

2021 Youth and Junior International Open

Bulletin 2

Partnership between UANA and USA Artistic Swimming, presented by Fluidra



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Host Information

Host Federation: USA Artistic Swimming <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-artistic-swimming>

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Event Concept

The International Open is jointly presented by UANA and USA Artistic Swimming as a way to provide an Artistic Swimming event for the youth and junior age categories. The event will host an in-person championship along with a virtual component for teams experiencing COVID-19 hardship.

The virtual component of the event is **RESERVED** for countries who cannot enter the United States, cannot leave their country due to COVID-19 and/or have difficult quarantine situations. Please contact competition manager, [Baylee Robinson](mailto:Baylee.Robinson) for approval to participate in the virtual event. Proof of hardship will be required. Virtual event is not open to US clubs. Virtual event results will be combined with the in-person results to determine final rankings and awards.

Event Rules

Rules to Govern: The competition will be organized according to FINA & UANA Regulations.

Category: Youth (13-15) and Junior (15 – 19)

Participation: Open to National Teams from all federations and also open to international and US clubs with the agreement of the concerned Federation.

Routines:

Technical: Solo, Male Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet, Team

Free: Solo, Male Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet, Team, Combination, Highlight

Divisions: National Team division and International & US Club division

Entries: There will be no limits on the number of entries.

When there are multiple entries in an event from a Federation or club, only the highest scoring entry from the preliminary event per a Federation or club shall advance to the final event.

Competition Format: In addition to the Technical events, Male Solo Free, Mixed Duet Free, Free Combination and Highlight routine events, all events with less than 12 entries will be finals only. Two figures will be drawn for the 13-15 competition, one compulsory and one optional.

Draws: Draws will be done via a zoom meeting. A link will be posted and draws posted on the [USAAS website](https://www.teamusa.org/usa-artistic-swimming).

Scoring: Will be according to FINA Rules (AS 17).

Awards: Medals will be awarded for 1 – 3 place finishes in each division. Only one entry per federation/club in every event, except Figures, is eligible for a medal.



Host Hotel

St. Petersburg Marriott Clearwater NO LONGER THE HOST HOTEL

NEW* HOST HOTEL: Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Park

950 Lake Carillon Dr, St Petersburg, FL 3376

16 minutes from the Tampa International Airport and 20 minutes from the competition facility.

All participating federations and clubs will stay at this property. Bookings will be made for the federations and clubs using the information provided on [FORM C](#).

IMPORTANT: All hotel rooms will have two beds. If you are booking a room for 3 – 4 people, only two beds are available. We can request one rollaway bed for triple or quad rooms.

COVID-19 Protocols and Testing for In-Person Participants

All of those traveling to the in-person competition are required to take a COVID-19 PCR test 72 hours before scheduled arrival into the United States. This includes all athletes and all personnel traveling with the team, including vaccinated individuals (coach, staff, athlete and judges). This is required for all crossing the borders into the United States.

If you are a US Citizen, you are also required to take a COVID-19 PCR test 72 hours prior to your arrival in Florida.

USAAS will provide a COVID-19 PCR test at the cost of \$49.00/person at the facility prior to your departure from the United States. Should you require this test, please coordinate with Monica@usaartisticswim.org to schedule your testing onsite. Results of these test are available within 24-hours.

Important Deadlines and Dates

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	HOW
Team Leader & Coach Meeting	<i>Information on final schedule</i>	Zoom	Information on final schedule
Registration Deadline	<i>July 15</i>	Forms	Forms are posted HERE .
Figure Draw	<i>August 1</i>		Figures will be posted HERE .
Virtual Competition Deadlines and Dates			
Routine Video Filming (virtual only)	<i>July 26 – Aug 8</i>	Own pool	See Video Information Bulletin 1
Virtual Video Submission Schedule	<i>Due back July 24</i>	Form I	Forms are posted HERE .
Virtual Judging Days	<i>August 17</i>	Judge Meeting	At the competition venue
Webcast Days	Virtual events will air on the event live stream after the scheduled in-person event concludes. See final event schedule.		



Forms

The following forms are required for either in-person and/or virtual participating teams:

Form	In-Person	Virtual	Due
Form A – Flight Information	x		July 15
Form B – Entry Fees	x	x	July 15
Form C – Hotel Rooming List	x		July 15
Form D – Personnel List	x		July 15
Form E – Entry Form – Youth	x	x	July 15
Form F – Entry Form – Junior Free	x	x	July 15
Form G – Entry Form – Junior Technical	x	x	July 15
Form H – Entry Form – Gala	x	x	July 15
Form I – Virtual Video Submission		X	July 24
Form J – Routine Information Sheet	x	x	August 8

Schedule

Free Combination will be held as an open event, combining youth and junior athletes. See revised schedule.

Virtual Event Video Information

FORM I: For all teams participating virtually, please fill out FORM I posted on the event page. Each federation or club can pick the day and time they are going to record their routines. An upload link will be provided to each team leader after the forms are received.

2 hours before your scheduled routine recording time, the federation or club will receive a unique code from USAAS Staff. You are required to display this code to the camera before you begin recording and again at the conclusion of your routine.

Video Quality: Each routine video that is submitted will be reviewed by a neutral individual (not a judge) for quality. If it is deemed the video quality is not high enough for accurate judging, you may be asked to record again. Please see Bulletin 1 for more suggestions on camera and recording equipment.

Additional Rule Clarifications

Competition Information Based on UANA Rules and Policies

This competition will be conducted under the FINA and UANA Rules.

Competitors:

- Age 13 to 15 Born in 2006 – 2008
- Junior (Ages 15-19)* Born in 2002 – 2006

*Competitors for the Junior Age Group shall be between fifteen (15) years and nineteen (19) years of age on December 31st in the year of the competition, according to FINA guidelines for 2021.



Swimming Up in Ages:

- 12 & Under is not allowed to swim up per FINA rule ASAG 5.
- A 13-15 athlete(s) may swim up one age group category (Junior) to complete a Duet, a Mixed Duet and/or Team.
- When an athlete swims up in Duet, Mixed Duet and/or Team, they may NOT also swim those events in their own age category.
- Duets and Mixed Duets must have one member of the correct age category.
- Teams must have 50% of their members of the correct age category.

Free Combination: This is an Open category event for competitors at least 13 years of age. Each Free Combination may consist of 8-10 athletes. This event will compete as a 100% Final event; there will be no preliminary event.

Highlight Routine: This is an Open category event for competitors at least 13 years of age. Each Highlight Routine may consist of 8-10 athletes. This event will compete as a 100% Final event; there will be no preliminary event.

Event Progression:

13-15: Athletes will compete in two figures drawn on Aug. 1—one compulsory figure and one optional figure drawn from all the optional groups. Those figure scores will be added to the preliminary routine score to determine the finalists. When there are multiple entries in an event from a Federation or club, only the highest scoring entry from the preliminary event per a Federation or club shall advance to the final event.

For the mixed duet event, figure scores will be added to the routine score for final placement.

Junior Technical and Free Routines: Scores from the technical and free routines will not be added together to determine final placement. When there are multiple entries in an event from a Federation or club, only the highest scoring entry from the preliminary event per a Federation or club shall advance to the final event.

Awards will be given to the top 3 in each technical and free event. One award per federation per event in the national team division and one award per club per event in the international/U.S. club division

Penalty waiver for Team routines: As per the UANA Covid-19 exception for 2021, any team routine with less than 6 competitors will be assessed the 0.5 penalty per competitor. Team routines with 6 or 7 competitors will not be assessed the 0.5 penalty.

Overall competition:

All events with fewer than 12 routines will be final events only.

Judges Information:

Judges' attire will be white polo shirt (to be brought by each judge), black pants or capris (below the knees), and black shoes (closed toe – no sandals). No tank tops, shorts or revealing tops will be allowed. Judges' clothing should not identify them by Federation. The only branded clothing a judge should wear is that provided by the competition host/organizing committee. Each judge will receive one event-branded polo shirt to be worn during specific events as instructed by the UANA Judge Subcommittee Chair.