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SYNCHRONISED
SWIMMING
WORLD SERIES

NEW YORK (USA) 2017

***2017 Synchro America Open
Synchronized Swimming Championships***

June 21 – 24, 2017

Long Island, New York

PRE-MEET ANNOUNCEMENT

COMPETITION DATES	June 22 through June 24 Practice/ Training Day – June 21	
MEET MANAGER (S)	Jennifer Rothman Phone Number: 631-951-3900 E-mail: jrothman@discoverlongisland.com	Jim Muessig Phone Number: 516-572-0553 E-mail: jmuessig@nassaucountyny.gov
FACILITY	Nassau County Aquatic Center Eisenhower Park East Meadow, NY 11554 Phone: 631-572-0553	
POOL SPECS	Indoor Pool	Practice Space
	Length: 68 meters with three joined bulkheads Competition Length – 30m from entry	Shallow end of pool, 8 Lap Lanes Dive end of pool, 6 Lap Lanes
	Width: 25 meters	
	Entry: From three bulkheads (12' width)	
	Depth: 10' at bulkheads sloping to 8' at lane line marker	
	Deck to water's surface: 6", 12" from bulkhead to water	
	Seating: Elevated balcony with seating for 1,700	
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 and Senior Free Team Senior Mixed Technical Duet, Senior Mixed Free Duet Combined Junior/Senior Free Combination Senior Highlight Routine	
FINA EVALUATOR	Louise Kennedy (Canada)	
FINA LIAISON	Virginia Jasontek (USA)	
JUDGES	FINA Judges A and G and US National Judges for Junior Open only. (US National Judges will be used for the Senior Open if we do not have enough FINA judges.) Each Federation or Foreign club entering the U.S. Junior/Senior Open may send a maximum of two FINA/UANA judges to the combined Championship. Judges must be on 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, with priority given to judges whose Federations are entered. In order to participate in any capacity, all Foreign FINA and UANA judges must have passed the most recent FINA judges test.	
SCORING SYSTEM	Colorado Timing Systems	
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 .	
FOREIGN FEES	The only fees foreign federation and foreign clubs pay, in addition to their hotel package, is a \$30 sponsor fee per athlete, including reserves.	
SCHEDULE	A tentative schedule is available online. A final schedule will be posted one to two weeks before the competition. All participants should be available to compete Thursday, Friday and Saturday due to potential schedule changes.	

All final meet information will be available on-line at www.usasynchro.org.

If you prefer to have a hard copy of the final meet announcement mailed to you, please contact the Championship's Meet Manager.

PRELIMINARY ENTRY

All Foreign Federations and U.S. clubs must complete the Preliminary Entry form no later than **April 15, 2017**.

Foreign federations and clubs please send preliminary entry form to:

Betty Hazle & Sheila McNabb via email at bettyhazle@yahoo.com, smmcnabb@aol.com

U.S. Clubs please send preliminary entry forms to **Ryan Main** at ryan@usasynchro.org

AIRPORTS

LaGuardia Airport (LGA) - 22.7 miles from Courtyard by Marriott Westbury

John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) - 16.2 miles from Courtyard by Marriott Westbury

FOREIGN FEDERATIONS AND CLUBS: You must fly into JFK in order to receive transport to the hotel.

Long Island MacArthur Airport (ISP) – 44.8 miles from Long Island Marriott
(Services Southwest, Allegiant, US Airways)

Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR) - 48.9 miles from Long Island Marriott (New Jersey airport)

If you are 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.

HOST HOTEL INFORMATION FOR U.S. CLUBS

Marriott Long Island - \$199 per night plus tax

101 James Doolittle Blvd
Uniondale, NY 11553

U.S. Clubs only: for room reservations, please call 800-228-9290 or 516-794-3800

All reservations must be made by **May 24, 2017**.

HOST HOTEL PACKAGES FOR FOREIGN FEDERATIONS

Courtyard by Marriott

1800 Privado Rd
Westbury, NY 11590

Option 1: Half Board Package – includes room plus continental breakfast.

Occupancy	Price per person / day
Single	\$276
Double	\$165
Triple	\$128
Quadruple	\$109

Option 1: Full Board Package – includes room plus continental breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Occupancy	Price per person / day
Single	\$310
Double	\$204
Triple	\$165
Quadruple	\$148

Rates include taxes.

All hotel and meal packages for Foreign Federations include shuttle service to and from JFK airport and to and from the pool. Meals will begin with dinner on your check-in day (Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday June 19, 20 or 21) and end with breakfast on check-out day (no later than Sunday June 25.)

Entry forms and payment instructions will be provided in the final meet announcement.

For foreign federations or clubs renting cars, please email Sheila McNabb at smmcnabb@aol.com for information on the cost of a meet package that does not include transportation.

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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, based on year of birth.
2. Senior Open competitors shall be 15 or older, based on year of birth.
3. Athletes may only enter 3 events, not including Free Combination or Senior Highlight Routine. Athletes may enter a duet or a mixed duet, but not both.
4. Free Combination: There shall be one combined Free Combination event in the U.S. Junior/ Senior Open Championship. Juniors and Seniors may be combined in the same Free Combination routine 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.

ADDITIONAL JUNIOR OPEN INFORMATION

1. In the Junior Open, each Foreign Club or National Team may enter three Solos, three Duets and one Team.
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, two mixed duets and 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.
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.

PHOTOS

We'd like to include team photos from each federation and club in a printed event program. Please be prepared to email print-quality photos in JPEG format along with a brief description (federation name, club name, athletes' names) to Stephanie@usasynchro.org by May 15th.