

## Performance Pathway Program

### Travel Support for Non-Paralympic Pathway Athletes

#### Scope

The purpose of this selection criteria is to inform the provision of financial support for athletes in Non-Paralympic Pathway classifications, that represent Australia at benchmark championships.

This policy encompasses the following disciplines of the sport of swimming:

- Multi Class Pool events

#### Definitions

“Home State”	The State or Territory of Australia that the athlete considers themselves as a representative of at national competition.
Automatic Qualification	Selection is without discretion provided the athlete meets stated athlete eligibility standards and selection criteria.
Benchmark Championship	Competitions that have been identified by a governing body as the pinnacle competitions for an athlete's annual program.
Governing Body	The recognised organisation that administers the sport within their jurisdiction, including but not limited to locally, nationally or globally. Nationally recognised governing bodies will be affiliated with the Australian Sports Commission.
Swimming Australia	Governing Body for the sport of Swimming in Australia.
Swimming WA	Governing Body for the sport of Swimming in Western Australia.
World Aquatics	Governing Body for the sport of Swimming (globally).

#### Criteria

Athlete Eligibility	<p>To be considered for selection, an athlete must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Be an Australian Citizen*</li> <li>- Be a current financial member of a Swimming WA affiliated club</li> <li>- Declare Western Australia as their “home state”</li> <li>- Be eligible under World Aquatics regulations to represent Australia at the upcoming international benchmark championship as defined by Swimming Australia</li> <li>- Be considered in good standing by the Swimming WA affiliated club, Swimming WA and Swimming Australia</li> </ul> <p>* Athletes that can demonstrate evidence of application for Australian Citizenship, with the estimated date of Australian Citizenship within a timeframe agreed by Swimming WA Athlete Pathways Manager and SA Technical Lead (Western Australia/South Australia), may be considered for selection.</p>
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Selection Criteria	<p>Athletes will be considered for selection based upon their selection to represent Australia at eligible benchmark championships.</p> <p><b>Criteria for athlete selection</b></p> <p>Athletes must meet ALL of the criteria listed below to qualify for selection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Athlete must be nationally classified in S/SB/SM 15 to 19 (inclusive)</li> <li>- Athlete is selected for the eligible benchmark championship by the governing body</li> <li>- Athlete has registered for the eligible benchmark championship with the governing body</li> </ul> <p>Should the athlete withdraw from the eligible benchmark championship, the athlete may be requested to return the financial support to Swimming WA.</p> <p><b>Criteria for eligible benchmark championships</b></p> <p>Events must meet ALL of the criteria listed below to classified as an eligible benchmark championship.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Event that is listed and operated as a World Championships or equivalent</li> <li>- Event is listed by the Australian governing body as a benchmark championship</li> <li>- Qualification for the event is managed by the Australian governing body, and is selected based on meeting performance standards</li> </ul> <p>An example (including but not limited to) of such events: Global Virtus Games</p>

## Process

Selection Process	<p><b>Automatic Qualification</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Athlete is selected for the eligible benchmark championships by the governing body</li> <li>2. Athlete registers for the eligible benchmark championships with the governing body</li> <li>3. Athlete applies for the travel support using the <a href="#">online form here</a></li> <li>4. Swimming WA confirms athlete eligibility and selection with the athlete within fourteen (14) days following application to Swimming WA</li> <li>5. Athlete returns the statement of supplier form sent with confirmation of selection</li> <li>6. Swimming WA processes payment of financial support within twenty-one (21) days following return of statement of supplier form</li> </ol>
Appeals Process	<p>Disputes relating to decisions and application of this policy are bound by Part Four (Dispute Resolution, Mediation and Disciplinary Action) of the Swimming WA Constitution which can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>