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The objective of the Australian International Shooting Limited's Athlete Support Program is to assist elite level shooters with training and competition needs in their quest to sustain international competitive excellence. The Athlete Support Program is designed to support athletes that have actively committed to skill development and achieving a medal at the 2008 Olympic Games.

The grant program consists of a combination of AISL Direct Support Grants (DSG) for Beijing Medal prospects, Competitive Program Grants, Incentive Grants, and AISL Gold Grants. The AISL HPPMC will administer this program in accord with guidelines approved by the AISL Board.

Grant program announcements will be made in the AISL's official publication "AISL News" and on the AISL's website at www.auss shooting.org . AISL will contact athletes that are qualified for the DSG under the established criteria. Qualified athletes will be provided with the details of the program and a contract to sign if they wish to participate in the program. Athletes qualifying for AISL Gold and Incentive Grants will automatically receive grant applications and instructions.

COMPETITIVE PROGRAM GRANTS (CPG)

In the Olympic events at the Full World Shooting Championship, Competitive Program Grants will be awarded to the top three Australian finishers in the open category for all discipline athletes provided the score achieved places the athlete in the top 20% of competitors in their event. This grant is designed to assist in offsetting costs associated with training for and attending the World Shooting Championships. Competitive Program Grants will be awarded in the following manner:

1st Place	\$750
2nd Place	\$400
3rd Place	\$150

To be eligible for the Competitive Program Grants, an athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a current member of the Australian Team and
2. Be a current member of an AISL Member at the time of the competition and grant payment and
3. Be performance Qualified in an Olympic event in accordance with Australian International Shooting Limited's Selection Policy, at the time of payment (for 2006 the Qualifying score in force will be considered at PQS) and .
4. Be current with ASADA's Athlete Location Form. Any athlete who is non-compliant with the Athlete Location Form at the time of competition will be deemed in breach and will not receive payment.

Athletes may receive only one Competitive Program Grant in any competition year. Should an athlete finish in the top 20% in more than one event, the highest level will apply. Grants will not be passed down below the third place finisher. Competitive Program Grants not disbursed by the above criteria will be returned to HPP revenue.

Funds dispersed will be reported to the Australian Taxation Office.

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AISL Direct Support Grants (DSG)

DSG will be awarded to athletes meeting the requirements below. Grant amount is determined based on the criteria below and the AISL HPPMC's assessment of medal potential in the Bench Mark Events (BME) and the 2008 Olympic Games. The grant will be dispersed monthly in equal payments through December 31, 2008. The first payment will be dispersed after receiving the athlete contract and meeting the requirements below. Subsequent payments will be dispersed monthly to the athlete if they meet those requirements. Funds dispersed will be reported to the Australian Taxation Office.

To be eligible for DSG, an athlete must meet the following criteria:

1. have achieved a quota place on the Open scene (*ie not Oceania*) or
2. have participated in a Final in either the 2006 World Cup or the 2006 Full World Championships competition or the World Cup Finals and
3. have attained the PQS and be actively participating in a training program designed to produce medal results in 2007, 2008, World Cups and Olympics and monitored by the AISL's National Coach.
4. be a current member of the Australian Team.
5. be a current member of the relevant AISL Member at the time of each grant payment.
6. be Performance Qualified in a 2008 Olympic event in accordance with Australian International Shooting Limited's Policies and Procedures, at the time of each payment.
7. be current with ASADA's Athlete Location Form.

To qualify for payments under the DSG program, athletes must meet the following requirements:

1. Remain a member of the National Team for the duration of the grant period.
2. Must be Performance Qualified at the time of each payment.
3. Must work with their discipline National Coach to develop a detailed training and match plan. The plan will be oriented toward medalling at the 2008 Olympic Games. This plan must be approved by the AISL's HPPMC before the first payment will be issued.
4. Must submit to an income Means Test proving income is less than \$50000 net.
5. Must agree to be in weekly contact with the National Coach to discuss training issues or new developments in their training. This weekly contact can take the form of weekly telephone conversation with the coach, an exchange of e-mails, or the completion of a report form designed by the coach. Updates and revision to the training plans may be required based on information received from these exchanges. All exchanges will be recorded and filed by the National Coach. They are subject to review by the HPPMC.
6. Each selected athlete must meet specific training and performance measures established by the National Coach and approved by the HPPMC to receive the monthly grant payment. Measures may include attendance at specified matches, performance level at competitions, training requirements, etc.
7. These criteria and requirements will be customized to meet individual athlete needs with the objective of maximizing Olympic medal potential. The National Coach may recommend the grant be removed or reduced if the above requirements are not being met. The final determination for removal of an DSG will be made by the HPPMC. Grant funds not disbursed to DSG athletes will be reallocated to HPP revenue.

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INCENTIVE GRANTS

Any athlete may receive an incentive grant when meeting the following criteria:

1. Winning an individual event medal in any of the ISSF World Cups or "ISSF World Cup Final" from September 1, 2007 on. In addition this applies to the junior category individual medals at a Full World Shooting Championships in an Olympic event from the 2006 Full World Championship onwards.

	<i>Open</i>	<i>Junior</i>
<i>Gold</i>	\$1000	\$1000
<i>Silver</i>	\$750	\$750
<i>Bronze</i>	\$500	\$500

2. Winning a 2008 Olympic Quota at the 2006 Full World Championships or 2007 World Cups only (*not retrospective*) \$2,000. ***This does not include Oceania.***

The athlete incentive program is designed to reward shooting performance and will encourage the use of key sponsor products as and when these become available. Any incentives offered will be established by AISL and will be dependent upon the nature and value of any related sponsor. Incentives, monetary or product will be based on the value of the sponsorships. Amount of incentives and designated competitions will be published upon activation of sponsorship agreements.

AISL GOLD GRANTS

The AISL will award Gold grants based on individual athlete performance at a Full World Shooting Championships and Olympic games. Grants will be awarded in the Olympic events only as follows:

Gold Medal	\$5000
Silver Medal	\$4000
Bronze Medal	\$3500

AISL Gold awards are limited to one award per athlete.

All Grants are conditional on funds being available.

Note: *In all cases Athletes should gain their own financial advice as to the impact grants may have on their income tax assessment. AISL does not and will not provide any comment in regards to financial implications.*