

Elite Athlete Entry Scheme

Advisory Group Terms of Reference

1. Preamble

Sport has always had a special significance at the University of Melbourne, particularly the success of our elite and emerging student-athletes in their endeavours in representing their country on the international sporting stage.

The University supports elite and emerging student-athletes with flexible study assistance, sport scholarship support and other services to assist their sport-study endeavours. The University's Elite Athlete Entry Scheme is a case managed, targeted identification and recruitment program aimed at the 'best and brightest' student-athletes across the country. As part of a comprehensive academic and sporting program for school leavers, consideration from the Elite Athlete Entry Scheme becomes aspirational for a large cohort of student-athletes wishing to study at the University of Melbourne.

The Elite Athlete Entry Scheme, as part of the University's comprehensive Elite Athlete Program, is also expected to positively impact on the large cohort of student-athletes contemplating an NCAA sporting scholarship in the USA.

Melbourne University Sport (MU Sport) manages and delivers the Elite Athlete Program.

2. Elite Athlete Entry Scheme

- 2.1. The Elite Athlete Entry Scheme was approved by the Selection Procedures Committee (SPC) in 2016 as part of the Proposal for an Institutional Strategy for Elite Athlete Recruitment, Support and Profiling paper by Professor Richard James.
- 2.2. The Elite Athlete Entry Scheme (EAES) provides the opportunity for recognised elite and emerging student-athletes to achieve a predetermined ATAR and be guaranteed an offer to study an undergraduate program in the following year
- 2.3. Elite and emerging student-athletes will be recognised as being members of:
 - State institutes or academies of sport
 - Elite Athlete Friendly University Professional Players' Associations
 - State/national teams/squads of Australian Sports Commission Olympic, Commonwealth Games and/or International University Sports Federation supported sports
 - National leagues of Australian Sports Commission Olympic, Commonwealth Games and/or International University Sports Federation supported sports
- 2.4. Melbourne University Sport will collate and confirm all EAES applicant sporting bona fides
- 2.5. EAES application will be presented to the Elite Athlete Entry Scheme Advisory Group (EAES AG) for endorsement and recommendation to the University's Selection Procedures Committee (SPC)
- 2.6. Undergraduate transfer applications and postgraduate applications will be reviewed and endorsed by the EAES SP with recommendations provided to relevant Faculty/Graduate School Selection Officers via National Admissions

3. Advisory Group Composition

- 3.1. The EAES AG will comprise up to eight members, including the Director of Sport, a graduate of the University's Elite Athlete Program and three senior academics
- 3.2. The EAES AG will be appointed by the University's Board of Sport
- 3.3. MU Sport's Sport Development Manager will be the ex-officio Secretary of the EAES AG and the Elite Athlete Coordinator will provide secretarial support.

4. Term

- 4.1. EAES AG members will be appointed for a three-year term and may be reappointed for two further terms
- 4.2. Vacancies will be advertised on the MU Sport website and the University's Staff e-News as and when appropriate.

5. Advisory Group Duties

- 5.1. EAES AG members will review applications from prospective students and ensure confirm eligibility for a guaranteed ATAR conditional offer for recognized elite and emerging student-athletes; and will
- 5.2. Meet up to four times per year (usually twice per semester) to review applications; and will
- 5.3. Endorse and recommend recognized elite and emerging student-athletes to the SPC
- 5.4. The Advisory Group will also review the success of the Scheme in relation to the quantity and quality of applications and the number of offers made annually.

6. Stakeholders and Responsibilities

- 6.1. Elite Athlete Advisory Group stakeholders are:
 - Board of Sport
 - Elite Athlete Entry Scheme Advisory Group
 - Selection Procedures Committee
 - National Admissions
 - Sport Development Unit
- 6.2. The Responsible Officer for the Elite Athlete Entry Scheme Advisory Group TOR is:
 - Sport Development Unit and the Sport Development Manager
- 6.3. The Authorising Officer for the Elite Athlete Entry Scheme Advisory Group TOR is:
 - Director of Sport (on behalf of the Board)

7. Review

- 7.1. The Elite Athlete Entry Scheme Selection Panel TOR will be reviewed by 30 March 2020.