

Performance Pathway Program

Athlete Travel Assistance Grant Funding Selection Criteria 2023

Scope

The purpose of this policy is to inform the selection of athletes that receive Travel Assistance Grant (TAG) funding from Swimming WA.

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

- Able Bodied Pool events
- Multi Class Pool events
- Able Bodied Open Water events

Athletes that are successful in qualifying for TAG funding will receive:

- A maximum of \$500 for a benchmark championship conducted interstate
- A maximum of \$200 for a benchmark championship conducted within Western Australia, where the event is held more than 100kms, using the fastest route possible, from your residing address

Definitions

Swimming WA	Governing Body for the sport of Swimming in Western Australia
Swimming Australia	Governing Body for the sport of Swimming in Australia
World Aquatics	Governing Body for the sport of Swimming (globally)
Performance Standards	An agreed time taken to complete a specified event, that is used to inform athlete selection into the respective squad
Final	The race in a specific event that athletes will compete for final placings, usually determined by placing in the preceeding heat session
Timed Final	The race in a specific event that athletes will compete for final placings, where there was no preceeding heat session
Benchmark Championship	Competitions that have been identified by a governing body as the pinnacle competitions for an athlete's annual program

Criteria

Athlete Eligibility	<p>To be considered for TAG funding, an athlete must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be an Australian Citizen* - Be a current financial member of a Swimming WA affiliated club - Declare Western Australia as their "home state" - Be eligible under World Aquatics regulations to represent Australia at the upcoming international benchmark championship as defined by Swimming Australia - Have not received external funding (including from clubs and WAIS) whereby the total amount of funding received from Swimming WA and external sources exceeds the total athlete cost incurred for the competition** - Have completed all athlete requirements as stated below in the selection process*** <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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	<p>** Swimming WA reserves the right to reduce the amount of TAG funding to ensure that the total amount of funding received from Swimming WA and external sources does not exceed the total athlete cost incurred for the competition.</p> <p>*** Athletes that <u>do not</u> return the evidence of total cost of external funding and total cost incurred for the competition within thirty (30) business days of notification, as per the selection process, may not receive funding as requested</p>
<p>Selection Criteria</p>	<p>Athletes may receive up to a maximum of \$500 of TAG funding support per financial year (July 2022 to June 2023)</p> <p><u>Able Bodied and Multi Class Pool Events</u> ONLY Performances at the following benchmark championships will be considered using the following selection criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swimming Australia Australian Open Water Championships - Swimming Australia Australian Age Championships - Swimming Australia Australian Open Championships - Australian Team Selection Trials <p>ONLY Performances in a Final (including Timed Final) will be considered using the following selection criteria.</p> <p>Automatic Qualification (Able Bodied Events): Athletes must meet pool performance standards* outlined in Appendix A.</p> <p>Automatic Qualification (Multi Class Events): Athletes must meet pool performance standards* outlined in Appendix B.</p> <p>* Pool performance standards are based on a percentage of 2022 World Aquatics World Long Course Championships, by event, gender and age.</p> <p><u>Able Bodied Open Water Events</u> ONLY Performances at the following benchmark championships will be considered using the following selection criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Swimming Australia Australian Open Water (Age Category) Championships - Swimming Australia Australian Open Water (Open Category) Championships <p>ONLY Performances at the following distances will be considered using the following selection criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10km - 7.5km (Age only) - 5km (Age only) <p>Athletes must meet open water performance standards outlined in Appendix A.</p>

Process

Selection Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Selection panel notified of athlete qualification following the conclusion of the benchmark championship - Selection panel to confirm athlete eligibility for selection. - Athlete notified of qualification. - Athlete to return evidence of total cost of external funding and total cost incurred for the competition within thirty (30) business days of notification - Athlete notified of TAG funding amount as soon as practically possible following the return of evidence requested.
Selection Panel	Swimming WA Athlete Pathways Manager Swimming WA General Manager – Competitive Pathways Swimming Australia Technical Lead (Western Australia/South Australia) Western Australian Institute of Sport nominated representative Independent representative from the coaching community
Appeals Process	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 here .

Appendix A
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Appendix B
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