



KURT FEARNLEY SCHOLARSHIPS

Program Overview

Commonwealth Games Australia (CGA), the Carbine Club of NSW (CCNSW) and the NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS) have joined forces to create an individual athlete scholarship program for NSW future talent para-sport athletes.

The Kurt Fearnley Scholarships (KFS) are provided annually to selected athletes who are supported to “fast track” their development to achieve success at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. KFS support will be individualised to the recipient and can include financial assistance, Individual Athlete Performance Planning, training assistance, competition opportunities at the domestic/international levels, customised sport equipment and where necessary classification confirmation.

KFS will support up to five (5) talented NSW para-athletes per year who currently receive limited support and show outstanding potential for future success in identified 2022 Commonwealth Games para-sport events - athletics, swimming, cycling, basketball, lawn bowls, triathlon, powerlifting and table tennis.

Scholarships will focus on talented junior/youth para athletes who have their sights set on the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. However, pre-elite senior athletes will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

This initiative is fully endorsed by the Paralympics Australia who will be part of the selection panel.

Scholarships are by application during November each year and will commence the following January for 12 months. Applications require endorsement from the relevant CGA member sport.

CGA, CCNSW and NSWIS have committed their support to KFS until 2022, i.e. four annual scholarship periods. Scholarships will be approved through CGA annually, based on selection guidelines and will be monitored through NSWIS to maximise performance impact.

Athlete Benefits

KFS athletes will be provided with:

- i. Financial support up to \$3750 based on Individual Athlete Performance Plans and athlete requirements;
- ii. NSWIS service support up to \$1000 (value in kind) including assistance with Individual Athlete Performance Planning;
- iii. Monitoring and access to agreed NSWIS facilities at supervised times; and
- iv. Engagement with Kurt Fearnley.



Athlete Eligibility

An athlete must have the endorsement of their relevant CGA member sport (NSO) and meet the following criteria:

- v. Reside within NSW;
- vi. Be involved in 2022 Commonwealth Games para-sport event;
- vii. Preferably nationally categorised as an Emerging, Developing or Podium Potential athlete;
- viii. Be registered and affiliated with the recognised state body of their chosen sport in NSW; and
- ix. Be eligible for Commonwealth Games selection to the 2022 Team.

Selection Guidelines

The following guidelines will be used to assess each application:

- i. Athlete past performance and achievements from targeted competitions over the previous 12 months. Targeted competitions may include benchmark events, National Championships or sports specific targeted event recognised by the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS);
- ii. Athletes current forecast performance projection; and
- iii. The athlete's personal behaviour alignment in pursuit of high performance outcomes.

As total funding is limited, applications will be prioritised on a top down approach aligned with CGA's Birmingham 2022 performance goals, these being the No. 1 nation in the Commonwealth for gold and overall medal tallies. NSO's will also be asked to rank athletes from their sport.

Expectations

KFS athletes are expected to:

- i. Be committed and prepared to work toward representing their sport at an international level;
- ii. Be committed to a holistic approach to their development as an athlete;
- iii. Not use performance enhancing drugs;
- iv. Behave and dress in a professional and dignified manner when representing your sport;
- v. Comply with the training requirements of their sport & NSWIS as prescribed by nominated coaching staff;
- vi. Provide progress and performance updates following key competitions;
- vii. As a minimum, regularly update availability for planned training through NSWIS Athlete Management System (AMS); and
- viii. Be available to assist CGA, CCNSW and NSWIS with promotional activities regarding the scholarship.