



STATES FUNDING POLICY

The Rockingham Swimming Club, in an effort to provide support to swimmers aiming to compete at a high level, will provide uniform items to those members who qualify and enter to compete at the West Australian Open, Age & Junior Championships and the West Australian Open Water Championships where the swimmer is representing the Rockingham Swimming Club and certain criteria as outlined below, is met.

The Rockingham Swimming Club may extend this support to cover the costs of the coaching staff that is required to attend an event with our swimmers.

Purpose:

This policy outlines the Rockingham Swimming Club's expectations & requirements of swimmers & their families with regards to when they are entitled to receive club support towards participating in a State event, as well as being provided with Club uniform items for competing at these events.

Aim:

To set out clear guidelines so swimmers & families understand that receiving club funding towards competing in a State event, or receiving State Qualifier uniforms is not an automatic entitlement simply because a swimmer achieved the qualifying time for the event.

Process:

1. The Rockingham Swimming Club committee has agreed it will support swimmers competing at State events held by Swimming WA each year.
2. The support provided is not fixed and is reviewed by the committee prior to each event where the support will be allocated.
3. The support provided to swimmers may vary from one event to the next, even when those events are held in the same year.
4. When determining the support available, the committee will take into account
 - a. The number of swimmers attending the event
 - b. The ability of the club to pay, subject to its current financial position
 - c. The cost of accommodation for the coaching staff required to attend
 - d. Income derived from fundraising.
5. The Rockingham Swimming Club may provide funding to Coaches required to accompany swimmers competing at such events subject to committee approval.



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6. Support will be provided by way of club uniforms for swimmers and assistance with accommodation for coaches.

Policy:

1. To be eligible for States Funding, the following criteria shall apply:
 - a. Swimmers should be active Club members leading into the qualifying competition, including assisting at Club Nights and supporting junior members at events.
 - b. Swimmers must compete in the Club Premierships if selected, and any other major meet as determined by the Head Coach (subject to medical conditions or pre-arranged absences with the coaching staff).
 - c. All membership fees, coaching fees & any other expenses owing to the club must be paid in full before the swimmer receives their entitlement of funding.
 - d. Swimmers must participate in all fundraising events held specifically for swimmers aiming for State or National events, regardless of the squad they train with. If a swimmer does not meet this requirement, the amount of support they receive will be reduced by an amount determined by the committee based on the number of events held, compared to the number of events attended.
2. Support for swimmers will be provided in the following manner regarding the uniform:
 - Swimmers meeting the criteria contained in this policy will receive a Rockingham Swimming Club States Qualifier swimming cap which should be worn at the event.
 - A States Qualifier T-shirt may be purchased by the swimmer for use at the event and at training and other RSC targeted meets.

Swimmers will receive a cap at the Club's expense the first time they qualify for State Championships each year they qualify & enter to compete as a States swimmer.

Leading up to each States event, qualifying swimmers will have the option of purchasing a States t-shirt. This will be made available at a discounted price determined by the committee for the first purchase only. All subsequent purchases will be made at full price.

3. Funding may be provided to coaches in the following manner regarding accommodation & meals. The amount provided is subject to change in accordance with point 1. and is determined by the committee.



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4. Swimmers who do not achieve an individual qualifying time but are invited by the Head Coach to be member of a relay team shall, subject to all other criteria in this policy, receive the following funding:
 - a. All uniform items in accordance with point 2.

The following applies to this policy:

- Travelling parents are expected to attend the State Championships meets, but should be accommodated independently from swimmers if the Club organises for the swimmers to stay as a group.
- Swimmers attending State Championships meets may be required to read, sign & abide by the stipulations of the code of conduct for travelling members if they are staying as a group.

The committee appreciates your support and understanding of this policy, the overall benefit that fundraising has on the club and your fees, and the importance of an equal participation from the entire membership.

If you have any questions on the above policy contact our Club President in person or email president@rockinghamstingrays.com.au.