

2026-2027 SENIOR PERFORMANCE FUNDING

THIS INTERNATIONAL PODIUM DEVELOPMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY IS MADE POSSIBLE BY SWIM ONTARIO

Rationale

To provide financial support to world-class swimmers who are either registered with an Ontario-based program or have had a performance history as part of an Ontario-based program, to facilitate their continued improvement towards international podium success.

Eligibility

Swimmers must be eligible to compete internationally for Canada and in good standing with Swim Ontario and Swimming Canada. They must be registered as ACTIVE in REMS and in good standing with an affiliated Swim Ontario club, HPC-Ontario or an "Ontario Grown" Unattached Canada (UNCAN) registrant by November 1, 2026.

Funding

OLYMPIC STREAM		
Priority	World Ranking	Maximum Funding
Priority 1	1st to 10th Place	\$12,000.00
Priority 2	11th & 25th Place	\$8,000.00
Priority 3	26th & 50th Place	\$6,000.00

- **Confirmed athletes will be funded based on their World Rank as of August 31, 2026**
- **Eligible "out of province swimmers" in 2025/2026 will be eligible to receive 50% of the monetary value assigned to their current world ranking above.**

PARALYMPIC STREAM		
Priority	World Ranking	Maximum Funding
1	1st to 3rd Place	\$12,000.00
2	4th-7th Place	\$8,000.00
3	8th-12th Place	\$6,000.00

- **Confirmed athletes will be funded based on their World Rank as of October 1, 2026**

- **Eligible “out of province swimmers” in 2025-2026 will be eligible to receive 50% of the monetary value assigned to their current world ranking above.**

Funding Amendment:

In the event that additional funding is approved, funds will be allocated based on the following priorities:

1. Increase funding to the existing identified athletes.
2. Identify the highest ranked athletes, regardless of gender, who are not receiving Sport Canada funding based on the provided Swimming Canada Athlete Assistance List.

Qualification for Reimbursement

Submission of the "Notice of Acceptance: Performance Funding."

Submission of the Individual Athlete Performance Plan (IAPP) by the Coach of Record.

Swimmers/representatives are solely responsible for submitting all three required documents (Notice, IAPP, and receipts).

Reimbursement Schedule

Payments are made only after athlete registration/affiliation is confirmed and the IAPP is submitted.

The deadline for receipt submissions is JANUARY 15, 2027.

All eligible expenses must be incurred after APRIL 1, 2026

Receipts received after this deadline will not be accepted.

Reimbursement goes to the individual or entity that paid the expense.

Eligible Supported Expenses

- **Competition and Training Participation:** Costs associated with attending training camps and competitions, including
 - Entry fees
 - Travel
 - Accommodation
- **Performance Support:** Access to sport-specific medical and/or scientific support.
- **National Initiatives:** Participation expenses for Swimming Canada programs.
- **Pre-Approved Costs:** Other expenses, upon prior approval from the Swim Ontario Performance Programs Coordinator.

Note: The final approval for the distribution of these funds rests with the Swim Ontario Technical Staff or their designated representative.

Sickness or Injury

- Funded athletes must report any injury, illness, or change in training that could affect their ability to confidently and competently undertake their training and competition plan.
- Failure to report may lead to a funding status review.

Swimmer Retirement Clause

- Swimming Canada National Team Swimmers from 2025-2026 season, who were previous recipients of this award, may be eligible to receive a pro-rated amount up to (50%) based on their world rankings as of the last day of the defined performance window.
- Swimmers **MUST** have competed at the **2026 Pan Pacific Championships or 2026 Para Pan Pacific Championships** to be eligible for this retirement clause.
- All other selection and eligibility criteria listed above will also apply to this pro-rated grant amount.
- A swimmer's status for funding amounts is based on their 2025-2026 registration and training residency as (by definition) either an Ontario, or out-of-province, swimmer.
 - For example, a retired national team swimmer determined to be an “out of province swimmer” in 2025-2026 may be eligible to receive 50% of the monetary value assigned to their current world ranking above.
 - Whereas, a retired national team swimmer determined to be an “Ontario swimmer” in 2025-2026 may be eligible to receive 50% of the monetary value assigned to their current world ranking above.

Unforeseen Circumstances

- In the event of unforeseen or unusual circumstances **the Chief Technical Officer**, has the **sole** discretion to resolve the matter, taking into account **any** factors and circumstances **deemed** relevant.

Changes To This Document

- Swim Ontario reserves the right to make changes to this document at its discretion. Any changes to this document **shall be published by Swim Ontario and communicated directly to all eligible participants through their Coach of Record**

Swim Ontario Authority for Decisions:

- The Swim Ontario Chief Technical Officer has sole authority over all selection matters, including final decisions regarding APF selection based on approved criteria and subsequent requirements. All decisions are considered final and not subject to review or appeal.

Definitions:

The following definitions apply to Swim Ontario athlete and club funding documents only.

- **“Out of Province Swimmer”** is a swimmer meeting the defined registration requirements who lives and trains outside of the province of Ontario.
- **“World Ranking”** is defined as the official World Aquatics list of individual swimming performances, compiled and published on the World Aquatics webpage. (<http://www.fina.org/content/swimming-world-ranking>)
- **“Ontario Grown Swimmer”** is a swimmer listed within the eligible registration categories who was developed within the Ontario Age Group Club system.