

Pacific Northwest Swimming Rules and Procedures	PNS Travel Fund
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1. It is the policy of PNS to offset some of the travel costs necessary for PNS athletes performing at a national level. As such, PNS has established the travel funding for athletes described in the table below. These funds will be paid to the club the athlete represents on receipt of appropriate application filed within required timelines. The allocation of these funds to various expenses incurred while participating at the qualifying national level event is at the discretion of the receiving entity. The funds are intended to assist in the defraying of expenses associated with attendance at the qualifying national level events and are not intended to defray regular program operational costs. These include, but are not limited to, at the discretion of the receiving organization: air and ground transportation, lodging, per diem, and other enhancements to the competitive environment while competing at the event for which funds have been granted.

Travel Fund	Qualification	Qualifying Meets/Events	Travel periods	Other Criteria*
National Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievement of a Junior Bonus standard in the previous 12 months • May not have achieved a short course national, junior national, senior national, or Olympic trial time standard • Must be 18 or under • Proof of travel and participation in any qualifying event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any invitational meets/Grand Prix's with time standards at or around Senior Sectionals time standards in the period of September 1 - April 30 for season 1 and from May 1- August 30 for season 2 • Any Team or USA Swimming sponsored training trip or camp requiring air travel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Season 1: September 1 - April 30 • Season 2: May 1- August 30 	May not claim any other PNS Travel funds during the season for which funds are collected
Short Course National Qualifier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievement of a short course national time standard within the meet qualifying period • Proof of travel and participation in any qualifying event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any meet other than the Senior Sectional Championships with qualifying time standards that match or are faster than those for Senior Sectional Championships • Any Team or USA Swimming sponsored training trip or camp requiring air travel 	September 1- April 30	May not claim season 1 National Development Fund
Junior National Qualifier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievement of a Junior National time standard within the meet qualifying period • Must be 18 years or younger • Proof of travel and participation in any qualifying event 		May 1-August 30	May not claim season 2 National Development fund or Summer National Qualifier Fund
Summer National Qualifier (US Open)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievement of a Summer National time standard (Summer US Open) within the meet qualifying period • Proof of travel and participation in any qualifying event 		May 1-August 30	May not claim season 2 National Development Fund or Junior National Qualifier Fund
Olympic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievement of an individual event Olympic Trials qualifying time • Proof of travel and participation in Olympic Trials 	Olympic Trials		
*Teams may claim travel funds for a qualifying swimmer from only a single fund during each funding season. However, if,				

during a season, a swimmer who has qualified for funding from one fund qualifies for another higher level fund (i.e., National Development to Junior National), the team may request to receive the difference in funds as long as the request is made within the time limits. All Travel funds will go directly to the team for team disbursement.

2. In addition, it is the policy of PNS to promote and reward excellence in coaching as measured by the development of swimming talent to a national level. As such, teams may apply for coach promotional funds in each of the travel funds in which they have qualified athletes according to the following schedule, provided they are in attendance at the meet: Coaches cannot receive two shares for attendance at one meet, unless more than one coach is in attendance.
 - 1-6 athletes: equivalent to 1 swimmer in the applicable fund (i. e., 1 share)
 - 7-12 athletes: 2 shares
 - 13 & more athletes: 3 shares
3. Teams may receive no more than 3 coaching shares per travel fund level/category, regardless of how many coaches/chaperones attended.
4. It is the policy of PNS to support and promote the development of officials working at national level meets. As such, officials traveling to and participating in any of the PNS Travel Fund qualifying meets may claim the same amount as a qualifying athlete for that meet. Proof of travel and participation is required.
5. It is the policy of PNS to support and promote the development of our athletes with disabilities. As such, athletes with disabilities traveling to and participating in any nationally recognized championship meet may claim the same amount as an athlete at the short course national level during season 1 and athlete at the junior national level during season 2.
6. All Fund requests must be submitted in the year for which reimbursement is being sought by April 30 for Short Course National and Season 1 National Development qualifying events and August 30 for all other travel fund qualifying events.
7. If budgeted funds are not distributed at the end of the swim year (August 30), they will be divided among all qualifying swimmers at the following ratio (highest level per swimmer only):
 - Olympic Trial qualifier: 4 shares
 - Summer National Qualifier: 2 shares
 - Junior National/Short Course National Qualifier: 1 share