2026-27 Athlete Travel Assistance

US Open	750
Winter Jr Championships	750
Open Water Nationals	650
Summer Nationals	850
Summer Junior Nationals	850
Para Nationals	650
Futures	100
TYR Pro Series	500

Through the PVS Operating Fund, Potomac Valley Swimming (PVS) provides financial assistance to PVS member clubs whose athletes participate in designated National level events. The PVS Board of Directors will determine the eligible events and the travel assistance, based upon recommendations from the Competition Committee. The dollar amount of travel assistance provided per athlete is based upon the amount of money allocated from the PVS Operating Fund in the annual operating budget.

An athlete may be granted assistance for both the USA Swimming Junior Championships and the USA Swimming National Championships in the same season one time only. After this one time "double-dip", an athlete is eligible for reimbursement for either the USA Swimming Junior Championship or the USA Swimming National Championship Meet. An athlete may receive up to four (4) travel shares in a competition year (September 1 to August 31), one time only. After their one time "double-dip", an athlete may receive up to three (3) travel shares each competition year. Athletes participating in their fifth (5) or greater USA Swimming Junior Championship Meet will be eligible for one-half of the regular Junior-level reimbursement.

Athletes receiving travel assistance from USA Swimming - athletes attending a USA Swimming National Event - may not receive more than their actual expenses in travel assistance from USA Swimming and PVS combined.

In order to receive travel assistance from Potomac Valley Swimming (PVS), an athlete must meet certain minimum eligibility requirements:

● The athlete must be registered with PVS for at least six months prior to the meet and must represent PVS at the meet for which they are requesting assistance.

● An event where the athlete scratches the final, or is disqualified by the referee for misconduct, is considered incomplete.

● The athlete must have completed the required number of events, in the designated meets, as recommended by the PVS Competition Committee and approved by the PVS Board of Directors. This required number of events is set annually. Qualifying period for December national meets (for travel assistance) to be from April 1 through the entry deadline. The athlete must swim 4 events in PVS sanctioned competition with no requirement to swim an event in a PVS sanctioned meet for which the athlete is swimming in the national meet. Approved meets are not to be considered when reviewing athlete qualifications.

● Full time collegiate students who have been registered with PVS for two years prior to entering college are exempt from the participation requirement as long as they are representing PVS.

Completed PVS Requests for Travel Assistance are due not later than thirty (30) days after the competition or event for which travel assistance is being requested. The club must file this request within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of competition. The club is attesting that the athletes listed as "QUALIFIED" have satisfied all eligibility criteria. The club must also list those athletes that deserve an appeal in the "APPEAL" section of the form and provide supporting rationale. An Athlete's Certification form must be submitted for each athlete listed.

Requests for Travel Assistance from athletes that meet the stipulated travel assistance requirements will be submitted by the Senior Chair to the Finance Chair for reimbursement within ten days after the deadline. The Senior Chair will report the names of athletes awarded reimbursement at the next board meeting.

All appeals will be reviewed at the PVS Board of Directors meeting immediately following the due date. The Senior Chair will present the appeals at this time including their recommendations. Appeals will be based upon the information that the Head Coach has provided, so please ensure that all relevant facts are provided. No further appeals will be entertained. The Board will vote on each appeal at that time.

Any member of Potomac Valley Swimming can contest the eligibility of an athlete listed in the QUALIFIED section of the request.

If the Club's submission is contested, the Club will have fourteen (14) days to provide supporting data. If the Club can (or does) not provide the supporting evidence for the contested request, the Club will be charged the Integrity Fine ($100 per occurrence). Any money issued by PVS for the contested request shall be returned. No further appeals of "QUALIFIED" athletes will be entertained. Requests received later than thirty (30) days following the meet will be returned without action.

The Board shall establish during each season's budget cycle, the maximum Athlete Travel (financial) assistance allowable for each eligible meet. If approved by the HOD, these are the amounts to be paid for each eligible competitor who applies for Travel Assistance.