

## **Athlete Stipends, Elite Athlete Health Insurance (EAHI) & Other Resources**

### **Athlete Stipends Eligibility and Criteria Approved for this Term:**

#### **Monthly Athlete Stipends (Pool) May – August 2022**

Funds will be distributed the last Friday of each month to qualified athletes from May 1 – August 31, 2022.

#### **May – August 2022 Monthly Athlete Stipends Qualifying Criteria – Individual Olympic & Non-Olympic Events**

- 2022 FINA (Long Course) World Championship Team Members in individual Olympic & Non-Olympic events
- Athletes who were receiving Athlete Stipends January – April 2022, will continue at the same rate ~~funding tier~~ that they were receiving during that funding time period.

#### **May – August 2022 Monthly Athlete Stipends Qualifying Criteria – Relay Only**

- 2022 FINA (Long Course) World Championship Team Members competing in relays only.

#### **Monthly Athlete Stipends (Pool) September – December 2022**

Funds will be distributed the last Friday of each month to qualified athletes from September 1 – December 31, 2022.

#### **September – December 2022 Monthly Athlete Stipends Qualifying Criteria: Individual Olympic Events**

To be eligible athletes must:

- Be named to the current year USA Swimming National Team. Criteria can be found here: <https://www.usaswimming.org/meet-the-team/national-team> ~~[www.usaswimming.org/resources/national-team/selection-androsters](https://www.usaswimming.org/resources/national-team/selection-androsters)~~. ~~(go to 2022-2023 National Team Selection Procedures)~~
- **The athlete must be eligible to represent, and intend to represent, the U.S. in international competition.**
- ~~Have a designated World Ranking (1-16) and be named to the USA Swimming National Team in the same event for pool swimming.~~
  - ~~All World Rankings referenced in the Athlete Stipend criteria will be taken from [www.usaswimming.org/Home/times/data-hub/worldrankings-powered-by-usaswimming](https://www.usaswimming.org/Home/times/data-hub/worldrankings-powered-by-usaswimming)~~
  - ~~The September 1, 2022 World Rankings (taken from the USA Swimming Times database at 8 a.m. Mountain Time) will be used including times from January 1, 2022–August 31, 2022~~
- ~~Only Individual Olympic events will be considered. Non-Olympic events will not be considered under any circumstances.~~

- ~~No relay lead-offs, time trials, swim-offs, performances from mixed gender heats, or intermediate splits will be considered under any circumstances.~~
- ~~Athletes may only receive funding in one discipline (Pool or Open Water).~~
- ~~Athletes will be ranked to reach 52 athletes in an Individual Olympic Event (26 men and 26 women).~~
- ~~Should there be any available resources remaining after the eligible athletes of one gender have been offered resources based on the established criteria, eligible athletes of the opposite gender may receive resources based on the established criteria. For example, if 24 women qualify in individual events and 28 men qualify in individual events then the remaining women's spots will be given to the men.~~
- ~~Should there be a tie for the final funding slot, following criteria will be used:~~
  - ~~Athletes will be ranked based on their second highest World Ranking from the USA Swimming Times database, excluding relay lead-offs, time trials, swim-offs, performances from mixed gender heats, or intermediate splits.~~
  - ~~The athlete with the higher World ranking in the second individual Olympic event will receive funding.~~
  - ~~Once 52 athletes are reached, only those athletes will receive funding.~~
- The top 28 athletes of each gender will receive Athlete Stipends
- Athletes who are named to the 2022-2023 National Team and are ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in their respective event(s) will receive athlete stipends
- Athletes who are named to the 2022-2023 National Team and are ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> in the 100 and 200 free will receive athlete stipends
- If all athletes listed above have qualified for funding, and less than 28 athletes per gender meet the above requirements, athletes who are on the 2022-2023 National Team will be ranked according to their percentage faster than the FINA A Time Standard for the 2022 FINA World Championships [https://resources.fina.org/fina/document/2022/02/16/c973b959-787e-44a4-a39b-a2d2718dbb6b/1\\_Budapest-2022\\_Qualification-System.pdf](https://resources.fina.org/fina/document/2022/02/16/c973b959-787e-44a4-a39b-a2d2718dbb6b/1_Budapest-2022_Qualification-System.pdf)
- This percentage will be calculated by subtracting the swimmer's finishing time at the Finals in an Event from the "A" Time Standard in that same Event, then dividing the difference by the "A" Time Standard in that Event. Calculations will be carried to the one-thousandth of a percent (i.e., x.xxx%).
  - For example, if the "A" Time standard in the 100-meter freestyle is :60 seconds and Swimmer #1's National Team ranked time in the 100- meter Freestyle is :54 seconds, then Swimmer #1 has swum 6 seconds faster than the "A" Time Standard in the 100-meter Freestyle. Using the formula described above (60 seconds minus 54 seconds, divided by 60 seconds) Swimmer #2's Percentage faster than the "A" Time Standard would be 10%.  
If the "A" Time Standard in the 200-meter Freestyle is 2 minutes, and Swimmer #2's National Team ranked time in the 200-meter Freestyle is 1:54, then Swimmer #2 has swum 6 seconds faster than the "A" Time Standard in the 200-meter Freestyle. Using the formula described above (120 seconds minus 114 seconds, divided by 120 seconds) that swimmer's Percentage faster than the "A" Time Standard would be 5%.

Swimmer #1's Percentage faster than the "A" Time Standard (10%) would be considered higher than Swimmer #2's Percentage faster than the "A" Time Standard (5%).

If a swimmer's National Team ranked time in an Event is slower than the "A" Time Standard for that same Event, their percentages will be negative. Using the same example above, if Swimmer #1's National Team ranked time in the 100-meter Freestyle is 1:06, their percentage faster than the "A" standard would be -10% (60 seconds minus 66 seconds equals negative 6 seconds; negative 6 seconds divided by 60 seconds equals -10%). If Swimmer #2's National Team ranked time in the 200-meter Freestyle is 2:06 their percentage faster than the "A" standard would be -5% (120 seconds minus 126 seconds equals negative 6 seconds; negative 6 seconds divided by 120 seconds equals -5%). In this case, Swimmer #2's Percentage faster than the "A" Time Standard (-5%) is faster than Swimmer #1's Percentage faster than the "A" Time Standard (-10%).

- This process will continue until 28 men and 28 women have qualified for Athlete Stipends
- In the event there is a tie for the 28<sup>th</sup> position, both athletes will receive support

### **Monthly Athlete Stipends General Criteria (Open Water)**

To be eligible athletes must:

- Be registered USA Swimming Members in good standing. All team members 18 and over must complete a background check and Athlete Protection Training five days after being named to the Team.
- Be eligible to represent the U.S. in international competition.
- Be actively training and competing and provide a training and competition calendar signed by their coach.
- Be named to the current year National Open Water Team. Criteria can be found here: <https://www.usaswimming.org/meet-the-team/national-team>
- [www.usaswimming.org/resources/national-team/selection-androsters](http://www.usaswimming.org/resources/national-team/selection-androsters) (go to 2022 National Team Selection Procedures)
- Athletes may only receive funding in one discipline (Pool or Open Water) and one event.

### **Monthly Athlete Stipends (Open Water) May – October 2022**

Funds will be distributed the last Friday of each month to qualified athletes from May 1 – October 31, 2022.

### **May – October 2022 Monthly Athlete Stipends Qualifying Criteria: Open Water**

- A point system based on the combined points total from the tables below will be used to rank athletes on their place finish in the table below:

## Point Table

-10K Nationals*	
Place	Points
1	18
2	16
3	14
4	12
5	10
6	8
7	6
8	4
9	2
10+	1

-Portugal MSWS 10K	
Place	Points
1	36
2	36
3	36
4	24
5	20
6	16
7	12
8	8
9	4
10+	2

\*Place amongst U.S. athletes only

- Gold Level Funding (2 males, 2 females)
  - Athletes with the 2 highest **combined** point totals **from** ~~in~~ the tables above will receive Gold Level Funding
- Silver Level Funding (2 males, 2 females)
  - Athletes with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> highest **combined** point totals **from** ~~in~~ the tables above will receive Silver Level Funding
- Payments will be issued following the conclusion of the events listed in the point tables above.

## Monthly Athlete Stipends (Open Water) November – December 2022

Funds will be distributed the last Friday of each month to qualified athletes from November – December 2022.

### November – December 2022 Monthly Athlete Stipends Qualifying Criteria: Open Water

- **A point system, based on the combined points total from the tables below will be used to rank athletes on their place finish.** ~~A point system will be used to rank the athletes based on their place finish in the table below.~~
- ~~The 2022 USA Swimming Open Water Series will be used to determine athlete funding levels in this timeframe. These events will include the 10K National Championships, 2022 FINA (Open Water) World Championships 5K and 10K Events, the Portugal MSWS 10K, the France MSWS 10K and the October 10K domestic TBD event. A point system will be used to rank the athletes based on their performances at specific events.~~
- ~~\*The point system is subject to change based on the finalization of the 2022 FINA Open Water competition calendar. Any changes will be outlined and communicated to athletes through SPORT ORG's method of communication and an amended Performance Partnership Agreement.~~
- Points will be added up at the conclusion of the **October** 10K Event ~~in France. The athlete's three highest point totals will be used to determine their final points.~~

**Point Table**

-10K Nationals*	
-October 10K (Date and Location TBA) *	
Place	Points
1	18
2	16
3	14
4	12
5	10
6	8
7	6
8	4
9	2
10+	1

\*Place amongst U.S. athletes only

-Portugal MSWS 10K	
-World Championships 5K	
-World Championships 10K	
-France MSWS 10K	
Place	Points
1	36
2	36
3	36
4	24
5	20
6	16
7	12
8	8
9	4
10+	2

- ~~Gold Level Athlete Funding (4 2-males, 4 2-females)~~
  - Athletes with the 4 2-highest **combined** point totals **from** ~~in~~ the tables above will receive ~~Gold Level Funding~~
- ~~Silver Level Funding (2 males, 2 females)~~
  - Athletes with the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> highest point totals in the table above will receive ~~Silver Level Funding~~

Based on any adjustments to the 2022 FINA Open Water competition calendar, the points system will remain in place; however, the competition locations may change. Any changes will be outlined and communicated to athletes through SPORTS ORG's method of communication and an amended Performance Partnership Agreement.