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2024-2025 Competitive Season Technical Memo #3

Event Fee & Competition Structure Changes

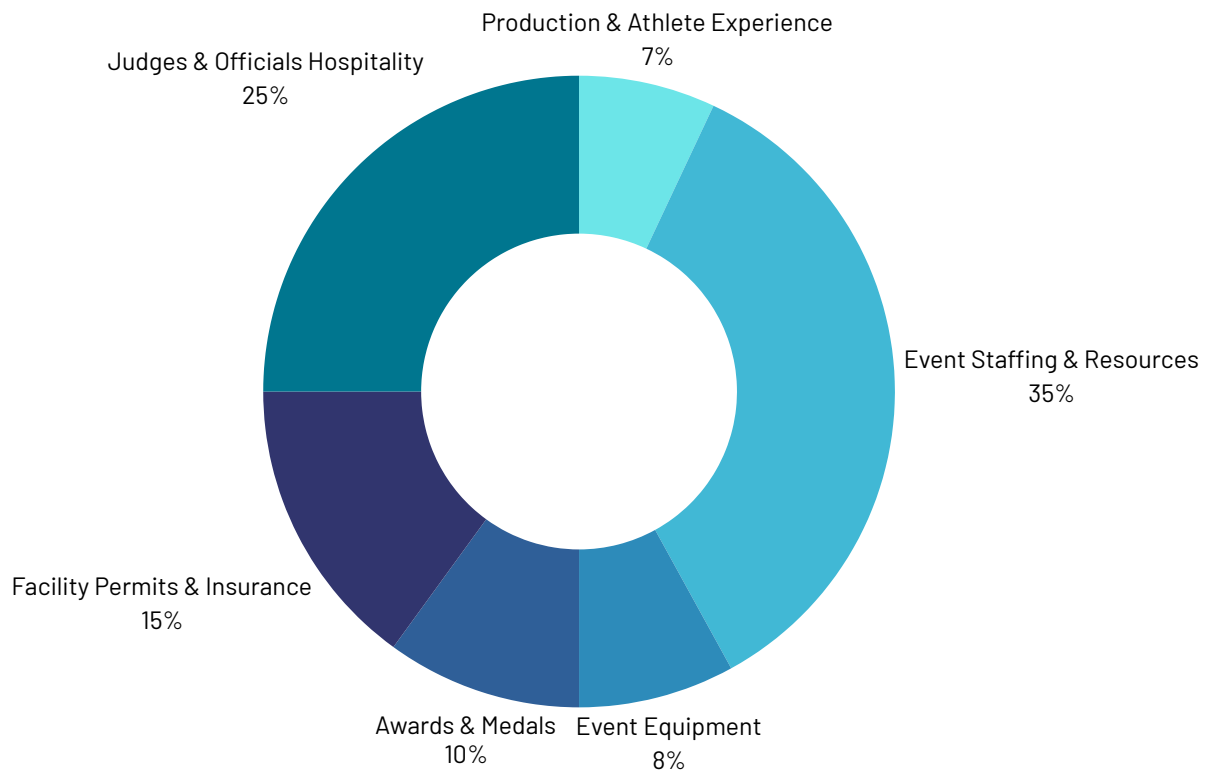
Event Fees

Effective for the 2024-2025 Season, event fees have been updated to the following:

ENTRY TYPE	2024-2025	2023-2024
Figures - Competitive	\$45.00	\$40.00
Figures - Regional League	\$35.00	\$30.00
Solo	\$75.00	\$65.00
Duet/Trio	\$100.00	\$85.00
Team - Competitive	\$140.00	\$130.00
Team - Regional League	\$100.00	\$90.00
Combo / Acrobatic Routine	\$160.00	\$150.00
Athlete Surcharge - Competitive	\$50.00	\$25.00
Athlete Surcharge - Regional League	\$15.00	\$10.00
OAS Equipment Rental Fee (Meet Hosts Only)	\$50.00	\$0.00

Expense Summary for In-Person OAS Events

Increases in event fees reflects the rising costs associated with hosting high-quality events. As a resource to clubs, we have provided a breakdown of the major expense categories:



Event Staffing and Technology Resources (35%)

- Includes the increased staff hours required for organizing and implementing events, such as:
 - Preparation and organization of coach cards.
 - Scoring and rankings requirements under the new system, adaptive programming, etc.
 - Coordination and management of volunteers.
- Covers essential technology requirements, including laptops, iPads, printers, scoring software, and data/internet hubs, which have become integral to event operations due to system changes.



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Officials Travel and Hospitality (25%)

- Includes travel-related costs for judges and officials, such as rising gas prices, hotel accommodations, and food expenses.

Facility Permits and Insurance (15%)

- Annual increases of 5-8% contribute to higher overall venue expenses.

Awards & Medals (10%)

- A 33% increase in the number of awards and medals required occurred when provincial and national streams were separated, aligning with member feedback.

Event Equipment (8%)

- Includes stages, risers, tables, chairs, and SOCAN fees, with a 3% year-over-year increase for rentals.

Production & Athletes Experience (7%)

- Investments in initiatives to enhance the overall event atmosphere and athlete satisfaction.

Athlete Surcharge

The Competitive stream athlete surcharge for OAS has increased from \$25 to \$50 for the 2024-2025 season. While this represents a doubling of the fee, it remains significantly lower in comparison to CAS, which charges \$175 per athlete for events or other Provinces who have just begun to implement the new system and are setting their surcharges at \$50+. It is also reflective of the significant increase to technology and staffing requirements needed to facilitate enhanced scoring and evaluation systems.

CAS FEE	OAS FEE	COMPARISON
\$175.00	\$50.00	OAS fee is 29% of CAS fee



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Value Perspective

- OAS events offer substantial quality and value, with improvements in judging feedback, athlete experience, and overall event production.
- While OAS events do not match CAS's national-level production, their value exceeds being "1/6th" of the experience, reflecting thoughtful resource allocation and a commitment to high standards.

Increase Factors

- Rising costs across all event categories (staffing, travel, facilities, awards, etc.).
- Alignment with the evolving needs and expectations of the artistic swimming community.
- Ensures OAS can continue hosting accessible, high-quality events

Athlete surcharges are influenced by factors such as event scale, regional cost variations, and organizational resources which is why a consistent averaged flat rate is used for each event.