

## 2024-2025 SENIOR PERFORMANCE FUNDING

THIS INTERNATIONAL PODIUM DEVELOPMENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY IS MADE POSSIBLE BY SWIM ONTARIO THROUGH THE OHPSI PROGRAM FUNDED BY THE MINISTRY OF SPORT

### Rationale:

- To provide financial support to Ontario registered world class swimmers in order to facilitate their continued improvement towards international podium success.

### Eligibility:

- Swimmers must be eligible to compete for Canada internationally.
- Individual swimmers must be in good standing with Swim Ontario and Swimming Canada to be eligible for consideration.
- Athletes must be registered and in good standing with an affiliated Swim Ontario member club, the High Performance Centre-Ontario or the Ontario Swimming Academy.

### Performance Window:

- **January 1st, 2024 to August 31, 2024**
  - **ONLY LCM performances in Olympic events that appear on the World Aquatics World Rankings will be considered for funding eligibility.**

### 2022/2023 Senior Athlete Performance Fund

- Priority 1: Maximum of \$14,000.00 for expenses, for a World Ranking of 1st to 10th place inclusive.
- Priority 2: Maximum of \$7500.00, for expenses, for a World Ranking of 11th & 25th place inclusive.
- Priority 3: Maximum of \$5000.00, for expenses, for a World Ranking of 26th & 50th place inclusive.
- *Confirmed athletes will be funded based on their World Rank as of August 31, 2024.*

### Timelines:

- **Performance Confirmation: Beginning September 2024**
- **Athlete Notification: Beginning October 2024**
- **Athlete Acceptance: November 1, 2024**

### 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 no more than two (2) additional athletes who achieved a ranked Top 50 performance between during the identified performance window
- These identified athletes will be eligible for funding based on the World Rank achieved from their performance. Based on World Swimming World Rankings as of **September 15, 2024**

### Qualification for Reimbursement

- Submission of the “Notice of Acceptance: Performance Funding” using the provided electronic link by **11:59pm EST on October 15th, 2024**
- Submission of the Individual Athlete Performance Plan by the swimmers Coach of Record using the provided link by **11:59pm EST on November 15th, 2024.**
- Submission of eligible receipts using the provided link by **11:59pm EST on March 1, 2025.**
- **“Out of Province” swimmers or representatives are solely responsible for the ensuring submission of the Notice of Acceptance, Individual Athlete Performance Plan and eligible receipts.**

### Reimbursement Schedule

- Reimbursement payments will only be made after the registration and affiliation of the athlete is confirmed and Individual Athlete Performance Plans(IAPP) have been submitted.
- **Final receipt submissions must be received by no later than March 1, 2025 to receive funding.**
- **Receipts received after the designated deadline will not be accepted**
- Any Reimbursement will be directed to the individual or entity who originally incurred the expenses. (i.e. Swimmer/Family/Club/Coach)

### Eligible Supported Expenses

- 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

### 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

### 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.

### Swimmer Retirement Clause

- Swimming Canada National Team Swimmers from 2023-2024 season, who were previous recipients of this award, may be eligible to receive a pro-rated amount up to (5/12's) based on their world rankings as of the last day of the defined performance window.
- Swimmers **MUST** have competed at the 2024 Canadian Olympic and Paralympic Swimming Trials 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 2022-2023 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 2023/2024 may be eligible to receive 5/12's of 40% of the monetary value assigned to their current world ranking above.
  - Whereas, a retired national team swimmer determined to be an "Ontario swimmer" in 2023/2024 may be eligible to receive 5/12's of the monetary value assigned to their current world ranking above.

### 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.

- "*Out of Province Swimmer*" is a Swim Ontario registrant who registered with and represents an Ontario based member club at all domestic competitions.
- 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>)