

# ATHLETES - FUNDING



**Policy:** Elite Development – Eligibility for Funding

**Objective:** To establish set criteria for selection of funding assistance – at an elite development level. Funding available, as listed below.

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## **Procedures:**

### **1. General**

- 1.1. All Swimming Southland members will be notified of the selection criteria
- 1.2. Selected swimmer agrees to the below criteria, and will make all efforts to keep meeting these criteria and performing at an elite development level for the duration of the currently eligible 12 month period. If performance does not continue at an elite development level (barring injury or illness, with medical cert.) Swimming Southland holds the right to review Elite Development funding eligibility.
- 1.3. Swimming Southland Head Coach (with final approval by Swimming Southland Board) will establish selection criteria, including minimum qualifying times and/or points for national and international competition and squads.
- 1.4. Swimming Southland reserve the right to make changes to these criteria from time to time to accommodate selection policy changes that occur on a national level with Swimming New Zealand.
- 1.5. Elite Development fund can be used to cover the Head Coaches full costs (associated expenses, including Swimming New Zealand related costs). These costs must be included in the annual Regional Development Pathway, and are to be submitted to the Executive Officer for Swimming Southland approval and payment.
- 1.6. Upon being accepted to the Elite Development Fund, swimmers will receive a branded hoody

### **2. To be accepted into the Swimming Southland Elite Development fund swimmers must meet the following criteria;**

- 2.1. Live within the ILT Foundation Boundary
- 2.2. Have a minimum of 550 FINA points in an individual Olympic event (either long course, or short course)
- 2.3. Point 2.1 must be swum at one of the following meets, NZ Age Group Champs, NZ Open Champs, NZ Short Course Champs and Southland Long Course Champs.
- 2.4. A para fed swimmer may be accepted into the Elite Development Fund, upon being selected for a national camp.

### **To remain eligible once being accepted into the Swimming Southland Elite Development Fund swimmers must meet the following terms of criteria;**

- 2.5. Continue to live within the ILT Foundation Boundary
- 2.6. Swim Personal bests consistently (or within 3% of their PB) at the meets listed in point 2.2 (of which swimmer has qualified)
- 2.7. Attend a minimum of 7 of the 9 offered sessions each week barring illness (medical certificate may be requested)
- 2.8. Swimmers to write a letter of thanks to the ILT and ILT Foundation thanking them for the assistance and outline their successes to date.
- 2.9. Elite Development swimmers are to travel and stay as part of the team, any arrangements made outside of the pre-arrangements of the team are the swimmers personal choice, these may not qualify for Elite Development funding.
- 2.10. To remain eligible, the Swimming Southland Swimmers Agreement must be adhered to at all times.

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## 3. Outline of Funding Available;

### 3.1 Swimmers –

- Annual Pool Concession (Full reimbursement)
- Annual Gym Membership (Full reimbursement)
- Elite Development squad opportunities (as arranged in conjunction with Head Coach and Swimming Southland) – Up to 50% of incidental expenses
- Once making a New Zealand Team and/or squad, expenses will be considered on a case by case basis.
- Para fed EDF\_expenses will be taken on a case by case basis

## 4. Head Coach Responsibilities;

- 4.1. Make Swimming Southland aware of any new qualifiers tot the Elite Development fund as soon as possible
- 4.2. Outline a brief Elite Development plan (Regional Pathway) March of each year and submit to Executive Officer (including listing of currently eligible swimmers and indicative costings against each opportunity).
- 4.3. Arrange Elite Development trips (with input/assistance from Swimming Southland where needed)

## 5. Swimmer Responsibilities;

### 5.1. Confirming Elite Development Eligibility –

- 5.1.1 Swimmers who meet the selection criteria are required to apply in writing to Swimming Southland, asking to be considered to the Elite Development fund. Swimming Southland will take all reasonable steps to confirm back to the swimmer as soon as possible.
- 5.1.2 Once eligible for the Elite Development fund, swimmers are qualified (whilst meeting the above terms of criteria) for one 12 month period from date of acceptance.
- 5.1.3 Swimmers who remain eligible past this 12 month period must re-apply in writing to Swimming Southland, who will confirm eligibility for the upcoming 12 month period (again, whilst meeting the above terms of criteria)

### 5.2 Obtaining funding;

- 5.2.2 Swimmers eligible for Elite Development funding are to make Swimming Southland aware of their upcoming Elite Development opportunity as soon as possible, providing indicative costs.
- 5.2.3 Once receipts are available, swimmers are to send these through to Executive Officer who will present each swimmers costs to the Swimming Southland Board for consideration.

## 6 Parents Responsibilities;

- 5.1 Every swimmer must have at least one immediate family member volunteering their service at Swimming Southland meets on a regular basis.

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Chairman

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