



2015-16 Arena Pro Swim Series Rules

Over the course of the 2015-16 Arena Pro Swim Series, approximately \$350,000 in total prize money will be up for grabs across the seven-event series in Olympic-distance events. The overall point total winner (male and female) of the Arena Pro Swim Series who meets the eligibility requirements will win a one-year lease of a BMW vehicle, plus a stipend from USA Swimming to help cover delivery charges and/or taxes on the vehicle. In addition, the eligible overall male and female winners of the Series, regardless of nationality, will earn a \$10,000 bonus. The rules governing these prizes are as follows:

Only Olympic-distance events at the seven stops of the 2015-16 Arena Pro Swim Series are eligible for prize money and count toward a swimmer's overall Arena Pro Swim Series point total.

The per-event prize money and Arena Pro Swim Series scoring system awards swimmers prize money and points based on first-, second-, and third-place performances at each meet in the Championship final only. The prize money and scoring system is as follows:

- First place = \$1,000 (five points)
- Second place = \$600 (three points)
- Third place = \$200 (one point)

There will be separate Arena Pro Swim Series standings for male and female swimmers. To be eligible for the BMW lease, a swimmer must (i) be a U.S. citizen, (ii) be a USA Swimming member, (iii) possess a valid U.S. driver's license, and (iv) no longer be NCAA eligible. The BMW prize will be offered to the highest finishing eligible male and female athlete who meets all the criteria, even if he/she is not the overall points winner for the series. By accepting the one-year BMW lease, the athlete must agree to allow BMW and USA Swimming to use his/her image in connection with photos and other marketing or the award for publicity for the award. In order to receive the one-year BMW lease, the winners must sign the BMW loaner agreement and provide a W-9 tax form.

To be eligible for the \$10,000 series bonus, awarded to the overall male and female winners of the Series regardless of nationality, athletes must no longer be NCAA eligible.

In the event of a tie of Arena Pro Swim Series points, the Arena Pro Swim Series winner will be the swimmer who earned the highest single-race FINA power point ranking.

Leaders will be tracked online at www.usaswimming.org and in *Splash* magazine, the official magazine of USA Swimming.