

Hancock Prospecting Swimmer Support Scheme

Swimming Australia and the Georgina Hope Foundation in consultation with the Australian Swimmers Association have reviewed the HPSSS and made some changes to the eligibility criteria for the scheme.

Overview:

- Thanks to the generosity of Hancock Prospecting and Mrs Gina Rinehart, the HPSSS has been extended for 12 months to June 30 2021.
- There has been no change to the total investment of \$1.9m available to Swimmers from Hancock Prospecting through the Scheme.
- There has been no change to the amount of investment allocated in Tiers 1 and 2 for eligible Olympic, Open Water and Para athletes.
- Tier 3 Funding for Youth Transition athletes has been removed.
- The eligibility criteria has shifted from a time based system to using athlete categorisation.
- A transition quarter will be paid for all athletes funded in Q4 2019/20 before changes are implemented from September 2020.
- 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 June 2020 and agreed for implementation from 1 July 2020.
- 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	2019 – 2020 Criteria	2020 – 2021 Criteria
Olympic Program Tier 2 (Pool)	Time that was equivalent to 12 in the World at 2017 World Championships / selected onto 2019 World Championships Team	Athletes categorised at Level 3
Olympic Program Tier 2 (OWS)	Top 12 finish in World Cup Qualifying event	Athletes categorised at Level 3
Olympic Program Tier 1	Time that was equivalent to top 8 in the World at the 2017 World Championships	Athletes categorised at Level 1 and 2
Para Program Tier 1	The time that ranked 3 rd in the previous year's World Para Swimming rankings 3/nation	Athletes categorised at Level 1
Para Program Tier 2	The time that ranked 5 th in the previous year's World Para Swimming rankings 3/nation / selected onto the 2019 Para World Championships Team	Athletes categorised at Level 2 or 3



Funding Tier	2019 – 2020 Criteria	2020 – 2021 Criteria
Olympic Program Tier 3	Member of the SA Youth Transition Squad	There is no longer Tier 3 funding for Youth Transition Athletes.

Background:

- From 1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019, the GHFSSS supported **120** athletes, across the three Swimming Australia performance streams of Olympic (pool), Open Water swimming and Paralympic swimming. Of the 120 athletes supported, 66 athletes were funded from the Olympic (pool) program, eight were Open Water athletes and 46 were from the Paralympic program.
- With the generosity of the HPSSS, Swimming Australia distributed over \$2.5 million in direct athlete support in the 2018-19 financial year. This includes an amount of \$220k that was paid in International Performance Program funding following the successes of the Australian Dolphins Swim Team in 2018.
- Australian Swimmers currently receive direct funding of **\$4.3+ million per annum**. This is comprised of \$1.9 million from the HPSSS, \$1.7 million in dAIS Athlete Support Scheme, \$325,000 from Swimming Australia that is directly invested in GHFSSS and \$400,000 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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