

## **SEARCH FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**

NSWBA is continuing its program to provide appropriate education, training, and competition to ensure that talented athletes and coaches are given every chance to maximise their potential and enjoy their participation and competition in the sport. Applications are now called for athletes to be part of a NSW Elite Squad in terms 3 and 4 of 2009 that will provide an opportunity for developing and elite athletes a complementary pathway into the National Junior Development Program and/or National High Performance Program. Successful squad applicants will be notified by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009 and training will begin on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at the Sydney Olympic Park Sports Halls.

### **Selection Criteria include the following:**

Athletes must be under 19 years of age by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

- Performances at National Carnivals, Australian Closed Championships, Australian International and Australian Junior Championships at which attendance is mandatory unless exemption due to special circumstances is requested and granted.
- Athletes must maintain minimum level of skill and physical fitness as determined by national standards.
- Consistency in standards of behaviour conducive to supporting the goals of the Squad and overall objectives of NSWBA and BA.
- Current state, national and international performances including performance over the preceding twelve month period.
- Current State/Australian/International ranking (if any).
- Any current or potential injury or condition which will impair, inhibit or prevent the participant's performance to the requisite level.
- The potential of the participant to successfully achieve the objectives of this Program and of NSWBA.
- Any other factor considered relevant in the circumstances.

### **Key Performance Indicators (what coaches/selectors continually look for):**

- Continuous improvement as an elite badminton athlete (physical, mental, technical and tactical).
- Commitment and attendance at training (on-court and off court) and additional education sessions.
- Ability to work in a team environment, and train without regular coaching/supervision.
- Commitment, positive attitude and overall performance at every training session (eg. as a worker/feeder/sparring partner).
- Competition performances, results and potential as a top level athlete.
- Effective communication as a squad member (eg. regular completion of training diaries, prompt replies to emails from coaches and other staff).

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

If I'm not selected, am I out forever?

- No! Our objective is to continuously encourage competition for new members! Performance at tournaments can lead to an invitation to join the squad.

Will active participation in a squad involve missing some school time/activities?

- Athletes in many sports, as well as talented youth in other areas of endeavor, do miss some school to achieve international excellence. Athletes/parents need to assess and balance the capacity for discipline, organization, ongoing academic achievement and sporting achievement.

What are the likely costs?

- Approximately \$150-\$200 for a term (10 weeks) – includes court hire, shuttles, education materials, coaching sessions.

What are the benefits?

- Sessions with elite coaches.
- Education and information sessions with other sports specialists.
- Consultation on personal training plans to follow up with your personal coach.
- Possible access and selection into State and Australian squads and representing the State and Australia in national and international tournaments.
- Additional benefits as determined and available in the future (eg. uniform, t-shirts, tracksuits, shorts to keep).

Any athlete wishing to be considered for selection must complete and sign the application form below and return it to the squad coordinator, by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

Athlete Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Mobile Number:	
Email:	
Parent Name:	
Coach Name:	
Current Level of Training:	

Major Tournament Results (2008/09):

Goals (2009/10):

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**Athlete Declaration:**

I have read, understood and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Athlete Selection Criteria. By signing this form I warrant that I am eligible for selection. I will advise the NSW Elite Squad Coordinator now, and at all times in the future, of any injury or illness that may affect my selection or impair, inhibit or prevent my performance at the requisite level or fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Signature of Athlete: .....Date.....

**Parent Declaration:**

I have read, understood and endorse this application. I agree to support my child's development and participation in the NSW Elite Squad.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: .....Date.....

**Coach Declaration:**

I have read, understood and endorse this application. I will work with the NSW Elite Squad Coordinator/Coach on aspects of the athlete's individual plan and development. I understand I will be required to attend the elite squad sessions as a guest coach/observer/selector.

Signature of Coach: .....Date: .....

*Questions or completed application forms can be posted or emailed to the squad coordinator:*

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