

# Introducing

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SASI Talent Search

Encounter Paddling

ORS Sport Pathways



# THE TALENT SEARCH MISSION

*To identify and develop potential elite athletes who can achieve success at national and international level.*



Government of South Australia  
Office for Recreation and Sport

**be active.**

# SASI Talent Search Sports

- Cycling
- Rowing
- Volleyball
- Canoe Sprint



# Talent Search Facts & Figures

5000  
Number of  
athletes tested  
in Phase 1

700  
Number of  
athletes tested  
in Phase 2

200  
Number of  
athletes  
selected

30  
Talent Search  
Athletes in  
SASI programs

10  
Talent Search  
Athletes on  
Junior Australian  
Teams

20  
Talent Search  
Athletes on  
Australian  
Teams



# 2014 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SASI REPRESENTATIVES

68 SASI representatives across 13 sports  
18 SASI Talent Search Athletes across 4 Talent Search Sports

**Cycling**  
23

**Representatives**  
8 Talent Search  
35%

**Canoe Sprint**

8 Representatives  
5 Talent Search  
62%

**Talent Search**  
Total  
40%

**Rowing**

8 Representatives  
4 Talent Search  
50%

**Volleyball**

9 Representatives  
2 Talent Search  
22%



# 2012 London Olympic & Paralympics SASI Talent Search Representatives

8 SASI Talent Search Athletes across 4 Talent Search Sports  
4 Medallists

**Cycling**  
**Annette Edmondson**  
**Bronze**

**Renee Chatterton**  
**(Rowing)**  
**Bryn Coudraye**  
**(Rowing)**  
**Becharra Palmer**  
**(Beach Volleyball)**  
**Hannah Davis**  
**(Canoe Sprint)**

**Rowing**  
**Chris Morgan**  
**Bronze**

**Cycling**  
**Scott McPhee**  
**Gold**  
**(Paralympic Pilot)**

**Cycling**  
**Rohan Dennis**  
**Silver**





# TIMELINE OF SASI TALENT SEARCH CHAMPION

## ROHAN DENNIS

Identified at school by the SASI Talent Search Team as having the right physiological attributes to become an elite athlete in the sport of Cycling.

2004  
Age 14

Gained SASI Scholarship and begin competing in State and National Championships.



2006  
Age 16

Competed in both Track and Road UCI Junior World Championships, winning back to back Junior Team Pursuit World Titles.



2008  
Age 18

UCI Track World Championships, Copenhagen, Team Pursuit, 1<sup>st</sup>

Commonwealth Games, Delhi Road Time Trial 6<sup>th</sup>



2010  
Age 20

Olympic Games London, Team Pursuit, 2<sup>nd</sup>

UCI Track World Championship, Melbourne, Team Pursuit, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Individual Pursuit 4<sup>th</sup>

UCI Road World Championships, Netherlands, Under 23 Time Trial, 2<sup>nd</sup>



2012  
Age 22

Commonwealth Games, Glasgow, Road Time trial, 2<sup>nd</sup>

UCI Road World Championship, Spain, Time Trial 5<sup>th</sup>

UCI Road World Championship, Spain, Team Time Trial 1<sup>st</sup>



2014  
Age 24



2005  
Age 15

Joined the SASI Cycling program and begin the journey to becoming a Cycling Champion.



South Australian Sports Institute

2007  
Age 17

Competed in his first major competition and became Junior World Champion in the UCI Junior World track Championships.



2009  
Age 19

UCI Track World Championships, Poland, Team Pursuit, 2<sup>nd</sup>

UCI Track World Cup, Melbourne, Team Pursuit, 1<sup>st</sup>

2011  
Age 21

UCI Track World Championships, Netherlands, Team Pursuit, 1<sup>st</sup>



2013  
Age 23

UCI Road World Championships, Italy, Team Member

Overall Tour of Alberta CAN 1<sup>st</sup>

Stage 3 Tour of Alberta CAN 1<sup>st</sup>

2015  
Age 25

Wins Stage 1 of the Tour de France breaking the fastest average speed in history with 55.45km/h. Wins the Tour Down Under and breaks the world hour record.



"It's hard to believe none of this would have happened had it not been for a chance testing day with SASI. I've got the SASI Talent Identification Program to thank for my change of journey," Dennis says.



# SASI Talent Search Projects

## Row4Gold (Rowing)

New quality athletes with RA/RSA program

## Riverland Challenge (Volleyball)

Riverland High School Athletics sports day  
7 new SASI Country scholarship athletes



## Encounter (Victor Harbour) Paddling Club (Canoe)

14 New athletes to Come n' try sessions at club



ACTIVE  
LIFESTYLE



SPORT



SPORT  
EXCELLENCE



**M**<sup>1</sup>

**MASTERY**  
SUSTAINED SUCCESS

**E**<sup>2</sup>

**ELITE**  
SUCCESS

**E**<sup>1</sup>

**ELITE**  
REPRESENTATION

**T**<sup>4</sup>

**TALENT**  
BREAKTHROUGH  
AND REWARD

**T**<sup>3</sup>

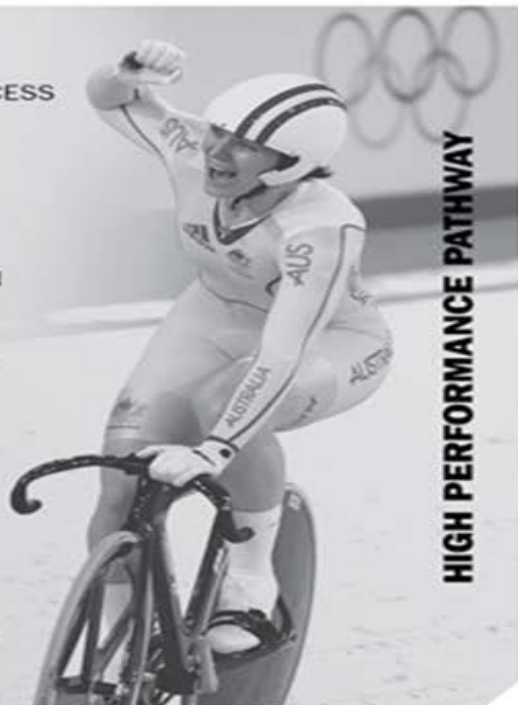
**TALENT**  
PRACTISING  
AND ACHIEVING

**T**<sup>2</sup>

**TALENT**  
VERIFICATION

**T**<sup>1</sup>

**TALENT**  
DEMONSTRATION  
OF POTENTIAL



HIGH PERFORMANCE PATHWAY

**F**<sup>3</sup>

**FOUNDATION**  
SPORT SPECIFIC COMMITMENT  
AND/OR COMPETITION

**F**<sup>2</sup>

**FOUNDATION**  
EXTENSION AND REFINEMENT  
OF MOVEMENT

**F**<sup>1</sup>

**FOUNDATION**  
LEARNING AND ACQUISITION  
OF BASIC MOVEMENT

# Pathway Poster



Elite and Professional Teams

Olympics  
World Championships  
Road Pro' Teams  
Cycling Australia HPU



Pre Elite Talent

Junior World Championships  
SASI Full/Associate Scholarships  
Cycling SA State Development Squad



Foundation & Entry Level

Cycling SA Clubs and Competitions  
SASI Talent Identification  
Cycling SA Come N Try sessions  
Informal Bike riding/ Family and Friends



# Athletes Dropping out

- Smaller older population
- Overall quality of the competition
- Issues with coaching
- Lack of pathway opportunities
- Facilities
- They chose another sport
- Not enough growth in the sport
- Injury



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