

Introduction

The NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS) was established as a statutory body under the Institute of Sport Act, 1995, following a review recommending the central coordination and monitoring of high performance sport programs in NSW. Operations officially commenced in 1996.

Crucial to the Institute's commitment to excellence and the achievement of world-class athletic performances was the development of a state-of-the-art purpose built facility, at Sydney Olympic Park. In addition to providing a base for our internationally recognised sports programs, this facility provides a central location for elite athletes and coaches in NSW to access the full range of the NSWIS high performance services.

When operations commenced in 1996, the NSWIS provided support to 650 athletes, across 25 sport programs. To date, the NSWIS has supported over 3000 athletes, many of whom have filled positions on senior and junior national teams.

NSWIS athletes have excelled at international events including the Olympic and Paralympic Games, Commonwealth Games and World Championships with a number of these athletes producing gold medal winning performances.

The NSWIS has capitalised on the expertise and support of its world class coaches. Many of them Olympians, Paralympians and World Champions themselves, their experience has proved invaluable to the development and success of elite athletes in NSW. A number of these coaches have also been appointed to National teams for major competitions.

Representing the most structured and systematic approach to high performance sport ever implemented in this state, the NSWIS sits at the very top of the elite development pathway for NSW.

NSWIS Purpose Statement

The NSWIS is a leading high performance sport Institute that provides world class coaching, services and flexible innovative training environments. In conjunction with a holistic approach to athlete welfare, career and educational assistance the NSWIS supports and develops targeted elite and emerging athletes to achieve their highest potential.

ClubsNSW Support

The outstanding support of our Principal Partner ClubsNSW, as well as the NSW State Government, and our many other sponsors and providers, has helped position the NSWIS as a leader in the delivery and development of high performance sport in Australia, as well as equipping us to meet the challenges of a changing global sporting environment.

ClubsNSW, as the Principal Partner of the NSW Institute of Sport, has annually provided over \$1 million a year in sponsorship support since 1995. This annual contribution helps ensure that the NSWIS remains one of Australia's leading sporting Institutes. Through this affiliation, ClubsNSW has contributed over \$13 million to elite sport across NSW and the benefits of the financial support are wide spread.

In addition to the support provided by ClubsNSW, individual member clubs across NSW have also supported the NSWIS by providing both financial and venue support.

Bankstown District Sports Club (BDSC) is one such club, providing \$30 000 annually to the NSWIS Cycling Program. BDSC has been a long standing supporter of the NSWIS and in conjunction to the financial support provided, BDSC also manages the Velodrome at Bankstown, the training facility for many of our world class cyclists.

The Mingara Recreation Centre (MRC) is located on the Central Coast of NSW where a number of NSWIS scholarship holders and emerging talent reside. MRC sponsors the NSWIS by offering a reduced membership rate for use of the centres facilities including the pool, gym and hydrotherapy pool for up to 20 athletes.

Finally, a number of golf clubs, including program partner Bexley Golf Club, support the NSWIS Golf Program. This partnership provides our golf athletes with access to world-class training facilities.

In addition to the above financial support and venue access, the NSWIS and ClubsNSW have established an Employ an Athlete Program which sees member clubs across NSW provide athlete friendly, flexible employment to a number of our athletes.

ClubsNSW relationship with NSWIS

ClubsNSW places great importance on giving back to the community and supporting sport at all levels across NSW. It was due to this commitment and the obvious synergies that exist that the relationship between the NSWIS and ClubsNSW was formed. The NSWIS' role in supporting elite athletes across NSW complimented the role that ClubsNSW plays in supporting sport within the community.

ClubsNSW regard community support as one their most important business responsibilities. This belief is reinforced by the NSWIS that aims to develop and provide an elite sporting pathway for athletes from the time that they commence sport involvement at grass roots community level.

ClubsNSW aim to take a strategic approach to social responsibility through programs developed to address specific needs and achieve specific goals within community groups. ClubsNSW' commitment to the community is targeted at five broad categorical areas and the NSWIS aims to represent similar core values; specifically values such as health and education.

In edition to the above obvious sport based synergies the NSWIS provides ClubsNSW with strong links to the NSW Government as the NSWIS is a statutory body established by the Government.