



Niagara Swimming

Travel Reimbursement Criteria and Eligibility Requirements

NIAGARA SWIMMING ATHLETE TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Carefully read all requirements and criteria before you attend the meet for which you want to receive reimbursement. If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact the Senior Vice Chair before you go!

REIMBURSEMENT MEETS:

Except as specified below, Niagara LSC shall not reimburse athletes for, or otherwise defray, the cost of travel to participate in competitions, training camps or other activities, all of which are the responsibility of the athlete or his or her family or club.

Eastern Zone Age Group Long Course Meet: Niagara LSC shall be responsible for, and shall arrange travel as a team to the Eastern Zone long course meet when it takes place outside of the Niagara LSC, with the exception of the 10 and under athletes, who are responsible for their own travel.

Northeast IMX Xtreme Zone Meet: Travel support of up to \$75.00 per swimmer is available. If the total amount of swimmers applying exceeds the approved budget, the reimbursement per athlete will be calculated on a prorated basis.

Eastern Zone Open Water Championships and Eastern Zone Short Course Age Group Championships: Travel support of up to \$100.00 per swimmer is available. If the total amount of swimmers applying exceeds the approved budget, the reimbursement per athlete will be calculated on a prorated basis.

Eastern Zone Championships, Sectional Championships, Jr. National, National Championships, and other Trials Class Meets: Niagara LSC shall, upon proper application (see "Important" below), pay a travel allowance in the amount specified below, to a member team in good standing for each athlete who qualifies for, enters and competes in the Eastern Zone Championships, Sectional Championships, the Jr. National Championships, National Championships, Olympic Trials or other Trials Class meets.

Northeast IMX Xtreme Zone Meet (limit one per season)	\$75.00*
Eastern Zone Open Water Championships	\$100.00*
Eastern Zone Short Course Age Group Championships	\$100.00*
Eastern Zone Senior Long Course Championships	\$100.00
Sectional Championships (limit one per season)	\$150.00

International Swim Coaches Association (ISCA) Jr. Nationals, National Club Swimming Association (NCSA) Jr. Nationals, and Futures Championships (limit one per season)	\$300.00
Arena Pro Series & Winter Speedo Jr. Nationals (limit one per season)	\$375.00
Summer Speedo Jr. Nationals	\$450.00
Winter National Championships (AT&T)	\$450.00
US Open	\$500.00
Summer National Championships (Phillips 66)	\$550.00
Olympic Trials (first event swum)	\$750.00*
Each subsequent day an event is swum	\$250.00*

**If the total amount exceeds the approved budgeted amount, the reimbursement per athlete shall be calculated on a prorated basis.*

Fiscal Year = Sept. 1-August 31: Fall=9/1-12/31, Winter=1/1-4/30, Spring/Summer=5/1-8/31

- To be eligible for reimbursement the athlete must have competed in at least one individual event at the meet for which reimbursement is being requested.
- Time trial events, relays or relay only athletes or are not eligible for reimbursement.
- If a meet that you are applying for reimbursement takes place within our LSC, the pool address listed on the meet packet must be at least 50 miles from the swimmer's home address which is recorded in the SWIMS database. The 50 mile distance will be calculated using MapQuest's fastest route.

NIAGARA LSC CLUB MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- The athlete must be attached to a Niagara club for a minimum 12 months prior to the meet for which reimbursement is being requesting. Reimbursement will be governed as follows:

*After the first twelve (12) months of club membership, 1/3 of the full reimbursement.

*After twenty-four (24) months of club membership, 2/3 of the full reimbursement.

*After thirty-six (36) months of club membership, full reimbursement.

- Unattached athletes are not eligible for reimbursement unless they are in the process of transferring from one Niagara LSC club to another Niagara LSC club.

NIAGARA LSC MEET PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:

- There is no limit on the number of reimbursements an athlete may receive during the fiscal year, September 1 through August 31.
- The first reimbursement request during the fiscal year requires that an athlete compete in six (6) individual events from any NIAGARA sponsored LSC meet where the athlete has achieved an official time recorded in the SWIMS national database. The six events must be within twelve (12) months immediately preceding the first day of the meet they are requesting reimbursement for. Those meets include:

*Niagara Regional (Bronze) or Championship Qualifiers (Silver)

*Niagara Jr./Sr. Power Point Meet

*Niagara LSC Short Course Championships (Gold)

*Niagara LSC Long Course Championships

*Niagara Super Circuit Meets

- The second and each subsequent reimbursement request during the fiscal year requires that an athlete compete in three (3) events from any NIAGARA sponsored LSC meet. The three events must be within twelve (12) months immediately preceding the first day of the meet they are requesting.
- Events can only be used once. New events are required for each subsequent reimbursement request.
- Relay swims, time trials, disqualifications, scratches or no shows will not be accepted.
- A prelim/final event is considered as one (1) event, with an official time in both sessions, unless the athlete does not qualify for finals.

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT APPLICATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS:

- Reimbursements will be made to the club by a check made payable to them.
- One (1) single team application needs to be submitted for each meet that is being applied for and it must include the names of every athlete seeking reimbursement.

- The travel reimbursement application must be emailed to the Sr. Chair within (30) days of the conclusion of the meet being applied for.
- Incomplete travel reimbursement applications will not be accepted.
- Proof of times from the SWIMS database for each swimmer's Niagara participation events and meet qualifying events will be confirmed by the Senior Vice Chair. You do not need to send proof of participation events or meet qualifying events with the travel reimbursement application form.
- If travel occurs within our LSC, applicants must provide the athlete's home address, as it is registered in the SWIMS database, for the meet they are applying for. A distance of fifty (50) miles or further, from the athlete's home to the meet venue, qualifies as travel reimbursement. The 50 mile distance will be calculated using MapQuest's fastest route.
- The Niagara LSC Senior Chair will check the SWIMS database for proof of competition in the meet they are applying for, proof of Niagara meet participation, and proof of travel distance (when competition is within our LSC) for each swimmer applying for reimbursement before approval is made.