



Performance Pathway Program Overview

The Swimming WA Performance Pathway Program is a nationally endorsed talent identification and development program delivered by the State Sporting Organisation, Swimming WA, in partnership with Swimming Australia and WAIS.

The Swimming WA Performance Pathway Program has an extensive history, contributing to a long legacy of Western Australian Olympic and Paralympic medallists and community leaders.

The Swimming WA Performance Pathway Program is an annual program run in line with the financial year (July 1st to June 30th).

Performance Pathway Program Strategic Aims

Purpose	We will prepare athletes for future Dolphins Swim Team representation
Strategy	We will provide activity that adds value to the athletes' daily training environment
Strategic Pillars	Sport Readiness Leadership and Learning Partnerships

Performance Pathway Program Structure

Performance Pathway Squad	Selection Philosophy
WA Target Flippers Squad	Athletes that are targeting national categorisation within 2 years
WA Flippers Squad	Athletes that are targeting national categorisation within 4 years
WA Development Squad	Athletes that are targeting national categorisation within 6 years
Performance Pathway Swim Team	Selection Philosophy
WA Performance Pathway Swim Team	To deliver the best individual performances at the nominated competition
WA State Relay Swim Team	To deliver the best chance of performance at Australian Age Championships – State Relay Competition



Performance Pathway Program Activity

Performance Pathway Squad	Athlete Squad Fee
WA Target Flippers Squad	\$300
WA Flippers Squad	\$300
WA Development Squad	\$0*

*WA Development Squad athletes that participate in the annual training camp will be required to pay a co-contribution fee of \$250

Performance Pathway Squad	Athlete Support*
WA Target Flippers Squad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training Camps National Pathways Testing Invitation to appropriate user-pay performance pathway squad tours Weekly access to WA HUB Group education on performance support areas Periodic SPARTA data collection
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WA Development Squad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invitation to a co-contributed annual training camp 2x training sessions

*Athletes may be provided an invitation to join additional activity at the discretion of the Swimming WA Athlete Pathways Manager and Swimming Australia Technical Lead WA/SA. Athlete Support is dependant on confirmation of available funding, availability of service providers and subject to change



Performance Pathway Squad Tour	Location	Estimated athlete cost	Athletes targeted
Tri-series meet with New Zealand and Victoria	Hawkes Bay, NZ	\$3000	WA Flippers Squad
TBC high-level international meet	TBC	TBC	WA Target Flippers Squad
Queensland Open Water State Championships	Brisbane, QLD	\$2000	Distance athletes from WA Flippers and WA Target Flippers Squad

Performance Pathway Swim Team Tour	Location	Estimated athlete cost	Athletes targeted
TBC State Championships	TBC	\$2250	Open and Age Group athletes that perform at Hancock Prospecting State Championships
Australian Age Championships (State Relay Competition)	TBC	\$0	Age Group athletes that perform in 50m events through the domestic long course competition season



Confirmed Dates (May 2023 – October 2023*)	Location	Confirmed Dates	Athletes targeted
Monthly WA Flippers Squad WA Hub Session	HBF Stadium	June 24	WA Flippers Squad WA Target Flippers Squad
WA Flippers Training Camp	HBF Stadium	July 10 to July 14	WA Flippers Squad WA Target Flippers Squad
WA Performance Pathway Program Race Morning	HBF Stadium	July 14	WA Flippers Squad WA Target Flippers Squad WA Development Squad
Monthly WA Flippers Squad WA Hub Session	HBF Stadium	July 29	WA Flippers Squad WA Target Flippers Squad
Monthly WA Flippers Squad WA Hub Session	HBF Stadium	August 26	WA Flippers Squad WA Target Flippers Squad
Tri-series meet with New Zealand and Victoria	Hawkes Bay, NZ	September 23 to September 30	WA Flippers Squad
WA Development Squad Training Camp	TBC	October 2 to October 5	WA Development Squad
Queensland Open Water State Championships	Brisbane, QLD	October 12 to October 14	Distance athletes from WA Flippers and WA Target Flippers Squad

*October 2023 to April 2024 dates will be confirmed in due course

Grants and Funding

Grant	Target Group	Link to Information
Australian Sports Foundation	Various	Click here
D'Arcy Slater Foundation	Athletes aged 13 and over	Click here
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries – North West Travel Subsidy	Regional Athletes aged between 13 – 18 residing in Gascoyne, Pilbara, Kimberley or other remote regions	Click here
Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries – Regional Athlete Travel Subsidy Scheme	Regional Athletes aged between 13 - 18	Click here
Local Para Champions	Athletes with a disability aged 12 - 24	Click here
Local Sporting Champions	Athletes aged 12 - 18	Click here
Murdoch University – Elite Athlete Support Fund	Current Murdoch University students	Click here
Wally Foreman Athlete Scholarship Fund	Athletes aged 16 and over	Click here