

2026-27 Approved Fee Increases Information Night

April 21, 2026

WELCOME AND GOOD EVENING

Welcome and thank you for attending this very important meeting tonight.

I am joined on this call by several Swim Ontario board members and by Swim Ontario staff

This evening we will be outlining financial matters that will have a direct impact on clubs and their budgets for the 2026 - 2027 swim season.

To assist ensuring everyone is aware of the changes, this meeting is being recorded and will be uploaded on our website.

The matters that we are discussing today have been approved by the Board of Directors, who have given the direction to Swim Ontario staff to implement.

COST PRESSURES

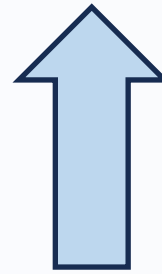
Swim Ontario is experiencing cost pressures that need to be addressed in both the short and medium term, including:

- Inflationary pressures
- Lack of Swimmer registration fees increases
- Safe Sport compliance costs
- New programming
- Replenishing depleted reserves

COST PRESSURES

From 2021 to 2025...

- Swimmer registration fees have increased by only 0.86% over the past four years, compared to a 15.9% inflation rate in the same period.



15.9%
Increase
in CPI



0.86%
increase
in fees

- Inflationary pressures: since Covid, there have been significant costs increases which have affected travel, accommodations, hospitality, and hosting camps for swimmers and coaches.
- While previous years' rapid swimmer registration growth offset inflationary pressure, this growth has plateaued due to limited pool space for training and competition expansion.

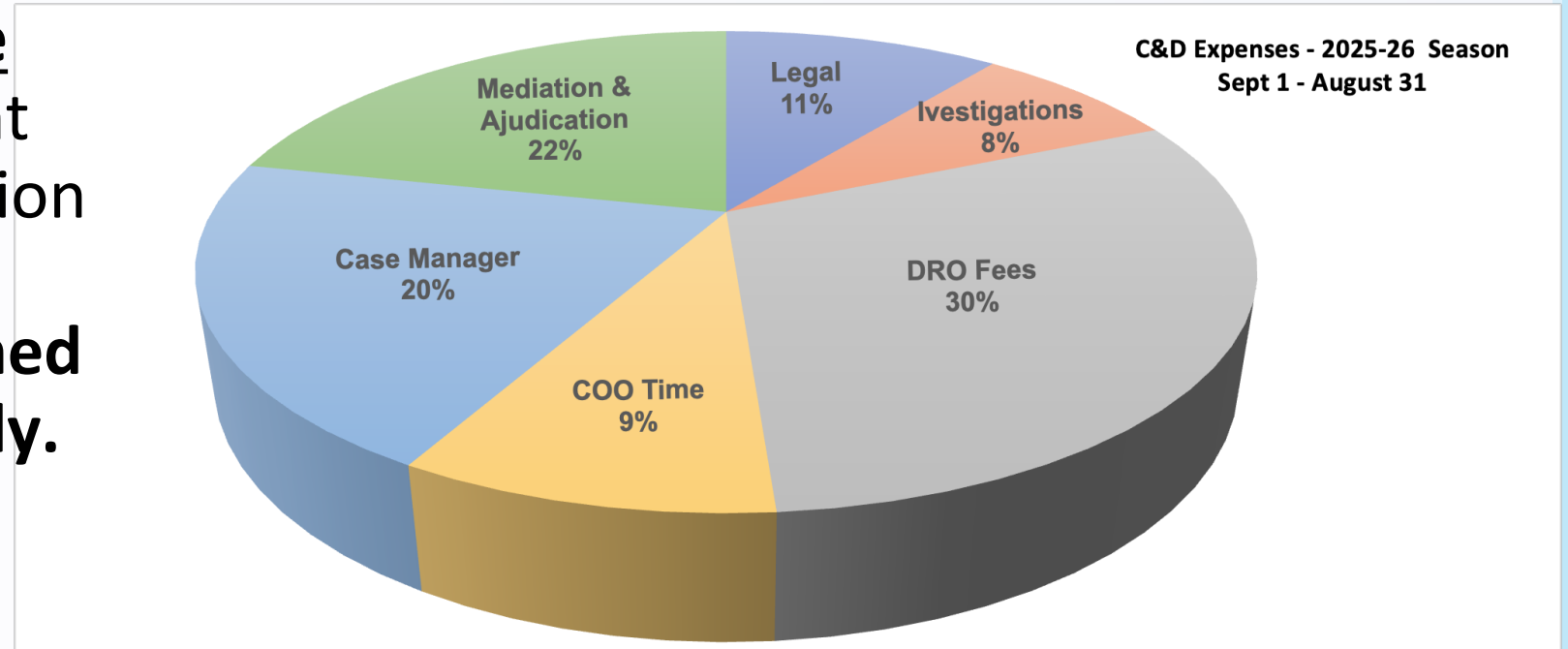
ACTIONS BEING TAKEN

The board has approved the following measures:

- A. The establishment of a safe sport fee to be paid by each club.
- B. An increase in swimmer registration fees for next year of 7%, to be followed by annual adjustments at or about the rate of increase in the CPI.
- C. A new Post Meet Fee structure replaces the gold bonus, sanction fees and official's registration fees.
 - This mirrors what many other provinces are doing.
 - This format better reflects the actual cost to Swim Ontario of sanctioning meets, monitoring compliance, and hosting provincial properties.

SAFE SPORT

Safe Sport compliance costs: the Government mandated administration and dispensation of complaints **have reached over \$225,000 annually.**



Swim Ontario will assess a \$5 fee per competitive swimmer to clubs to offset a portion of this cost.

New Programming Initiatives

1. Regional & Community Program Deliveries;

- a) Young coaches and grassroots programming initiatives

2. Mentoring and assisting clubs and their administrators;

- a) Our club outreach programming
- b) Masters Ambassador Program
- c) Staff support hotline – providing personalized assistance as needed

3. Advocacy for new pool construction;

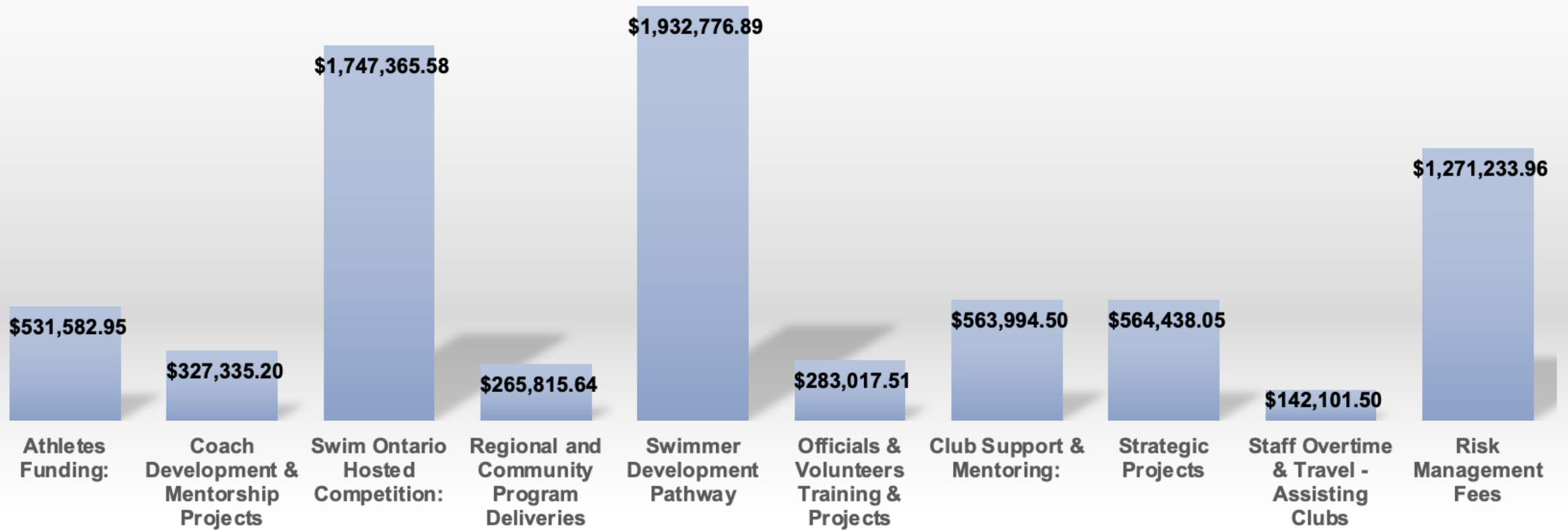
- a) New pool construction is critical to continued success as a community

4. Paralympic and Olympic stream program enhancements.

- a) Para Programming Lead – Darda Sales

\$7.6 Million on Key Areas in 24-27

2024-27 TOTAL INVESTMENT - KEY AREAS



Replenishing Depleted Reserves

To address the exponential increase in safe sport complaints, Swim Ontario drew on reserves in 2025-26, creating a deficit.





We'll need a modest surplus over each of the next 2 to 3 years to replenish our reserves

Swim Ontario is committed to yearly registration fee increases that will reflect the projected cost of inflation

Programming Goals



Club Affiliation Fees for 2026-27

	Club Affiliation Fee (\$5 - swimmer)	Sport Safety Fee \$5 – swimmer (new addition)	Community Sport Education fee	Coach Fee	Total
Max. amt.	\$1500.00	\$1500.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$3,300.00
					
Min. amt.	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$500.00

Based on Number of Competitive Swimmers as of August 31, 2025

Registration Fees increases for 2026-27

Category	Current Fee	7% Fee Increase (rounded)
Precomp Swimmers	\$ 38.50	\$ 41.00
Summer Precomp	\$ 13.50	\$ 14.50
Comp Swimmers	\$ 86.00	\$ 92.00
Varsity	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.75
Head Coaches	\$ 23.50	\$ 25.25
Assistant Coaches	\$ 13.50	\$ 14.50
\$20 - Flat Fee Increase (rounded)		
Masters	\$ 29.60	\$ 50.00
Independent Masters	\$ 51.75	\$ 72.00

- Officials will still need to register...
however,...
- No registration fee for Officials

Post Meet Fees for 2026-2027

Effective September 1, 2026

A new Post-Meet Fee structure will be implemented that will:

- Eliminate the “Sanction” Fee
- Eliminate the “Gold Bonus” (\$1.00 per swim)

These will be replaced with a revised fee model outlined on the next slide.

2026-2027 Post Meet Fees

Meet Type	Definition	Post Meet Fees	
Varsity Meets	Meets with only Varsity swimmers following OUA rules	\$100 Admin Fee	
Class I Time Trial	Record Attempts	\$100 Admin Fee	
Class II Time Trial	Maximum 2 hour session - limited to 50 swimmers & 2 events - no awards/scoring/records - Simplified Meet package	\$100 Admin Fee	
In House Competition (Age Group / Masters)	Maximum 3 hour session - 1 club only - no awards/scoring/records - Simplified Meet Package - Host can charge an entry fee	\$3 per swimmer	
Age Group Invitationals & Masters Meets	Invitationals (Closed or Open) - Sessions no longer than 4.5 hours - includes non-conforming Yard meets	1 day Inv Meets	\$4 per swimmer
		2 Day Inv Meets	\$9 per swimmer
		3 Day Inv Meets	\$15 per swimmer
		4 Day Inv Meets	\$24 per swimmer



Disclaimer: Consecutive-day competitions must be sanctioned as a single meet, splitting into multiple sanctions is not permitted.

Questions

- **15 Minutes for questions:**
- Additional Questions can be sent to info@swimontario.com

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