

# ATHLETE ELIGIBILITY GUIDING STATEMENT

## Guiding Statement

This is provided as a method of clarification of the Athlete Eligibility Policy, in regards to Residential Eligibility.

*Whilst the Athlete Eligibility policy exists and is adopted in some form by each individual NSW Regional Academies of Sport Inc (RASi).*

*It should be noted that RASi in principle agree that **the primary method of eligibility into an Academy sport program is determined by an athlete's Residential status.***

*The South West Sydney Academy of Sport defines this as, the residence, which is that being the address the athlete spends the "majority" of their calendar year accommodated at, and/or that of the primary caregiver, must be within the Local Government Area (LGA) of the Academy Catchment Area.*

*Criteria 1.2.b and/or 1.2.c (School and/or Club/Association) may only be used as an athlete's primary eligibility where an athlete resides in an adjoining LGA, where a neighbouring Academy **does not** operate the same sporting program, or is unable to service the athlete.*

*In these circumstances, the neighbouring Academy must be consulted to determine the athlete's eligibility.*

*Where a neighbouring Academy **does** operate a program, the athlete shall be advised that they must nominate and trial for the Academy where they meet the primary form of eligibility. Irrespective of whether the Athlete meets both criteria 1.2.b and/or 1.2.c.*

*Athletes **may not** nominate and trial or be selected into multiple Academies, even if the training schedule and benefits of one Academy are deemed more suitable by the athlete.*

*Where there is no neighbouring Academy or similar SSO high-performance program to service the athlete, the Academy shall determine the athlete's eligibility by the criteria listed above, and may approve conditional eligibility based upon consultation between the SSO, Sport Sub Committee and CEO.*

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