

# USA SWIMMING

## NATIONAL OPEN WATER TEAM ATHLETE FUNDING

The intent of this document is to give athletes and coaches an overview of the athlete funding criteria for the 2014-2015 year. Any questions can be directed to Lindsay Mintenko at [lmintenko@usaswimming.org](mailto:lmintenko@usaswimming.org).

### ATHLETE FUNDING GENERAL CRITERIA

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- ❖ The time period for this athlete funding is from September 2, 2014-August 31, 2015.
- ❖ Athletes must be actively training and competing.
- ❖ Athletes must provide a seasonal plan and progress reports signed by their coach.
- ❖ **Individual Olympic events only.**
- ❖ Athletes may only receive funding in one discipline.
- ❖ Post-graduate athletes, and athletes who have relinquished their NCAA eligibility (who are over the age of 18) and have signed the Athlete Partnership Agreement (APA), will receive \$3500 a month.
- ❖ High School athletes and athletes who are eligible but did not sign the APA will receive \$1750 a month.
- ❖ College athletes with NCAA eligibility remaining will receive \$1000 per month September - May. For the months of June, July and August these athletes will receive \$1750 a month\*.

### 2014-2015

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#### *Open Water*

- ❖ Athletes must be on the 2014-2015 USA Swimming Open Water National Team in the 10K.
- ❖ The top 2 U.S. finishers from the 10K Event at the Pan Pacific Championships will qualify for funding.
- ❖ Athletes must finish in the top 10 and within 10 minutes of the overall place finisher at the Pan Pacific Championships to receive funding.
- ❖ A maximum of 4 open water athletes will receive funding; funding will be distributed by gender (2 men and 2 women).

**\*Additional requirements must be met by the NCAA eligible athletes (in consultation with their Compliance officers) to receive funding.**