# Elite Athlete Support Procedure Schedule 1

As defined by the ASC[[1]](#footnote-1), to access the support outlined in the Elite Athlete Policy and Procedure, the elite athlete or coach must be identified and recognised, or be a member of by one of the following organisations

* [Australian Institute of Sport](http://www.ausport.gov.au/ais)
* State Institutes or Academies of Sport
* [AFL Players’ Association](http://www.aflplayers.com.au/)
* [Australian Cricketers’ Association](http://www.auscricket.com.au/)
* [Rugby Union Players’ Association](http://www.rupa.com.au/)
* [Rugby League Professionals’ Association](http://rlpa.com.au/)
* [Australian Professional Footballers’ Association](http://www.pfa.net.au/)
* National senior squad members from ACE supported Australian Sports Commission funded sports
* Senior/head coaches from state and territory institutes/academies of sport, national senior teams from Australian Sports Commission funded sports or participating professional sports

For international students to access the support outlined in the Elite Athlete Policy and Procedure, the elite athlete or coach

* must be competing at a national level under an Australian Professional Player Association or endorsed by a National Sporting Organisation as an *elite athlete*
* the associated professional association must either have a licensing agreement or signed memorandum of understanding with one of the organisations listed above,
* must hold a current and valid visa permitting university study

If an athlete is not recognised by one of the organisations listed above, but does participate in sport at an elite level, then they may submit an application to the Elite Athlete Program Co-ordinator for consideration. The co-ordinator will make a judgement on inclusion based on the credentials and achievements of the student athlete in relation to their sport (i.e. State or National representation).

1. The Australian Sports Commission (ASC) has established the definition and criteria for recognising sporting bodies as [National Sporting Organisations](http://www.ausport.gov.au/about/australian_sport_directory) (NSOs) and [National Sporting Organisations for people with a Disability](http://www.ausport.gov.au/about/australian_sport_directory) (NSOD). The ASC assesses submissions from organisations for ASC recognition twice annually, in February and August. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)