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## 2016-17 SWIM NOVA SCOTIA ATHLETE FUNDING PROGRAM

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### General Funding Policy:

Swim Nova Scotia will attempt to fund all eligible athletes. The following funding program is designed to afford Nova Scotia's High Performance swimmers an advantage when it comes to financial support in the pursuit of their 'High Performance Goals' and to serve as an incentive to performance.

**The award is made as an investment in the swimmer's sporting future.** When it is accepted, the swimmer assumes specific responsibilities. These responsibilities are directly related to the swimmer's positive, professional demeanor in the attainment of high performance swimming.

### Purpose:

The funding program serves as an incentive to swimmers who achieve significant and notable national rankings. Funds are intended to offset the inherent costs at the High Performance level.

### Criteria:

To be eligible for financial support from Swim Nova Scotia the swimmer shall be registered with a SNS club and be eligible to represent Nova Scotia. An eligible athlete must also prove to be committed to the pursuit of 'High Performance Goals'.

In order to achieve 'High Performance Goals' the athlete must be **committed to a year-round program**, which offers:

- Training frequency, volume and intensity which are in accordance with generally accepted principles of training;
- Technical development directed towards elite proficiency in strokes, starts and turns;
- Competitive experiences that challenge the swimmer's ability to perform in extremely demanding, pressure situations, and;
- Education and personal development in all facets of high performance training.

Swim Nova Scotia reserves the right to withhold all funding if the awarded swimmer's coach of record cannot verify an athlete's training situation. The coach of record shall be defined as having coached the swimmer for at least 45 of the previous 90 days. (The same as the SNC Coach of Record Policy.)

Swimmers **must** attend all high performance initiatives offered by Swim Nova Scotia; and all Provincial tour teams that they have been named to. Swimmers must also be available to represent Swim Nova Scotia at various speaking engagements and other promotions as required by Swim Nova Scotia. Swimmers **must** compete in at least one peak meet per Fall-Winter period (Macrocycle 1) and Spring-Summer period (Macrocycle 2) that is deemed acceptable by the High

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Performance Funding Committee. Swimmers must attend the appropriate swim meets prior to becoming eligible for funding.

Selection criteria:

- The athlete must be a member in good standing of Swim Nova Scotia.
- The athlete must be a permanent resident of Nova Scotia, and if not a permanent resident, they must reside in Nova Scotia for 8 consecutive months.
- If the athlete is attending an out of province school/university or representing a swim club/centre outside Nova Scotia, he/she will not be eligible for funding while they are away. The athletes must report to Swim Nova Scotia and register with a SNS team immediately upon their return.
- At the time of their ranking performance, athletes must meet the Canadian Junior Championships minimum age group criteria as defined by Swimming Canada (13 yr old – Female / 14 yr old – Male).
- A contract must be signed by the swimmer and their Coach confirming the swimmer's full participation in an annual training scheme. An actual copy of the swimmers season training plan (that outlines to Macrocycle 1 & 2 peak meets) must also be submitted by their Coach. (This also must include the individual swimmer's goals.)
- If the swimmer does not meet the criteria to be successful inside the seasonal training plan, the swimmer's Coach must immediately inform Swim Nova Scotia and the funding will cease.

Any swimmer turning down or refusing a Nova Scotia Travel or Games Team selection, inside the current season, is not eligible for any SNS funding in the following year, unless the absence is approved by Swim Nova Scotia previous to said event.

\*The High Performance Committee may consider funding under extenuating circumstances and will accept requests that display a "grounds for appeal".

#### Funding:

For able-bodied swimmers funding will be distributed four weeks prior to Canadian Spring Championships (or designated Trials) or the highest level competition in which the swimmer has qualified (i.e., Easterns, CIS Champs, Nova Scotia Championships) and four weeks prior to Canadian Summer Championships (or designated Trials) or the highest level competition in which the swimmer has qualified (i.e., Junior Nationals, International Competitions, etc.) For a swimmer that is a first time qualifier to the SNS Athlete Funding Program list, they may use whatever competition they peak for to qualify their rank. Then the subsequent years, each swimmer must continue to meet the criteria as mentioned above.

For Para-swimmers funding will be distributed four weeks prior to the PARA Can-Am events (Note that Para-swimmers will receive funding prior to two of the three PARA Can-Am events offered.)

If particular circumstances arise, coaches may request in writing, that up to 2/3 of the total amount of funds be distributed for the Fall-Winter Macro or that funds be distributed at a different time of the year to the Executive Director of Swim Nova Scotia. Funds distributed will be based upon a top-down allocation and the available budget line item - Athlete Funding

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Program, approved by Swim Nova Scotia. **Appearance of your name on the list does not guarantee funding.**

For able-bodied swimmers, the swimmer's financial support is based on their absolute National LCM ranking, at the competitive year-end, in their top Olympic event or in the case where a swimmer's top ranking is a non-Olympic event, the average ranking between the swimmer's best Olympic and Non-Olympic events will be utilized. For PARA-swimmers, the swimmer's financial support is based on their absolute World LCM ranking, at the competitive year-end, in Paralympic events based on three per Country. PARA swimmers must be ranked in the top half of the number of athletes that appear in the World ranking for that event and eligible to attend the PARA Can Am Swim Meets.

If an athlete is awarded financial carding under the Sport Canada/Swimming Canada Performance Funding Program, They shall be included on the SNS High Performance list, but only receive the amount distributed at the NS HP Development Level (Both Able-Bodied and PARA Athletes).

Swimmers and their Personal Coaches will receive their athlete agreement annually, in September/October, which outlines their performance tier and the eligibility criteria for that season. \_If the athlete, for some reason other than injury, cannot attend their required peak competition, they will forfeit one-half (1/2) of their annual funding allotment.

**Swim Nova Scotia reserves the right to withhold financial support and/or funding if an athlete's training situation is not acceptable, cannot be verified, or changes.**

**Swim Nova Scotia Funding Tiers:**

<b>Tier</b>	<b>National Rank</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>Annual Funding Allocation</b>
<b>Podium</b>	10	Or Major Sr. National Team	\$6000
<b>Canadian Elite</b>	20	Or Major Jr. National Team Or National B Team	\$4000
<b>Nova Scotia Elite</b>	30	Finalist at a Canadian Champs or Trials or Para National B Team	\$3000
<b>NS Performance ID</b>	40	Consol Finalist at a Canadian Champs or Trials	\$2000
<b>NS HP Development</b>	50	Or National Carded Swimmer (Able or Para)	\$1000 Min \$300
<b>NS Provincial ID</b>	75	Eligible for High Performance opportunities as outlined in Appendix A	TBD
<b>NS Development ID</b>	100		

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**APPENDIX A**  
**SWIM NOVA SCOTIA HIGH PERFORMANCE INITIATIVES**

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Swim Nova Scotia offers various Provincial opportunities for our High Performance swimmers each year.

*Note that Provincial opportunities are subject to change on an annual basis depending on anticipated costs, qualifying times and Coach discretion. Contributions are contingent on the amount of funds available.*

*~\$28,000 in financial contributions towards Swim Nova Scotia High Performance Initiatives and  
~\$22,000 in allocations to Swim Nova Scotia High Performance athletes last season*

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	~ ATHLETE COST	CRITERIA
October 22	CG ID Camp	Dalplex Pool, Halifax	Covered by Swim NS	Athletes that meet the NS CG ID Selection Criteria
TBD	NS Senior Circuit 'Young Guns' Meet	Dalplex Pool, Halifax	Covered by Swim NS	Top age group swimmers vs. top university swimmers in a dual meet (selection criteria TBC)
March 9-13, 2017	NS Developmental Tour	Bath YMCA, Bath, Maine, USA	User pay ~\$600.00	Swimmers between the ages of 11-14 (NS Junior Level).
Spring 2017	Dual Meet vs Maine	TBD	TBD	TBD
Spring 2017	Provincial Para Development Camp	PEI	Covered by Swim NS	Open to all registered classified Para swimmers in NS
May/June 2017	2017 Canada Games Camp	TBD	TBD	Athletes named to the team
TBD	HP Camp and Racing	TBD	Max \$1,000/athlete	NS HP Swimmers
July/August	2017 Canada Summer Games	Winnipeg, MB	Max \$1,000/athlete	Staging Camp in advance (location TBD)