Wensley Sporting Scholarship

(Named in honour of The Honourable Dr Penelope Wensley AC and established in 2020 under the Create Change Scholarship Match Initiative. This Scholarship is maintained by The Honourable Dr Penelope Wensley AC Sports Scholarship Endowment.)

1. Purpose
The purpose of the Scholarship is to encourage and support students with financial need that are competing at an Elite Level in a Recognised Sport.

2. Definitions
In these rules –
Approved Program means an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program
DVC(A) means the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
Elite Level means state or national representative level
Recognised Sport means sport recognised by the Australian Institute of Sport
Satisfactory Academic Progress means meeting the requirements to remain enrolled under the University’s Academic Progression Procedure.
Scholarship means the Wensley Sporting Scholarship.

3. Award and value of scholarship
(1) One Scholarship may be awarded each year on recommendation of the DVC(A).
(2) The value of the Scholarship is $4,500 for one year.

4. Eligibility for award
An applicant is eligible for the Scholarship, if the applicant –
(a) can demonstrate financial need;
(b) submits an application to by the closing date for applications;
(c) is, or intends to be, enrolled on a full-time basis, except in exceptional circumstances as considered relevant by the committee.

5. Selection of award
(1) The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) must establish a selection committee, comprising –
(a) the DVC(A), or nominee, as chair;
(b) the CEO, UQ SPORT or nominee;
(c) a member of the University’s academic staff appointed by the chair; and
(d) any other representatives as determined by the chair with University staff in the majority.
(2) The Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria –
(a) demonstrated financial need;
(b) sporting achievements to date;
(c) potential to perform in their chosen sport at an Elite Level; and
(d) any other information that the selection committee considers relevant to the applicant’s future success in their studies.

6. Conditions for scholarship
(1) The recipient may hold the Scholarship for up to one year, subject to the recipient –
(a) maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress;
(b) maintaining enrolment as a full-time student or as a part-time student where approved by the committee;
(c) continuing to perform in their sport at an Elite Level as evidenced by a report on their sporting accomplishments each semester submitted to the CEO, UQ Sport.
(2) If a recipient fails to satisfy rule 6(1), the recipient must show cause to the chair why the Scholarship should not be cancelled.

7. Termination of scholarship
The University may terminate a Scholarship -
(a) if the recipient does not show cause to the reasonable satisfaction of the University as provided for in rule 6(2); or
(b) if the recipient commits serious misconduct.
8. **Interruption of Scholarship**

Recipients may apply to interrupt their Scholarship for a maximum of two semesters during the tenure of their Scholarship in exceptional circumstances as considered relevant by the committee.

9. **Deferring scholarships**

Recipients who have been granted approval to defer their tertiary place may seek approval to defer their Scholarship for up to one year. Where approval to defer a Scholarship has been granted, the recipient must maintain a commitment to their chosen sport during the period of deferment.