairs, and dance athletes selected for International Representation (priority to Senior, then Junior, then Novice athletes).
5. **Australian Nationals:** Singles, pairs, and dance athletes who competed at the last Australian National Championships (prior to the selection competition) or who have been selected to compete at the next Australian nationals (after the selection competition).
6. **National Championships:** Singles, pairs, and dance athletes who competed at the last National Championships.
7. Within each of the 6 levels above, skaters shall be prioritised by their total score at the preceding National Championships, except for Level 5 where total score at Australian Nationals shall be used. When comparing scores, the following factoring shall be applied to the athlete's scores prior to comparison:

Men:	International Senior Ladies min. TES divided by International Senior Men min TES
Ladies:	1.0
Dance:	International Senior Ladies min. TES divided by International Senior Dance min TES
Pairs:	International Senior Ladies min. TES divided by International Senior Pairs min TES
8. Athletes who are a part of a dance couple or pair shall be prioritised by a decision of Council based on the recommendations of senior judges on the relative contributions of each athlete to the couple/pair.