



Senior Athlete Reimbursement Policy

Reimbursement is an incentive for Ozark Swimming swimmers and is done so with the intent to support swimmers who will represent OSI on the national level.

The national level meets covered under this policy include the USA Swimming Nationals (Winter and Summer), the USA Swimming 18&Under Championships (Winter and Summer), the NCSA Junior Championships (Spring and Summer), the USA Swimming Futures Championships (Summer), the US Open Championships, the USA Swimming Disability Championship, the US Olympic Trials, and any additional meet created or designated by USA Swimming for national team selection (i.e. World Championship Team Trials).

In order to be reimbursed, the following criteria must be met:

1. An athlete must have completed at least one full year as a registered member of Ozark Swimming LSC.
2. An athlete must compete in at least one individual event or relay event at the eligible meet they attend (excludes time trials).

Reimbursement for the USA Swimming Nationals, USA Swimming 18&Under Championship, Olympic Trials, US Open, USA Swimming Disability Championship, and any meet created by USA Swimming for national team selection is as follows:

- Athletes competing in at least one meet will receive \$80 per day to assist with lodging, travel expense, and meals. Time trial swims do not count as an individual event.
- Athletes competing in relays ONLY will receive \$40 per day to assist with lodging, travel expenses, and meals.
- Reimbursement begins the day before the athlete competes in their first event and concludes on the day the athlete competes in their final event (excludes time trials).

Reimbursement for the USA Futures Championship and the NCSA Junior Championship is as follows:

- Athletes competing in at least one individual event will receive \$60 per day to assist with lodging, travel expenses, and meals. Time trial swims do not count as an individual event.

- Athletes competing in relays ONLY will receive \$30 per day to assist with lodging, travel expenses, and meals.
- Reimbursement begins the day before the athlete competes in their first event and concludes on the day the athlete competes in their final event (excludes time trials).

Clubs will be responsible for submitting the reimbursement report for eligible athletes following each eligible meet. This is due within 30 days following the end of the meet. The Senior Chair will review each report for accuracy and approval. Athletes will have a one-month period to raise questions concerning the travel reimbursement money. Reimbursement checks are made payable to the teams, not individual swimmers.

National Select Camps:

- Any OSI athlete who attends a USA Swimming National Select Camp will have airfare paid by OSI, once given Senior Committee Approval. Reimbursement will be for the 14 day advance purchase airfare available at the time of attendance at the camp or, if driving, based on mileage as allowable in accordance with the then current IRS regulations, **whichever is lowest.**