



2016 U.S. Open Synchronized Swimming Championships

July 14 – 16

Riverside, California, USA



FINAL MEET ANNOUNCEMENT

COMPETITION DATES

July 14 through July 16

VENUE

Riverside Aquatic Complex at the Riverside City College
4800 Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, California 92506

HOST

USA Synchronized Swimming

MEET MANAGER

Sheila McNabb
USA Synchro, Vice President of Competitive Operations
smmcnabb@aol.com

POOL DIMENSIONS

Competition pool:
30 meters (length) x 25 yards (width) x 12' to 8' (depth)
Main warm up pool:
30 meters (length) x 25 yards (width) x 8' (depth)
Other warm up pools (2):
25 yards (length) x 15 yards (width) 3' to 12' (depth)

EVENTS

Junior and Senior events

Junior Figures, Junior Free Solo, Junior Free Duet, Junior Free Team
Senior Technical Solo, Senior Technical Duet, Senior Technical Team
Senior Free Solo, Senior Free Duet, Senior Free Team
Senior Mixed Technical Duet, Senior Mixed Free Duet
Combined Junior/Senior Free Combination

The schedule is currently planned for FINALS ONLY. However, if there are more than 12 entries in any event, a preliminary event may be held and added to the schedule during mid-day. Only the top-12 in each event will progress to the final event.

U.S. ENTRIES

U.S. clubs must register online only. To register online (See Appendix 1), login to your account from the homepage of the USASynchro.org website, by clicking on "My Account". If you have any technical difficulties or questions, email or call Jennifer Hawkins at 719-866-2219 or jennifer@usasynchro.org.

ENTRY DEADLINE

U.S. Entries must be submitted electronically by **Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 11:59 pm EST.**
Entry is not complete unless accompanied by payment.

FOREIGN ENTRIES

Foreign Federations must complete FORMS A-H and email them by **Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 11:59 pm EST.** Please email forms A-H to: jennifer@usasynchro.org; bettyhazle@yahoo.com; smmcnabb@aol.com. **Entry is not complete unless accompanied by payment.** Please mail check or money order postmarked no later than **Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at 11:59pm EST** to:

USA Synchro, Attn: Jennifer Hawkins
7915 S. Emerson Ave., Suite 239
Indianapolis, IN 46237
USA
+1-719-866-2219

Credit card payment is also accepted. Email Jennifer Hawkins at jennifer@usasynchro.org to pay with a credit card. **Cash payments will not be accepted.**

FEDERATION LETTER OF APPROVAL

We kindly request that all Foreign National Teams and all Foreign Clubs provide written approval to USA Synchro from their own Federations. This approval must be submitted to USA Synchro before visa assistance can be provided and before the final entry deadline. Please email letters of approval to bettyhazle@yahoo.com.

FORMS

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FEE INFORMATION

- **Entry Fee** \$30 per competitor (U.S. only) per routine, including reserves (alternates). Payments are made online at the USASynchro.org website. Any swimmer who is listed as a reserve (alternate) for a routine and who is not swimming any other routine event shall pay the entry fee. (Rulebook, Appendix C)
Foreign Federations do **NOT** pay this fee.
- **Sponsor Fee** \$25 per competitor. U.S. payments are made online at the USASynchro.org website. Foreign Federations must send a check for the required sponsor fees to Jennifer Hawkins at USA Synchro.
- **Webcast Surcharge** \$5 per competitor (U.S. only), including alternates. Payments are made online at the USASynchro.org website. Any swimmer who is listed as an alternate for a routine and who is not swimming any other routine event shall pay the surcharge. This surcharge is to cover the minimum fee for TakeItLive to Live Stream the competition. Foreign Federations do **NOT** pay this fee.
- **Credentials** Each U.S. club will receive coach and chaperone credentials per the chart below. Additional credentials can be purchased for \$30 each. Payments are made online at the USASynchro.org website. Foreign federations and clubs will receive complimentary coach and chaperone credentials.

All U.S. coaches and judges need to register online even if free credentials are included with their team registration.

- **Tickets** \$10 for each morning session and \$20 for each evening session or \$60 for an event pass. Tickets can also be purchased at the Riverside Aquatic Complex.

# 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
46-50	10	5

RULES TO GOVERN

Current FINA rules, with noted exceptions listed here and as listed in USA Synchro Rulebook.

1. Junior Open competitors shall be 15 – 18 years of age.
2. Senior Open competitors shall be 15 or older.
3. An individual competitor may only enter three different routine events in the combined Junior and Senior Open Championship. Therefore, Junior athletes may not swim in the same event in both Junior and Senior categories of competition. An individual competitor may, in addition, be entered in only one Free Combination routine.
4. Free Combination: There shall be one Free Combination event in the combined U.S. Junior/ Senior Open Championship. Juniors and Seniors may be combined to compete in the Free Combination event. Competitors who are 13 and 14 years of age may participate in the Free Combination event only. Free Combination routines must have 8 – 10 competitors. A U.S. Club, Foreign Club or National Team may enter more than one routine in the Free Combination event.
5. Foreign Federations may have multiple club entries, including their National Teams, in each category: Junior, Senior and Free Combination.
6. The top-12 in each event will move to finals. If applicable, the 13th place routine in each event will serve as the pre-swimmer for the final event.
7. All team routines will have a .25 deduction for each competitor fewer than 8 on a team.
8. The FINA draw will be used for all events.
9. The total number of competitors per Foreign Federation, Foreign Club or National Team may not exceed 12 without prior approval.

ADDITIONAL JUNIOR OPEN INFORMATION

1. In the Junior Open, each Foreign Club or National Team may enter three Solos, three Duets and/or one Team. Note that only one solo or duet from each Foreign Club or National Team shall advance to finals.
2. In the Junior Open, U.S. Clubs may have registered competitors from 2 or more U.S. clubs in the Free Combination event.

ADDITIONAL SENIOR OPEN INFORMATION

1. In the Senior Open, each Foreign Club or National Team may enter two solos, two duets and/ or one team.
2. Awards for Senior routines will be based on the combined score of the technical and free routine. Competitors may opt out of the technical routine or free routine if they so choose. Only Senior competitors who swim the technical and free routine are eligible for awards in a given event.
3. In the Senior Open, U.S. Clubs may have registered competitors from 2 or more U.S. clubs in the Team and Free Combination events.

JUNIOR FIGURES

Figures-Junior Compulsory

308	Barracuda Airborne Split	2.8
355g	Porpoise, Twist Spin	2.6

The remaining two figures will be drawn from the Junior Selection Groups by the USA Synchro VP of Competitive Operations (or designee) and posted at USASynchro.org on Tuesday, July 12 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern time. The information will also be emailed to all technical members of USA Synchro as well as each foreign delegation participating in junior figures.

AWARDS

All competitors (U.S. and Foreign) will compete for the same awards in their respective Open. Medals will be awarded for places 1 – 3. In the Senior category, medals will be given to reserves who swim either the technical or free routine. In the Junior category, medals shall be given to competitors who swim in finals only.

SOUND SYSTEM

We will use computer files (digital music).
Email music and questions to Chris Leahy at leahycm@gmail.com by Wednesday, June 22, 2016.
Please see Appendix 2 for guidelines.

SCORING SYSTEM

Colorado Time Systems SynchroMM software and display system will be used.

SCORING CHAIRS

Sue Johnson
suealbjo1@verizon.net

Jackie McDaniel
jackiemcd43@hotmail.com

REGISTRATION

Wednesday, July 13 and additional days.
Times and locations will be listed in the final meet schedule.

TECHNICAL MEETING

All coaches are requested to attend the technical meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, July 13, late in the day. Time and location will be listed in the final meet schedule.

JUDGES MEETING

A judges meeting will also be held on Wednesday, July 13, late in the day. Time and location will be listed in the final meet schedule.

COACHES CERTIFICATION AND SAFESPORT FOR U.S. COACHES

CCP Level 2 – Required for all U.S. coaches to be on deck at any Regional, Zone or National Championship (including the U.S. Collegiate Championship and the U.S. Masters Championship), unless the coach was certified at CCP Level 1 less than one year prior to the relevant Regional, Zone or National Championship.

CCP Level 3 – Required for all U.S. coaches to be on deck at any National Championship (excluding the U.S. Collegiate Championship and the U.S. Masters Championship).

SafeSport – Required for all U.S. coaches to be on deck at any competition.

Properly submitted safety credentials (Current CPR/First Aid) - Required for all U.S. coaches to be on deck at any competition.

Registered U.S. coaches will be verified and those holding the required certifications will be granted credentials. If you have any questions, please contact Shari Darst at shari@usasynchro.org.

OFFICIALS

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality will be provided for all officials, and coaches.

JUDGES

FINA and UANA Judges A, B and G and U.S. National Judges

FINA EVALUATOR

Maria Jose Bilbao (Spain)

OFFICIALS

Each Federation or Foreign club entering the Junior Open and/or the Senior Open Championships may submit up to 2 judges per competition from the current FINA and/or UANA List(s) of Synchronized Swimming Officials. Foreign FINA and UANA judges from Federations not entered in the Synchro America Open may participate as practice judges only. In order to participate in any capacity, all Foreign FINA and UANA judges must have passed the most recent FINA judges test. Judges uniform shall be white shirts and white pants.

FINA and UANA judges will be seated with U.S. judges on the event panels.

U.S. OFFICIALS

Please register online by the entry deadline. In addition, please e-mail Judges Administrator, Shannon Korpela, with your intent to attend at s_korpela@msn.com. Those wishing to take the National judge's tests should notify Shannon.

AIRPORTS

Ontario (ONT) Airport (20 miles from pool)

Orange County (SNA) Airport (44 miles from pool)

Los Angeles (LAX) Airport (70 miles from pool)

As a member of USA Synchro you are eligible to receive discount flights to USA Synchro sanctioned events on [United Airlines](#). Book now by calling the United Olympic Desk at 1-800-841-0460 and receive up to 10 percent off the retail fare price.

CONCESSIONS

Clubs will be allowed to bring coolers of food and drink into the pool area as long as there are no glass containers.

TEAM BANNERS

Please drop off your team banner at registration or in the scoring room at the aquatic center.
Staff will hang BANNERS.

PHOTO/ VIDEO REGULATIONS

Official photographer: Liz Corman Photography.

Personal use photography will be allowed. No flash photography.

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 U.S. Synchronized Swimming.

PROGRAM

Will be available for sale at the meet.

VENUE RULES

For all events, tickets or credentials are required for admittance to the venue.

No smoking in the facility.

No glass containers on the deck or in locker rooms.

Use of the pool equipment is not permitted.

No sitting or hanging on lane lines.

All athletes, coaches and officials will abide by the facility rules and USA Synchro Code of Conduct.

Gelling is permitted in designated area only.

All equipment bags must remain in designated areas to maintain a clean deck.

Official team banners will be hung by meet staff. (Please turn in at registration)

LIVE WEB STREAMING



While it's not always possible to make it to an event in person, the good news is TakeltLive will provide LIVE coverage for anyone wanting to watch and be a part of the event. In addition to tuning in LIVE, On-Demand video is available via our website. We highly encourage friends and family to get a digital download of the competition.

HOUSING, HOSPITALITY and TRANSPORTATION Foreign Competitors

FOREIGN MEET PACKAGE WILL INCLUDE

- Pick up from LAX airport upon arrival
- Drop off at LAX airport upon departure
- Hotel accommodations at one of the host hotels
- Transportation between hotel and pool
- All meals (Breakfast will be at the hotel. Lunch and dinner will be at the pool or at a building near the pool on the Riverside City College campus.)
- Meals and transportation are only available with the meet package.
- Transportation for foreign competitors will only be provided from the following two hotels.

HOTELS FOR FOREIGN GUESTS

Hyatt Place Riverside Downtown: 3500 Market St., Riverside, CA
Mission Inn Riverside: 3649 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA

MEET PACKAGE RATES

Hotel rooms will have two double beds.

- Single Room - \$265 per person, per night
- Double Room - \$175 per person, per night
- Triple Room - \$150 per person, per night
- Quad Room - \$130 per person, per night

HEADED TO THE OLYMPIC GAMES OR OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS?

USA Synchro is able to offer training opportunities in the USA prior to or after the 2016 Synchro America Open. Three locations are available:

1. Riverside, California – 4 Aquatic Centers including Riverside Aquatic Complex (65m pool).
2. Palm Beach, Florida – 3 Aquatic Centers including Florida Atlantic University (50m, 25m +diving pools).
3. Stuart, Florida - Sailfish Splash Waterpark and Aquatics Center (50m and diving pool).

Other possible training locations available in California and Texas.

HOUSING, HOSPITALITY and TRANSPORTATION U.S. Competitors

U.S. HOTELS

Hotels for U.S. clubs are to be booked through our hotel partner Team Travel Source (TTS). Please [CLICK HERE](#) to book hotels through TTS or call TTS at 1-866-567-7075.

TRANSPORTATION

All U.S. clubs will be responsible for their own transport from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel to the pool.

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS IN RIVERSIDE

Yellow Cab of Riverside: 800-349-8294
AA Inland Empire Taxicab & Sedan Service: 800-800-7821
Super Shuttle: 909-944-2606
All major rental car companies are available at LAX, Ontario and Orange County Airports.

CONTACTS

Questions from Foreign Federations or Clubs Betty Hazle – International Relations Chair	bettyhazle@yahoo.com
Questions regarding the Synchro America Open Sheila McNabb - Meet Manager	smmcnabb@aol.com
Questions regarding training opportunities in the USA prior to or after the U.S. Open Myriam Glez – Executive Director	myriam@usasynchro.org

TENTATIVE MEET SCHEDULE

A detailed final schedule will be created based on actual entries and should be available approximately 1 week prior to the start of the meet.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13		
		ARRIVAL DAY
		Training in competition pool
		Registration
		Technical Meeting (All coaches are requested to attend.) Time and location will be listed in the final meet schedule.
		Judges Meeting Time and location will be listed in the final meet schedule.
THURSDAY, JULY 14		
9am	12pm	Junior Figures
12pm	2pm	Jr Solos
2pm	6pm	Practice with Music
6:30pm	9:30pm	Entertainment
		Senior Technical Duet
		Junior Free Duet
		Senior Technical Team
FRIDAY, JULY 15		
8:30am	10:30am	Practice
10:30am	12:30pm	Practice with Music
		Senior Technical Solo
1pm	6pm	Practice with Music
6:30pm	9pm	Senior Mixed Technical Duet
		Senior Free Duet
		Junior / Senior Free Combination
		Entertainment
SATURDAY, JULY 16		
8:30am	11am	Practice
11am	12pm	Senior Free Duet
1pm	6pm	Practice with Music
6:30pm	9pm	Entertainment
		Senior Mixed Free Duet
		Junior Free Team
		Senior Free Team
SUNDAY, JULY 17		
		Departure

Appendix 1: U.S. CLUB ENTRY AND FEES

To register online, login to your account from the homepage of the USA Synchro website

<http://www.usasynchro.org/>, by clicking on “My Account”.

See the entry instructions on the site.

If you have any technical difficulties or questions, please email or call Jennifer at 719-866-2219 or jennifer@usasynchro.org.

Appendix 2: DIGITAL MUSIC SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR U.S. and all Foreign Federations and Clubs

Digital music files (MP3, M4A) are to be submitted for routines for this competition.

- Email music to Chris Leahy at leahycm@gmail.com by **June 22, 2016**
- Music files may be sent as email attachments or shared using a file sharing/ transfer service.
 - Dropbox, Google Drive, OneDrive, WeTransfer, etc.
- Files received before the deadline will be transferred from emails to a computer, and then imported to iTunes or a compatible program and each file tested to ensure it plays. You will **not** be contacted if your music is submitted on time and if the music is correct. You will only be contacted if your music is missing or will not play.
- We recommend submitting 160 kbit/s M4A or higher quality audio for best sound results.
- 128 kbit/s MP3s are NOT recommended, if sending MP3 files, please ensure they are at least 192 kbit/ sec.
- A minimum one second leader (silence) before the music starts added to all files is recommended.
- Contact Chris if you have any questions.
- A CD player will be provided as back up for play through the sound system. A device with a 1/8" TRS (headphone) jack is also acceptable as a backup.
- Use the following naming conventions (see bolded below) when saving files.
 - Routines names should be “space” separated

<p>JR Duet OSU Jones</p> <p>JR = Junior Duet = Routine event OSU = Club Abbreviation/ Three Letter Code ** Jones = Last name of the first alphabetical member of the routine</p> <p>** email Jennifer Hawkins - jennifer@usasynchro.org if you do not know your code</p>	<p>SR Duet Free or Tech OSU Jones</p> <p>SR = Senior Duet = Routine event Free = Free Routine or Tech = Technical Routine OSU = Club Abbreviation/ Three Letter Code ** Jones = Last name of the first alphabetical member of the routine</p> <p>** email Jennifer Hawkins - jennifer@usasynchro.org if you do not know your code</p>
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Optional- If you know how to modify the Artist/Album/Track Title tags of your files, please use the following conventions.

Artist = “2016 US Open”

Album = “Jr/ Sr”, “Routine event”, “Free or Tech for Senior routines”

Album Artist = “Three Letter Code”

Title = “Last name of the first alphabetical member of the routine”

**** email** Jennifer Hawkins - jennifer@usasynchro.org

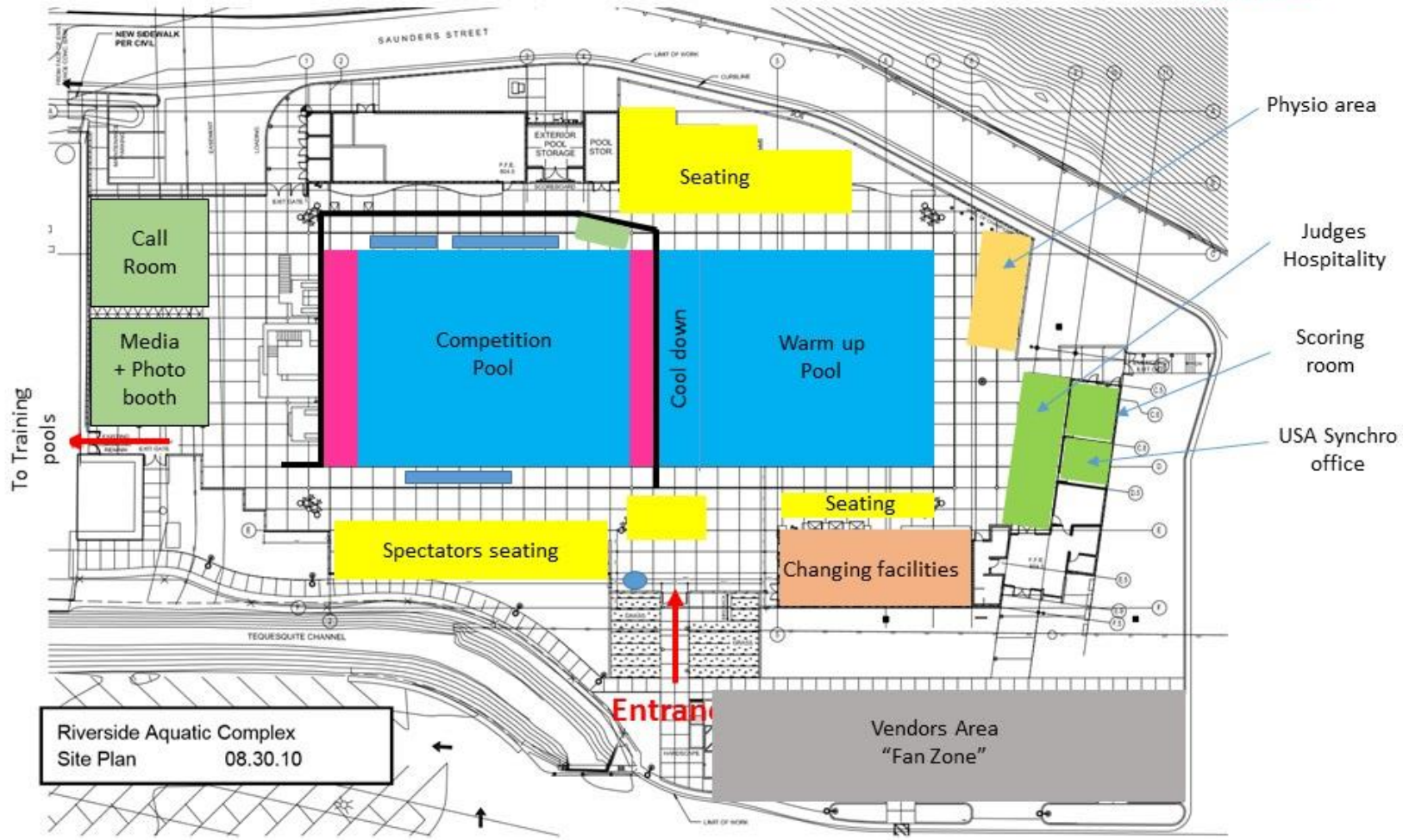
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Appendix 3: POOL and DECK LAYOUT

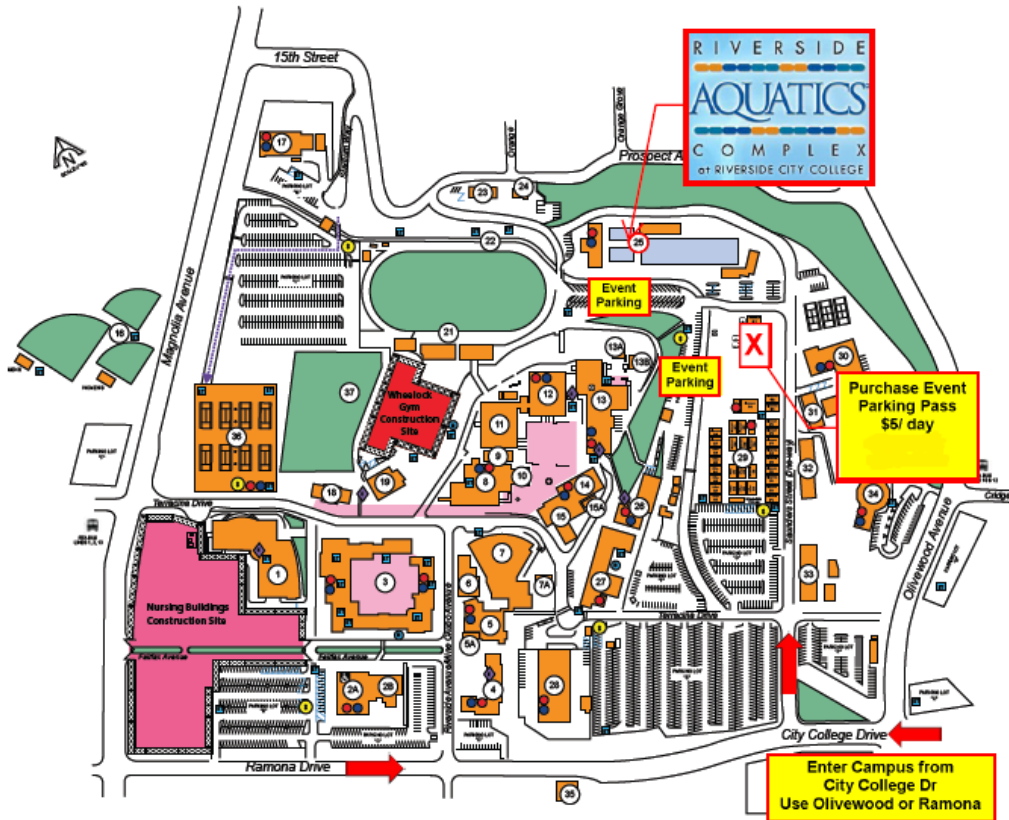


COMPETITION VENUE

FIELD OF PLAY & STAGGING



Riverside City College



UPPER CAMPUS

- 1. DIGITAL LIBRARY & LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER
 - Auditorium
 - Glen Hunt Center for Teaching Excellence
 - Instructional Media Center
 - Tutorial Services
- 2. ADMINISTRATION (O.W. NOBLE)
 - Section A
 - Board Room
 - Center for Communication Excellence
 - Disabled Services
 - H.O.M.E. Room (The Ujima Project)
 - Learning Disabilities Center
 - Mailroom
 - Veteran's Center
 - Section B
 - Academic Affairs
 - Community for Academic Progress (CAP)
 - Dean of Instruction
 - President's Office
- 3. QUADRANGLE (ARTHUR G. PAUL)
 - Art Gallery
- 4. BUSINESS EDUCATION (ALAN D. PAUW)
- 5. MUSIC
- 5A. MUSIC ANNEX
- 6. MUSIC HALL (RICHARD M. STOVER)
- 7. LANDIS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
- 7A. LANDIS ANNEX
- 8. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HIGH TECH CENTER
 - Academic Labs
 - STEM Center
- 9. ASSESSMENT CENTER
 - Viewpoints

- 10. PLANETARIUM (ROBERT T. DIXON)
- 11. PHYSICAL SCIENCES
- 12. LIFE SCIENCES
- 13. STUDENT CENTER (RALPH H. BRADSHAW)
 - Aguilar Patio
 - Auxiliary Business Services/ Cashier
 - Bookstore
 - Cafeteria/Food Services
 - Citrus Room
 - Extended Opportunities Programs & Services (E.O.P.S.)
 - Hall of Fame
 - Health Services
 - Heritage Room
 - Matriculation
 - Student Services/Student Activities
- 13A. ASRCC STUDENT GOVERNMENT
- 13B. FINANCIAL AID ANNEX
- 14. STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES
 - Financial Aid
 - Information Services
- 15. ADMISSIONS & COUNSELING (CESAR E. CHAVEZ)
 - Admissions & Records
 - Career/Transfer
 - Counseling
 - Transcripts
- 15A. OUTREACH ANNEX/Wells Fargo
- LOWER CAMPUS**
- 16. SPORTS COMPLEX (SAMUEL C. EVANS)
 - Baseball Field
 - Pony League Field (NATE DEFREANCISCO)
 - Softball Field (AB BROWN)
- 17. EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDIES
- 18. CERAMICS
- 19. ART

- 20. GYMNASIUM (ARTHUR N. WHELOCK)
 - Coaches' Office
 - Fitness Room
- 21. STADIUM (ARTHUR N. WHELOCK FIELD)
 - Weight Room
- 22. NATURE TRAIL (ARLENE & ROBERT F. RICHARD)
- 23. NORTH HALL
 - Finance & Accounting Services
 - Purchasing & Accounts Payable
- 24. COLLEGE HOUSE
 - Administration & Finance
 - Risk Management
- 25. RIVERSIDE AQUATICS COMPLEX
- 26. TECHNOLOGY B
 - International Students Center
 - Printing & Graphics Center
- 27. TECHNOLOGY A
 - Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
 - Career/Technical Education
 - Welding
- 28. AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY
- 29. LOVEKIN COMPLEX
 - Athletics (H1)
 - CalWORKs/Resource Center (F2)
 - College Safety and Police (A1, A2)
 - Community Learning in Partnership (CLIP) (D6)
 - CTA & Academic Senate (E4)
 - Gateway to College (GTC) (D5, E1, F1, F5, F6)
 - Independent Living Program (ILP) (E2)
 - Karate/Yoga (A8)
 - Marching Tigers (C6)
 - Photo Lab & Studio (G1, G2)
 - Student Job Placement & Employment Services (F2)
 - Upward Bound (A4)
 - Workforce Preparation (WFP) (E5)

- 30. GYMNASIUM (CATHERINE S. HUNTLEY)
 - Band
 - PE/Cheer
 - Dance
- 31. PILATES STUDIO (ELEANOR H. CRABTREE)
- 32. WAREHOUSE
- 33. MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS
- 34. COSMETOLOGY
- 35. ALUMNI HOUSE - 3564 RAMONA DRIVE
 - Foundation
- 36. PARKING STRUCTURE/TENNIS COURTS (FRAN BUSHMAN)
- 37. PRACTICE FIELD

