

# USA SWIMMING

## 2014-2015 ELITE ATHLETE HEALTH INSURANCE

- A. Number of EAHl slots allocated: 56
  - Pool Events: 52 slots
  - Open Water: 4 slots
- B. Eligibility and Criteria Approved for EAHl:

EAHl will be offered to athletes who are currently training and competing, according to the following prioritized criteria:

### **Pool (52 slots: 26 men and 26 women): October 1, 2014- September 30, 2015**

#### **General Criteria:**

**Athletes must be named to the 2014-2015 National Team.**

The National Team is the top six swimmers in each Olympic individual event, once times are compared from the following events: 2014 Phillips 66/USA Swimming National Championships and the 2014 Pan Pacific Championships.

**Athletes must be currently ranked in the top 50 of an Olympic Event based on the September 2, 2014 World Rankings (as provided by FINA.org) to be eligible. National Team Members are announced September 2, 2014.**

#### **Criteria:**

1. The first fastest swimmer in each Olympic event from the 2014-2015 National Team.
2. The second fastest swimmer in each Olympic event from the 2014-2015 National Team.
3. The third fastest swimmer in each Olympic event from the 2014-2015 National Team.
4. The fourth fastest swimmer in each Olympic Event from the 2014-2015 National Team.
5. The fifth fastest swimmer in each Olympic Event from the 2014-2015 National Team.
6. The sixth fastest swimmer in each Olympic Event from the 2014-2015 National Team.

#### **Tie Breaking Criteria:**

If a tie occurs, then the athlete's provided current FINA.org World Ranking as of September 2, 2014 in their next highest ranked event (in Olympic events only, excluding relay lead-offs, time trials, swim-offs and intermediate splits) will be used to break the tie.

### **Open water (4 slots: 2 men and 2 women): September 1, 2014-May 31, 2015**

1. Top two United States finishers at the 2014 10K Open Water Pan Pacific Championships who are selected from the 2014 USA Swimming 10K Open Water National Championships

If slots remain, priorities 2 through 3 will be applied in order.

2. Third fastest United States finisher at the 2014 10K Open Water Pan Pacific Championships who was selected from the 2014 USA Swimming 10K Open Water National Championships.

3. Fourth fastest United States finisher at the 2014 10K Open Water Pan Pacific Championships who was selected from the 2014 USA Swimming 10K Open Water National Championships.

4. If spots remain, the highest American place finish at the 2014 USA Swimming 10K Open Water National Championships, through the sixth fastest American finisher, will be offered until all Open Water EAHl slots are filled.

Tie Breaking Criteria: Open water

If a tie occurs, then the athlete's placement in the 10K race at the 2013 Open Water Nationals (Castaic Lake, California) will be used to break the tie.

**Pool and Open water:**

Once EAHl is offered to an athlete, he/she will have **30 days** to activate his/her coverage. Athletes not activating coverage within **30 days** of notification of eligibility will lose their slot for that eligibility period.

Should there be any available EAHl slots left after the eligible athletes of one gender have either accepted or declined, eligible athletes of the opposite gender may be offered those spots based on the established criteria.

If there are still available slots left after the eligible athletes have either accepted or declined, the remaining slots may be allocated at the discretion of the USA Swimming National Team Director, based on the athlete's potential for future Olympic and International success.

All athlete rankings will be based on the [www.fina.org](http://www.fina.org) World Rankings (excluding time trials and relay leadoffs) on the date indicated or the closest updated rankings prior to that date.