

## 2026-2027 JUNIOR ATHLETE PERFORMANCE FUNDING

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### Objective

Swim Ontario has allocated a total of **\$40,000.00** from the Junior Performance Funding for the 2026/2027 cycle. This funding is dedicated to supporting up to **ten (10)** Ontario registered swimmers, **18 years of age or under as of December 31, 2026**, who are in the performance development stream. The goal is to facilitate their continued improvement toward world-class status. The maximum funding per swimmer is **\$4,000.00**.

### Eligibility

- Swimmers must be eligible to represent Canada internationally and be in good standing with Swim Ontario/Swimming Canada.
- **They must be actively registered with an affiliated Ontario club or HPC-Ontario by November 1, 2026, and train full-time in Ontario.**
- Those receiving Senior APF are ineligible.
- Out-of-province swimmers in 2026/2027 are eligible to receive 50% of the funding.
- **Swim Ontario reserves the right to withhold funds if requirements are not met.**

### Eligible Performances

- Only results from sanctioned long course metre (LCM) competitions, in eligible Olympic Events, will be considered.
- Results must be verifiable on swimrankings.net and appear no later than September 15, 2026.
- **Clubs and athletes are responsible for ensuring their results are uploaded to swimrankings.net by the deadline.**

### Performance Window

- **January 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026**

### Selection Procedure

- Swimmers, regardless of gender, who meet the posted eligibility criteria will be ranked in order based on the current Swimming Canada World Class “On Track” times chart published on the [Swimming Canada website](#).
- **If no “On Track” time appears in a specific age, a swimmer’s performance will NOT be considered for that event Nomination for funding is based on the current**

Swimming Canada World Class "On Track" times chart, available on the [Swimming Canada website](#).

### Resource Link:

- [World Class On-Track Time](#)

### Priority of Selection

- **PRIORITY 1:** ALL Track One performances
- **PRIORITY 2:** ALL Track Two performances
- **PRIORITY 3:** ALL Track Three performances

### 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 next two highest ranked On Track athletes based on the performance completed within the identified performance window.

### Tie Breaking Rules

- Swim Ontario will evaluate any tied performances using the **World Aquatics World Rankings** dated **September 15, 2026** and determine a winner based on the highest world ranking of the tied swimmers' events.
- In the event of a second tie, the highest World Aquatics World Ranking in a second event will be considered for final selection.

### 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 submissions is JANUARY 15, 2027.**
- **Receipts received after this deadline will not be accepted.**
- Reimbursement goes to the individual or entity that paid the expense (Swimmer/Family/Club/Coach.)

### 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.

### NCAA Eligibility

- The onus is entirely on the athlete (and their family) to determine the impact of accepting Athlete Performance Funding on current or future NCAA eligibility and deciding whether or not to accept Athlete Performance Funding.

### 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.

### 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>)