

SECTION 9

TRAVEL SUPPORT

A. Purpose

1. To help defray the travel costs of Pacific Swimming clubs with athlete members competing in “national” level meets as determined by the Board of Directors.
2. To help defray the travel costs of Pacific Swimming coaches attending “national” level meet as determined by the Board of Directors.

B. Control of Funds

1. The Treasurer shall have control of disbursements. The disbursements shall be managed in accordance with Article 6.7 of the Pacific Swimming Bylaws. All disbursements shall be paid to Pacific Swimming registered clubs.
2. No travel support payment will be made to a club if the club, coach or athlete is indebted to Pacific Swimming. No payment will be made until the indebtedness has been resolved. (combination of B3 and B4)

C. Eligibility

1. Representation

- a) The athlete shall compete attached to a Pacific Swimming club or compete unattached as a Pacific Swimming member.
- b) The coach shall be a USA Swimming registered coach in good standing. (moved from C. 3 c)
- c) Relay-only athletes will not be eligible for travel support.

2. Registration

- a) To be eligible for travel support athletes shall meet the eligibility and registration requirements as stated in the Policies and Procedures

3. Travel Support Requirements

- a) A copy of the club’s Travel Policy shall be on file with Pacific Swimming’s Membership Office.
- b) A signed Code of Conduct for all athletes attending the meet shall be on file with Pacific Swimming’s Membership Office.

4. Citizenship

- a) To be eligible for travel support, an athlete shall be a United States citizen or have a permanent resident visa issued by the United States.

5. Appeals

- a) A Club can appeal the decision of the Travel Committee.

ADDENDUM

I. MOTION(S) TO CLARIFY AN EXISTING RULE OR ADD A RULE:

Section 9 has been rewritten to comply with new rules presented by NCAA regarding paying athletes. This change protects precollege and college athletes from questions about amateur status from NCAA compliance officers.

II. ITEMS TO BE MOVED TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Additional items/ideas to be included in the Policies and Procedures

Travel Awards amounts shall be:

Nationals/ Junior Nationals/ Open Water Nationals (summer and winter): Average flight cost plus stipend

Pro Swim Series (two per year): \$400

Futures (one per year): \$300

Sectionals (two per year) \$250

National Recognized Senior Swimming Invitational (one per year): \$200

After the meet the Pacific Swimming Office and/or the Treasurer will determine the number of Pacific Swimming athletes who competed in the meet. A letter will be issued to the club stating the amount of the award. The club will have 2 weeks (10 business days) to challenge the number of athletes taken to the meet. Within 4 weeks of the last day of the meet an award check will be sent to the club.

Clubs must apply for Coach travel support. Coach Travel Support application must be received by the Pacific Swimming Office no later than 30 days after the meet.

B. Control of Funds

2. Travel Committee shall be established consisting of the Travel Chairman, Senior Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and a coach representative. The committee shall recommend, for approval of the Board of Directors, airfares on which travel support shall be based.

C. Eligibility

1. Representation

- b. Athletes attending the Open Water nationals shall have achieved a Winter Junior National standard in the 800/1000 or 1500/1650 to be eligible for travel support.
- d. For coach's travel support – the coach/club shall attend at least three (3) of the designated Pacific Swimming Senior level meets during the previous twelve (12) month period. There shall be a limit of two (2) national level meets for which a coach/ club may receive travel support per year. Pacific Swimming's Membership Office will determine eligibility.
- e. During Olympic and World Championship years, a coach/ club may apply for travel support for the Olympics Trials or World Championship Trials in addition to the travel support as outlined in Section C 1.d of the Rules and Regulations.

C. Eligibility

2. Registration

- a. The level of travel assistance is based upon an athlete holding continuous Pacific Swimming registration on the following schedule with each swim year will be made up of two Championship meet periods. The first shall be from September 1 to February 29. The second shall be from March 1 to August 31.

b.

	Season 1	Season 2	Season 3	Season 4	Season 5
Arena Pro Swim Series, Futures type meets	NONE	FULL	FULL	FULL	FULL
National, Junior National, US Open and Open Water	NONE	ONE-HALF	FULL	FULL	FULL
World Championships Trials	NONE	NONE	ONE-HALF	FULL	FULL
Olympic Trials	NONE	NONE	NONE	ONE-HALF	ONE-HALF

- c. Once an athlete qualifies for full travel support at a particular level of meet, the athlete remains eligible for full travel support at that level as long as continuous Pacific Swimming registration is maintained.
- d. To be eligible for travel support, athletes shall have been registered with a Pacific Swimming club and competed in Pacific Swimming sanctioned meets during their senior year of high school.

- e. An athlete may register with, or transfer to, their college's LSC during the school season. Such registration shall not be considered an interruption of the continuous registration so long as the athlete immediately transfers to, or registers in, Pacific Swimming at the end of his/her school swim season and before further competition in USA-S sanctioned events.
- f. Once a collegiate athlete who was previously ineligible (based on the rule) has exhausted their college swimming eligibility, they become eligible for travel support on that same schedule as described in the above chart.

3. Travel Support Requirements – move to P&P Safe Sport

- a) A copy of the club's Travel Policy shall be on file with Pacific Swimming's Membership Office.
- b) A signed Code of Conduct for all athletes attending the meet shall be on file with Pacific Swimming's Membership Office.

D. Disbursement Policy

1. Pacific Swimming's Membership Office shall receive applications for travel support by the end of the sixty (60) days following the last day of the attended meet.
2. The travel support for clubs taking athletes to compete in Olympic Trials, World Championship Trials, National Championships, US Open, Junior National Championships, and Open Water National Championships will be the determined airfare plus a stipend to be determined by the Board of Directors. Athletes attending back-to-back National Championship meets held in the same city will be eligible for travel support of the determined airfare plus an increased stipend.
3. The travel support for coaches will be the same amount as determined by the Board of Directors for airfare only.
4. Travel support for athletes at Arena Pro Swim Series, Futures type meets, in addition to the current travel support for USA Swimming National and Junior National Championships, is provided per the following guidelines and criteria:
 - a. One disbursement per year. The amount of the disbursement will be determined annually by the Senior and/or Travel committees and approved by the annual budget at the House of Delegates.
 - b. To qualify for support, an athlete shall have USA Swimming December Junior National Qualifying time. The time may be achieved at the meet.
 - c. Meet shall be held outside of Pacific Swimming boundaries.
 - d. Meet shall be high-level Senior competition. Pre-approved meets: any foreign travel meets approved by FINA, USA Swimming Arena Pro Swim Series, Futures Meets, NCSA Jr. Nationals, TX All-American Meet, and Mission Viejo Meet of Champions. Senior Committee shall approve all other meets.

III. ITEMS TO BE DELETED

- B.3.** No payment for the coach will be made if the coach or club is indebted to Pacific Swimming. No payment will be made until the indebtedness has been resolved. (Redundant stated in B 2)
- B.4.** All athletes representing a Pacific Swimming registered club at a "national" level meet shall not be indebted to Pacific Swimming. (Redundant stated in B 2)
- B.5.** Clubs that fail to report and transmit collected Pacific Swimming meet fees by October 1, from meets held during the prior period from September 1 through August 31, shall not receive travel assistance until such reports and fees are received. (Redundant stated in B 2)