

LSC TRAVEL FUND POLICY

At the January, 2002 LSC meeting, the rule for travel reimbursement was amended by the House of Delegates. The new policy follows. Beginning in 2002, these changes will be effective for all National, Sectional, and Zone C meets. If you have any questions or comments, please contact your club's LSC representative, or a member of the LSC Board of Directors. Reimbursements were made retroactive for the 2001 U.S. Open meet.

The changes, in summary, are:

Spring and Summer Speedo Champions (a.k.a. Zone Sectionals) are now included and also U.S. Open.

Relay-Only swimmers are reimbursed for all meets except Central Zone (Age-Group) Championship at one half the individual reimbursement.

Teams are reimbursed for every six individual swimmers they send.

For National meets (National Championships, Olympic Trials and U.S. Open), the swimmer must have participated in at least 3 Wisconsin State Championship meets.

Further changes occurred in June, 2002 (to add Disability Nationals as a qualifying meet and increase National Championship reimbursement amounts) and April, 2003 (to extend the time for submitting reimbursements to 60 days).

The complete, amended, section of the Meet Entry Procedures Policy is below.

2.8.3 All 2.8.2 remittances, except the splash fee, from all meets will go 100% to the LSC Travel Fund. LSC hosted meets that run at a loss will have the standard entry fee percent allocated to the travel fund, with funds transferred from the general fund. LSC meets run at a profit will have standard entry fee percent allocated to the travel fund.

a. WSI shall contribute \$100 toward expenses for a swimmer who represents WSI in a Central Zone Championship through a reduction in the swimmer's registration fee for that meet.

b. Athletes will be reimbursed according to the following schedule:

Speedo Champions Meet Relay Only Swimmer	\$ 50.00
Speedo Champions Meet Individual Swimmer	\$100.00
National Championship Relay Only Swimmer	\$250.00
National Championship Individual Swimmer	\$500.00
Disability National Championship Individual Swimmer	\$500.00
Olympic Qualifying Meet Swimmer	\$600.00
U.S. Open Relay Only Swimmer	\$150.00
U.S. Open Individual Swimmer	\$300.00

Travel fund reimbursement will not exceed expenses. A swimmer may be reimbursed \$100 for EITHER the Central Zone Championship (Age Group) meet or for the Speedo Champions Summer meet, but not both.

c. A WSI registered team that sends athletes to a qualifying meet (not including the Central Zone Championship) will be reimbursed based on the number of individual athletes that participate in the meet. Relay-only swimmers do not count in the athlete totals. Each team share will correspond to the reimbursement dollar amount for a single individual athlete participating in the meet. Reimbursement will be according to the following schedule:

Between 1 and 6 individual athletes participating	one share
Between 7 and 12 individual athletes participating	two shares
Between 13 and 18 individual athletes participating	three shares
For more than 18 individual athletes participating, the scale continues in multiples of six individual athletes.	

d. A swimmer requesting an exception to the travel fund disbursement policy must make the request to the Review Section in writing prior to attending subject meet.

e. A swimmer eligible for reimbursement must submit the WSI travel reimbursement request to the LSC Treasurer within 60 days from the 1st day of competition of the qualifying meet. Within 15 days of receipt of the travel reimbursement request, the LSC Treasurer shall reimburse the club said swimmer represents for 100% of the travel expense using the existing formula. If a swimmer did not represent a club, payment may be made to the swimmer by submitting the travel reimbursement request to the LSC Treasurer along with original itemized expense receipts for qualifying expenses to attend the qualifying meet.

f. To be eligible for travel funds, a swimmer must have been a USA Swimming registered swimmer in Wisconsin in the current year. To be eligible for travel funds for National Championship, Disability National Championship, Olympic Qualifying and U.S. Open, a swimmer must also have been a USA Swimming registered swimmer in Wisconsin in the previous year and must have participated in individual events in at least three WSI Championship meets held in the State of Wisconsin. Eligibility requirements for reimbursement for the Disability National Championship meet may be waived by the Age Group or Adaptive Swimming Chair upon evidence of comparable support for WSI meets.

g. A team eligible for reimbursement must submit the WSI travel reimbursement request along with a copy of final results indicating the number of eligible individual swimmers participating to the LSC Treasurer within 60 days from the 1st day of competition of the qualifying meet. Within 15 days of receipt of the travel reimbursement request, the LSC Treasurer shall reimburse the club said coach represented using the existing formula.