



METRO CLUB ACHIEVEMENT 2009 PROGRAM APPLICATION



Club Name: _____

Club Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail for person filling out the form: _____

Day phone: _____ Fax: _____

Name of person filling out application: _____

Name of Head Coach: _____

In order to apply for the 2009 Club Achievement program, clubs must meet the following application requirements and program components: The initial period will be based upon the top 16 period ending August 31st for both short course and long course times. National Times achieved from August 31st 2008. National Teams achieved from August 1st of the 2008 will be credited.

I Professional/Organizational Component

Please submit a copy of the following documents to the Metro Club Achievement Committee:

- Club strategic plan (including a mission statement and primary club goals).
- An athlete development/progression plan that describes how athletes progress within the club and how they are tracked.
- A club operational plan that includes annual and (if possible) quadrennial budgets, (see budget form).
- A professional coaching support plan that includes proof of coaching education, continuing coach education and other employee benefits.
- Proof that your club supports the swimming community, which could include participation in USA Swimming, Zone or LSC governance, the hosting of sanctioned competitions, and/or support and development of USA Swimming certified officials, providing zone coaches and chaperones.
- Mandatory attendance at Metropolitan HOD meetings.

II Club Profile and Facility Information

- Clubs must complete the new online Club Profile Information and Facility Information. Clubs can access this through their new Club Portal found on the USA Swimming website.

III Best Practices Data Collection

- Club Excellence program participants agree to participate in periodic information gathering surveys conducted by USA Swimming.

IV **Performance Component**

All athletes used in this section of the application must meet the following criteria, note a time can only be used once:

- A. **US citizen athlete**-The athlete must be a U.S. citizen athlete who is eligible to represent the USA in international competition.
- B. **Representation provision**-The athlete must have been eligible to represent the applying club for the performance of the time submitted. Performances of any unattached athletes do not qualify. In other words, if an athlete transferred to your team and swims a legal time while with your team, the time does not qualify in this program unless the athlete swam the time after the athlete was attached to your club.
- C. **Limited eligibility for college age athletes**-The athlete cannot be currently competing with a collegiate program (NCAA, NJCAA or NAIA). NCAA athletes who are training with their home club in the summers between school years will not count towards the club's totals. Performances from athletes who have not begun their freshman year in college are eligible to score for their club (i.e. any HS Seniors who graduated from HS in May/June 2009, and started college in August/September 2009 are eligible to represent your club in the Performance Component using times achieved prior to starting college in 2009).
- D. **Performance Eligibility**-All applicants for the Club Achievement program must have at least one eligible 18-Under athlete who meets the criteria.

Value is assigned at a number of levels of national achievement by true Metropolitan athletes, (athletes qualifying for metro travel support) who are eligible to represent the United States in International competition. Initial financial levels are listed below:

Top 16 national rankings Performance Grants are based upon athlete performances in individual events. An athlete is credited once in each age group that they achieve a national ranking. Age group rankings can develop into national caliber swimming as the swimmers get older. Dollar figures are outlined below and grow as the swimmers move towards the goal of representing the USA in International competition.

10& under	\$100.00
11&12	\$200.00
13&14	\$300.00 Swimmers achieving senior national championship standards forgo this level.
15&16	\$400.00 Swimmers achieving senior national championship standards forgo this level.
17&18	\$400.00 Swimmers achieving senior national championship standards forgo this level.

Senior National Time Standard \$1,000.00

USA National Team Selection Individuals selected for USA Swimming National Junior Team, Pan- Am Team, World University Team, World Championship Team, and Olympic Team. \$1,500.00

Timeline for Club Achievement Program

January 1	Program applications available to all Metropolitan Swimming clubs
January 31	Program applications due from clubs to Metropolitan Swimming
February 15	All clubs notified of their status by Metropolitan Swimming Grant applications sent to all qualifying clubs.
March 15	All grant applications due to Metropolitan Swimming from qualifying clubs
April Coaches' Clinic	Grant awards announced.

Please send this application and all supporting documents to:

- Club Achievement Program, Metropolitan Swimming, 19 Mt Rainer, Farmingville, New York 11738

METROPOLITAN CLUB ACHIEVEMENT BUDGET FORM

(info on this form may be listed as actual \$'s or as %'s)

Period Covered _____

Revenues

Tuition/ fees _____

Swim meets income _____

Fundraising _____

Grants _____

Other (list) _____

Total Revenues _____

Expenses

Facility Rental _____

Coaches' compensation, benefits _____

Uniforms _____

Education, clinics _____

Equipment _____

Travel _____

Supplies _____

Entry fees _____

Telephone & postage _____

Computer and web expenses _____

USS / Metro fees (include Registration, surcharge, sanction fees...)

Other (list) _____

Total Expenses: _____