

USA SWIMMING

ATHLETE FUNDING FOR QUAD

The intent of this document is to give athletes and coaches an overview of the athlete funding criteria for the 2016 Rio Quad. **All selection criteria, stipend amounts, and dates are subject to change.** Any questions can be directed to Lindsay Mintenko at lmintenko@usaswimming.org

ATHLETE FUNDING GENERAL CRITERIA

- ❖ The time period for athlete funding is from September 1 - August 31, unless stated below
- ❖ Athletes must be actively training and competing and must provide a seasonal plan and progress reports signed by their coach
- ❖ **Individual Olympic events only**
- ❖ Top 6 times from designated competitions qualify for the National Team (please see National Team selection criteria for designated competitions)
- ❖ No relay lead off, time trials, swim-offs or intermediate splits will be used
- ❖ Athletes must meet the following criteria to be eligible:
 - be named to the current year National Team
 - have a designated World Ranking at FINA.org in the same event (for pool swimming)
- ❖ World Rankings will be taken from FINA.org at 8 am Mountain Time on the date designated in the selection criteria
- ❖ A maximum of 52 pool athletes will receive funding; funding will be distributed by gender (26 men and 26 women). A maximum of 4 open water athletes will receive funding; funding will be distributed by gender (2 men and 2 women)
- ❖ Should there be any available funding slots remaining after the eligible athletes of one gender have been offered spots based on the established criteria, eligible athletes of the opposite gender may receive funding based on the established criteria.
- ❖ Should there be more than 52 athletes who qualify, the following tie breaker will be used:
 - The athlete with the highest world ranking in a second Individual Olympic event based on the indicated FINA.org world rankings taken at 8am Mountain Time on the date designated in the selection criteria;
 - This process will continue until there is an athlete with a higher world ranking
 - The athlete with the higher world ranking will receive funding
- ❖ Athletes may only receive funding in one discipline

2013-14 USA SWIMMING ATHLETE FUNDING

Will be announced September 3, 2013

- ❖ The time period for this athlete funding is from September 3, 2013-August 31, 2014.
- ❖ Athletes must meet all criteria above to be eligible and must be on the 2013-2014 National Team.
- ❖ Pool athletes must have a **top 14 World Ranking** in an Individual Olympic event at FINA.org as of September 3, 2013.
- ❖ Tie Breakers are outlined above.
- ❖ Open Water Athletes must finish in the top 2 at the 2013 USA Swimming Open Water 10k Nationals/World Championship Trials.
- ❖ Post-graduate athletes, and athletes who have relinquished their NCAA eligibility (who are over the age of 18) and have signed the Athlete Partnership Agreement (APA), will receive no less than \$3250 a month.

- ❖ High School athletes and athletes who are eligible but did not sign the APA will receive \$1750 a month.
- ❖ College athletes with NCAA eligibility remaining will receive \$1000 per month September - May. For the months of June, July and August these athletes will receive \$1750 a month*.

*Additional requirements must be met by the NCAA eligible athletes (in consultation with their Compliance officers) to receive funding.

2014-15 USA SWIMMING ATHLETE FUNDING

Will be announced September 2, 2014

- ❖ The time period for this athlete funding is from September 1, 2014-August 31, 2015.
- ❖ Athletes must meet all criteria above to be eligible and must be on the 2014-2015 National Team.
- ❖ Pool athletes must have a **top 12 World Ranking** in an Individual Olympic event at FINA.org as of September 2, 2014.
- ❖ Tie Breakers are outlined above.
- ❖ Open Water Athletes will be selected from the 10K Pan Pacific Championships. The two athletes with the highest place finish in the 10K at the Pan Pac Championships will receive funding. Athlete must finish within 10 minutes of the overall winner.
- ❖ Post-graduate athletes, and athletes who have relinquished their NCAA eligibility (who are over the age of 18) and have signed the Athlete Partnership Agreement (APA), will receive no less than \$3250 a month.
- ❖ High School athletes and athletes who are eligible but did not sign the APA will receive \$1750 a month.
- ❖ College athletes with NCAA eligibility remaining will receive \$1000 per month September - May. For the months of June, July and August these athletes will receive \$1750 a month*.

*Additional requirements must be met by the NCAA eligible athletes (in consultation with their Compliance officers) to receive funding.

2015-16 USA SWIMMING ATHLETE FUNDING

Will be announced September 1, 2015

- ❖ The time period for this athlete funding is from September 1, 2015-June 30, 2016.
- ❖ Athletes must meet all criteria above to be eligible and must be on the 2015-2016 National Team.
- ❖ Pool athletes must have a **top 12 World Ranking** in an Olympic event at FINA.org as of September 1, 2015.
- ❖ Tie Breakers are outlined above.
- ❖ Open Water Athletes must finish in the top 2 at the 2015 USA Swimming Open Water 10k Nationals/World Championship Trials and represent the U.S. in the 10K at the 2015 FINA World Championships.
- ❖ Post-graduate athletes, and athletes who have relinquished their NCAA eligibility (who are over the age of 18) and have signed the Athlete Partnership Agreement (APA), will receive no less than \$3250 a month.
- ❖ High School athletes and athletes who are eligible but did not sign the APA will receive \$1750 a month.
- ❖ College athletes with NCAA eligibility remaining will receive \$1000 per month September - May. For the month of June these athletes will receive \$1750 a month*.
- ❖ Athletes who make the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team at the 2016 Olympic Team Trials or through the Open Water qualification process will receive athlete funding for the months of July and August at the rate they were receiving previously.
- ❖ If an athlete makes the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team and was not previously receiving funding they will receive funding for July and August at the rate of \$1750 per month.
- ❖ Only Olympic Team Athletes will receive funding from July 1, 2016-December 31, 2016. No additional athletes will be added to athlete funding.

- ❖ On September 1, U.S. Olympic Team athletes, who meet the APA criteria, will have the option to sign a modified APA agreement for September 1, 2016-December 31, 2016. This will include a higher level of funding in return for two USA Swimming appearances, no less than \$3250 per month.
- ❖ Athletes who do not qualify for higher level funding based on the established APA criteria, and athletes electing not to sign the modified APA, will receive \$1750 a month.
- ❖ High School Athletes who are 2016 Olympians will receive \$1750 a month.
- ❖ College athletes, who are 2016 Olympians with NCAA eligibility remaining, will receive \$1000 per month September - May. For the months of June, July and August these athletes will receive \$1750 a month*.
- ❖ Additional athlete funding will start in January 2017.

*Additional requirements must be met by the NCAA eligible athletes (in consultation with their Compliance officers) to receive funding.

2017 USA SWIMMING ATHLETE ASSISTANCE

Will be announced January 2, 2017

- ❖ The time period for this athlete funding is from January 1, 2017-August 31, 2017.
- ❖ Athletes must meet all criteria above to be eligible and must be on the 2016-2017 National Team.
- ❖ Pool athletes must have a **top 16 World Ranking** in an Olympic event at FINA.org as of September 1, 2016.
- ❖ Tie Breakers are outlined above.
- ❖ Open Water 2016 Olympians will receive funding.
- ❖ If only one athlete competed in the Olympic Games in Open Water then the next highest placing finisher at the 2016 USA Swimming Open Water 10k National Championships/ Open Water Olympic Trials will qualify for funding. If no athlete represented the U.S. at the Olympic Games in Open Water then the top two finishers at the 2016 USA Swimming Open Water 10K National Championships/Open Water Olympic Trials will qualify for funding.
 - ❖ Post-graduate athletes, and athletes who have relinquished their NCAA eligibility (who are over the age of 18) and have signed the Athlete Partnership Agreement (APA), will receive no less than \$3250 a month.
 - ❖ High School athletes and athletes who are eligible but did not sign the APA will receive \$1750 a month.
 - ❖ College athletes with NCAA eligibility remaining will receive \$1000 per month September - May. For the months of June, July and August these athletes will receive \$1750 a month*.

*Additional requirements must be met by the NCAA eligible athletes (in consultation with their Compliance officers) to receive funding.

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RELAY ONLY FUNDING

The intent of this document is to give athletes and coaches an overview of the athlete funding criteria for the Rio Quad for relay only athletes. All selection criteria and dates are subject to change. Any questions can be directed to Lindsay Mintenko at lmintenko@usaswimming.org. This criteria and funding is for relay-only athletes who participate in the Operation Gold competition of the year.

ATHLETE FUNDING GENERAL CRITERIA

- ❖ This criteria and funding is for relay-only athletes who participate in the Operation Gold competition of the year.
- ❖ The time period for this athlete funding is from September 1 - August 31.
- ❖ Athletes must be actively training and competing and must provide a seasonal plan and progress reports signed by their coach.
- ❖ Funds will be based on how many athletes qualify for relay only funding but will not exceed \$2000 a month for professional athletes and will not exceed \$500 a month for high school and college athletes.
- ❖ Athletes will not be named to the 2013-2014 National Team unless they qualify via the published National Team selection criteria.
- ❖ Professional Athletes must make one appearance on behalf of USA Swimming and attend one Arena Grand Prix event.
- ❖ Athletes who qualify for Athlete Assistance as listed above will not receive funding in both categories. Athletes will receive the highest level of funding they qualified for.

2013-14 RELAY- ONLY ATHLETE FUNDING SELECTION CRITERIA

- ❖ All relay swimmers for the 4X100 Free Relay and the 4X200 Free Relay only
- ❖ All relay legs are eligible to qualify for this funding
 - Lead-off legs: subject to the qualifying criteria already in place for individual events (top 14 world ranking and National Team member in the same event)
 - 2nd, 3rd, and 4th legs: the adjusted relay split (relay split minus reaction time) must be equal to, or faster than, the average split of the gold medal winning relay from the previous Operation Gold competition (for 2013 the Operation Gold meet will be the 2013 World Championships, times will be used from the 2012 Olympic Games)
 - If the relay is disqualified the times will still be used to qualify for funding. Time for the athlete who disqualified the relay will be calculated by adding the reaction time to the overall time

QUALIFICATION TIMES FOR 2013

- ❖ Men's 4X100 Free Relay: **47:48**
- ❖ Women's 4X100 Free Relay: **53.29**
- ❖ Men's 4X200 Free Relay: **1:44.92**
- ❖ Women's 4X200 Free Relay: **1:55.73**

2014-15 RELAY- ONLY ATHLETE FUNDING SELECTION CRITERIA

- ❖ Operation Gold Competition for 2014 is the Pan Pacific Championships
- ❖ All athletes who qualify for the Pan Pacific Championships can swim additional events, therefore a relay only criteria is not offered.

2015-2016 RELAY- ONLY ATHLETE FUNDING SELECTION CRITERIA

- ❖ All relay swimmers for the 4X100 Free Relay and the 4X200 Free Relay only
- ❖ All relay legs are eligible to qualify for this funding
 - Lead-off legs: subject to the qualifying criteria already in place for individual events (top 12 world ranking and National Team member in the same event)
 - 2nd, 3rd, and 4th legs: the adjusted relay split (relay split minus reaction time) must be equal to, or faster than, the average split of the gold medal winning relay from the previous Operation Gold competition (for 2015 the Operation Gold meet will be the 2015 World Championships, times will be used from the **2014 Pan Pacific Championships**),
 - If the relay is disqualified the times will still be used to qualify for funding. Time for the athlete who disqualified the relay will be calculated by adding the reaction time to the overall time

QUALIFICATION TIMES FOR 2015

- ❖ Men's 4X100 Free Relay:
- ❖ Women's 4X100 Free Relay:
- ❖ Men's 4X200 Free Relay:
- ❖ Women's 4X200 Free Relay:

2016-17 RELAY ONLY ATHLETE FUNDING SELECTION CRITERIA

- ❖ All relay swimmers for the 4X100 Free Relay and the 4X200 Free Relay only
- ❖ All relay legs are eligible to qualify for this funding
 - Lead-off legs: subject to the qualifying criteria already in place for individual events (top 12 world ranking and National Team member in the same event)
 - 2nd, 3rd, and 4th legs: the adjusted relay split (relay split minus reaction time) must be equal to, or faster than, the average split of the gold medal winning relay from the previous Operation Gold competition (for 2016 the Operation Gold meet will be the 2016 Olympic Games, times will be used from the **2015 World Championships**)
 - If the relay is disqualified the times will still be used to qualify for funding. Time for the athlete who disqualified the relay will be calculated by adding the reaction time to the overall time

QUALIFICATION TIMES FOR 2016

- ❖ Men's 4X100 Free Relay:
- ❖ Women's 4X100 Free Relay:
- ❖ Men's 4X200 Free Relay:
- ❖ Women's 4X200 Free Relay: