



Club Support Policy

The SCS Club Support Program is intended to provide a AQUAncial incentive and support to Clubs that qualify for the highest levels of competition. The following general requirements shall be met for all levels of club support:

1. Club Support funding requests must be submitted via the SCS Club Support Online Form within 30 days of the last day of competition.
2. Club Support disbursements shall be processed via ACH to registered Clubs and not to individual Swimmers. Clubs must maintain updated ACH account information with the LSC to participate in the Club Support Program.
3. All clubs, coaches, and athletes shall be in good standing with Southern California Swimming.
4. Coaches and athletes shall have attended and competed in the meet. Relay-only athletes shall not be eligible for club support funding.
5. The club shall maintain an updated Team Travel Policy and all athletes who travel shall sign a Code of Conduct Form prior to the trip.
6. All clubs, coaches, and athletes electing not to follow the criteria for reimbursement from the Club Support Policy will be ineligible for club support.

Athlete eligibility requirements:

An athlete must be registered with SCS at the time he/she participates in a qualified meet and:

1. Must represent or be on the roster of an SCS Club at the qualified meet.
2. If unattached and not on the roster of an SCS Club, eligibility shall be determined by the Board of Directors which at its sole discretion shall determine whether the athlete is entitled to reimbursement.
3. Athletes will not be eligible if he/she is registered in another LSC or is on the roster of a non-CA Club at any time during the fiscal year for which



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reimbursement is sought. Collegiate athletes required to register with another LSC during the college season are exempted from this requirement.

4. The amount paid to each SCS Member for an eligible swimmer or to each unattached athlete shall be adjusted in accordance with the following criteria:
 - a. During the first year of the athlete's SCS registration, 30% of the recognition amount.
 - b. During the second year of the athlete's SCS registration, 60% of the recognition amount.
 - c. During the third year of the athlete's SCS registration, 100% of the recognition amount.

Coach Eligibility and Amount:

Each SCS club with one or more eligible swimmers on its roster who are entered in individual events at qualified meets shall also be awarded Club Support for one coach to attend the same meet in accordance with the published SCS Club Support Levels.

Club Support for coaches shall have the same priority and funding level as club support for athletes. For current Club Support funding levels see published SCS Club Support Levels (enclosure 1.)

Club Support will be provided for one coach for every 10 athletes attending Club Support designated events.



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Club Support Qualifying Meets and Funding Levels:

The Club Support Qualifying meets and Funding Levels shall be determined by the Senior Committee and approved by the Board of Directors annually by February, for the upcoming season. To qualify for Club Support athletes must participate in one of three acceptable types of meets:

1. US-sanctioned National Championship or Selection Meet (other than Olympic Trials), World Trials, US Open, US National Championship, US Jr Nationals, Futures.
2. USA Pro event sanctioned by the National body (currently the TYR Pro series)
3. Any AQUA-recognized event appearing on the AQUA Calendar as described in the AQUA Constitution section C 14.5 (includes World Cup events, LEN Sanctioned events, most national championship meets for other countries, and many high-end international invitationals, (i.e., Mel Zajac, The Maccabiah Games, and many high-end domestic invitationals like Santa Clara)
4. Separate Club Support funding is provided when the 10K Open Water Championship is held separately from National Championship and/or When a Trials Class meet is offered in addition to summer Nationals or Open, Summer Junior Nationals, and Summer Futures.
5. Swimmers shall be eligible for additional support for any unique Trials event, as scheduled by the National body if said event is held as a separate meet between the Fall and Summer National meets. Club Support funding for the unique Trials event will be in addition to support earned for the Fall and Summer National events.

The funding levels shall be determined by the Senior Committee and based on geographic location and the duration of the meet, using the following formulas:

1. US Open, Nationals, and Trials (not including Olympic Trials) - \$225 for each day of the meet + 1 travel day. \$765 airfare if east of the Mississippi, \$550 airfare if west of the Mississippi (but requiring air transportation), and zero transportation allotment for all local national events.



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2. Juniors - \$105 for each day of the meet+1 travel day. \$765 airfare if east of the Mississippi, \$550 if west of the Mississippi (but requiring air transportation), and zero transportation allotment for all local national events.
3. Futures a flat rate of \$0-300 per athlete. (except on an Olympic Year). Amount to be determined after August 15th of 2026. Remainder of the Club Support Budget will be distributed to Futures level divided into shares not to exceed \$300 per athlete.

2026 SCS Club Support Qualifying Meets and Funding Levels

Event Date	Event Name	Total Support	East/West
Fri April 3, 26	Open Water Nationals	\$1,665.00	East
Sat April 4, 26	Open Water Juniors	\$1080.00	East
TBA	Para	\$1,665.00	East
Sat Jul, 28	Nationals	\$1125.00	West
Wed Jul 29, 26	Futures Champs	\$0.00-300	West
Tue Aug 3, 26	Summer Juniors	\$630.00	West
Wed Dec 2, 26	US Open	\$1675.00	West
Wed Dec 2, 26	US Open	\$1,890.00	East
Wed Dec 12, 26	Winter Juniors	\$1075.00	West

"Only one funding payment per athlete per season (Winter, Open Water, Summer)."

****Please click [HERE](#) to submit a funding request.****