



SIR M.A. REFALO SIXTH FORM

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NSS in collaboration with Sir M.A Refalo Sixth Form: An Opportunity for Athletes

Objectives

1. This programme is offered to students who qualify as National Student Athletes.
2. National Student Athletes are students who form part of a National Sports Team/Squad or completed their compulsory education at the National Sport School, Malta (NSS).
3. The programme aims to offer national student athletes the possibility of obtaining their MATSEC Certification whilst maintaining their training programmes with a National Sport Federation/Association (henceforth referred to as NSFA), which is officially recognised by the Malta Olympic Committee and/or with the NSS.

Programme streams

1. **Option A:** Study Programme for National Team Athletes aimed for national team athletes.
2. **Option B:** National Sport School 16+ Programme aimed for students who completed their compulsory education at the NSS and for national team athletes. This option is offered only in those sport disciplines, which have the support of the respective NSFA.

Entry requirements

1. Student athletes enrolling in this programme must fulfil the general entry requirements for the Matriculation Course (Standard) as stipulated by the University of Malta.
2. Student athletes who would like to follow **Option A**, must present a written endorsement from the respective NSFA that they form part of a national team/squad or potentially can be part of one within one year with the aim of representing the country in international games/sport events. This endorsement must be renewed at the beginning of each academic year.
3. Student athletes, who would like to follow **Option B**, must present either a written endorsement from the NSS that they have the potential to continue training with the said school or from the relevant NSFA (as in previous paragraph).



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Course outline

1. The programme is offered on a full-time basis spread over **two** academic years.
2. National student athletes following **Option A** will have their timetables scheduled, Monday to Friday between 09:00 and 15:00. This is subject to availability.
3. National student athletes following Option B will have their timetables scheduled between 10:00 and 14:50hrs on Tuesday, and Thursday, and between 08:00 and 14:50hrs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Training will be provided by NSS in conjunction with the respective NSFA/s between 07:45 and 09:30 on the days indicated above.
4. National student athletes will need to ensure they have an adequate insurance cover for the time during which they are released from Sir M.A Refalo Sixth Form to participate in training, events and/or other competitions.
5. National student athletes in this programme may book and make use of the sports facilities at Sir M.A Refalo Sixth Form between 08:00 and 14:50, provided that such booking and use does not conflict with the student athletes' lectures at the Institute.
6. National student athletes are provided with Special Sports Exemptions allowing them to participate in training, events and/or competitions following a request from the respective NSFA/NSS.
7. National student athletes may bring their personal coach/trainer to the Institute provided he/she is officially recognised as such by the NSFA or NSS.
8. If the national student athlete is required to participate in a competition/training camp during the June Examination period, their session will be held in September as a first sit.
9. Enrolled athletes have the possibility of using their sport discipline as a Systems of Knowledge project.
10. A sport locker will be provided on the training site.
11. The Sports and Leisure Coordinator will act as the main contact person for national student athletes enrolled in this programme.
12. A certificate of participation will be given to those who complete the programme.



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Conditions

1. National student athletes are expected to follow Sir M.A Refalo Sixth Form's general regulations and guidelines on the Institute Campus and those of the NSS/NSFA where applicable.
2. National student athletes must present a written endorsement from the respective NSFA/NSS within ten working days from the submission of their application. Failure to do so will automatically enrol the student in the standard course.
3. National student athletes studying at the College will be following a study programme tailored on the Matriculation Course (Standard). The MATSEC regulations apply.
4. Enrolment for this study programme can **only** take place during the admission period before first year commences.
5. Once a student athlete enrolls in the programme s/he cannot change to another programme offered at Sir M.A Refalo Sixth Form.
6. No changes to the national student athlete time-table will be allowed once this is set at the beginning of the year.
7. Every effort will be made to ensure national student athletes can choose any combination of subjects in accordance with MATSEC regulations, but certain restrictions may apply.
8. It is the students' responsibility to ensure that the group of chosen subjects is in line with MATSEC regulations.
9. Sir M.A Refalo Sixth Form reserves the right not to offer a subject if the number of applicants does not justify it or if logistics and timetable arrangements do not permit it.
10. Although every effort will be made by the Institute's Administration to hold sessions as per Option chosen, the Institute reserves the right to make use of other hours beyond those indicated if the need arises.
11. National student athletes must participate in annual Sport Festivals and must represent Sir M.A. Refalo Sixth Form in festivals, games and other sport events. National student athletes who opt without justification not to fulfil this responsibility will forfeit the possibility of making use of Special Sports Exemptions.
12. Enrolled national student athletes must commit themselves to their programme of studies and attend all sessions. Failure to comply with this responsibility without justification leads to forfeiture of the Special Sports Exemptions.



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13. When student athletes are exempted from attending Sir M.A Refalo Sixth Form following a request by the respective NSFA or NSS, they may make use of respective tutor contact hours. It is important to note that missed practical sessions cannot be replaced.
14. Only sport entities recognised by the Malta Olympic Committee are considered as NSFAs.
15. If the enrolled student athlete for some reason or another stops forming part of the national team/squad or stops training with the NSS during the two year programme, s/he will still remain in the programme but will lose the right to the Special Sports Exemptions and other privileges.
- 16. Registration for this programme is only possible by end of August 2021. Online registration as a student must be submitted by this date.**

The Institute Administration