

2025-2026 JUNIOR ATHLETE PERFORMANCE FUNDING

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

Objective

- A total of \$40,000.00 (to a MAX of \$4000.00 per swimmer) has been allocated by Swim Ontario for up to a MAX of 10 Ontario registered swimmers 18 and under as of December 31, 2025 in the performance development stream to facilitate their continued improvement towards world class status.

Eligibility

- Swimmers must be eligible to represent Canada internationally.
- Individual swimmers must be in good standing with Swim Ontario and Swimming Canada to be eligible for consideration.
- 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, the Ontario Swimming Academy by November 1, 2025
- Eligible swimmers must be training full time in Ontario.
- Swimmers receiving the Senior APF are not eligible for this funding.
- Swim Ontario reserves the right to not distribute all funding if these requirements are not met.

Eligible Performances

- Swim Ontario will only consider results in eligible Olympic Events from any sanctioned long course metre (LCM) competitions within the Eligible Performance Window.
- Only results that appear on swimrankings.net no later than September 15, 2025 will be considered
- It is the responsibility of the individual clubs or athletes to ensure that results are uploaded

Performance Window

- January 1, 2025 to August 31, 2025

Selection Procedure

- Swimmers, regardless of gender, who meet the posted eligibility criteria will be nominated in rank 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

Resource Link:

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

Priority of Selection

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

Timelines

- Performance Confirmation: September 2025
- Swimmer Registration Confirmation October 2025
- Athlete Notification: October 2025
- Athlete Acceptance: November 2025

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, 2025** 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" using the provided electronic link by **11:59pm EST on October 31st, 2025**
- Submission of the Individual Athlete Performance Plan by the swimmers Coach of Record using the provided link by **11:59pm EST on November 15, 2025**
- Final submission of eligible receipts using the provided link by **11:59pm EST on March 1, 2025**.

Reimbursement Schedule

- Swim Ontario will provide reimbursement payments or partial payments of the funding once eligible receipts are received.
- Final receipt submission must be received by no later than 11:59pm on March 1, 2026 to receive funding.
- Receipts received after the designated deadline will not be accepted
- Reimbursement of expenses will require the original, scanned or photograph receipts to be submitted to Swim Ontario as per the above reimbursement schedule.
- Repayment will be directed to the individual or entity (ie: Swimmer/Family/Club/Coach) who originally incurred the expenses

Eligible Expenses for Reimbursement

- Costs directly associated with Swimming Canada Initiatives
- Costs associated with attending training camps and competitions including;
 - entry fees
 - travel costs
 - accommodation
- Sport-specific scientific and/or medical support
- Other expenses as approved by the Swim Ontario Performance Programs Coordinator.
- Approval of the distribution of the funds rests with the Swim Ontario Performance Programs Coordinator or designate

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.

Unforeseen Circumstances

- In the event of unforeseen or unusual circumstances, the Swim Ontario Performance Programs Coordinator shall have the full discretion to resolve the matter as it sees fit, taking into account factors and circumstances that it deems relevant.

Sickness or Injury

- Funded athletes are required to report any injury, illness or change in training that could affect their ability to confidently and competently undertake their reported training and competition plan.
- *Failure to report may require a review of funding status.*

Swim Ontario Authority for Decisions:

- All matters relating to selection are the sole authority of the Swim Ontario Chief Technical Officer.
- Final decisions relating to APF selection on the basis of the approved Swim Ontario APF selection criteria and subsequent requirements are at the discretion of the Chief Technical Officer.
- All decisions made by Swim Ontario staff or its Technical Committee are final and not subject to review or appeal

Definitions:

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

- Where the term *World Ranking* as used, it is defined as the official World Aquatics list of individual swimming performances compiled as of *December 1, 2025* and as published on the World Aquatics webpage (<http://www.fina.org/content/swimming-world-ranking>)