2021 USA Artistic Swimming
U.S. 13 – 15 Championship & 12U Invitational
April 21 – 25, 2021
Mesa, AZ

Final Meet Announcement
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Facility
Skyline Aquatics Center
845 S Crismon Rd
Mesa, AZ 85208
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Pool Specs
Outdoor Competition Pool
Length: 70 meters, bulkhead will be placed at 30 meters
Width: 25 yards
Depth: 13.5ft at start end, sloping to 7ft at bulkhead
Entry: Deck Flat
Distance from deck to water: Water level with deck
Spectators: West side of pool
Competition Pool Length: 25m (lane line and banner)
Practice space: 6 to 8 lanes and additional shallow lap pool

Host Hotel Information
Please book with the link provided by TEAM Solutions. Click HERE.

This is a Stay to Play event. Booking outside of the room block will result in a fee charged to the team per individual. Click HERE for more information.

Airport Information
Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport – 27 miles
Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport – 10 miles

Tickets
Due to COVID Restrictions, spectators may not be able to enter the facility. No presale tickets will be available. Updates on spectators will be announced closer to event.
$15.00 day pass for 18 – 65 years of age
$10.00 day pass for 6 – 17 years of age and Seniors 66 and over
$30.00 event pass for 18 – 65 years of age
$15.00 event pass for 6 – 17 years of age and Seniors 66 and over
Free admission to Life Members and children 5 years of age and younger
Rules to Govern
2017 – 2021 FINA Artistic Swimming Rules with two major exceptions. 1) .25 deduction for each competitor fewer than 8 on a free or technical team. See USAAS rulebook for additional exceptions.

2021 Event Rules Waived
2021 Event Rule Waivers can be found HERE

Registration
Event Registration Opens: February 29, 2021
Check-in onsite: April 21 & 22, 2021
Teams will receive their check in time after event registration is closed. Due to COVID-19 we will schedule each team a window of time to check in for the event. One member of each team will pick up the team packet and credentials. Each chaperone will be required to check in individually.

Qualified registered competitors must have attained Grade Level 4 for entry into the 2021 U.S. 13 – 15 Championship and Grade Level 2 for 12U Invitational. For Grade Level requirements, see USA Artistic Swimming Grade Level Manual.

Entry Deadline: March 24th, 2021
Complete online registration for Entries and Fees, Officials and Credentials. U.S. entries are accepted online only on the website posted HERE.

Late Fees: As stated in Appendix C, per USAAS Rule CP 5.5.1, any entry to a National Championship received between 28 and 7 days prior to the first day of the competition shall be assessed a $25.00 late fee. Each athlete entered between 28 and 7 days prior to the first day of competition shall be assessed a $25.00 late entry fee for the first event and an additional $10.00 late entry fee for each additional event entered. There will be a late fee of $25.00 on all music submitted or changed less than two weeks prior to the event. Music Late Fees are charged per routine/ per change. For all National Championships, no entries shall be accepted between 7 and 0 days prior to the first day of competition. In addition, a late fee of $25.00 will be charged to any coach, chaperone, or other staff registrations received after the entry deadline (fee charged per person).

To register online, use the link posted on the event page. If you have any technical difficulties or questions, please email or call Baylee Robinson at 719-866-2219 or baylee@usaartisticswim.org
Fee Information

Entry Fee
$30.00 per U.S. competitor per routine, including reserves. Any competitor who is listed as a reserve for a routine and who is not swimming any other routine event shall pay the entry fee. (Rulebook, Appendix C)

Surcharge
$8.48 per U.S. competitor, including reserves. This surcharge is to cover the live stream and COVID-19 tracking. (Rulebook, Appendix C)

Sponsor Fee
$30.00 per competitor. (Rulebook, Appendix C)

Entry fees remain the same as listed for each championship. Foreign athletes entering the Championship or Invitational pay only the Sponsor fee.

Credentials
Each club will receive coach credentials per the chart below. In addition, each club will receive two team personnel credentials. Additional credentials are $30 each. Only individuals with required certification are allowed to receive credentials. Credentials are required to be on the pool deck. Coaches, chaperones or other staff registrations received after the entry deadline will be charged a Late Fee of $25.00 per person. See Appendix C. IMPORTANT: Chaperone credentials and entrance into the pool could be limited based on COVID-19 restrictions at the facility.

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Officials
Please register online by the entry deadline. In addition, please e-mail Judges Administrator, Linda Loehndorf, with your intent to attend at loehndorf@charter.net. Those wishing to take the National judge’s tests should notify Shari at shari@usaartisticswim.org. Judges uniform shall be white shirts and black pants.
Coaches Certification and SafeSport

CCP Level 1 - Required for all coaches to be on deck at any sanctioned competition.
CCP Level 2 - Required for all coaches to be on deck at any Regional, Zone or National Championship.
CCP Level 3 - Required for all coaches to be on deck at any Zone or National Championship.
Background Screening - Required for all coaches on deck at any sanctioned competition. See Appendix Q for full list.
SafeSport - Required for all coaches and team managers to be on deck at any sanction competition. (This includes chaperones, trainers, and any other team personnel).
CPR/First Aid - Required for all coaches to be on deck at any sanctioned competition.

Registered coaches will be verified and those holding the required certifications will be granted credentials. If you have any questions, contact Morgan Bergquist at morgan@usaartisticswim.org.

Sound and Music

We will be using digital music for this competition. It is essential all music be sent by email in advance. Email music files to Chris Leahy at leahycm@gmail.com by April 7, 2021. All music submitted/changed less than 2 weeks prior to the event will be charged a $25.00 late fee. Music Late Fees are per routine/ per change. Routines will be electronically timed in advance. Upon receipt of the music, a report will be sent containing the measured times for each routine.

Digital music files (M4A, MP3) are to be submitted for routines for this competition.
- Music files may be sent as email attachments or shared using a file sharing/ transfer service.
  o Dropbox, Google Drive, OneDrive, WeTransfer, etc.
- We recommend submitting 160+ kbit/sec M4A/AAC or higher quality audio for best sound results.
- If sending MP3 files, 192+ kbit/sec is recommended.
- A device with a 1/8" TRS (headphone) jack is acceptable as a backup.
- A CD player will NOT be available as back up.
- Contact Chris if you have any questions.
- Use the following naming conventions (see bolded below) when saving files.
  o Routine names should be “space” separated
  o Duet Free CDY Smith

Duet Free = Routine event
CDY = Club Abbreviation / Three Letter Code
Smith = Last name of the first alphabetical member of the routine

Email Baylee Robinson - baylee@usaartisticswim.org if you do not know your code.
Scoring
Nancy Thompson at nlthiker@aol.com

Tentative Event Schedule
Click [HERE](#)
Officials and Coaches meeting to be posted in the final schedule and may be held virtually.

Foreign Federations
Foreign Federations may enter the US 13-15 Championship or 12U Invitational in accordance with the information posted in the invitation [HERE](#). Foreign Federation entry forms for the U.S. National Championship are at the link above.

National Events and Awards
13-15 Events
Competition in Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet, and Team, consisting of Figures and Free routines. There shall also be a Free Combination routine event. All 13 - 15 Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet, and Team competitors will compete in Figures and Free routines. Top twelve (12) routines in each event (combined Figures and Free routines scores) will advance to Finals.

12U Events
Competition in Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet, and Team, consisting of Figures and Free routines

Free Combination Event
Free Combination Event General Rules for 13-15:
1. All Free Combination routines must have 8 – 10 competitors.
2. Competitors must be from the same club.

13 -15 and 12 U Figures

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The remaining two figures will be drawn from the 13-15 Selection Groups on April 18, 2021 by 1pm MST. Be sure to follow USA Artistic Swimming on Facebook and Instagram. In addition to sending an email to all USA Artistic Swimming technical members, we will announce the figure selection on Facebook and Instagram.
Awards

**Free Combination Awards**
Athletes who place 1-3 in the Free Combination final competition shall be awarded medals. Free Combination DOES count toward the High Point (individual and team.)

Foreign Competitors shall receive honorary placements, and if finishing in the top 12, shall swim in Finals and receive honorary awards. Foreign competitors shall not be eligible to be pre-swimmer(s).

**13 – 15 and 12U Awards**
Athletes who place 1 - 3 in FINALS for Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet and Team events shall be awarded medals in each event. Athletes who place 1 - 3 in FIGURES shall be awarded medals. Medals shall be given to reserves who swim either the Preliminary or Final Free routine.

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Venue Rules
Gelling is allowed in a specified area only. Please keep areas clean- and pick-up bobby pins. There will be absolutely NO DE GELLING allowed at the facility. A $100.00 team fine will be placed on the club account if found de gelling.

Athletes are responsible for their own gel. There will be a carafe of hot water available in a specific gelling station area. **if COVID-19 Restrictions allow!**

No Glass Containers in pool area, lobby, bathrooms or parking lot
No Shaving/Gelling in the Bathrooms
No Alcoholic Beverages or Containers in pool area, lobby, bathrooms or parking lot
No Smoking/Vaping/E-Cigarette in pool area, lobby, bathrooms or parking lot
No Refunds offered for Vending Machines
No propping open of any external gates/exits

Hospitality
Meals in hospitality are for judges and officials. If there is additional food available after they have eaten, it will be made available to coaches. **Due to COVID restrictions, meals may only be grab and go.**

There will be snacks and drinks available every day throughout the day for all coaches, judges, and officials as COVID-19 restrictions allow.
Photo Regulations
Any photographs, videotape or other audio and/or visual recordings of the event created by a spectator may be used solely for such spectator’s personal non-commercial use, and may not be broadcast, published or disseminated or used for any commercial purposes, without the prior written consent of USA Artistic Swimming. Personal use photography by the audience will be allowed, from the stands, as long as not obstructing the view of others, with any camera using no flash. Photographs must be for personal, non-commercial use.

Live Web Streaming
We will provide LIVE coverage for anyone wanting to watch and be a part of the event. We highly encourage friends and family to tune in live. Click HERE.

Merchandising
Team IP will be the Official Merchandiser and Online Sales Partner of USA Artistic Swimming.

Photography
To be determined. A photographer may not be present at the 2021 event due to COVID-19 restrictions and pool deck limits.

Event Cancellation Policy
When a USA Artistic Swimming (USAAS) event is cancelled or interrupted due to acts or threats of war, acts or threats of terrorism, acts of God, or a health risk alert, event entry refunds will be made to individuals or teams on a prorated basis once all of USAAS’s out-of-pocket expenditures for the cancelled or interrupted event have been settled from such fees.