



2022 USA Artistic Swimming Championship & Invitational Events

Invitation and Preliminary Entry Information

USA Artistic Swimming would like to officially invite your Federation to participate in the following National Championships and Invitational Events:

- U.S. National Championship**, April 6-10, Geneva, Ohio
- U.S. Junior Championship**, April 6-10, Geneva, Ohio
- U.S. 13-15 Championship**, April 28-May 1, Irvine, California
- U.S. 12 & Under Invitational**, April 28-May 1, Irvine, California
- U.S. Athletes with Disability (AWD) Invitational**, August 8-14, Charlotte, North Carolina
- U.S. Youth Open Championship**, August 8-14, Charlotte, North Carolina
- U.S. Masters Championship**, October 20-23, Waterville, Maine

- NOTES:**
1. For all U.S. National Championships, each Federation or Foreign club entered may send a maximum of 2 FINA/PanAm Aquatic Judges to the Championship. Judges must be on the current FINA and/or PanAm Aquatics List(s) of Artistic Swimming Officials. A FINA evaluator may be available at the U.S. Youth Open Championship and will be confirmed at a later date. See Judge exception for U.S. Athletes with Disability (AWD) Invitational.
 2. Foreign FINA and PanAm Aquatics judges from Federations not entered in a National Championship may participate, with priority given to judges whose Federations are entered. A maximum of 1 FINA/PanAm Aquatics practice judge per Federation will be accepted.
 3. In order to participate in any capacity, all Foreign FINA and/or PanAm Aquatics judges must have passed the most recent FINA Artistic Swimming Judges Certification School test and the FINA on-line annual exam. Practice judges at the U.S. Youth Open Championship must have passed at minimum a FINA Artistic Swimming Judges Advanced test.
 4. **Sponsor Fee:** For all U.S. National Championships and Invitational events, the sponsor fee is \$30.00 USD per competitor, including reserves.
 5. All Championships shall be conducted in accordance with FINA Rules (see USAAS website for exceptions and 2022 event waivers), except the U.S. Athletes with Disability (AWD) Invitational and U.S. Masters, which shall be conducted in accordance with USA Artistic Swimming Rules.

USA ARTISTIC SWIMMING RULES APPLICABLE TO FOREIGN COMPETITORS:

- A. **FOREIGN FEDERATIONS:** May enter competitors in USA Artistic Swimming National Championship and Invitational events under the following provisions and regulations:
 1. **Entries:** Foreign competitors may enter only with the written approval of their own Federations. This approval must be submitted to USA Artistic Swimming before visa assistance can be provided and before the final entry deadline.
 - a. In each Championship and Invitational event, Foreign Federations may have multiple club entries including their National Teams.
 - b. In each Championship and Invitational event, each competitor may only enter 1 Duet or Mixed Duet event.
 - c. See USAAS website for entry details, special events included and 2022 waiver details.

2. U.S. National Championship:

- a. Must be 15 years of age or older based on the year of birth.
- b. Each Foreign club or National Team may enter 3 Technical Solos, 3 Free Solos, 3 Technical Duets, 3 Free Duets, 3 Technical Mixed Duets, 3 Free Mixed Duets, 1 Technical Team, 1 Free Team and/or 1 Free Combination. Note: Technical and Free routines are separate events.

3. U.S. Junior Championship:

- a. Must be 15 to 18 years of age based on the year of birth.
- b. Each Foreign club or National Team may enter 3 Technical Solos, 3 Free Solos, 3 Technical Duets, 3 Free Duets, 3 Technical Mixed Duets, 3 Free Mixed Duets, 1 Technical Team, 1 Free Team and/or 1 Free Combination. Note: **For 2022 only**, Technical and Free routines will be separate events. Competitors may enter a Free routine, a Technical routine or both.

4. U.S. 13-15 Championship:

- a. Must be 13 to 15 years of age based on the year of birth.
- b. Each Foreign club or National Team may enter 3 Solos, 3 Duets, 3 Mixed Duets, 1 Team and/or 1 Free Combination.

5. U.S. 12 & Under Invitational:

- a. Must be 12 years of age and younger based on the year of birth.
- b. Each Foreign club or National Team may enter 2 Solos, 2 Duets, 2 Mixed Duets, 1 Team and/or 1 Free Combination.

6. U.S. Athletes with Disability (AWD) Invitational:

- a. Must have a physical and/or cognitive disability. See Technical Rules on the USAAS website.
- b. Entries shall not be limited.
- c. **Judge exception:** FINA and PanAm Aquatics Judges will be allowed to judge at any non-qualifying competitions. FINA and PanAm Aquatics judges must be on the current FINA and/or PanAm Aquatics List(s) of Artistic Swimming Officials. Foreign FINA and PanAm Aquatics Judges from Federations not entered in the competition may participate, with priority given to judges whose Federations are entered. In order to participate in any capacity, all Foreign FINA and/or PanAm Aquatics judges must have passed at minimum a FINA Artistic Swimming Judges Advanced test.

7. U.S. Youth Open Championship:

- a. Must be 13-15 years of age based on the year of birth.
- b. Held in conjunction with the FINA Youth World Championships in a separate club division.
- c. Entries shall not be limited.

- 8. U.S. Masters Championship:** Entries shall not be limited. There will be an AWD Division open to athletes 18 years of age and older who have a physical and/or cognitive disability. See Technical Rules on the USAAS website.

B. EVENT PROGRESSION:

1. **With the exception of the U.S. Open Championships**, Foreign competitors who qualify for any of the Final routine events shall compete in addition to the top qualifying USAAS competitors and shall receive an honorary award for their final placement. The USAAS competitors shall be listed in the final placement and given awards without regard to the placement of Foreign competitors. Foreign competitors shall not be eligible to be pre-swimmer(s).

INTENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM

NAME OF FEDERATION/CLUB _____

NAME OF HEAD COACH/OFFICIAL _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

PHONE - CELL _____

EMAIL _____

Please indicate the Championships and Invitational events you would like to enter:

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Solo Duet Mixed Duet Team Free Combo

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Solo Duet Trio Team Free Combo

All Federations interested in participating in any of the above championships or invitational events are requested to return the Intent to Participate form 30 days prior to the event via email to:

Betty Hazle, International Relations Chair, USA Artistic Swimming

Email: bettyhazle@yahoo.com

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO RECEIVE FINAL ENTRY MATERIAL.

All preliminary Championship or invitational information, including schedules, competition pool and program can be found on-line at www.teamusa.org/usa-artistic-swimming/events.