

USA SWIMMING

NATIONAL 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.

ATHLETE FUNDING GENERAL CRITERIA

- ❖ 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

Pool

- ❖ Athletes must be named to the 2014-2015 USA Swimming National Team, via the published criteria, to qualify for assistance.
 - Top 6 times from designated competitions qualify for the 2014-2015 USA Swimming National Team.
 - No relay lead off, time trials, swim offs or intermediate splits will be used.
- ❖ Athletes must achieve a Top 12 World Ranking as of September 2, 2014 (at 8am Mountain Time) in the same event in which they are named to the 2014-2015 National Team.
- ❖ World Rankings will be taken from FINA.org at 8 am Mountain Time on September 2, 2014.
- ❖ A maximum of 52 pool athletes will receive funding; funding will be distributed by gender (26 men and 26 women).
- ❖ Should there be any available funding slots remaining after the eligible athletes of one gender have been offered spots based on the established criteria, eligible athletes of the opposite gender may receive funding based on the established criteria.
- ❖ Should there be more than 52 athletes who qualify, the following tie breaker will be used:
 - The athlete with the highest world ranking in a second Olympic event based on the FINA.org September 2, 2014, World Rankings taken at 8am Mountain Time.
 - No relay lead off, time trials, swim-offs or intermediate splits will be used.
 - This process will continue until there is an athlete with a higher World Ranking.

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