

# ATHLETES - FUNDING



**Policy:** ILT 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 appointed coaches full costs for any TAP (SNZ Targeted Athlete Program) opportunities. 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 and train within the ILT Foundation Boundary
- 2.2. Achieve a minimum the Bronze Times for their age group in either heat or final while competing at National Age Groups (NAGs) as set by Swimming New Zealand's Targeted Athlete Program.
- 2.3. Athlete who qualify for National Parafed Teams
- 2.4. Swimmers meeting this criteria are able to apply for consideration, by filling out the submission form (found on Swim Southland Website)

#### **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, under the guidance of appointed professional coach
- 2.6. Attend each week, a minimum of 8 swim sessions and 2 gym sessions
- 2.7. Swimmers to write a letter of thanks to the ILT and ILT Foundation thanking them for the assistance and outline their successes to date.
- 2.8. 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.
- 2.9. The Swimming Southland Swimmers Agreement must be adhered to at all times.
- 2.10. Be available to help out with Swim Southland development clinics
- 2.11. Continue to be a positive role model within the sport of swimming

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## 3. Outline of Funding Available;

- 3.1 Upon proof of purchase, up to \$500 each year to cover swimming expenses
- 3.2 Up to 75% of the total cost of each opportunity on the targeted athlete program (SNZ TAP) covered.

## 4. Head Coach Responsibilities;

- 4.1. Make Swimming Southland aware of any new qualifiers to the Elite Development fund as soon as possible
- 4.2. Outline a brief Elite Development plan (Regional Pathway) in 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;

- 6.1 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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