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## Swim BC Club Grant Program

The Swim BC Club Grant Program replaces all funding programs previously in place at Swim BC. The Program High Performance grant (PHP); Athlete High Performance Award (AHP); BC Athlete Assistance Program (BCAAP) and Athlete International Incentive (AII) are terminated and replaced by the Club Grant Program. The Club Grant is intended to be an easy to understand, administratively streamlined program that will act as a system incentive to support club swimming in BC.

As stated above, the aim of the Club Grant is to support club swimming, action the provincial sport governing body's role in athlete development and support the needs of swimmers and programs that do not benefit from other levels of training, coaching, sport science and travel support (Sport Canada AAP excluded). The intended outcome is to energize club swimming, to support performance outcomes from provincial to international levels, and invest in the continued development of swimmers within the foundation of our sport, club swimming.

***Swim BC reserves the right to adjust the program to accommodate unforeseen circumstances.***

### Principles and Rules:

#### Club / Swimmer eligibility:

- Only Swim BC registered clubs and registered varsity programs as per Swim BC policy may access the Swim BC Club Grant;
- Swimmers must be appropriately registered, participating in and representing a BC club. Where a swimmer represents a club, but does not train with that club, their performances will not score in the Swim BC Club Grant for either the 'training' program or the 'representing' program.
- Swimmers transferring to BC must have been in the province a minimum of one year and have generated an eligible performance (during that year) while representing a BC club to have their performance considered for the Club Grant.

#### Grant formula:

- Swimmer performance will generate points as per the matrix in this document. Points will earn a 'share' against the total fund. The total points generated across all clubs will be factored against the total fund dollars to determine the value of 'dollars per point'. A club's total points from all swimmer performances will determine the total club grant: **total points x dollars per point = total grant**



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### **General operating principles:**

- A club's total grant will be held on account at Swim BC – the Head Coach of the club will be notified of the grant, and the mechanisms to access the grant. Club Presidents will be copied – it will be made clear that the Head Coach manages access to the grant.
- No Swim BC funds will be paid directly to athletes – it will be the Head Coaches determination as to whether an individual swimmer, a training group, a club specific activity, a club asset purchase, etc. is the net benefactor of the grant. The grant can be used in as many different initiatives as the coach deems suitable.
- Clubs will apply to Swim BC for fund use from a list of pre-determined program eligible and 'approved' activities by sending a general overall plan for the use of the grant to Swim BC by mid-November. After Swim BC sign-off, the club will conduct the activity and after completion, submit to Swim BC full reconciliation of expenditures (copies of receipts) for eligible expenses related to the activity. Once reconciled a cheque will be sent to the club.
- Club Grant funds cannot be used for team clothing, swimmer training attire, meals, club or Swim BC membership fees, club training or coaching fees and other similar type activities as determined by Swim BC.
- Club Grant funds are not to be used to replace existing club expenditures, they are meant to enhance and grow club activities. Where possible clubs will be encouraged to match funds or contribute to initiatives related to Club Grant activities.
- Club Grant funds may not be 'rolled' over to the following competitive year (Sept – August). Unused funds will be reallocated into Swim BC operations. Effective use of Club Grant funds will be a key evaluative measure of the program's success.
- All Club Grant funds will be required to have been applied for and payment executed by July 15<sup>th</sup> of each year to accommodate Swim BC's fiscal year end (July 31<sup>st</sup>).
- Club Grant funds do not transfer. If a swimmer transfers programs (club to club or club to varsity) the Club Grant resides with the program where the funding points were generated. Where a point generating swimmer graduates to a Varsity program, it is incumbent on the club coach and varsity coach to identify a best use solution for Club Grant funds. The club coach of origin will have final authority over the funds.
- All 'World Championship' events (ie/ stroke 50's) are eligible to score points.

### **Varsity Programs:**

- Varsity programs will receive 50% of points generated towards the club grant during the Varsity season (for this grant purposes Sept 1 – Mar 31). Swimmers maintaining their affiliation with a Varsity program after Mar 31 will impact Varsity club grants at 100%. The rationale recognizes varsity athletes have no club fees (coach, pool, etc.) and their travel is typically subsidized during the varsity season. Post varsity season the understanding is the athletes will incur coaching, pool, travel fees.
- Varsity swimmers who transfer to a 'home' club after April 30<sup>th</sup> (as per SNC registration rules) will generate 100% points for the 'home' club, based on the same premise as above, as long as the swimmer is training in that program on a fulltime basis.



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**Swimming Canada High Performance Centres:**

- High Performance Centres – BC swimmers designated by Swimming Canada as “Full-time HPC Athletes” are not eligible to generate funds in this program. BC swimmers designated as “Training Rights Athletes” by Swimming Canada and representing a BC club may generate 50% of any associated points for their BC club based on a status review of the individual swimmer’s recognized swimming related expenses (ie/ competition or training travel). This will be reviewed on an individual swimmer basis.
- Next-Gen Program – BC swimmers designated by Swimming Canada as “Full-time” may generate 50% of any associated points for their BC club based on a status review of the individual swimmer’s recognized swimming related expenses (ie/ competition or training travel).

**Performance Point eligible competitions:**

- Senior International competitions are categorized as Major, Secondary and Minor:
  - Major International Competition:
    - Olympics; Paralympics; FINA World Championships (LC); Pan Pacific Championships.
  - Secondary International Competition:
    - Commonwealth Games; FISU Games.
  - Minor International Competition:
    - World Cups (ie/ FINA Marathon Swim World Series; Swimming World Cup); Pan American Games; Parapan Am Games
    - Recognized Junior International Competition (World Junior Championships; Youth Olympic Games; Junior Pan Pacific Championships)
- National Competitions:
  - Senior:
    - Canadian Swimming Trials; Canadian Swimming Championships
  - Junior:
    - Canadian Junior Championships
- Provincial Competitions:
  - BC Provincial Championships (Winter & Summer)



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**Swim BC Club Grant 'Points Matrix':**

COMPETITIONS		POINTS		
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>		<b>Major</b>	<b>Secondary</b>	<b>Minor</b>
International Individual – Gold	100	75	50	
International Individual – Silver	80	60	40	
International Individual – Bronze	60	45	30	
International Individual – Final (4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> )	55	41.25	27.5	
International Individual – Semi-final (9 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> )	50	37.5	25	
International Relay – Gold	45	33.75	22.5	
International Relay – Silver	44	33	22	
International Relay – Bronze	43	32.25	21.5	
International Individual qualifier	42	31.5	21	
International Relay – 4 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup>	41	30.75	20.5	
International Relay – individual relay position 1 to 4	35	26.25	17.5	
International Relay – individual relay position 5 or 6	30	22.5	15	
<b>NATIONAL</b>		<b>Senior</b>	<b>Junior</b>	
National – Gold	25	12.5		
National – Silver	20	10		
National – Bronze	15	7.5		
National – “A” final	10	5		
National – “B” final	5	2.5		
National Club Scoring (BC Teams) – Combined 1 <sup>st</sup>	25	12.5		
National Club Scoring (BC Teams) – Combined 2 <sup>nd</sup>	20	10		
National Club Scoring (BC Teams) – Combined 3 <sup>rd</sup>	15	7.5		
National Club Scoring (BC Teams) – Combined 4 <sup>th</sup>	10	5		
National Club Scoring (BC Teams) – Combined 5 <sup>th</sup>	5	2.5		
<b>PROVINCIAL</b>		<b>BC Champs</b>		
Provincial Club Scoring – Combined 1 <sup>st</sup>	12.5			
Provincial Club Scoring – Combined 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10			
Provincial Club Scoring – Combined 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.5			
Provincial Club Scoring – Combined 4 <sup>th</sup>	5			
Provincial Club Scoring – Combined 5 <sup>th</sup>	2.5			
Provincial Champ Club – Stroke (starting 2020)	10			
Provincial Champ Individual Aggregate (starting 2020)	7.5			
Provincial Championship Individual Gold Medal	5			

**\*\* swims score once only\*\***



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### **Accessing the Grant:**

As mentioned in the Principles and Rules, no swimmer receives direct funding from the Club Grant. The Head Coach triggers payment by the following process:

1. Swim BC announces the Club Grant calculations and allocations in early fall;
2. Head Coach frames a general plan for utilization of the funds and submits to Swim BC for approval;
3. Access to funds must be in any one of the following general activities. Where a single swimmer use is indicated, that swimmer's performance(s) must have generated the funds being accessed:
  - Club training camp travel and accommodation assistance
  - Club or individual travel and accommodation assistance to any Swimming Canada National Championship meet
  - Club or individual travel and accommodation assistance to approved international competition
  - Sport Science support from a CSI-Pacific service provider, or Sport Med BC listed practitioner (individual or general club use).
  - Club specific training equipment purchase - ie: specialty training equipment (med balls, stretch cords, swim bench, power towers); video equipment; performance tracking tools
4. A detailed overview of the activity must be sent to Swim BC prior to the activity as per the following example:
  - Christmas training camp:
    - i. swimmers attending;
    - ii. total airfare per swimmer;
    - iii. accommodation per swimmer per night,
    - iv. total expected expenditure of allowable expenses within the activity
    - v. Swim BC will review and provide approval or request more information.
5. Upon return from the camp, or purchase of equipment or services, a full reconciliation of the activity including copy of original receipts will be required to trigger payment from Swim BC.