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baylee@usaartisticswim.org
719-866-2219

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
Distance from deck to water: 0”

There is also a six-lane pool at 45ft x 25 yards with depth of 5.5 ft

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
$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
Online tickets can be purchased HERE
Rules to Govern

The 2020 Official USA Artistic Swimming Rulebook shall govern the U.S. Collegiate Championship. The 2017 – 2021 FINA Artistic Swimming Rules shall govern the U.S National Championship 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. See USAS rulebook for additional exceptions.

Collegiate Forms
Form A Collegiate Athlete of the Year Nomination
Form B Mary Jo Ruggieri Collegiate Scholarship Nomination
Forms “A” & “B” must be turned in at the conclusion of the first day of competition to Megan Azebu.
Form C Athlete Affidavit of Eligibility
Form D Technical Event Affidavit (NOT REQUIRED if online version is completed)
Form E Participating Seniors
Form F Practice Time Request

National Forms
Form A Foreign Federation Entry – Senior Tech Routines
Form B Foreign Federation Entry – Senior Free Routines
Form C Foreign Federation Entry – Senior Free Combination

All Forms can be found on the event website.

Registration

Event Registration Opens: January 15th, 2020
Collegiate check-in onsite: Wednesday, March 25  8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Nationals check-in onsite: Friday & Saturday, March 26 -27 at the facility during competition. During other competition times, check with the meet managers. Hand-in banners at registration, facility staff will hang them.

Qualified registered competitors must have attained Grade Level 5 for entry into the 2020 U.S. National Championship. For Grade Level requirements, see USA Artistic Swimming Grade Level Manual.

Entry Deadline: March 5, 2020

Complete online registration at www.usasynchro.org for Entries and Fees, Officials and Credentials. U.S. entries are accepted online only.

Late Fees: As stated in Appendix C, per USAS Rule CP 5.5.1, any entry to a National Championship received between 21 and 7 days prior to the first day of the competition shall be assessed a $25.00 late fee. Each athlete entered between 21 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. If a qualifying event is held after the entry deadline for this competition, a provisional entry must be submitted according to the above deadline. Within 72 hours of the completion of the qualifying competition, the proof of qualification must be submitted via email to meet scoring chair Angie Homoelle at homoellescoring@gmail.com. For all National Championships, no entries shall be accepted between 7 and 0 days prior to the first day of competition.

To register online, login to your account from the homepage of the USA Artistic Swimming website USA Synchro.org, by clicking on “My Account”. If you have any technical difficulties or questions, please email or call Baylee Robinson at 719-866-2219 or baylee@usaartisticswim.org

**Collegiate Fee Information**

**Entry Fee**
$30.00 per competitor per routine, including reserve. 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**
$13.48 per competitor, including reserves. This surcharge is to assist in covering travel expenses of scoring personnel and live stream. (Rulebook, Appendix C)

**Sponsor Fee**
$30.00 per competitor.

**National 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. (Rulebook, Appendix C)

**Sponsor Fee**
$30.00 per competitor.

Athletes participating in U.S. Collegiate Championship and U.S. National Championship will pay the regular sponsor fee and surcharge for U.S. Collegiate Championship but will have reduced fees for U.S. National Championship of $10 for the sponsor fee and $0 for the surcharge. 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.

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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 contact Shari at shari@usaartisticswim.org. Judges uniform shall be white shirts and black pants. Judges taking Level 4 should also register for this event.

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 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 Baylee Robinson at baylee@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 March 11, 2020. **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.
  - 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.
  - Routine names should be “space” separated
  - **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
For US Collegiate, please also submit your college’s fight song to Chris Leahy for the Parade of Athletes.

Scoring
Angie Homoelle: at homoellescoring@gmail.com

Tentative Event Schedule
Click [HERE](#)

Collegiate Coaches Meeting: Wednesday, March 25 6:00 – 8:00 pm location TBD
Collegiate Athlete Meeting: Wednesday, March 25 6:30 – 8:00 pm location TBD
A & B Technical competition will run simultaneously.

Collegiate Events
Routine competition in Solo, Duet, Trio, Team and Mixed Duet (Honorary only).

Places 1 - 12 after Preliminaries will progress to Finals. The routine in place 13 shall pre-swim the event. Each student-athlete may compete in no more than 3 different routine events, including Exhibition routines.
Collegiate Technical Events

**Category A Elements (Compulsory Routine)**

| AE1   | Barracuda Bent Knee Spin 360 | 2.5 |
| AE2   | Vertical Full Twist, Continuous Spin 1440 | 2.2 |
| AE3   | Cyclone Hybrid | 2.6 |
| AE4   | Manta Ray Hybrid | 3.1 |

**Category B Elements (Compulsory Routine)**

| BE1   | Barracuda Bent Knee Spin 180 | 2.3 |
| BE2   | Vertical Twist Spin | 1.8 |
| BE3   | Cyclone Hybrid | 2.6 |
| BE4   | Manta Ray Hybrid | 3.1 |

**Category C – Group 3**

| 423  | Ariana | 2.2 |
| 143  | Rio | 3.1 |
| 355f | Porpoise, Continuous Spin 720° | 2.1 |
| 315  | Seagull | 2.1 |

**Category D – Group 3**

| 106  | Ballet Leg, Straight | 1.6 |
| 301  | Barracuda | 1.9 |
| 226  | Swan | 2.1 |
| 363  | Water Drop | 1.5 |

**National Events**

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.

**Qualification:** The top 4 Solos, Duets, Mixed Duets and Teams determined by the individual Free and Technical routine scores in the most recent Senior Zone Championships shall qualify for the U.S. National Championship. In addition, each Zone shall receive one additional entry for each Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet or Team Technical or Free routine it places in the Finals at the previous U.S. National Championship (see chart below). If a Zone qualifier elects not to compete in the U.S. National Championship, the next highest ranked Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet or Team Technical or Free routine from the most recent Senior Zone Championship shall become eligible to enter the U.S. National Championship. For notification responsibilities, see Rule CP 5.4.

All collegiate athletes are welcome to compete in the Senior division with no qualifying requirement. All collegians will need to have passed grade level 5. The Host Association may also enter a Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet or Team Technical or Free routine if not otherwise represented in the Championship (see Rule CP 3.2.2.1.3 for further details).
Current National Training Center athletes may elect to compete in either Solo, Duet or Mixed Duet if not otherwise qualified (see Rule CP 3.2.2.2 for further details).

**National Free Combination Event:**

Senior Free Combination Event general rules:
1. Free Combination may enter without regards to qualifications.
2. All Free Combination routines must have 8 – 10 competitors.

Additional event rules for Senior Free Combination Event:
1. Competitors may be combined from 2 or more U.S. clubs for the Senior Free Combination event. The name of a multiple club entry must not reflect a particular club (for additional entry requirements, see Rule CP 3.2.2.1.4). Please send the multiple club combination entry form by email to baylee@usaartisticswim.org.
2. Competitors who are 13 and 14 years of age may participate in the Senior Free Combination Event.
3. Competitors will receive points from the Free Combination event toward the Senior High Point (individual or team). To qualify for Senior Team points, a Free Combination routine must have at least 1 competitor participating in other U.S. National Championship events. To qualify for Individual points, a competitor must participate in at least 1 other U.S. National Championship event.

**Additional Qualified Entries:**

The Zones listed below are eligible to enter the following number of additional routines per event from their final’s finish placements in the previous year’s competitions.

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**U.S. Nationals Foreign Federations**

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

Foreign Federation entry forms for the U.S. National Championship are at the link above.
Collegiate Awards
Routines: Medals 1-3, Ribbons 4 – 12
Technical Competition: Medals 1-3, Ribbons 4 – 12
The Parade of Athletes and Awards Ceremony will be held after the Team Finals on Saturday, March 30, at approximately 2:30 PM. Please have athletes wear their “official team warm-ups” for the awards.

The Overall Institution Award, Individual High Point Trophy, Collegiate Outstanding Synchronized Swimmer of the Year Award and the Mary Jo Ruggieri Scholarship will be announced at the Championship. The USA Artistic Swimming Collegiate All-America Team Awards and the USA Artistic Swimming All-Collegiate Awards will be announced on the USA Artistic Swimming website within a week of the completion of the Championship. Academic award certificates will be sent home with each coach. Coaches be sure to pick them up before leaving Saturday.

National Awards
Athletes who place 1-3 in Technical Routines, Free Routines or Free Combination routines will receive medals. Free Combination DOES count toward the High Point Awards (individual and team). Foreign Competitors shall receive honorary placements. Foreign competitors shall not be eligible to be pre-swimmer(s). 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.

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
Tent Rentals & Practice Space
Contact Christine McMaster-Shaw at mcmaster.christineanne@gmail.com
Tent & Table Rental: $150 for four days
Please email Christine for practice space availability.

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.

There will be snacks and drinks available every day throughout the day for all coaches, judges, and officials.

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 Synchro.

Photography
To be determined.

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.