

PARALYMPICS AUSTRALIA SELECTION CRITERIA 2025

2025 Academy squad selection

BRIEF

Paralympics Australia is working with the six Victorian Regional Academies of Sport (VRAS), to reduce the barriers for para-athletes living in regional Victoria.

Through the support of Sport & Recreation Victoria *Together More Active* funding, Paralympics Australia is seeking to para-athletes across Regional Victoria to become Individual members to the relevant Academy, in their regional area. This will provide the athlete with strength & conditioning training, athlete education and arrange of local benefits through the RAS, as well as additional support from Paralympics Australia throughout the course of the program in the hopes of providing regionally based para-athletes additional support to progress on their chosen performance pathways.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

In order to be eligible for support under this program, an athlete must;

- Have an eligible impairment for para-sport, based on previous classification or information provided as part of online expression of interest (EOI).
- Show appropriate talent potential within their sport, as determined by Paralympics Australia, the National/State Sporting Organisation of their sport and the Regional Academy of Sport within their region.
- Be minimum 12 years of age, as at 1 January 2025
- Must be living within a catchment area of the Regional Academy of Sport while the program is being conducted.

Please note:

Athletes receiving Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) or NSO High Performance support or funding, may apply and be considered, subject to the current levels of support received on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of Paralympics Australia.

We are now calling nominations from para-athletes who meet this criteria to submit an expression of interest. All expressions of interest will then be considered by Paralympics Australia, the relevant Regional Academy and the relevant State Sport, to determine the successful candidates. An SSO/NSO may complete the expression of interest on behalf of the applicant.

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Applications due Monday 9th December:

<https://www.barwonsportsacademy.org.au/paralympics-australia>