

# **2021 USA Artistic Swimming**

**U.S. National Championship & U.S. Junior  
Championship**

**April 25 – 28, 2021**

**Mesa, AZ**



## **Final Meet Announcement**

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### Meet Manager

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### Facility

[Skyline Aquatics Center](#)  
845 S Crismon Rd  
Mesa, AZ 85208  
480-644-6040

### 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

The 2017 – 2021 FINA Rules shall govern the Championships with two major exceptions.

1) .25 deduction for each competitor fewer than 8 on a free or technical team. 2) Competitors aged 13 - 14 may compete in the U.S National Free Combination event or Junior Free Combination Event. See USAAS rulebook for additional exceptions.

### **2021 Event Rules Waived**

2021 Event Rule Waivers can be found [HERE](#)

## Registration

### **Event Registration Opens: February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

Check-in: April 25, 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. Hand-in banners at registration, facility staff will hang them.

Qualified registered competitors must have attained Grade Level 5 for entry into the 2021 U.S. National & Junior Championships. For Grade Level requirements, see USA Artistic Swimming Grade Level Manual.

### **Entry Deadline: March 24<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:baylee@usaartisticswim.org)

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### 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 U.S. National Championship 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.**

# of athletes	Maximum # of free credentials	
	Coaches	Chaperones
1 - 10	2	1
11 - 15	3	2
16 - 20	4	2
21 - 25	5	3
26 - 30	6	3
31 - 35	7	4
36 - 40	8	4
41 - 45	9	5

### 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](mailto:loehndorf@charter.net). Those wishing to take the National judge's tests should contact Shari at [shari@usaartisticswim.org](mailto:shari@usaartisticswim.org). Judges uniform shall be white shirts and black pants. Judges taking Level 4 should also register for this event.

## Coaches Certification Policy

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 sanctioned 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.** 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](mailto:baylee@usaartisticswim.org) if you do not know your code

## Scoring

Nancy Thompson – [nlthiker@aol.com](mailto:nlthiker@aol.com)

## Tentative Event Schedule

Click [HERE](#)

The time of the Officials and Coaches' meeting will be included in the final event schedule and may be held virtually.

## U.S. Nationals & U.S Junior Foreign Federations

Foreign Federations may enter either Championship in accordance with the information posted in the invitation at the following website [HERE](#).

Foreign Federation entry forms for the Championship are at the link above.

## National Events and Awards

### U.S. National Championship

Competition in Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet and Team, consisting of Technical and Free routines. There shall also be a Free Combination routine event.

Technical routines and Free routines are separate events. Neither is mandatory. Each event will be awarded separately.

### U.S. Junior Championship

Competition in Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet and Team, consisting of Technical and Free routines. There shall also be a Free Combination routine event.

Per 2021 waiver, Technical routines and Free routines are separate events. Neither is mandatory. Each event will be awarded separately.

### U.S. National and Junior Championship Free Combination Event

Free Combination Event general rules:

1. When the U.S. National and U.S. Junior Championships are held together, there shall be 1 combined Free Combination event. Competitors from the U.S. National and U.S. Junior Championships may be combined in the same Free Combination routine for this event.
2. All Free Combination routines must have 8-10 competitors.
3. For the U.S. National Championships, competitors may be combined from 2 or more U.S. clubs for the Free Combination event. Please send the multiple club combination entry form by email to [baylee@usaartisticswim.org](mailto:baylee@usaartisticswim.org).
4. Competitors who are 13 and 14 years of age may participate in the Free Combination Event.

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### Awards

Medals for places 1-3 will be given in the categories listed: Technical Routines, Free Routines and Free Combination routines. Free Combination DOES count toward the High Point Awards (individual and team). Foreign Competitors shall receive honorary placements. Medals shall be given to reserves who swim either the Preliminary or Final Technical routine or Preliminary or Final Free routine.

### **Venue Rules**

Gelling is allowed in a specified area only. Please keep areas clean and pick up bobby pins. There will be absolutely NO DEGELLING 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
- Any vendors inside the facility must be approved

### **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 canceled 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 canceled or interrupted event have been settled from such fees.