



Georgina Hope Foundation Swimmer Support Scheme

Swimming Australia and the Georgina Hope Foundation in consultation with the Australian Swimmers Association have agreed to implement some minor changes to the Georgina Hope Foundation Swimmer Support Scheme.

Overview:

- The Georgina Hope Foundation Swimmer Support Scheme will now be called the Hancock Prospecting Swimmers Support Scheme (HPSSS).
- There has been no change to the total funding pool of \$2.2m available to Swimmers through the Hancock Prospecting Swimmers Support Scheme.
- There has been no change to the amount of funding allocated in each tier (base funding) or the performance bonus allocation available through the Hancock Prospecting Swimmers Support Scheme.
- Swimming Australia appreciates the continued investment by Hancock Prospecting of \$1.9million per year to support our elite swimmers to achieve peak performance to win when it matters the most and inspire a nation.
- The Hancock Prospecting Swimmers Support Scheme is reviewed annually in consultation with the Australian Swimmers Association. The updated policy for the distribution of funds was endorsed in December 2018 and agreed for implementation from 1 July 2019.
- The policy for distribution of funds has been reviewed to ensure:
 - the performance criteria are aligned with the Swimming Australia Athlete Categorisation Nomination Guidelines, thus ensuring that athletes deemed to have the greatest potential to deliver benchmark event medal outcomes are supported
 - an increase in the focus on performance at key identified events
 - a consistency in matching the Olympic to Paralympic support ratio of the Sport Australia's high performance investment to Swimming Australia.
- Changes to the performance criteria are summarised below;

Funding Tier	2018 – 2019 Criteria	2019 – 2020 Criteria
Olympic Program Tier 2 (Pool)	Time that was 16 th in heats at last World Champs	Time that was 12 th in heats at last World Champs
Olympic Program Tier 2 (OWS)	Top 16 finish in World Cup Qualifying event	Top 12 finish in World Cup Qualifying event
Olympic & Para Program Tier 1	Relay medal winners (finals only) guaranteed Tier 1 regardless of whether they make the BME team the following year	Relay Medal winners (finals only) who don't make the BME team the next year guaranteed Tier 2
Para Program Tier 2	The time that ranked 7 th in the previous year's World Para Swimming rankings 3/nation	The time that ranked 5 th in the previous year's World Para Swimming rankings 3/nation
Olympic & Para Program Tier 1	Only performances at Trials are used to determine base funding	Performances at the Trials & BME are considered for Tier 1 base funding. Athletes who only achieve a Tier 1 performance at the BME would become eligible for Tier 1

Funding Tier	2018 – 2019 Criteria	2019 – 2020 Criteria
		funding from Q2 (they would be Tier 2 funded for Q1)

Background:

- From 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018, the GHFSSS supported **109** athletes, across the three Swimming Australia performance streams of Olympic (pool), Open Water swimming and Paralympic swimming. Of the 109 athletes supported, 63 athletes were funded from the Olympic (pool) program, nine were Open Water athletes and 37 were from the Paralympic program.
- Every athlete named on the 2017 World Championships Teams, both Olympic and Paralympic, were supported at some level through the GHFSSS.
- With the generosity of the GHFSSS, Swimming Australia distributed over \$2.3 million in direct athlete support in the 2017-18 financial year. This includes an amount of \$132k that was paid in International Performance Program funding following the successes of the Australian Dolphins Swim Team in 2017.
- Australian Swimmers currently receive direct funding of **\$4.175 million per annum**. This is comprised of \$1.9 million from the GHFSSS, \$1.7 million in dAIS Athlete Support Scheme, \$325,000 from Swimming Australia that is directly invested in GHFSSS and \$250,000 through the AOC Medal Incentive Program.
- The contribution by the GHFSSS to the athletes, continues to play a significant role in the success of the Australian Dolphins Swim Team at benchmark events around the world.

Further information

The full Policy for the distribution of Hancock Prospecting Swimmers Support Scheme (HPSSS) funding is available on the Australian Swimmers' Association website and the Swimming Australia website .

Swimmers are encouraged to fully read and understand the new Policy for the Distribution of HPSSS Funds.

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