Florida Gold Coast Reimbursement/Support P&P

1.25 **Travel Assistance - Athletes**: Policy for Financial Aid to FGC Athletes – FGC will financially support eligible member athletes for their expenses incurred while participating in the USA Olympic Team Trials, NCSA and USA Swimming Junior National Championships, the US Paralympic National Championships, the USA Swimming Open Water Championships, the USA Swimming National Championships, the U.S. Open, approved National Development meets and National Select Camp attendees, and any other competition approved by the FG Board of Directors. Receipts are required for reimbursement.

1. General Eligibility Policies – Required forms located on the FGC website under "Forms & Documents".

a. Be registered with FGC at the time of the swim and at the time of funds distribution.

b. Athletes participating in collegiate programs (NCAA, NJCAA, NAIA and others) are not considered eligible during the period September 1 – May 31 of each year.

c. 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 FGC member club. Verification of membership and training status may be requested by the BOD or its designee.

d. Reimbursement is provided for swimmers participating in individual events.

e. The amount of compensation received from all sources shall at no time exceed their actual expenses as allowed by the USA Swimming Code. Sources include the National swim committee, Phillips 66, member clubs, and business/civic organizations. These sources do not include family contributions.

f. All compensations received or anticipated must be designated on the FGC financial request form. National Development funds are available to 18 and Under member swimmers. Competitions include Pro Swim Series Meets or equivalent, but not including the Southern Zone Sectional Championships. Individual swimmers are eligible to receive reimbursements from the National Development Fund three (3) per calendar year.

g. Held continuous FGC Swimming Registration (excluding collegiate participation) for 12 months to receive 50% allowance; 24 months for 75% and 36 months for 100%.

- h. Individual swimmers will be eligible to receive reimbursements from five (5) eligible meets per calendar year.
- h. The financial request form must be received with all related receipts on or before December 20th during the year of eligible meets.
- h. Financial amounts: During the annual budgeting process, the Board of Directors will determine the reimbursement amount for each eligible meet.
- h. The recipient must comply with the USA Swimming Code of Conduct up to the point of the distribution of funds.

1.26 **Financial Aid to FGC Member Clubs** – FGC will financially support eligible member clubs for their expenses incurred by their coaching staff while coaching at the USA Swimming Junior National Championships, the USA Swimming National Championships. Receipts are required for reimbursement.

1. General Eligibility Policies – Required forms located on the FGC website under "Forms & Documents".

- 2. Applying FGC Club must have held continuous USA Swimming Club Registration for 12 months to receive 50% allowance; 24 months for 75% and 36 months for 100%.
- 3. Each team will be eligible to receive reimbursement from two (2) eligible meets per year.
- 4. Clubs requesting reimbursements must have a coach(s) attending and have individual swimmer(s) participating in at least one individual event.
- 5. The financial request form must be received with all related receipts on or before December 20th during the year of eligible meets.
- 6. The Club will certify their coaches' total expenses from the meet.
- 7. Receipts or copies of receipts must be submitted with request.

1.27 **Policy of Financial Aid to FGC Officials** – FGC will financially support eligible member officials for their expenses incurred while participating in the USA Swimming Olympic Team Trials, USA Swimming National Championships, USA Swimming Junior National Championships, US Paralympic National Championships, and USA Swimming Open Water Championships. Receipts are required for reimbursement.

1. General Eligibility Policies – Required forms located on the FGC website under "Forms & Documents".

2. Officials must be registered with FGC at the time of the Meet and at the time of funds distribution.

3. Officials must have continuous FGC Swimming Registration for 12 months to receive 50% allowance; 24 months for 75% and 36 months for 100%.

4. All compensations received or anticipated must be designated on the FGC financial request form.

5. Individual officials are eligible to receive reimbursements from the Officials Development Fund for two (2) meets per calendar year.

6. FGC Officials must officiate in at least 50% of the Meets sessions.

7. The financial request form must be received with all related receipts on or before December 20th during the year of eligible meets.