

USA SWIMMING

FINA OPEN WATER 10K WORLD CUP TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

The following policy has been established by USA Swimming for travel reimbursement for the 2012-13 FINA Open Water 10k World Cups. If you have any questions regarding this policy please contact either Bryce Elser (belser@usaswimming.org) or Lindsay Mintenko (lmintenko@usaswimming.org).

REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

In order to qualify for **up to** \$1,000 for attending a 2012-13 FINA 10k World Cup an athlete must:

- Be a current member of the USA Swimming Open Water National Team
- Be a current member of the USA Swimming National Team in the 800 or 1500 Meter Freestyle
- Meet the policies established by USA Swimming for athlete participation in FINA 10k World Cups. This document can be found at www.usaswimming.org

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

The athlete must provide receipts to Bryce Elser (belser@usaswimming.org), Open Water Program Manager, (**no later than 30 days after the date of competition**). Travel expenses will only be reimbursed for actual combined athlete and coach expenses for receipts provided (up to \$1,000). Travel expenses include: airfare, ground transportation, accommodation, meals and visa processing fees for the athlete and their coach to attend the competition.

Athletes requesting travel reimbursement must submit a comprehensive training plan to USA Swimming that should include the FINA World Cups that the athlete is planning on attending and how attending World Cups will maximize their athletic performance. Athletes who are part of the APA will not need to submit this training plan if this information is included in their "Athlete Season Plan".

In the event that USA Swimming declares a FINA 10K World Cup to be "historically unsafe", USA Swimming will no longer provide any financial assistance to that particular event for National Team Members until the event organizing committee and race organizers have all shown that the event is currently safe and will continue to meet the requirements of hosting a safe race. National Team Members will be notified if an event has been declared "historically unsafe" at the time of the annual distribution of the *Open Water National Team Quadrennial Plan*.