

2012 U.S. COLLEGIATE
SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS
March 15-17, Gainesville, FL



FINAL MEET ANNOUNCEMENT

- DATES** March 15-17, 2012 (Practice date: March 14)
- FACILITY** Stephen C. O'Connell Center, Natatorium
University of Florida Campus
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Gainesville, FL 32611
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- MEET MANAGER**
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- RULES TO GOVERN** The 2012 Official USA Synchrono Rulebook shall govern the Championships.
- ENTRIES**
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| Appendix A | Register and calculate fees online at www.usasynchro.org |
| FORM B | Collegiate Athlete of the Year Nomination |
| FORM C | Collegiate Contributor Award Nomination |
| FORM D | Mary Jo Ruggieri Collegiate Scholarship Nomination |
| FORM E | Athlete Affidavit of Eligibility |
| FORM F | Technical Event Affidavit |
| FORM G | Participating Seniors |
| FORM H | Housing and Transportation/Practice Time Request |
- ENTRY DEADLINE** Entries, Forms and Fees must be submitted electronically and postmarked no later than **Thursday, February 23, 2010 at Noon ET.**
Late Fees: Per Rule CP 5.6.1, any entry to a National championship received between **21 and 7 days prior** to the first day of the competition shall pay late fees. Sponsor and Event Entry fees are **triple** the fees listed below, unless a technology failure can be proven to account for untimely entry.
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 by phone and in writing to the Meet Manager.
- QUESTIONS ON ELECTRONICS ENTRIES TO:**
Jennifer Hawkins, USA Synchrono
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jennifer@usasynchro.org
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REGISTRATION	Wed., March 14	9 a.m.-5 p.m.	At the pool
COACHES MEETING	Wed., March 14	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Will be held at the pool
ATHLETES MEETING	Wed., March 14	5:30-6:30 p.m.	Will be held at the pool

FEE INFORMATION

- **Entry Fee** \$15 per competitor per routine, including alternates. If paying by check, make check payable to USA Synchro. Any swimmer who is listed as an alternate for a routine and who is not swimming any other routine event shall pay the entry fee. (Rulebook, Appendix C)
- **Surcharge** \$5 per competitor, including alternates. This surcharge is to assist in covering travel expenses of Scoring personnel. If paying by check, make check payable to USA Synchro. (Rulebook, Appendix C)
- **Sponsor Fee** \$25 per competitor. Make check payable to USA Synchro.
- **Credentials** Each club will receive 2 coach credentials per 10 credentialed athletes. In addition, each club will receive 2 team personnel credentials. Additional credentials are \$30 each. Please make check payable to USA Synchro.
Coaches are reminded that they need to carry their USA Synchro proof of certification to be allowed on deck.
- **Tickets** Tickets can be pre-ordered by calling the Gainesville Sports Commission at (352) 338-9300 starting January 3rd, 2012. Tickets will be sold onsite during competition. All-Event Pass: \$20, Thursday: \$7, Friday: \$7, Saturday: \$12
- **Parking** Maximum number of available parking spots at O'Connell center: 1429 (80 in the west lot, 898 in the north lot and 451 in the north lot garage) Parking will be free.

EVENTS

Technical Events

COLLEGIATE CATEGORY A ELEMENTS:

See Appendix E for performance criteria.

ELEMENT	DD
1. Thrust to Bent Knee	2.3
2. Nova, 1080° Spin, Spin Up 180°	2.9
3. Porpoise, Full Twist, Split Walkout	2.9
4. Rocket Split, Twirl	2.6

Category B - Group 3

313 Kip, Split, Closing 180°	2.5
112f Ibis, Continuous Spin (720°)	2.8
307 Flying Fish	3.0
115c Cataline, Twirl	2.8

Category C - Group 3

420 Walkover, Back	2.0
355e Porpoise, Spinning 360°	2.1
301d Barracuda, Spinning 180°	2.1
140 Flamingo, Bent Knee	2.4

Category D - Group 3

101R/L Ballet Leg, Single	1.6
360 Walkover, Front	2.1
344 Neptunus	1.8
301 Barracuda	2.0

Note: A draw will be held just prior to Figure competition to determine whether 101R, right leg, or 101L, left leg will be the figure.

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- ROUTINES** Routine competition in Solo, Duet, Trio and Team. Places 1-12 after Semi-Finals will progress to Finals. The routine in 13th place shall pre-swim the event.
- AWARDS** Routines: Medals 1-3, Ribbons 4-12; Figures: Medals 1-3, Ribbons 4-8
- SCORING** "New" multi-scoring will be used.
Questions about entries may go to the meet scoring chair:
Maggie Downey
352-494-4850 (c)
downeymm@gmail.com
- OFFICIALS** Please register on line by the entry deadline. In addition, please email Judges Administrator Linda Loehndorf with your intent to attend loehndorf@charter.net
- HOST HOTEL**
- Residence Inn I-75 - 3.8 miles**
3275 SW 40th Boulevard, Gainesville, FL 32608
Lise Cochran - (352) 264-0000
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/gnvgi-residence-inn-gainesville-i-75/>
All of the suites have a kitchen with a stove top, microwave, and fridge; some of the larger rooms have full ovens. All rates include the full hot breakfast buffet daily and an evening social that is served Mon-Thurs including beer, wine, and a light meal. Free wi-fi and parking.
- Studio Suites (king bed and sofa bed) – \$109
 - Double Queens (2 queens and a sofa bed) – \$129
 - 2 Bedroom Suites (1 king bedroom, 1 queen bedroom, sofa bed, 2 bathrooms) - \$149
- Hilton University of Florida Conference Center - 2.6 miles**
1714 Sw 34th Street, Gainesville, FL 32607
Douglas "DJ" Morgan - Sales Manager
www.Uf.Hilton.com
Phone: 352-371-3600
Direct: 352-384-3411
Groups – Ask for "USA synchro Group rate" at \$119.00 (call about breakfast options)
Individuals - Ask for "USA synchro rate" at \$119.00
- Overflow Hotels:**
Holiday Inn University Center – 0.8 miles (*walking distance*) (352)376-1661
Courtyard by Marriott Gainesville – 3.5 miles (352)335-9100
Homewood Suites by Hilton Gainesville – 3.7 miles (352)335-3133
Hilton Garden Inn – 3.5 miles (352)338-1466
Cabot Lodge - 3.4 miles (352)375-3600
Spring Hill Suites Marriott – 3.5 miles (352)376-8873
Sleep Inn and Suites – 3.5 miles (352)376-4145
Best Western Gateway Grand – 7.8 miles (352)331-3337
- AIRPORTS** Gainesville Regional Airport (GNV)- 5 miles
Jacksonville International Airport (JAX)- 79.6 miles
Orlando International Airport (MCO)- 125 miles
Tampa International Airport (TPA)- 140 miles

To help our members, we have an agreement with United Airlines. To receive a discount off the lowest available fare, call United at 800-841-0460 and tell them you're with "U.S. Synchronized Swimming" and use code 565EG.

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DIRECTIONS

Gainesville Regional Airport to Pool:

Head **east**
Continue straight onto **Airport Entrance**
Turn right onto **NE 39th Ave**
Turn left onto **NE Waldo Rd**
Turn right onto **E University Ave**
Turn left onto **Gale Lemerand Dr**

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

All major rental car companies are available at the airport.

POOL SPECS

Indoor Pool

- Overall Pool Distance: 8-Lanes, 50-meters
- Competition area: 8-Lanes, 25-meters with bulkhead,
- Bulkhead separates the other end used for quiet warmup/down during the meet.
- Maximum pool depth: 3.6-meters (1.2-meters at the shallow end)
- Total spectator capacity of the via retractable bleachers: 1104 (12 rows of 92 seats)
- Diving platforms: one 5-meter, one 10-meter No start end obstructions.

VENUE RULES

No food is permitted on the deck. Water bottles will be allowed. No coolers
There will be a designated gelling area at the pool. Please gel only in this area.

SOUND SYSTEM

A Clark Synthesis sound system with a variable speed CD player will be used.

FOOD SERVICES

A concession stand will be open during competition No glass or food is permitted on the pool deck.

OFFICIALS AND JUDGES HOSPITALITY

Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be available in the hospitality area throughout the competition. Please allow officials to eat first.

PROGRAM

Participating universities may **EMAIL** photos to the Meet Manager, Joleen Cacciatore, (jcacciatore@gainesvillesportscommission.com) for the official program for \$30. You must receive an email confirmation before deadline from Joleen. **Deadline is Monday February 7th, 2012.** Please attach a caption listing the order of the swimmers pictured. Programs will be available for purchase at the ticket booth during competition.

TEAM BANNERS

Banners will be accepted at registration only. Please hand them in and the Gainesville Sports Commission (GSC) staff will hang them for competition. The (GSC) remove banners Saturday and return to teams.

MEDIA SERVICES

To assist the USA Synchro Media Relations Director at the event, please bring a phone/fax list of your university's local media outlets. You can acquire this list from your school's or athletic department's Sports Information Office or university Media Relations department.

ATHLETIC TRAINING STAFF

The GSC is providing athletic training staff throughout the competition. If your team is accompanied by a certified athletic trainer, your athletic trainer may use our facilities to administer care to one of your athletes. GSC staff will also provide a cooler of water on deck throughout the competition.

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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 U.S. Synchronized Swimming.

PHOTOGRAPHER

There will be a professional phototographer at venue during competition and photos will be available for purchase.

Personal use photography will be allowed by the audience, from the stands as long as not obstructing the view of others, with any camera using no flash.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Please consult the FINAL SCHEDULE distributed at Registration for updates or adjustments.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14		
AM 7:30	8:00	Lap swimming only
8:00	5:30	Assigned practice with music
9:00	5:00	Registration at pool
PM 4:00		Exhibition routine declarations due - no exceptions!
5:30	6:30	Athletes meeting at Pool
5:30	6:30	Officials & Coaches meeting at Pool
THURSDAY, MARCH 15		
AM 8:00	8:30	Lap swimming only
8:30	8:50	Warm-up Solo semifinal – First Group
8:55	11:20	Solo semifinal
11:30	11:50	Warm-up Duet semifinal – First Group
11:55	3:20	Duet Semifinal
PM 3:30	3:50	Warm-up Trio semifinal – First Group
3:55	6:30	Trio semifinal
FRIDAY, MARCH 16		
AM 7:00	7:30	Lap swimming only
7:30	8:00	Warm-up “D” Technical
8:05	9:00	“D” Technical competition
9:00	9:30	Warm-up “C” Technical
9:35	10:35	“C” Technical competition
10:35	11:05	Warm-up “B” Technical
11:10	12:20	“B” Technical competition
12:20	12:50	Warm-up “A” Technical
12:55	2:00	“A” Technical competition
2:00	3:00	Open Pool
3:00	3:30	Warm-up Team semifinal – First Group
3:35	6:15	Team semifinal
SATURDAY, MARCH 17		
AM 7:00	7:45	Open Pool
7:15	7:30	DRAW
7:45	8:25	Warm-up Trio & Duet finals
8:30	9:50	Trio finals
9:55	11:05	Duet finals
11:10	12:00	Warm-up Solo & Team finals
12:05	1:05	Solo finals
1:10	2:45	Team finals
3:15	4:15	Parade of Athletes
4:25	5:00	Awards

Appendix A: 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 “Registration”. See the entry instructions on the site. If you have any technical difficulties or questions, please email or call Jennifer at 317-237-5700 x5708 or jennifer@usasynchro.org.

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[OPTIONAL FORM, deadline at the Conclusion of the First Day of Competition]

FORM B: COLLEGIATE ATHLETE OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

Nominee's Name: _____

Institution: _____ Freshman__ Sophomore __ Junior __ Senior __

This award is presented to an athlete who is nominated for contributions to collegiate synchronized swimming and is based equally on athletics, academics and community service. Please highlight the contributions/accomplishments of this swimmer in the sections following:

Athletic Merit:

Academic Merit:

Community Service:

Nominator's Name/Institution: _____

Nomination forms need to be returned at the Conclusion of the First Day of Competition. Copies will be posted and given to the zone athlete representatives so that a vote can be taken at the meet.

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[OPTIONAL FORM, deadline at the Conclusion of the First Day of Competition]

FORM C: OUTSTANDING COLLEGIATE CONTRIBUTOR NOMINATION

Nominee's Name: _____

Institution or position held: _____

This award is presented to an individual or organization that has made a significant impact on the collegiate synchronized swimming program in the United States. Someone who has forwarded the cause of the collegiate program through committee work or through support of the concept of collegiate synchronized swimming.

Please list the ways that this individual or organization has impacted the collegiate program:

Please list committee work done or support shown for the concept of the collegiate program:

Nominator's Name/Institution: _____

Nomination forms need to be returned at the Conclusion of the First Day of Competition. Copies will be posted and given to the zone athlete representatives so that a vote can be taken at the meet.

FORM D: MARY JO RUGGIERI SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATION

**The Mary Jo Ruggieri
Collegiate Synchronized Swimming
Scholarship Award**

Coaches: Please nominate one member from your team that shows outstanding achievements in the following categories: Swimming Ability, Team Contributions, and Community Leadership. The motivation to help "Synchro" grow at the college level is also a factor in choosing this nominee.

Name _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Univeristy _____

University Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Please list your achievements in the area of Swimming Ability _____

Please list your achievements in the area of Team Contributions _____

Please list your achievements in the area of Community Leadership _____

If more room is needed, please continue on the reverse side of this sheet.

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[REQUIRED FORM, deadline-postmarked no later than February 23]

FORM G: PARTICIPATING SENIORS

The meet hosts will honor each participating senior with a flower. Please list ALL seniors participating in this Championship and the number of years they have competed at the COLLEGIATE level.

Team:

NAME

NUMBER OF YRS (@collegiate level)

Mail form to:

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FORM H: HOUSING/TRANSPORTATION & PRACTICE AVAILABILITY

Club/Official Name _____ Club Code _____

Coach Name _____

Arriving: Air Auto Other

Date _____ Time _____

Flight _____ Airline _____

Departure Date _____ Time _____

Hotel/Lodging _____ Phone _____

No. of Athletes _____

No. of Coaches/Officials _____

Please list three on-site emergency contacts for your club (they may be coaches, officials or parents).

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Preferred time of practice session on Wed. March 14: _____

Confirmation of practice time will be made by Email. Please include an Email address below so that we can inform you in advance of your practice time. Every effort will be made to contact you by March 6 of your practice time. If a coach does not have or use an Email address, please include the Email address of an athlete who is an Email user.

Email address to send practice time confirmation to (please print clearly):

Mail form to: Joleen Cacciatore, Associate Executive Director
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