

Athlete Post-Career Fund

Artistic Swimming General Terms and Conditions

What is it?

A focused, sustainable and financially secure fund (the “**Fund**”) that contributes to the financial security of “**Qualified Athletes**” (defined below) after they have retired from active participation in World Aquatics’ “**Competitions**” (defined below)

The Fund has two principal goals:

1. Incentivize athletes to consistently participate in and perform well at Competitions – the more an athlete participates and performs well, the greater the financial benefit to that athlete.
2. Promote athlete savings to support career transition after retirement from elite aquatics competition.

How can I earn participation points?

The following World Aquatics competitions (“**Competitions**”) provide opportunities for athletes to accumulate participation points towards qualifying for Fund benefits:

- World Aquatics Championships (elite) held every two years.
- World Aquatics Artistic Swimming World Cup held every year.

Participation points cannot be earned at any other World Aquatics’ competition such as masters, junior, youth, or recognized competitions.

The initial, four-year qualification period:

To benefit from the Fund, an athlete must accumulate 80% of the maximum available participation points over any four consecutive calendar year period, such period starting in the 2025 calendar year at the earliest (the “**Initial Qualification Period**”), such points to be earned strictly as follows:

- Participation at a World Aquatics Artistic Swimming World Cup Stop (“**ASWC**”) or Super Final (“**SF**”) earns the athlete 0.5 point;
- Participation at a World Aquatics Championships (“**WC**”) earns the athlete 1 point.

World Aquatics may, in its sole discretion, decide to further incentivize a particular Competition by allocating additional participation point(s), or fractions thereof.

After an athlete accumulates 80% of the maximum available participation points in the Initial Qualification Period, such athlete is now a “**Qualified Athlete**” for the purposes of the Fund. World Aquatics will then contribute to the Fund and for that athlete’s benefit, 10% of that athlete's Qualified Earnings (defined directly below) from that Initial Qualification Period.

“**Qualified Earnings**” means, exclusively, the aggregate amount of World Aquatics prize money directly generated by an athlete at Competitions, excluding any money awarded to that athlete for setting a World Record, or in respect of any bonus, award or recognition such as “athlete of the year”.

After the Initial Qualification Period:

For each calendar year after the Initial Qualification Period, World Aquatics will contribute to the Fund and for

that athlete’s benefit, 5% of that athlete’s Qualified Earnings during that calendar year. For the avoidance of doubt, this 5% contribution by World Aquatics is not conditional on any minimum participation requirement and is based solely on the Qualified Athlete’s Qualified Earnings from that same calendar year.

How can I withdraw money from the Fund?

A Qualified Athlete is eligible to withdraw all amounts held in the Fund on such athlete’s behalf one full calendar year after such athlete formally notifies World Aquatics in writing of such athlete’s retirement from participation in Competitions, and no earlier than 1 January 2030.

A Qualified Athlete who has withdrawn from the Fund but wishes to return to participation in Competitions must start a new Initial Qualification Period to further benefit from the Fund.

Example of how the Fund works: Artistic Swimming athlete “A”

Year	Available Competitions	Attended Competitions	Points	\$ Earnings
2025	2 ASWC	2 ASWC	2.5	25k
	1 ASWC-SF	1 ASWC-SF		
	1 WC	1 WC		
2026	2 ASWC	2 ASWC	1.5	25k
	1 ASWC-SF	1 ASWC-SF		
2027	2 ASWC	1 ASWC	2.0	25k
	1 ASWC-SF	1 ASWC-SF		
	1 WC	1 WC		
2028	2 ASWC	2 ASWC	1.5	25k
	1 ASWC-SF	1 ASWC-SF		
Total points			7.5/8	100K

At this stage, A has qualified for the Fund (i.e. A is now a “Qualified Athlete”) because A has accumulated at least 6.4 points (80% of the maximum available participation points) over a 4-year period. A has also generated a total of USD 100k in prize money.

Therefore, World Aquatics will contribute to the Fund and for A’s benefit:

- (A) USD 10k (or 10% of such prize money), and
- (B) for each calendar year after the Initial Qualification Period, 5% of A’s Qualified Earnings during that same calendar year.

Eligible sports/disciplines and programs/events:

SPORTS	PROGRAM	ELIGIBLE	NOT ELIGIBLE
Artistic Swimming	Solo	X	
	Duet and Mixed Duet	X	
	Team	X	