



## Pacific Swimming Senior Travel Support Guidelines

"Through the Senior Travel Support Program, Pacific Swimming seeks to support its members at the highest levels of competition."

The following requirements must be met for all levels of travel support:

- Coaches and athletes must have attended and competed in the meet. Relay only athletes will be funded at 50% of the published travel support amount.
- The club must have a copy of their **Team Travel Policy** on file with Pacific Swimming.
- All athletes who travel must sign a **Code of Conduct Form** prior to the trip (Pacific Swimming's or equivalent).
- All clubs, coaches, and athletes must be in good standing with Pacific Swimming and cannot have any outstanding debts or obligations.

Athlete eligibility requirements:

- Must compete attached to a Pacific Swimming club or unattached as a Pacific Swimming member.
- The level of support will be based upon an athlete's continuous registration in Pacific Swimming (see chart below).
- **High school/non-collegiate** - must have competed in at least one (1) Pacific Swimming meet each season.
- **Collegiate athletes** - must have been Pacific Swimming members prior to college and return to Pacific Swimming in the summer.
- **Post Grad** - those who were not members of Pacific Swimming prior to college, their "clock" begins when their collegiate eligibility ends. At that point they become "non-collegiate" (see above).

Seasons ( September-February; March - August)					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Sectionals/Futures	None	Full	Full	Full	Full
"Pro Swim Series" level	None	Full	Full	Full	Full
USA Senior & Junior Nationals	None	Half	Full	Full	Full
US Open, Open Water Nationals	None	Half	Full	Full	Full
US World Championship Trials	None	None	Half	Full	Full
US Olympic Trials	None	None	None	Half	Full

No receipts will be required. All requests must be submitted by the club within 60 days of the end of the competition. Stipend and air fare allowances are determined by the Senior Committee and approved by the Pacific Swimming Board of Directors. All disbursements will be made payable to the club. Unattached athletes should be included with the request by the club they are traveling with.

Additional requirements and guidelines for each type of meets are as follows:

### USA Swimming Senior National / US Open / USA Swimming Junior Nationals:

- No limit to the number of "National" level meets per athlete per year.
- Travel support is a \$300 stipend and airfare as determined by the Travel Committee.
- Athletes competing in back to back "Nationals" held at same location shall be eligible for one air fare plus two stipends.

### USA Swimming Open Water Nationals:

- Athletes must have achieved a current USA Swimming Junior or Senior National standard in the 800/1000 free or the 1500/1650 free to be eligible for travel support.
- Travel support is a \$300 stipend and airfare as determined by the Travel Committee.

### "Pro Swim Series" level meets:

- Meets must be approved as "Pro Swim Series" meets by the Senior Committee.
- Athletes must have achieved a current USA Swimming Junior or Senior National short course time standard to be eligible for travel support. The standard may be achieved at the meet.
- Travel support for each athlete is limited to one (1) "Pro Swim Series" type meet per swim year (September-August).
- The Pro Swim Series meet at Santa Clara is **NOT** an approved meet for travel support because it is within our LSC.
- Travel Support will be available to one coach provided the club has not met the maximum allowed per year.

**Sectional meets:**

- The Sectional meet must be held outside of Pacific Swimming.
- Clubs may only request support for two (2) sectional meets each year – December, March and/or July Sectionals.
- Collegiate athletes must be a Pacific Swimming registered athlete in their 2<sup>nd</sup> season.
- Relay Only athletes will be funded at 50%
- Each club may request travel support of \$200 for each of its first eight (8) athletes and travel support of \$100 for the next eight (8) athletes. Sixteen (16) athletes per club is the maximum that can receive travel support.
- Travel Support will be available to one coach provided the club has not met the maximum allowed per year.

**Futures:**

- \$300 per swimmer with no limit count.
- Athletes must compete in the meet.
- Athletes must be in their 2<sup>nd</sup> season with Pacific Swimming, including collegiate or post high school athletes.
- The Futures meet at Santa Clara is **NOT** an approved meet for travel support because it is within our LSC.
- Relay Only athletes will be funded at 50%
- Travel Support will be available to one coach provided the club has not met the maximum allowed per year.

**Olympic Trials or World Championship Trials**

- Travel support is a \$600 stipend (aka two \$300 stipends) and airfare as determined by the Travel Committee.
- See eligibility requirements for additional information.

**Coach's Travel Support:**

- Clubs/coach must have attended three (3) Pacific Swimming hosted Senior meets during the previous twelve (12) months to be eligible for Coach's travel support.
- Clubs are eligible for Coach's travel support for two (2) meets each swim year (One coach at two meets, or two coaches at the same meet).
- Clubs are eligible for an additional Coach's travel support to World Championship Trials or Olympic Trials.
- Travel support is the approved airfare only of the "National" level meets.
- Travel support is \$925 for Olympic Trials. For clubs with 4 or more athletes participating, up to two additional coaches may receive airfare assistance of \$625 (if all available coach travel support has previously been disbursed).
- Travel support is \$300 for Futures and Pro Swim Series meets not held within our LSC.
- Travel Support is \$200 for Sectionals.

**For additional information or questions:**

- The Pacific Swimming website, Documents, Forms, Athlete and Coach Travel Support.
- The Pacific Swimming website, Documents, Rules and Regulations, Section 9 Travel Support
- Senior Committee:
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