



**LA28**

**Training Camp & Competition Support  
Program**



## BACKGROUND

Transitioning from the provincial level to the national development level necessitates exposure to enriched training and competition opportunities. The **LA28 Training Camp and Competition Support Program** has been designed to provide financial support to identified swimmers and their coaches to access Appropriate Training Camps and Enhanced Competitive opportunities.

This support is designed to facilitate access to high-quality events and training opportunities, thereby nurturing the growth and readiness of athletes and coaches for elite-level competition. Activities that are appropriate for this program include:

### Appropriate Training Camps

Multi-day training camps that require travel and accommodation. This may include Club Camps, National Camps, and HPC Vancouver Camps\*. (*Swim BC provincial camps are not eligible as they are already funded for participating coaches and athletes.*)

*\*The program will additionally support the full cost of one manager at each designated HPC Vancouver Camp.*

### Enhanced Competition

Enhanced competition refers to "in-season" Senior/Open events featuring inter-provincial, national, or international swimmers. Examples include the USA Swimming TYR-Pro series, George Haines International, Los Angeles Invitational, Mare Nostrum tour, and Euro Meet.

The program will not support participation in peak, championship level, competition nor to age group competitions.

Recognizing the pivotal role of enhanced competition and training camps in a swimmer's developmental journey, Swim BC acknowledges that clubs may hesitate to prioritize it due to various factors. However, exposure to progressive levels of competition and camps is essential for maintaining appropriate development.

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The Swim BC Competition and Training Camp Support Program aims to address the challenge of accessing developmentally appropriate training and competition opportunities by providing financial resources to identified swimmer/coach tandems in collaboration with their home clubs. The program seeks not only to facilitate access to relevant competition but also to incentivize clubs to develop a supportive culture for athlete development up to the Swimming Canada AAP level.



## GOALS

The program seeks to meet the following objectives:

1. Foster long-range planning, application, and accountability among Swim BC coaches.
2. Lead clubs by offering matching grants to cultivate a culture of developmental responsibility, guiding swimmers towards the Swimming Canada AAP level.
3. Encourage swimmer/coach tandems to aim for selection to the 2028 LA Olympic team as a realistic target and developmental goal.
4. Increase the number of Swimming Canada AAP swimmers and National Team members training within the BC club system.

By prioritizing enhanced competition and training camp support, Swim BC aims to empower swimmers and coaches within the BC club system, fostering a culture of excellence and readiness for the LA28 Olympics and beyond.

## ELIGIBILITY

Based on a successful application, the LA28 fund will provide matching financial support to Swim BC clubs to facilitate swimmer / coach access to appropriate training camps and enhanced competition. Program eligibility requirements are:

1. Swimmers must be registered and in good standing with Swim BC.
2. Swimmers must be identified by the annual Swim BC Canadian Sports Institute Pacific process.
3. Swimmers must have completed the Team BC Athlete Intake, and be in the Perform, Advance or Prospects program levels.
4. Coaches must be fully registered and in good standing with Swim BC.
5. Coaches must be identified by the annual Swim BC Canadian Sports Institute Pacific process.
6. Coaches must have completed the Team BC Coach Intake.

Clubs must be financially capable of matching 50% of any approved initiative.

## CRITERIA

Swim BC will review and prioritize applications based on the following criteria. Allocated funds will be provided as monies are available within each program cycle.

1. Both the swimmer and their coach must attend supported competition (clubs cannot 'assign' swimmers to join other clubs for a specific competition).
2. Funds may be used to support airfare, accommodation, ground transportation, meals, entry fees, and other related expenses specific to attending a training camp or enhanced competition. Expenses must be reconciled with Swim BC post competition and all receipts submitted.
3. Clubs must provide a Safe Sport Travel Plan embracing safe sport principles and Swim BC safe sport policies.
4. Funding priority will be given to participation at appropriate training camps or enhanced competitions as determined by Swim BC.
5. Expense reconciliation including all original receipts will be required within one month of the end of the trip.
6. Swimmers to be informed of the financial support provided by Swim BC.

Clubs are encouraged to travel together and share resources.



## PROCESS

Applicants are required to complete the online LA28 - Competition Support Program application form prior to the following annual application funding cycle deadlines:

- Cycle 1 – September 1 – December 31     *July 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline*
- Cycle 2 – January 1 – March 31             *November 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline*
- Cycle 3 – April 1 – August 31                *February 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline*

Applicants will be notified of their application status within one week of the cycle deadline.

Eligible swimmer / coach tandem applicants will be ranked by the following process:

**Priority 1:** Applications for a funding cycle will be ranked using the swimmers' highest long course World Aquatics point score from the 6 months preceding the funding cycle deadline. A matching grant up to \$1,500 will be available for each swimmer and each coach until the funds are exhausted. *(For example, if the club program has 3 swimmers plus one coach who earn the grant, the funding would be up to a maximum of \$6,000 matching grant.)*

Swimmers will not be eligible for Priority 1 funding in two consecutive funding cycles.

**Priority 2:** Should the total funds for a cycle not be exhausted by Priority 1 applicants, the remaining funds will be shared evenly amongst the successful swimmer / coach applicants until a \$500 minimum grant threshold is met. Swimmers will be ranked by their highest long course World Aquatics point score from the 6 months preceding the funding cycle deadline.

**Open Water Approval Process:** Applications for Open Water competition experiences will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Swim BC will take into consideration the merits of the application based on the swimmers previous 3-year open water or 1500m freestyle progression, intended competitive outcomes and other performance-based variables brought forth by the coach.

Should any funds remain after the cycle application deadline, late applications will be accepted until the funds have been exhausted for that cycle.

Any questions should be directed to the Swim BC Technical Director.