

USA Swimming- Open Water

2025 Junior Athlete Race Funding Program



USA Swimming has established the following policy regarding race funding for the USA Swimming Open Water Quadrennial Plan. Events listed in this Race Funding Program are subject to change based on the World Aquatics calendar of events. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact USA Swimming Director, National Team Operations, Bryce Elser. (belser@usaswimming.org).

Qualification Criteria

Athletes who meet the criteria below will be funded to attend the LEN Open Water Swimming Cup- Barcelona, Spain (September 20, 2025):

- ❖ The best two finishing 18 & under athletes (as of December 31, 2025) from the 2025 USA Swimming 10K Open Water National Championships who have not been named to the 2025 USA Swimming Open Water National Team. Athletes must finish within 15 minutes of the overall winner from the 10K Open Water Nationals to be eligible for selection.
- ❖ The best finishing athlete from the 2025 USA Swimming 7.5K Open Water National Junior Championships who has not been named to the 2025 USA Swimming Open Water National Team. If the athlete has already qualified based on their performance in the USA Swimming 10K National Championship, then the next best finishing swimmer in the 7.5K Junior National Championship will qualify.

Additional Criteria

- ❖ All athletes must be registered USA Swimming athlete members in good standing at the time of entry and competition.
- ❖ Athletes must be eligible to represent the U.S. in international competition at the time of selection and at the time of the competition for which they receive funding.
- ❖ Adult athletes must satisfactorily pass a USA Swimming criminal background screen at least five days after to being selected to participate.
- ❖ Athletes will be required to sign and abide by the USA Swimming Team Rules and will adhere to the designated travel dates established by USA Swimming.
- ❖ All athletes will be required to sign the USA Swimming Open Water Waiver and Release prior to their entry being submitted to the local organizing committee.
- ❖ Athletes aged 18 and over must apply for a USA Swimming criminal background screen within 5 days of being offered funding for the events below (or of turning 18 if this occurs after the athlete qualifies for funding and before or during the applicable event).