



2020 USA Synchro Championship Events

Invitation and Preliminary Entry Information

U.S. Synchronized Swimming would like to officially invite your Federation to participate in the following National Championships.

- **U.S. National Championship**, March 26-29, Mesa, Arizona
- **U.S. 13-15 Championship**, April 1-5, Mesa, Arizona
- **U.S. Junior Championship**, April 1-5, Mesa, Arizona
- **U.S. Junior Open Championship (Synchro America Open)**, June 12-14, Rochester, Michigan
- U.S. Senior Open Championship (Synchro America Open / FINA World Series)**, June 12-14, Rochester, Michigan
- **U.S. Masters Championship**, October 15-18, Location TBD

NOTES:

- For all U.S. National Championships, each Federation or Foreign club entered may send a maximum of 2 FINA/UANA Judges to the Championship. Judges must be on the current FINA and/or UANA List(s) of Artistic Swimming Officials. A FINA evaluator will only be available at the U.S. Junior and U.S. Senior Open Championships (Synchro America Open).
2. Foreign FINA and UANA 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/UANA practice judge per Federation will be accepted.
 3. In order to participate in any capacity, all Foreign FINA and/or UANA judges must have passed the most recent FINA Artistic Swimming Judges Certification School test and the FINA online annual exam. Practice judges at the Synchro America Open / FINA World Series must have passed the FINA Development School – Advanced category test.
 4. **Sponsor Fee:** For all U.S. National Championships, the sponsor fee is \$30.00 USD per competitor, including reserves.
 5. All Championships shall be conducted in accordance with FINA Rules (see USSS website for exceptions), except U.S. Masters, which shall be conducted in accordance with U.S. Synchronized Swimming Rules.

USA SYNCHRO RULES APPLICABLE TO FOREIGN COMPETITORS:

- A. **FOREIGN FEDERATIONS:** May enter competitors in U.S. Synchronized Swimming National Championship 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 U.S. Synchronized Swimming before visa assistance can be provided and before the final entry deadline.
 - a. In each Championship, Foreign Federations may have multiple club entries including their National Teams.
 - b. In each Championship, each competitor may only enter 1 Duet or Mixed Duet event.
 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 2 Solos (Technical or Free), 2 Duets (Technical or Free), 2 Mixed Duets (Technical or Free), 1 Team (Technical or Free) and/or 1 Free Combination. Note: Technical and Free routines are separate events.
 - c. Competitors are limited to 3 of the following events: Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet or Team. They may in addition enter the Free Combination event.
 3. **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 1 Solo, 1 Duet, 1 Mixed Duet, 1 Team and/ or 1 Free Combination.
 - c. Competitors are limited to 3 of the following events: Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet or Team. They may in addition enter the Free Combination event.
 4. **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 1 Solo, 1 Duet, 1 Mixed Duet, 1 Team and/or 1 Free Combination. Note: Technical and Free routines are mandatory in each event and scores are added together.
 - c. Competitors are limited to 3 of the following events: Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet or Team. They may in addition enter the Free Combination event.
 5. **U.S. Junior Open Championship (Synchro America Open):**
 - a. Must be 15 to 18 years of age based on the year of birth.
 - b. Each Foreign club or National Team may have unlimited entries in all Technical and Free routine events (Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet, Team and Free Combination). Note: Technical and Free routines are separate events.
 - c. Competitors are limited to 3 of the following events: Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet or Team. They may in addition enter only 1 Free Combination event.
 6. **U.S. Senior Open Championship (Synchro America Open / FINA World Series):**
 - a. Must be 15 years of age or older based on the year of birth.
 - b. Each Foreign club or National Team may have unlimited entries in all Technical and Free routine events (Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet, Team, Highlight and Free Combination). Note: Technical and Free routines are separate events.
 - c. Competitors are limited to 3 of the following events: Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet or Team. They may in addition enter only 1 Highlight and 1 Free Combination event.
 - d. Two sets of awards will be presented. Medals shall be awarded to places 1-3 in each Final Technical and Final Free routine event. In addition, medals shall also be awarded to places 1-3 in each Final Technical and Final Free routine event per Federation – one per country.
 7. **U.S. Masters Championship:** Entries shall not be limited.
- 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 USSS competitors and shall receive an honorary award for their final placement. The USSS 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).

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INTENT TO PARTICIPATE FORM

NAME OF FEDERATION/CLUB _____

NAME OF HEAD COACH/OFFICIAL _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

PHONE - CELL _____ **WORK** _____

EMAIL _____

Please indicate the Championships you would like to enter:

U.S. National Championship, March 26-29, Mesa, Arizona
Solo _____ Duet _____ Mixed Duet _____ Team _____ Free Combo _____

U.S. 13-15 Championship, April 1-5, Mesa, Arizona
Solo _____ Duet _____ Mixed Duet _____ Team _____ Free Combo _____

U.S. Junior Championship, April 1-5, Mesa, Arizona
Solo _____ Duet _____ Mixed Duet _____ Team _____ Free Combo _____

U.S. Junior Open Championship (Synchro America Open), June 12-14, Rochester, Michigan
Solo _____ Duet _____ Mixed Duet _____ Team _____ Free Combo _____

U.S. Senior Open Championship (Synchro America Open / FINA World Series), June 12-14, Rochester, Michigan
Solo _____ Duet _____ Mixed Duet _____ Team _____ Highlight _____ Free Combo _____

U.S. Masters Championship, October 15-18, Location TBD
Solo _____ Duet _____ Trio _____ Team _____ Free Combo _____

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

Betty Hazle, International Relations Chair, U.S. Synchronized Swimming
Email: bettyhazle@yahoo.com

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO RECEIVE FINAL ENTRY MATERIAL.

All preliminary Championship information, including schedules, competition pool and program can be found on-line at www.usasynchro.org in the "Events" area.