



National Event Travel Support Program

The Illinois Swimming National Event Travel Support Program provides financial support for those participating in designated USA Swimming national championship meets and other competitions previously approved.

The National Event Travel Support Program requires a submitted application for funding for all designated and preparation competitions. This application requires receipts to be attached with all other required documents/proof of performance and must be submitted no later than fourteen (14) days after the conclusion of the competition.



Purpose:

The Illinois Swimming National Event Travel Support Program provides financial support for those participating in designated USA Swimming National Championship Meets. Other competitions may be designated for support based upon recommendation by the Performance Committee and upon approval by the House of Delegates or the Board of Directors.

Method Of Funding:

Eligible athletes/clubs will receive funding according to the formula approved by the House of Delegates or Board of Directors. On an annual basis, the Board of Directors will determine the schedule for disbursement of funding.

Eligible Club:

All clubs receiving funding through the National Event Travel Support Program must be members in good standing of USA Swimming and Illinois Swimming at the time of competition and participate in the competition designated for funding.

Eligible Athletes:

- Athletes must have been continuously registered with ISI for 18 months immediately preceding the competition.
- Athletes participating in collegiate programs (NCAA, NJCAA, NAIA and others) are not considered eligible during the period September 1 – May 31 of each year. Athletes participating in collegiate programs may be considered eligible during the period June 1 – August 31 provided they are a member of and training with an Eligible Club. The Board of Directors may request verification of membership and training status.
- Only Eligible Athletes representing an Eligible Club may be considered for funding unless otherwise exempted in the approved funding formula. Eligible Clubs may request that the Board of Directors designate an athlete competing with UNATTACHED status as an Eligible Athlete.
- Eligible Athletes may only be considered once, at the highest level of competition, each season in the approved funding formula.

All competitions, both designated and preparation, must have an application submitted for reimbursement with receipts. Application must be received 14 days after the last day of competition. Please contact travelsupport@ilswim.org or the Performance Committee if you have any questions.

Designated Competitions (September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026):

To be considered for funding in a Designated Competition, Eligible Athletes must compete in one or more individual events. "Relay Only" participants are not Eligible Athletes.

Short Course Season (Sept. 1-Mar. 31):

Toyota U.S. Open
Austin, TX December 3-6, 2025
\$500.00 per Eligible Athlete

Speedo Winter Junior Championships
Austin, TX December 10-13, 2025
\$400.00 per Eligible Athlete

2026 Short Course National Support (Sept.- Mar.)
Location of Club's Choice
\$150.00 per Eligible Athlete*
Futures Qualifier -> Summer Jr National Qualifier Only
See Complete Details & Qualifications directly below

Long Course Season (April 1-Aug. 31):

Speedo Junior National Championships
Irvine, CA August 3-7, 2026
\$500.00 per Eligible Athlete

USA Swimming National Championships
Irvine, CA July 28 – August 1, 2026
\$700.00 per Eligible Athlete

2026 Long Course National Support (April – Aug.)
Location of Club's Choice
\$150.00 per Eligible Athlete*
Futures Qualifier -> Summer Jr National Qualifier Only
See Complete Details & Qualifications directly below



2026 Short Course/Long Course National Support:

- Funding for Summer Sectional or equivalent caliber of competition per club at coach discretion.
- Athletes must have a current USA Swimming Futures Championship time standard to be eligible for support.
- Athletes may not have achieved a 2025 Speedo Junior National Championship standard in an individual event to be eligible for support.
- Assistance is a maximum of \$150.00 per Eligible Athlete per season and the athlete may not have received funding for any other designated competitions during the LC season.
- Submission of qualifying standard above and verification of time achieved at submitted meet must be attached to the proper application for each Eligible Athlete request.

Preparation Competition Support:

- Funding for Summer Sectional or equivalent caliber of competition per club coach discretion
- Athlete must meet the current qualifying standard (USA Swimming 2024 Speedo Winter Junior Championships) in an individual event to be eligible for support
- Assistance is a maximum funding of \$300.00 per competition per Eligible Athlete
- Submission for assistance is a maximum of three (3) times for the year with no more than two (2) submissions in a given season (short course / long course).
- Submission of qualifying standard and verification of time achieved at submitted meet must be attached to the proper application for each Eligible Athlete requested.
- National competitions may be allowed as preparatory meets as long as it is not the athlete's highest level of competition within the designated season.

Coaches:

- Clubs with an eligible swimmer participating in a "Designated Competition" (not including Short Course or Long Course National Support) will be eligible for one (1) coach to receive travel support.
- Coaches eligible for support can receive the assigned value for their eligible swimmer at that competition. Coaches may apply for support at all "Designated Competitions" (not including Short Course or Long Course National Support) if swimmers are qualified & compete in the meets listed.
- Clubs/Coaches may also submit for one (1) preparation competition per season for a maximum funding equivalent to that of an Eligible Athlete.

Payout Timelines:

- Checks will be issued no more than sixty (60) days after submission and no later than August 31, 2026.