



BACKGROUND

The Sport Taranaki Future Champions programme is an initiative aimed at recognising, acknowledging and supporting the development of talented young athletes within Taranaki, a region that has a very proud sporting history. The programme aims to assist talented athletes in fulfilling their potential and gaining higher honours.

Sport Taranaki will assist selected aspiring elite athletes, both physically and developmentally via mentoring, personal development sessions and a comprehensive workshop calendar. The programme uses the same experts that work with New Zealand's sporting elite to pass on their knowledge to the selected athletes. These sessions will also cater for the coaches and parents of selected athletes when appropriate.

The success of the programme is dependent on the commitment of the athletes to the programme to truly realise their potential and fulfil their dream.

"I really enjoyed the program as a whole and got a lot of information out of it about myself and how to use that in my sport. All of the providers were wonderful and very helpful. So happy with the programme overall." **2024 Future Champion Athlete**

This Sport Taranaki talent development programme is now in its 19th year. Since inception in 2007, over 150 Taranaki "born and bred" athletes have been through the programme coming from a total of 27 different sporting codes. These athletes have gone on to become very high achievers in the sporting world, with over 90 New Zealand reps/champions, eight world champions and six Olympians including Zoe Hobbs and McKenzie Barry! Sport Taranaki believes this programme has been instrumental in helping these athletes achieve on a national and international stage.

The programme itself consists of a series of workshops including nutrition, performance psychology, leadership, injury prevention, mental skills, dealing with the media, strength and conditioning, drug free sport and stretching and breathing. The athlete's coaches and parents are included at relevant times to ensure the plans are aligned to what they already have in place.

The selection committee have a matrix to make a short list of applicants so the application process below is a very important step. Please ensure you fill this in with as much detail as possible.

We wish you all the best with your application and with your sporting year.

The team at Sport Taranaki and TSSSA



2025 APPLICATION INFORMATION

The application consists of the following:

- One page covering letter
- RSO/School/Club/Coach endorsement
- Application form (This document)

Covering letter: The athlete should provide detail on why they should be selected in the 2025 Sport Taranaki Future Champions programme. They should also explain their long-term goals and what they aim to achieve in 2025.

Endorsement: The application needs to include a letter of endorsement from the athletes coach, school, club or Regional Sport Organisation. This should be a personal character reference about the athlete's potential and dedication.

NOTE:

- Only results within the previous 13 months (1 January 2024 – 31 January 2025) will be considered.
- Athletes must be residing in Taranaki for 2025.
- Candidates must be in Year 12 or 13 at school in 2025. Home schooled athletes can apply!
- All applications need to be emailed to guy@sporttaranaki.org.nz by 5pm on Friday the 28th of February 2025
- The advisory group will make selections based on what they perceive as the most deserving in terms of merit of performance, and take into account the quality of competition, size of the sports and Sports New Zealand's focus areas.
- The advisory group may, given individual circumstances, select an athlete that falls outside the criteria.
- Athletes MUST use the programme providers to be considered for the tier one programme.
- If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Guy Honnor at Sport Taranaki:

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FUTURE CHAMPIONS 2025 - APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name:	Sport:	School:	Yr:
Date of Birth:	Male / Female	Local Club Affiliation:	

POSTAL ADDRESS

Street number and name:		Town/City:	
Telephone:	Cell phone:	Email:	

Please detail your performance for the last 13 months (1 January 2024 – 31 January 2025) in the following headings. Results are limited to the athlete’s best 3 results for the period. You may provide more details on a separate sheet.

International (Top 3 results only)		
Event 1	Name of the event	
	Detail about the event	
	How did you qualify for the event	
	Was it age group or an open event	
	How many people were in the event	
	What was your result	
Event 2	Name of the event	
	Detail about the event	
	How did you qualify for the event	
	Was it age group or an open event	
	How many people were in the event	
	What was your result	
Event 3	Name of the event	
	Detail about the event	
	How did you qualify for the event	
	Was it age group or an open event	
	How many people were in the event	
	What was your result	
National (Top 3 results only)		
Event 1	Name of the event	
	Detail about the event	
	How did you qualify for the event	
	Was it age group or an open event	
	How many people were in the event	
	What was your result	
Event 2	Name of the event	
	Detail about the event	
	How did you qualify for the event	
	Was it age group or an open event	
	How many people were in the event	
	What was your result	

FUTURE CHAMPIONS 2025 - APPLICATION FORM CONT'

National (continued)

Event 3	Name of the event	
	Detail about the event	
	How did you qualify for the event	
	Was it age group or an open event	
	How many people were in the event	
	What was your result	

Regional (Top 3 results only)

Event 1	Name of the event	
	Detail about the event	
	How did you qualify for the event	
	Was it age group or an open event	
	How many people were in the event	
	What was your result	

Event 2	Name of the event	
	Detail about the event	
	How did you qualify for the event	
	Was it age group or an open event	
	How many people were in the event	
	What was your result	

Event 3	Name of the event	
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	What was your result	

Squad Selections / Other comments

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Covering Letter attached



RSO / School / Club / Coach Endorsement



Application form completed in full

TSSOA

TARANAKI SPORTS SOCIETY OF ASSOCIATIONS



Applications Close 5:00PM Friday the 28th of February 2025