

2026-2027 PARA PODIUM DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

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

Objective

- Swim Ontario has allocated **\$4,000.00** in individual athlete funding for a maximum of six (6) swimmers within the Para Performance Development stream. This funding is intended to support the continued development of these Ontario athletes as they work towards achieving world-class performance.

Athlete Eligibility

- Swimmers must be eligible to represent Canada internationally.
- **Swimmers must be registered with a status of ACTIVE in REMS and in good standing with an affiliated Swim Ontario member club, the High Performance Centre-Ontario, or the Ontario Swimming Academy by November 1, 2026**
- **Must have a minimum of a current Domestic Level 3 Classification**
- Must train full-time in Ontario.
- Must have achieved a consideration time in an eligible Paralympic event during the performance window.
- Must have scored a minimum of **450 points** on the Swimming Canada 2021 Domestic Paralympic Sports Calculator in a Paralympic event.
- Swimmers selected for the 2026 Para Pan Pacific Championships are ineligible for this funding.
- **Swim Ontario reserves the right to withhold funding if these requirements are not met.**

Performance Window

January 1, 2026 to August 31, 2026

Selection Criteria

- **Swimmers** with a current **Domestic Level 3 Classification or higher** will be ranked based on their single highest individual point scoring Paralympic event using the Swimming Canada 2021 Canadian Para Swimming Points Calculator.
- The six highest ranked swimmers **regardless of gender** will be nominated for funding.
- The remaining ranked swimmers will be named as alternates.
- Alternates will become eligible should an available space becomes available

Resources

- [Swimming Canada Classification:](#)
- [Swimming Canada 2021 Canadian Para Swimming Points Calculator](#)

Tie Breaking Rules

- In the event of a tie, the appropriate swimmers' second highest ranked event will be used to break the tie.

Funding Amendment:

Should additional funding become available, it will be allocated according to the following priorities:

1. Increase the level of funding for athletes already identified.
2. Identify the next two (2) highest-ranked athletes, regardless of gender, who are not currently receiving Sport Canada funding, based on the Swimming Canada Athlete Assistance List.

Qualify 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 Expenses For Funding

- **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.

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.