



## HONG KONG CHINA SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

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**By E-mail & By Fax**

### **TO: All Full Members and Affiliate Members**

Dear Clubs,

### **World Aquatics Scholarship Programme 2026-2027**

The World Aquatics Scholarships Programme was launched in 2014 with the purpose of providing financial and technical assistance to athletes with internationally recognised sporting achievements, but without favourable or sufficient conditions to train locally.

World Aquatics is proud to allocate significant resources to the 2026-2027 World Aquatics Scholarship Programme, recognising its pivotal role in nurturing the development of the National Federations and their talented athletes. The programme targets 100 Swimmers, 20 Open Water Swimmers, 20 Divers, 10 Artistic Swimming Duets and 20 Water Polo players. Quotas per continent and gender equality will be considered. Majority of the athletes will be placed at the World Aquatics Training Centres, except Artistic Swimming Duets, who will receive scholarship grants, and Water Polo players, who will be placed in Water Polo clubs across Europe. Application Criteria of the Scholarships Programme of each discipline are listed as follows: -

#### **General Entry Requirements (Applicable to ALL Discipline)**

- Registered athletes of concerned discipline in 2026-2027
- Holder of HKSAR passport
- Aged 18 to 28 years old by the start of the scholarship
- Must be a National Team member
- Ready to move to a foreign country, to the Training Centre (or Water Polo club) designated by World Aquatics
- Do not benefit from alternative financial sources (e.g. Olympic Solidarity/University Scholarship, Governmental support)
- Provide a motivation letter (up to 400 words)
- Provide a brief biography \* *highlighting applicant's background, achievements and relevant experiences* (up to 400 words)

#### **Swimming (SW)**

- 1 male & 1 female swimmer
- Hold a top 3 national ranking, either in the male or female category, as per the current World Aquatics points table. Only the 2025-2026 swimming events performed in long course are considered.
- Must have participated at least at one of the following competitions:
  1. World Aquatics Championships – Singapore 2025
  2. World Aquatics Swimming World Cups 2025
  3. World Aquatics Junior Swimming Championships - Otopeni 2025
  4. Continental Championships held in 2025

#### **Open Water Swimming (OWS)**

- 1 swimmer
- Hold a top 3 national ranking, either in the male or female category. Only the Open Water Swimming competitions held in 2025 and 2026 are considered
- Must have participated in a 5 or 10 km event at least at one of the following competitions:
  1. World Aquatics Championships – Singapore 2025
  2. World Aquatics Open Water Swimming World Cups – 2025 and /or 2026
  3. Continental Championships held in 2025 and/or 2026



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### **Diving (DV)**

- 1 male & 1 female diver
- Hold a top 3 national ranking, either in the male or female category. Only the Diving competitions held in 2025 and 2026 are considered
- Must have participated in a 1m Springboard, 3m Springboard or at a 10m Platform individual event at least at one of the following competitions:
  1. World Aquatics Championships – Singapore 2025
  2. World Aquatics World Cup 2026
  3. Continental Championships held in 2025 and/or 2026

### **Water Polo (WP)**

- 1 male & 1 female player
- Must have played Water Polo for a minimum of 8 consecutive years and must have represented his/her country internationally
- Must have participated in any Continental Championship held since 2025, provided their teams were not placed within the top 8 positions in the last Olympic Games. If they did not participate in these events, they may still apply if they attended the World Aquatics World Cup 2026 and/or the World Aquatics Championships - Singapore 2025.

### **Artistic Swimming (AS)**

- 1 female athlete or mixed duet
- Must have participated in at least at one of the following competitions:
  1. World Aquatics Championships – Singapore 2025
  2. World Aquatics Artistic Swimming World Cup 2026
  3. Continental Championships held in 2025

### **Duration**

SW, OWS & DV - **2 years**, starting on September 1, 2026, and ending on July 14, 2028 (Olympic Games – Los Angeles 2028)

WP - **1 year** (The same athlete may be nominated for up to two consecutive years)

AS - **1 year** (NF and the athletes may choose the training programme and location)

Details of each Scholarships Programme is attached (Appendix A). Interested athletes should submit the motivation letter, brief biography, passport copy and supporting results through responsible club to HKGSA **at or before 1200 noon on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (Friday)**.

Should you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact Ms. Mandy LAI (SW), Mr. Donald FONG (OWS), Mr. Andy KWOK (DV), Ms. Funny FUNG (WP) or Ms. Yandy NG (AS) of the HKGSA Office at 2572 8594.

Yours sincerely,

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Hon. Secretary

c.c. Hon. Treasurer/ Asst. Hon. Sec./ Members of the Executive Committee/  
Discipline's Chairman, Vice-Chairman & Hon. Sec