M. TRAVEL FUND CRITERIA

- 1. To be eligible for travel expense reimbursement, an athlete must meet the following criteria :
 - a. be a Virginia registered swimmer in an individual event at a USA Swimming National Championship, USA Swimming Junior National Championship, National Disability Championship, U.S. Open or any Trial class meet.
 - b. must have swum an individual event in at least one (1) USA Swimming sanctioned meet as a VSI registered swimmer within the six-month period immediately prior to their reimbursable competition. (USA Swimming sanctioned meets, as defined under this Travel Fund Criteria, do not include individual team time trials, intra-squad meets, or any other type of meet that limits entries to only one swim club.)
- 2. College swimmers are eligible for travel reimbursement only if they were a VSI registered swimmer prior to college and participated in at least one VSI sanctioned meet that occurred before March 1st of the year prior to attending college.
- 3. Requests for reimbursement must be submitted to the treasurer of VSI within 30 business days after the meet for full funding.
- 4. <u>An athlete is eligible to receive a travel reimbursement for only one championship</u> meet in a season (e.g., either Summer Nationals or Summer Junior Nationals). An athlete who attends both meets will be reimbursed for the meet which has the higher reimbursement rate.
- 5. Extenuating circumstances can be submitted in writing to the VSI Board of Directors for review and consideration for full or partial funding.
- 6. The amount of money available for reimbursement shall be determined by the VSI Board of Directors.