

Motion 2609FIN01 – Athlete Travel Support for In-LSC USA Swimming National meets

Motion to update the Athlete Travel Support program, to allow for within-LSC support for USA Swimming National meets, found within the Pacific Swimming Senior Travel Support Guidelines.

Rationale: Pac Swim supports clubs, athletes, coaches, and officials to attend out of LSC National level meets via the Travel Support Programs. However, there are USA Swimming meets within the LSC, and supporting host clubs and encouraging all Pac Swim swimmers and clubs who qualify to attend is beneficial to each group. Furthermore, when there are multi-venue meets concurrently, even though neither are currently eligible for Travel support, that may inadvertently encourage some clubs to attend out of LSC meets rather than our in-LSC meets.

We will remove the four bullet points on the Senior Travel Support Guidelines for the 2026-2027 update, and clarify the dual venue exclusion for Coach Travel Support:

USA Swimming Winter Juniors, Jr. Nationals, Nationals or US Open:

- ~~• The meet must be held outside of Pacific Swimming.~~

TYR Meets or Futures:

- ~~• The meet must be held outside of Pacific Swimming.~~

Sectional Meets (Maximum 2 of the 3 available):

- ~~• The Sectional meet must be held outside of Pacific Swimming.~~
- If the Sectional meet is a dual venue meet, and one of the sites resides within Pacific Swimming, team travel may occur to the other non-PC site but no travel support will be granted.

Coach Travel Support:

- ~~• The meet must be held outside of Pacific Swimming.~~

Add; • If the Sectional meet is a dual venue meet, and one of the sites resides within Pacific Swimming, team travel may occur to the other non-PC site but no travel support will be granted.



Pacific Swimming Senior Travel Support Guidelines 2026-2027

"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.
- 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	None	Half	Full	Full	Full
US World Championship Trials	None	None	Half	Full	Full
US Olympic Trials	None	None	None	Half	Full

No receipts from athletes will be required. All requests must be submitted by the club within 60 days of the end of the competition. Stipends 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.

Athlete Travel Support shall be restricted to a maximum of THREE (3) meets in 2026-2027:

USA Swimming Winter Juniors, Jr. Nationals, Nationals or US Open:

- ~~The meet must be held outside of Pacific Swimming.~~
- Athletes must be in their 2nd season with Pacific Swimming, including collegiate or post high school Athletes.
- Travel support is a \$300 stipend and airfare as determined by the Pacific Swimming staff.
- If an athlete chooses to participate in **two National Meets held back-to-back in the same city**, total travel support for both meets is one airfare plus two \$300 stipends. This will count as attending two meets.
- Travel Support will be available to coaches provided the club has not met the maximum allowed per year.
- Relay Only athletes shall be funded at 50%, **including with back-to-back meet travel support.**

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.
- Athletes must be in their 2nd season with Pacific Swimming, including collegiate or post high school Athletes.
- Travel support is a \$300 stipend and airfare as determined by the Pacific Swimming staff.

- Travel Support will be available to coaches provided the club has not met the maximum allowed per year.

TYR Meets or Futures:

- ~~The meet must be held outside of Pacific Swimming.~~
- Athletes must be in their 2nd season with Pacific Swimming, including collegiate or post high school Athletes.
- Travel support is a \$300 stipend
- Travel Support will be available to coaches provided the club has not met the maximum allowed per year.

Sectional Meets (Maximum 2 of the 3 available):

- ~~The Sectional meet must be held outside of Pacific Swimming.~~
- If the Sectional meet is a dual venue meet, and one of the sites resides within Pacific Swimming, team travel may occur to the other non-PC site but no travel support will be granted.
- Athletes must be in their 2nd season with Pacific Swimming, including collegiate or post high school Athletes.
- Collegiate athletes must be a Pacific Swimming registered athlete in their 2nd season.
- 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 coaches provided the club has not met the maximum allowed per year.

Coach Travel Support:

- ~~The meet must be held outside of Pacific Swimming.~~
- If the Sectional meet is a dual venue meet, and one of the sites resides within Pacific Swimming, team travel may occur to the other non-PC site but no travel support will be granted.
- Clubs/coach must have attended three (3) Pacific Swimming-hosted Senior meets during the previous twenty-four (24) 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)
- Coach Travel Support is the approved airfare only of the "National" level meets, and a photocopy of coach meet credential is required with travel support form
- If a coach attends **two National meets held back-to-back in the same city**, total travel support for both meets is one airfare plus one additional \$300 stipend. This will count as attending two meets.
- Coach Travel Support is \$300 for Futures and Pro Swim Series meets not held within our LSC.
- Coach Travel Support is \$200 for Sectionals.

Travel Support Example for Club XYZ:

	<u>Swimmer A</u>	<u>Swimmer B</u>	<u>Swimmer C</u>	<u>Coach</u>
Meet 1	Winter Jr. Nationals	Winter Sectionals	Winter Sectionals	Futures
Meet 2	TYR Pro Series	Spring Sectionals	Spring Sectionals	Jr. Nationals
Meet 3	Summer Championships	Futures		

For additional information or questions:

- The Pacific Swimming website, Documents, Forms, Athlete and Coach Travel Support.
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