



International Competition Officials Funding Policy:

The purpose of this policy is to provide transparency to when we will fund officials traveling to international competitions. The goal of funding is to provide the best opportunity to our AQUA and PAQ officials to remain at and increase their rank status on an annual basis. Because there are more officials than AQUA events and the increasing restrictions of conflicts of interest, we are implementing this policy to offer support and guidance to all officials.

1. USAAS will cover the flight, room and board for two officials (1 judge, 1 technical controller) for all events that a national team attends (any solo, duet and/or team representing the USA entered into a Senior, Junior, and Youth international event) and Pan Am Championship, regardless if a national team does or does not compete.
2. USAAS will cover up to \$3,000 for flight, room and board for any official that is not able to attend an event that a national team attends. The event must be evaluated and qualify for rank status with AQUA and/or PAQ.

If an official is selected for an event that a national team is attending and then declines participating, their reason for decline will be taken into consideration if they request funding for a different event. Funding may or may not be awarded based on reason for decline. These will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and decided by the IR Committee.

USAAS will only cover one competition trip per official per year. Any additional competition trips will not be considered. **EXCEPTION:** If an official is nominated for two or more national team competitions and/or Pan Am Championship.