

## Club Travel Assistance proposal - Nov, 2009

### 4.0 Travel

#### 4.1 Athlete Travel Assistance

2. Participation in a **MEET** is defined as competing in at least one individual event at the specified meet. Swimmers who are disqualified from an event for either a stroke or turn violation or a false start may count that event for participation. Swimmers who take a Declared False Start, or are disqualified for failure to swim a deck-seeded event after they have checked in, or who fail to swim at Finals in an event for which they have qualified, except when such non-participation is for a medical or other reason that has been excused by the Meet Referee, may not count that event (i.e., a swimmer may not scratch from Finals in an event for which they have qualified and count that event toward participation.) Swimmers who are disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct or because of a violation of a safety rule will receive **Travel Assistance** only after review and approval by the MAS Board of Directors (the "Board").

#### 4.X Club Travel Assistance

*SUMMARY: The MA Club Travel Assistance Program was established in 2009 to support clubs sending coaches to summer LC National championship meets. The level of support is based on and is intended to encourage club participation in the USA Swimming Club Recognition Program.*

##### A. General

1. Club Travel Assistance will be provided to eligible MAS clubs that send at least one coach and one swimmer to a USA Swimming LC National Championships, including Olympic and/or World Championship Trials, a LC US Open, or a Junior National Championships held during the Summer (i.e., from April 1 through August 31) of each year.
2. The coach must be currently certified at the time of the meet. At least one swimmer registered with the club must participate in the meet according to the conditions of 4.1.A.2 of the Athlete Travel Assistance policy.

##### B. Support

1. The Club Travel Assistance program shall be funded annually by the MAS Budget.
2. Each Club shall be eligible to receive only one award during each year. The amount shall be the maximum award for which the Club is entitled for attendance at any eligible meet during the summer.
3. The amount of support available to each Club shall be based on the Level of achievement in the USA Swimming Club Recognition Program as of the first day of the meet. (Clubs that have applied for a higher level of recognition prior to the meet that is recognized subsequent to the meet shall receive support based on that higher level.) Initial awards amounts are:

Level 1	\$ 300
Level 2	400
Level 3	500
Level 4	600

- C. Applications for Club Travel Assistance must be submitted to the MAS Office (on a form to be provided) by August 25 or fifteen (15) days after the conclusion of a meet, whichever is later. Applications must include proof that the coach and at least one eligible swimmer attended the meet.