



# METRO CLUB ACHIEVEMENT 2024 PROGRAM APPLICATION



Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email for the person filling out form: \_\_\_\_\_

Day phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person filling out the application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Head Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

To apply for the 2024 Club Achievement program, clubs must meet the following application requirements and program components: Evaluation will be based upon Top-10 rankings for the period ending August 31st for both short course and long course. National Times achieved from September 1st 2022 through August 31st, 2023 will be considered.

## **I Professional/Organizational Component**

Please submit a copy of the following documents to the Metro Club Achievement Committee:

- Club strategic plan (including a mission statement and primary club goals).
- An athlete development/progression plan that describes how athletes progress within the club and how they are tracked.
- A club operational plan that includes annual and (if possible) quadrennial budgets (see budget form).
- A professional coaching support plan that includes proof of coaching education, continuing coach education, and other employee benefits.
- Proof that your club supports the swimming community, which could include participation in USA Swimming, Zone or LSC governance, hosting sanctioned competitions, and/or support and development of USA Swimming certified officials, providing zone coaches and chaperones.
- Mandatory attendance at Metropolitan HOD meetings.

## **II Club Profile and Facility Information**

- Clubs must complete the online Club Profile Information and Facility Information. Clubs can access this through their new Club Portal within the new USA Swimming SWIMS 3.0 platform.

## **III Best Practices Data Collection**

- Club Excellence program participants agree to participate in periodic information-gathering surveys conducted by USA Swimming. 2023 Metropolitan Swimming Club Achievement

## **IV Performance Component**

All athletes used in this section of the application must meet the following criteria; note a time can only be used once:

**A. US citizen athlete-** The athlete must be a U.S. citizen athlete eligible to represent the USA in an international competition.

**B. Representation provision-** The athlete must have been eligible to represent the applying club for the performance of the time submitted. Performances of any unattached athletes do not qualify. In other words, if an athlete transferred to your team and swims a legal time while with your team, the time does not qualify in this program unless the athlete swam the time after the athlete was attached to your club.

**C. Limited eligibility for college-age athletes-** The athlete cannot be currently competing with a collegiate program (NCAA, NJCAA, or NAIA). NCAA athletes training with their home club in the summers between school years will not count towards the club's totals. Performances from athletes who have not begun their freshman year in college are eligible to score for their club (i.e., any HS Seniors who graduated from HS in May/June 2023 and started college in August/September 2023 are eligible to represent your club in the Performance Component using times achieved prior to starting college in 2023).

**D. Performance Eligibility-**All applicants for the Club Achievement program must have at least one eligible 18-Under athlete who meets the criteria. Value is assigned at several levels of national achievement by true Metropolitan athletes (athletes qualifying for Metro travel support) who are eligible to represent the United States in an international competition. Initial financial levels are listed below:

**Top 10 national rankings** Performance Grants are based upon athlete performances in individual events. An athlete is credited once in each age group that they achieve a national ranking. Age group rankings can develop into national-caliber swimming as the swimmers get older. Dollar figures are outlined below and grow as the swimmers move towards the goal of representing the USA in international competition.

11&12	\$200.00
13&14	\$300.00 Swimmers achieving senior national championship standards forgo this level.
15&16	\$400.00 Swimmers achieving senior national championship standards forgo this level.
17&18	\$400.00 Swimmers achieving senior national championship standards forgo this level.

**Senior National Time Standard** \$1,000.00 (Must meet the Metro Travel Stipend Criteria for the qualifying period of Club Achievement) 4 Metro Meet plus Senior Mets.

**USA National Team Selection** \$1,500.00 Individuals selected for USA Swimming National Junior Team, Pan-Am Team, World University Team, World Championship Team, and Olympic Team. (Must meet the Metro Travel Stipend Criteria for the qualifying period of Club Achievement) 4 Metro Meet plus Senior Mets.

**Timeline for Club Achievement Program**

- April 17th- Program applications available to all metro swimming clubs
- May 17th- Program applications due from clubs to Metro swimming
- June 1st- All clubs notified of their status by metro swimming
- June 15th- Notification of awards and posted on the site.

**Please send this application and all supporting documents to:**  
Club Achievement Program, Metropolitan Swimming,  
cc/o Kate Hallex – Administrative Vice-Chair  
[adminvicechair@metroswimming.org](mailto:adminvicechair@metroswimming.org)





# METROPOLITAN CLUB ACHIEVEMENT BUDGET FORM

(Info on this form may be listed as actual \$'s or as %'s)

Period Covered \_\_\_\_\_

## **Revenues**

Tuition/ fees	
Swim meets	
Income	
Fundraising Grants	
Other (list)	

**Total Revenues:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Expenses**

Facility Rental	
Coaches' compensation, benefits	
Uniforms	
Education, clinics	
Equipment	
Travel	
Supplies	

Entry fees	
Telephone & postage	
Computer and web expenses	
USA / Metro fees (include Registration, surcharge, sanction fees...)	
Other (list)	

**Total Expenses:** \_\_\_\_\_