

AUSCYCLING PARTNER WITH SESF FOR 2022

The Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund has today announced a partnership with AusCycling for 2022. Together they will work to provide scholarships valued at \$1,000 each to emerging cyclists from low socioeconomic backgrounds throughout the country. The scholarships reduce the costs associated with participation in school sport at a national level, ensuring finances are not a barrier to talent in reaching their potential.

AusCycling has become the third national sporting organisation to partner with the SESF in its inaugural year as a national charity. The foundation aims to alleviate part of the financial burden placed on emerging athletes and their families, with the SESF aiming for 100 scholarship recipients to be participating in the Brisbane Olympics in 2032.

AusCycling represents over 52,000 members across BMX, BMX Freestyle, Cyclo-Cross, E-Sport, Mountain Bike, Para-Cycling, Road, Track and lifestyle riding throughout Australia. The organisation works to advocate for riders' safety, build strong club communities and make all forms of cycling accessible.

This partnership solidifies the SESF's commitment to supporting emerging cyclists from all over Australia, a sport which incurs regular travel to events and multiple costs.

Kipp Kaufmann, Executive General Manager – Sport AusCycling said, “AusCycling is proud to be become a partner of the Sports Excellence Scholarship Fund during their inaugural year as a national charity”.

We look forward to working with SESF to support disadvantaged cyclists and support them on their sporting pathway. Given the cost of training, equipment and participating in cycling, this is an important partnership that will contribute to equitable access for our emerging talent.”

Andrew Horton, SESF Board Chair said, “We are thrilled to partner with AusCycling in 2022. Their portfolio covers a multitude of cycling events from road race to BMX events, and this partnership will support emerging talent nationwide in achieving their goals”.

“With 1 in 10 athletes selected to represent their state and country facing financial constraints, there is an urgent need to support students to continue to reach their sporting dreams.”

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