

# 2017 MainPower Youth Sports Scholarship Finalists

## MainPower is pleased to support youth sporting achievement in North Canterbury

The aim of the MainPower Youth Sports Scholarships is to assist local sporting talent to perform to their utmost ability. The Scholarships support high achieving young sports people from within Waimakariri, Hurunui and Kaikoura districts to achieve attainable goals and to build a foundation that will encourage a strong culture of sporting success and excellence across the North Canterbury region.

Through a partnership between MainPower and the North Canterbury Sport & Recreation Trust, scholarships totalling \$30,000 will be awarded to these outstanding young North Canterbury sportspeople at the 16th annual MainPower North Canterbury Sports Awards on Friday 27th October, with these funds going towards their continued development in their chosen sport for the next 12 months.

Tickets to the awards are available from the North Canterbury Sport & Recreation Trust. Ph: 03 975 5562 or email roliver@sportstrust.org.nz



### Jacob Pepper-Edwards (17) - Wrestling

- 2017 Oceania Wrestling Championships, Tahiti March 2017
  - 1st 96kg Junior Male Freestyle
  - 1st 96kg Junior Greco Roman
  - 2nd 97kg Senior Freestyle
- Competing in the Commonwealth Champs in South Africa later this year with the aim of qualification for the NZ team to the 2018 Commonwealth games.



### Rebecca Jones (17) - Archery

- Obtained 3 qualifying scores for Trans Tasman Champs 2018
- Gold – Target Cadet Outdoor Nationals 2017
- Gold – Clout Cadet NZ Outdoor Nationals 2017
- Gold – Matchplay Cadet NZ Indoor Nationals 2017
- Silver – Target Cadet NZ Indoor Nationals 2017
- Currently holds 1 Open record, 7 National records, 20 NZ records, 1 South Island Districts record and 9 club records



### Kiri Atkin (20) - Triathlon

- 2nd – Elite Women Sokcho ASTC Triathlon Asia Cup 2017
- 6th – Elite Women Subic Bay ASTC Triathlon Asia Cup 2017
- 8th – 2017 Kinloch OTU Sprint Triathlon Oceania Champs
- 8th – Elite Women Takamatsu ASTC Sprint Tri Asia Cup 2017
- Results have met criteria to race in an ITU World Cup event and Commonwealth Games Selection race



### Macey Fraser (15) - Football & Futsal

- Member of NZ Football U17 Team for Oceania Champs July 2017. Qualified for 2018 World Cup.
- Mainland Pride Senior Women's Football team member - National Champions 2016
- Selected for NZ High Performance Sport Pathway to Podium Programme 2017
- Selected for NZ U18 Futsal team for Youth Olympic Qualifiers



### Charlotte Whittaker (17) - Basketball

- U18 NZ National team for Asia Cup Qualifiers, June 2017
- U18 NZ National 3v3 team; shortlisted to attend Women's 3v3 World Champs in October 2017
- U19 National Champs; member of Canterbury Combined women's team that finished 2nd
- Canterbury Wildcats Women's Basketball team member - National Champions 2017



### Bronwyn Dibb (19) - Trampoline

- 4th – Double Mini Tramp at World Games 2017
- 1st – Senior Women's Double Mini & Synchronised Trampoline at Indo Pacific Championships Oct 2016
- 1st – Senior Women's DMT, Tumbling & Synchronised Trampoline at NZ National Championships Oct 2016
- 1st – Senior Women's DMT at Australian Nationals May 2017



### Gabrielle Rennie (16) - Football

- Member of NZ Football U17 Team for Oceania Champs July 2017. Qualified for 2018 World Cup.
- Mainland Pride Senior Women's Football team member - National Champions 2016
- Waimak United Premier Women's team member
- Rangiora High School 1st XI team member - 3rd place in National Secondary Schools premier league



### Jackson Ogle (18) - Track Cycling

- U19 UCI Track Cycling Jnr World Championships
  - Bronze in 1km Time Trial at
- NZ National Championships
  - Gold in 1km Time Trial
  - Gold in Sprints
  - Gold in Keirin
- Two timed records at NZ National Championships



### Ben Oliver (20) - Mountain Biking

- 1st U23 Men at Swiss Bike Cup, June 2017
- 1st U23 & 2nd Elite Men at NZ National MTB Champs 2017
- 1st U23 & 6th Elite Men at Oceania Continental Champs 2017
- 2nd U23 at MTB Grand Prix, Austria May 2017
- UCI MTB World Cup U23 results include 6th, 9th & 12th U23 Men's Ranking – NZ 1st / World 10th (26th in 2016) Elite Men's Ranking – NZ 2nd / World 75th (of 1627)



### Jordan O'Connell-Inns (20) - Gymnastics

- 1st overall at NZ Nationals Sept 2016
- Selected for NZ Gymnastics Team for 2017 World Cup event in Australia, Jan 2017
- 1st overall at Christchurch School of Gymnastics Classic Comp
- Selected for NZ gymnastics team for World / Challenge Cup events in Europe 2017

This year 20 applications were received for the MainPower Youth Sports Scholarships, from 14 different sports. All applicants continue to raise the bar, making it harder for our judges to select just ten finalists from this group and the top three from these ten. Unfortunately, the following ten talented young sports men and women did not receive a scholarship this year, but we congratulate them on their successes and encourage them to keep achieving great results over the coming year so we see them in our finals list in the future...

*Tegan Bishop - Surfing; Momoka Kabori - Golf; Oliver Rayner - Swimming; Ella Greenslade - Rowing; Ella Hansen - BMX; Tahlia Herman-Wall - Football; Helen Matthews - Basketball; Jacob Turner - Mountainbiking; Kazuma Kabori - Golf; Sophie Williams - Futsal.*