

A.4 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 shall be met for all levels of travel support:

- Athletes shall have attended and competed in the meet. Relay only athletes shall be funded at 50% of the published travel support amount.
- Coaches must have attended the meet.
- The club shall have a copy of their **Team Travel Policy** on file with Pacific Swimming. **The Team Travel Policy must meet (or exceed) the current MAAPP travel policy.**
- All athletes who travel shall sign a **Code of Conduct Form** prior to the trip (Pacific Swimming's or equivalent). **The Code of Conduct must meet (or exceed) the current MAAPP Code of Conduct policy.**
- All clubs, coaches, and athletes shall be in good standing with Pacific Swimming and cannot have any outstanding debts or obligations.
- **Meets eligible for Travel Support are approved by the Senior Committee and held outside of Pacific Swimming boundaries.**
- Exception: For all meets eligible for travel support held within the LSC, any Pacific Swimming team having to travel more than 150 miles will receive a full support **travel allowance** (athlete and coach) in an amount deemed appropriate by Pacific Swimming.

Athlete eligibility requirements:

- Shall compete attached to a Pacific Swimming club or unattached as a Pacific Swimming member.
- The level of support shall be based upon an athlete's continuous registration in Pacific Swimming (see chart below).
- **High school/non-collegiate** - shall have competed in at least one (1) Pacific Swimming meet each season.
- **Collegiate athletes** - shall 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 shall be required. All requests shall be submitted by the club within 60 days of the end of the competition. **Travel Stipend** and air fare allowances are determined by the Senior Committee and approved by the Pacific Swimming Board of Directors. All disbursements shall 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 **travel allowance stipend** and airfare as determined by the ~~Travel Committee~~ **Pacific Swimming staff and approved by the Board of Directors.**
- Athletes competing in back to back "Nationals" held at same location shall be eligible for one air fare plus two **travel allowances stipends.**
- ~~Relay Only athletes shall be funded at 50%.~~

- Athletes, who achieve their first Nationals, US Open or Junior Nationals qualifying time one month prior to the entry deadline, shall receive an additional \$100 in Travel Support to offset increased travel expenses.

USA Swimming Open Water Nationals:

- Athletes shall have achieved a current USA Swimming Junior or National standard in the 800/1000 free or the 1500/1650 free to be eligible for travel support.
- Travel support is a \$300 travel allowance stipend and airfare as determined by the Travel Committee Pacific Swimming Staff and approved by the Board of Directors.

"Pro Swim Series" Level Meets:

- Travel support is \$300
- Meets shall be approved as "Pro Swim Series" meets by the Senior Committee, i.e. highly competitive National Level meets that meet standards approved by the Senior Committee
- Travel support for each athlete is limited to one (1) "Pro Swim Series" type meet per swim year (September-August).
- ~~Pro Swim Series meets held within our LSC are NOT approved meets for travel support.~~
- Travel Support shall be available to one coach provided the club has not met exceeded the maximum allowed per year.

Sectional Meets:

- ~~Sectional meets shall be held outside of Pacific Swimming.~~
- Clubs may request support for two (2) sectional meets each year.
- Collegiate athletes shall be a Pacific Swimming registered athlete in their 2nd season.
- ~~Relay Only athletes shall 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 shall be available to one coach provided the club has not met exceeded the maximum allowed per year.
- ~~Sectional meets held within our LSC are NOT approved meets for travel support.~~

Futures and NCSA Junior Nationals:

- \$300 per swimmer with no limit count.
- ~~Athletes shall compete in the meet.~~
- Athletes shall be in their 2nd season with Pacific Swimming, including collegiate or post high school athletes.
- ~~Relay Only athletes shall be funded at 50%~~
- Travel Support shall be available to one coach provided the club has not met exceeded the maximum allowed per year.
- ~~Futures meets held within our LSC are NOT approved meets for travel support.~~

Olympic Trials or World Championship Trials

- Travel support is a \$600 travel allowance stipend (aka two \$300 stipend) and airfare as determined by the Travel Committee Pacific Swimming Staff and approved by the Board of Directors.
- See eligibility requirements for additional information.
- Athletes, who achieve their first Olympic Trials qualifying time one month prior to the entry deadline, shall receive an additional \$100 in Travel Support to offset increased travel expenses.

Coach's Travel Support:

- Clubs/coach shall 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).
- ~~All Clubs are eligible for an additional Coach's travel support to~~ **Coach's travel support for three (3) meets** during ~~World Championship Trials or Olympic Trials years.~~
- **Travel Support for Olympic Trials is available for one additional coach for Clubs with four (4) or more athletes competing in Olympic Trials. Travel Support is the approved airfare.**
- Travel support is the approved airfare only of the "National" level meets.
- Travel support is \$300 for Futures, **NCSA Junior Nationals** and Pro Swim Series meets.
- Travel Support is \$200 for Sectionals.
- **Travel Support is \$300 travel allowance and approved airfare for Olympic Trials.**

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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