



## **FAST Policy - National Swimmer Performance Funding**

### **Purpose**

Provide funding assistance, within defined limits, for swimmers attending national level meets.

### **Responsibilities in this Policy**

Head Coach

Board of Directors (The Board)

Treasurer

High level competition is critical to swimmers achieving their full potential. There are, however significant expenses associated with attending national level swim meets and training programs outside of New Brunswick. These include the cost of travel, meals, and accommodation of the swimmer and the coach as well as the meet registration fees for the swimmer. For some swimmers, the cost can be a barrier to attending the meets which is unfortunate given that swimmer performance is strongly linked to the level of competition.

Athlete Development has been identified as one of three objectives in FAST's Strategic Plan since 2012. Within this objective, there is a further commitment by the club to strengthen the funding model for supporting high calibre swimmers at national-level meets.

To fulfill this commitment and encourage swimmers with national qualifying times to participate in these meets, FAST will pay 100% coaching costs (travel, accommodation, meals) up to a maximum of \$1500 per meet subject to annual budget approval.

In instances where the FAST swimmer is under the coaching direction of a non-FAST coach, the allowance may be used to cover the swimmer's share of that coach's expenses, subject to Board approval.

In no situation will FAST provide financial assistance to more than one coach at the same meet or training.

The Board will consider an annual budget appropriation required to finance 100% of coaching costs up to a maximum of \$1,500 per meet for 4-5 annual meets requiring national qualifying times identified by the Board upon release of the Swimming New Brunswick meet calendar.

The Board will consider accruing any unused portion of the budget allotment.