



NCEF Sports Scholarship – Athletes' Charter

1. Aims and Objectives:

The NCEF Sports Scholarship programme is an athlete led development programme, which rewards individual excellence and encourages outstanding performance in Triathlon, while completing a course of academic study. This charter outlines the supports that the NCEF will provide for the athlete in receipt of the scholarship and the expectations of the athlete's commitments to the programme.

2. Eligibility:

- 2.1** The athlete must satisfy the entry requirements for the Higher Certificate in Exercise & Health Fitness (HCEHF).
- 2.2** The athlete must demonstrate outstanding ability in Triathlon.
- 2.3** Applicants must provide evidence of performance and/or potential to perform at an elite international level in Triathlon (see Performance Protocol as outlined in the application form).
- 2.4** Continuation of the scholarship each year is dependent on the athlete making satisfactory academic and sporting progress as reviewed by the selection panel every 6 months.
- 2.5** Only athletes that are eligible to represent Ireland at an Elite International Level are eligible to apply.
- 2.6** Athlete must be able to commit to train full time at Triathlon Ireland's High Performance Unit in Limerick.
- 2.7** Athletes must commit to signing Triathlon Ireland's Elite Athlete Agreement (attached).

3. NCEF Obligations and Responsibilities:

NCEF will:

- 3.1** Provide the financial support to the athlete in terms of the course fees to the value of €3225 per year for the HCEHF.
- 3.2** Encourage and support the athlete in his/her sport where possible.
- 3.3** Assist with online blog and other promotional events where possible.
- 3.4** Work with the athlete in a positive and supporting role.

4. Athlete Obligations and Responsibilities:

In recognition and support of the NCEF Scholarship Programme, by signing this Charter, you agree to:

- 4.1** Display at all times an appropriate standard of conduct and sportsmanship. You shall never engage in any activity which may potentially bring the NCEF into disrepute.
- 4.2** Complete all professional development tasks in a timely manner as assigned to you by an NCEF Head Office representative e.g. progress reports on how your studies are going, weekly blogs, and race reports – where possible.
- 4.3** Achieve and maintain the best possible level of health and physical fitness required

for consistent training and competition as an elite athlete.

4.4 Keep the NCEF Head Office informed of any change in circumstances that may affect your ability to train, compete or participate in the programme, as well as communicating at all times any change to your permanent residential address or contact details.

4.5 Help project a favourable and positive image of the NCEF.

4.6 Show detailed knowledge of the NCEF and the Flexible Learning Pathway to the B.Sc. in Exercise & Health Fitness.

4.7 Show detailed knowledge of the services provided by the NCEF i.e. Fitness Professionals Ireland Membership, National Fitness E-News, Staff.

4.8 Demonstrate positive communication skills.

4.9 Update the NCEF Marketing & Promotions Officer on races and functions that you are attending.

4.10 Apply for the renewal of your scholarship on an annual basis. This is to ensure compliance with these terms & conditions of the scholarship and satisfactory progress being made both academically and sporting wise.

8. Ambassadorial Role- By signing this Charter, you agree to the following:

8.1 Support and promote the NCEF and represent the NCEF at the UL Open Days (Two days in October), UL Mature Student Evening (February), School Visits (in local area – potentially 4 visits) and attend two course visits with the NCEF Marketing & Promotions Officer.

8.2 Wear NCEF Branded Polo Shirts at any time in class or when representing the NCEF.

8.3 Develop and maintain a student/sporting blog – in liaison with the NCEF Marketing & Promotions Officer

9. Use of Image:

By signing this Charter, you agree to the use of your image by the NCEF for the purposes of promoting the NCEF. This applies to all newspapers, websites, brochure publications and social media websites.

AGREEMENT TO SCHOLARSHIP CONDITIONS

On receiving your award please read the following statement and sign to indicate your agreement:

I confirm that the information that I have provided is correct to the best of my knowledge and I consent to my data being processed for the purposes of selection.

I agree to that my Coach/s can be being contacted by the selection panel in relation to this scholarship application.

I understand that if, subsequent to being offered a Scholarship, information I have supplied in support of my application is found to be incorrect, and the panel reserves the right to withdraw the Scholarship. Furthermore if any Scholarship monies have been received in these circumstances I agree to pay back to the NCEF the full payments received, within 90 days of being notified of the requirement to do so.

I understand that registration fees of €995 are payable at the start of each year which will be fully refunded by the NCEF on successful completion of each year.

Registration fees are non-refundable should I be unsuccessful or withdraw from the programme.

Students who are successful in Year 1 and choose to exit the programme with a Certificate Award and not continue to Year 2 are liable for Exit Fees of €300 similar to all students pursuing the programme.

10. Retention of Scholarship – The NCEF reserves the right to end your athlete’s scholarship during the year should the following situations arise:

10.1 If you do not display a satisfactory level of progress in your academic and sporting performance.

10.2 If you are in breach any of your roles or responsibilities, which might bring the NCEF into disrepute.

10.3 If an injury or illness prevents you from continuing your studies or competing.

10.4 If you are in breach of the NCEF Student Code of Conduct – signed by you.

I _____ agree to the terms and conditions of the NCEF Sports Scholarship Programme.

Signed by

Signature of athlete

Print Name

Date

Signature of NCEF Management

Print Name

Date

Please post completed application forms plus the signed Athlete’s Charter to Attn: Lynne Algar, The NCEF Head Office, Physical Education and Sport Sciences Building, University of Limerick, Limerick. Or scan and email to lynne@triathlonireland.com