



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 & Competition Support Program has been designed to provide financial support to identified swimmers and their coaches to access Appropriate Training Camps and Elite 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.

## Eligible Activities

**Appropriate Training Camps:** Multi-day training camps that require travel and accommodation. This may include club camps, inter-club camps, or inter-provincial camps.

*Swim BC provincial camps, or camps funded by another source are not eligible.*

**Elite Competition:**

Elite competition refers to Senior/Open events featuring inter-provincial, national, or international swimmers (*Examples: Canadian Open, or US Pro Swim Series, World Aquatics World Cup Series*)

National championships (Trials or comparable Canadian championships) are only considered eligible if it is the athlete's first time participating at that event.

Provincial competitions are not eligible for LA28 funding.

**Combined Camp & Competition:**

Elite competitions (as per above) that include an associated pre-competition preparation camp.

If the competition itself is not eligible, funding may still be considered for the pre-competition preparation camp only. In such cases, travel costs to and from the competition location will not be covered<sup>1</sup>.

Recognizing the pivotal role of elite 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 LA28 Training Camp & Competition 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.

The LA 28 program also aims to encourage clubs to develop collaborative training opportunities with other eligible Swim BC-affiliated clubs. By fostering environments where coaches can exchange knowledge and best practices, we will continue to strengthen our collective expertise and advance the province's progression toward national and international excellence.

<sup>1</sup> Where a competition is ineligible, expenses for the pre-competition preparation camp may still be considered for funding, including travel to the camp. Any travel costs associated with attending the competition would not be eligible for reimbursement. Should the preparation camp takes place in the same location as an ineligible competition, all travel costs are ineligible (e.g. airfare), though all other camp-related expenses may still be considered.

## PROGRAM GOALS

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The program seeks to:

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 / Paralympic 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.
5. Foster collaboration and sharing of information between Swim BC clubs.

By prioritizing elite 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 & Paralympics and beyond.

## ELIGIBILITY

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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 elite competition. Program eligibility requirements are:

**Swimmer Requirements:**

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 successfully completed the Pacific Peaks Pathway Athlete Intake prior to the cycle application deadline, and be in the Perform, Advance or Prospects program levels.
4. *Swimmers currently receiving Swimming Canada AAP funding (SR1, SR2, DEV, or SNT) are not eligible for support under this program.*

**Coach Requirements:**

1. Coaches must be fully registered and in good standing with Swim BC.
2. Coaches must be identified by the annual Swim BC Canadian Sports Institute Pacific process.
3. Coaches must have successfully completed the Pacific Peaks Pathway Coach Intake prior to the cycle application deadline.

**Club Requirements:**

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

## APPLICATION CRITERIA

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Swim BC will review the eligibility of applications based on the following criteria. Allocated funds will be provided as monies are available within each program cycle. Considerations for special circumstances (Appendix A) will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

**Activity Eligibility:** Only applications for participation at appropriate training camps and/or elite competitions, as determined by Swim BC, will be considered for funding.

**Application Submission:** Applications must be completed by the coach. Applications completed by anyone other than a coach will not be accepted.  
It is the coach's responsibility to ensure applications are submitted in a timely fashion.

**Expenses:** Funds may be used to support airfare<sup>2</sup>, accommodation, ground transportation, meals, entry fees, and other related expenses specific to attending a training camp or competition.  
Expense reconciliation including all original receipts must be submitted to Swim BC within 30 days post event.

**Coach / Swimmer Tandem:** Funding applies solely to the identified swimmer and coach, both of whom must attend the approved event. Another coach may not be substituted in place of the approved coach. If this occurs without approvals from Swim BC, the club will not be eligible for reimbursement.

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<sup>2</sup> Airfare expenses for pre-competition preparation camps will not be considered if the camp is held in the same location as an associated competition that is ineligible for LA28 funding. Other expenses throughout the camp may be considered for reimbursement, up to 48 hours prior to the start of the competition.

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| <b>Policy Compliance:</b>      | All clubs, coaches, and swimmers must comply with all Swim BC policies, including Safe Sport requirements.   |
| <b>Financial Transparency:</b> | Swimmers are to be informed of the financial support provided by Swim BC.  |
| <b>Athlete Withdrawal:</b>     | If an athlete is unable to attend the supported event for any reason, the Swim BC Performance Development Manager must be notified as soon as possible so that allocated funds can be reallocated appropriately. |

## **INTERCLUB COLLABORATION**

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To encourage shared development between BC clubs, an additional funding allocation may be awarded Swim BC-affiliated clubs that jointly participate in a collaborative training event.

### **Definition of a Collaborative Training Event**

For the purposes of LA28 Interclub Collaboration funding, a *Collaborative Training Event* must demonstrate meaningful, integrated cooperation between participating Swim BC-affiliated clubs.

Collaboration must extend beyond shared travel, accommodation, or facility usage. The application must clearly outline shared training objectives and how the collaborative environment will enhance athlete and coach development beyond what would be achieved independently.

More information including the minimum requirements to be considered a Collaborative Training Event can be found [here](#).

### **Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for this additional funding, the identified training event must be approved for LA28 support. A minimum of one LA28 eligible swimmer/coach tandem, representing any one of the participating clubs, must be in attendance for the collaborative event to qualify.

### **Application Requirements**

The funding application must clearly outline the nature of the collaboration, including how the training will be planned and delivered together, the roles and responsibilities of each club, and the intended benefits for athletes and coaches.

This approach is intended to strengthen inter-club relationships, promote knowledge sharing, and enhance the overall quality of training within the Swim BC community. Clubs with an existing affiliation are not eligible for this additional funding.

### **Funding Allocation**

The additional funding will be calculated at a rate of \$200 per eligible athlete in attendance, to a maximum total of \$1,000 per club participating in the collaborative event. A maximum of three (3) collaborative training events will be awarded additional funding per cycle, prioritized according to the process outlined below.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

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Applicants are required to complete the online LA28 – [Training Camp & Competition Support Program](#) application form prior to the following annual application funding cycle deadlines:

| <b>Cycle</b> | <b>Cycle Dates</b>        | <b>Application Deadline</b> |
|--------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cycle 1      | September 1 – December 31 | September 30 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Cycle 2      | January 1 – March 31      | November 30 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Cycle 3      | April 1 – August 31       | February 28 <sup>th</sup>   |

*Applicants will be notified of their application status within 10 business days of the cycle deadline.*

## **FUNDING PRIORITIZATION**

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

### **Priority 1**

Applications are ranked based on the swimmer's highest LCM World Aquatics points or Canadian Paralympic Point System score (Swimming Canada Domestic Paralympic Points) achieved within the six (6) months preceding the funding cycle deadline.

A matching grant of up to \$1,500 is available per swimmer and per coach, until funds are exhausted.

Swimmers may receive Priority 1 funding in a maximum of two (2) out of three (3) funding cycles within a competitive season.

### **Priority 2**

If funds remain after Priority 1 allocations, remaining eligible swimmer/coach applications will share the balance equally, provided a minimum grant of \$200 can be awarded.

Ranking will again be based on the swimmer's highest long course World Aquatics points or Canadian Paralympic Point System score from the six (6) months preceding the cycle deadline.

### **Open Water**

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.

### **Late Applications**

If funding remains after Priority 1 and Priority 2 allocations, late applications may be accepted until all funds for that cycle are exhausted.

## **CONTACT**

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All questions should be directed to the Swim BC [Performance Development Manager](#).

## APPENDIX A: CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

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While the application criteria guide funding decisions, Swim BC reserves the right to consider applications that fall outside of these criteria in certain exceptional circumstances, as outlined below.

**Unforeseen Circumstances:** In cases of unforeseen extenuating circumstances (e.g. family emergency) where the identified coach cannot attend, the Performance Development Manager must be informed prior to the event. Reimbursement will not be provided to a replacement coach.

**Considerations for Para Athletes:** Considerations will be made for a paralympic athlete to attend an eligible event with another Swim BC coach in the paralympic program should their identified coach not be able to attend. The Swim BC Performance Development Manager must be informed before the cycle application deadline. This consideration is in place to foster community within BC para swimming and allow for paralympic athletes to attend appropriate development opportunities that may fall outside of the Olympic stream event schedule.

**Coach & Swimmer Tandem Travel:** If the identified coach is unable to attend the LA28 supported event due to a foreseen unavoidable conflict with a competition in BC, a replacement coach may be considered. The replacement coach may not be eligible for LA28 funding. The Swim BC Performance Development Manager must be notified by the cycle application deadline.