



Hinckley Swimming Club



Talent Funding Policy - Donations

Supporting athletes aspiring to succeed at the highest levels in

Aquatic Sports

Talented athletes may request financial support in the way of a donation towards an "event"

Donations may be provided only for Aquatic Sports purposes which will be defined as sports where the governing body is the ASA.

The types of events for consideration are listed below. This list is not exhaustive and may be added to as other events come to our attention. Athletes are welcome to apply for any events if they have reason to believe we may provide a donation.

Discipline	Level	Event
Swimming	Representing City	International Children's Games
Water Polo	National	National Training Camp
Water Polo	G.B Squad	International Training Camp

Hinckley Swimming Club will not provide a donation towards the following

- Any type of Licensed Open Meet including County, Regional and National Championships
- Training Camps where it is an option to attend, i.e Warm Weather Training Camps organised by a club.

Donation Conditions

1. Membership of Hinckley Swimming Club for a minimum of 3 years prior to request with a minimum of 18 months training at Hinckley Swimming Club.
2. Where the 18 months training (1) has not been completed, the athlete may still request a donation if they have supported H.S.C in a volunteer role for a minimum of 50 hours within the 2 years prior to the request.
3. Athletes must be training above base club level, i.e City of Leicester Swimming Club or Water Polo RTC.
4. Athlete must have shown due support of Hinckley Swimming Club by attending all required competition expected of them in the season preceding donation request.
5. Where (3) is not an expectation, e.g Girls Water Polo, a level of support for younger athletes by way of support in training sessions for a minimum of 14 hours in a season (Sept – August) will be expected in addition to return support. (hours to be negotiated)
6. Requests for donations must be made in writing to Hinckley Swimming Club Secretary within 6 weeks of invitation received and must be accompanied by a completed Talent Funding application form. This applies even when the cost of event is an estimated amount. H.S.C will inform you if further details are needed.
7. Minimum cost of event for consideration to be £200

8. There are no outstanding monies due to H.S.C
9. There are no unresolved issues, i.e behaviour

Return Support

Athletes receiving financial support will agree to a minimum level of support in return by supporting younger athletes at Hinckley Swimming Club. The minimum hours of support to be 5 hours during coaching sessions at Hinckley Swimming Club, per £50 of donations received. Athletes will be asked to mutually agree times / dates whereby they may be asked to either coach or be available for demonstration work. H.S.C reserves the right to hold back all or part of the donation until return support is completed.

Maximum Donations

Hinckley Swimming Club has no source of funding other than members fees and therefore has no means to provide financial support to athletes on an ongoing basis. There is therefore a cap on the amount of financial support any athlete will be provided with during their time at Hinckley Swimming Club. For the avoidance of doubt, any funds provided to a swimmer prior to this policy being implemented will be taken into account as part of the cap of financial support.

1. Donations will be on a two-tier basis depending on the athletes level of attainment
 - Tier 1; Athlete training / competing up to National Standard £300
 - Tier 2; Athlete competing above National Standard* £450
2. The maximum donation in any one swim season (Sept to August) will be £200. The amount of donation offered will be a maximum of 50% for the cost of an event.
3. Subsequent requests for additional events may be made up to the maximum financial support available.

*above National Standard defined as athletes competing by selection for Great Britain, i.e European Championships.

Decisions

All applications for funding will be determined at a HSC management committee meeting.