

SWIMMING SOUTHLAND

ILT Talented Athlete Fund - Eligibility for Funding



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

General

- All Swimming Southland members will be notified of the selection criteria
- 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 ILT Talented Athlete funding eligibility.
- 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.
- ILT Talented Athlete fund can be used to cover the appointed coach's 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. To be accepted to receive ILT Talented Athlete funding , swimmers must meet the following criteria;

- A. Live and train within the ILT Foundation Boundary
- B. Achieve a minimum the Bronze Times for their age group in either heat or final while competing at National Age Groups (NAGs) each year, and/or;
- C. Athletes who are selected for NZ development teams/camps. and/or;
- D. Athlete who qualify for National Parafed Teams
- E. Swimmers meeting this criteria are able to apply for consideration, by filling out the Application form (to be downloaded from Swim Southland Website – Swimmers Section)

2. To remain eligible once being accepted into the ILT Talented Athlete Fund swimmers must meet the following terms of criteria;

- A. Continue to live and train within the ILT Foundation Boundary, under the guidance of appointed professional coach
- B. Attend each week, a minimum of 8 swim sessions and 2 gym sessions
- C. Swimmers to write a letter of thanks to the ILT and ILT Foundation thanking them for the assistance and outline their successes to date.
- D. ILT Talented Athlete 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 funding assistance.
- E. The Swimming Southland Swimmers Agreement must be adhered to at all times.
- F. Be available to help out with Swim Southland development clinics
- G. Continue to be a positive role model within the sport of swimming

Outline of Funding Available

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

Head Coach Responsibilities

- 1) Make Swimming Southland aware of any new qualifiers to the ILT Talented Athlete Fund as soon as possible

Swimmer Responsibilities

A. Confirming ILT Talented Athlete Eligibility

- 1) Swimmers who meet the selection criteria are required to complete the application form (to be downloaded from Swim Southland Website – Swimmers Section) Swimming Southland will take all reasonable steps to confirm back to the swimmer within 7 days of receiving the submission form
- 2) Once eligible for the ILT Talented Athlete Fund, swimmers are qualified (whilst meeting the above terms of criteria) for one 12 month period from date of acceptance.
- 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)

B. Obtaining funding

1. Swimmers eligible for ILT Talented Athlete funding are to make Swimming Southland aware of their upcoming opportunity as soon as possible, providing indicative costs.
2. Once receipts are available, swimmers are to complete the Funding Request Form (to be downloaded from Swim Southland Website – Swimmers Section) and send the request form and all supporting documentation to the Swimming Southland Executive Officer who will present each swimmers costs to the Swimming Southland Board for consideration at the first meeting following the request. Swimmers will be advised of the Board's decision within 7 days of the meeting

Parents Responsibilities

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