



West Coast Swimming Club

SWIMMER ASSISTANCE SCHEME

BACKGROUND

The West Coast Swimming Club acknowledges that some swimmers achieve qualification times that allow them to compete at elite levels. To encourage and support swimmers with the potential to perform at these levels, this policy provides guidance for financial assistance.

PURPOSE

This policy outlines the framework for providing financial support to swimmers participating in Swimming Australia's State or National-level age group or open competitions, including both able-bodied and multiclass events.

SCOPE

The policy applies to West Coast Swimming Club members who have achieved qualifying times for any of the competitions listed below during the current competition year.

POLICY STATEMENT

Financial support for coach attendance is covered under the *Coaching and Competition Support Policy*.

ELIGIBLE COMPETITIONS AND ASSISTANCE AMOUNTS

State Meets:

State Age & Open Championships (Long Course)
State Age & Open Championships (Short Course)

Assistance Amount: \$100 per swimmer per meet

National Meets:

Australian Age Championships
Australian Open Long Course & Short Course Championships
Australian Open Water Championships
Australian Olympic Trials

Other national or international events endorsed by Swimming Australia for swimmers representing the West Coast Swimming Club.

Assistance Amount: \$500 per swimmer per meet

GUIDELINES

Swimmers who attend an eligible meet automatically qualify for the corresponding financial assistance. The funds may be used to cover entry fees, personal equipment, travel, or accommodation costs related to attending the event

PROCESS

1. The swimmer must qualify for and enter the meet.
2. Application form to be emailed to westcoastswimming@gmail.com
3. Eligible swimmers will be noted during a Committee Meeting or via an out of meeting decision and noted in the next committee meeting minutes.
4. Once approved, the Treasurer will transfer the approved funds to the swimmer or their parent/caregiver within seven days.
5. Funds to be transferred prior to the event.
6. If the swimmer does not attend the meet, the funds need to be transferred back to the club within seven days of the meet.

DEFINITIONS

Long Course (50m pool)

Short Course (25m pool)

Meet: A swimming competition

Swimming Year: From October 1 to September 30 of the following year, aligning with the competition registration period.

APPROVAL

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