



2013 U.S. Masters
Synchronized Swimming Championships
 October 16th – 20th
Albuquerque, New Mexico
OFFICIAL MEET ANNOUNCEMENT



MEET MANAGER AND LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU

Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau
 Assistant Director of Convention Services: Denise Suttle
suttle@itsatrip.org
 (505) 222 4315 or (800) 733 9918



FACILITY West Mesa Aquatic Center (Indoor Facility)
 6705 Fortuna Road NW
 Albuquerque, NM 87121
 (505) 836-8718

FACILITY MANGER Joshua Herbert
 Office – (505) 836-8708
jherbert@cabq.gov

POOL SPECS

Length:	50 Meter - 30 Meters (to bulkhead)	Width: 25 yards
Depth:	12.5 ft sloping to 8 ft (at bulkhead)	Indoor pool
Bulkhead:	30 meters for competition area	
Entry:	Deep end, deck is flat with no obstructions Competitors can enter from deck or gutter	
Warm-up pool:	Shallow-end 8 ft to 5.5 ft (opposite side of bulkhead)	
Spectators:	Permanent bleachers – to the left if standing on deep end deck facing pool Extensive room around facility for team areas.	

SANCTIONED BY United States Synchronized Swimming

RULES TO GOVERN The 2013 Official USA Synchro Rulebook shall govern the Championships.

POOL RENTAL Pool rental will be available upon request. Please contact Janet Lyon-Huffman (meet manager) if you are interested.

PRACTICE Free Team practice, with music, will be completed in order of draw, one time through, in the following age group order (oldest to youngest): 90, 80, 70, 60, 50.....

WELCOME RECEPTION

Please join us at the Crowne Plaza on Wednesday, October 16th from 6:00pm – 10:00pm

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- SOUND SYSTEM / MUSIC FORMAT** A Clark Synthesis sound system with a variable speed CD player will be used. All music should be on CD with one CD with a single track for each routine.
- COACHES** All US coaches on deck must be 100% certified by USA Synchro. Please check that you are certified on the USASynchro.org website under Education and the Coaching Certification Program. If there are any concerns, please contact Kevin in the National Office, and bring any proof of certifications not shown on the web site to registration.
- SCORING CHAIR** Jackie McDaniel
[\(619\) 464-7379](tel:6194647379) (home)
[\(619\) 251-5282](tel:6192515282) (cell)
jackiemcd43@hotmail.com
- ENTRIES** Register online at www.usasynchro.org for Entries and Fees, Music Selection, Programs, and Spectator Tickets. U.S. entries are accepted online only.
- To register online, login to your account from the homepage of the USASynchro.org website, by clicking on "Registration". If you have any technical difficulties or questions, please email or call Jennifer Hawkins at (317) 237-5700 x5708 or jennifer@usasynchro.org
- Form E:** Transportation and Housing Information Form – Email to romero@itsatrip.org.
Mail - Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 601, Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA 87102
- Form F:** May McEwan Award Nomination Form – Email to bab11@chrysler.com or mail to Beth Borland, Masters Chair, 1390 Bramblebush Run, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304-1503
Nominations will be accepted up to 9:00am on Friday, October 18.
(VOTING WILL BE - Friday, October 18 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM)
- Form H:** Foreign Delegations Entry Form – mail to USA Synchro, Attn: Jennifer Hawkins, 132 E. Washington St., Suite 820, Indianapolis, IN 46204, USA
jennifer@usasynchro.org 317-237-5700
- FOREIGN DELEGATIONS**
- Entries are not limited. Complete Form H and send with written Federation approval. Entry fees other than a Sponsor Fee are waived. Sponsor Fees are \$25 per competitor. Entries will be Honorary.
- DEADLINES**
- PROGRAM PIX or ADS** Email digital photos by **September 25, 2013** to JLyonhuff@msn.com (additional fee if received after deadline); See Program Pictures, page 4, for prices and information.
- OFFICIALS** Complete online registration no later than **September 25, 2013**. In addition, please e-mail Judges Administrator Pam Edwards with your intent to attend at pamsync@sbcglobal.net. Those wishing to take the National judge's tests should notify Pam. Please refer to meet schedule for testing time on Friday October 18^h. Judges uniform shall be white shirts and black pants.
- ENTRY** Complete online registration no later than Wednesday **September 25, 2013 at 11:59pm EST**
- Late Fees:** As stated in Appendix C, per Technical 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 shall be a minimum of \$100 or 10% of the total entry fee, whichever is greater, for first time offenders unless a technology failure can be proven to account for a late entry. For each ensuing offense, within a season, the percentage will increase by 5%.

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FEE INFORMATION

ENTRY FEE

\$30.00 per competitor for each Free Routine, including alternates; Combination, including alternates; or Figure event entered. 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, App. C, Pg. 3)

ATHLETE TRAVEL FUND

\$2.00 per competitor (Masters Athlete Travel Fund-See Rule MS 7.3)

FINA JUDGES TRAVEL

\$2.00 per competitor for club options (FINA Judges Travel Fund for Club Options – See Rule MS 7.4)

SPONSOR FEE

\$25.00 per competitor

CREDENTIALS

All competitors, coaches, team managers, officials and volunteers will receive credentials. Access to the facility will be strictly enforced. Please wear your credential at all times. Each club will receive coaches / team manager credentials per the chart below. Additional credentials can be purchased for \$30.00 each. Make checks payable to USA Synchro.

# of athletes	Maximum # of free credentials	
	Coaches	Team Managers
1-10	2	1
11-15	3	2
16-20	4	2
21-25	5	3
26-30	6	3
31-35	7	4
36-40	8	4
41-45	9	5
46-50	10	5

SPECTATOR TICKETS

- Spectator tickets for Thursday, Friday and Sunday will be **\$3** per day.
- Spectator tickets on Saturday will be **\$5** each.
- Spectator tickets for Thursday thru Friday will be **\$10** each.
- Advance tickets can be purchased with online meet entry registration.
- Spectator tickets will be required for anyone without a credential to access the bleachers.
- Tickets can also be purchased at the pool entrance.
- Free admission to Life Members and children 10 years and younger.

VENUE RULES

A gelling station will be set up on the pool deck. Gelling must be in designated areas; not in the locker room. No de-gelling in the showers, in the pool or on the pool deck. De-gelling anywhere in the facility is prohibited and will result in a fine of \$100.

For anyone leaving directly from the pool to the airport, please see meet managers for de-gelling guidelines. No glass and no cooking are allowed on the pool deck; coolers may NOT be brought into the facility.

LIVE WEB STREAMING

Take It Live in conjunction with USOC will provide live web streaming of the meet. The webcasts are free to watch. DVDs of the event will be sold at a later date for families that want to keep a memento.

PHOTO / VIDEO REGULATIONS

Personal use photography will be allowed. No flash photography. 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.

PROGRAM PICTURES and ADS

CLUB PHOTOS:

Participating clubs are invited to send solo, duet, trio and team photos for the official championship program. Cost per photo is \$25. Only digital photos will be accepted.

Send photos as an attachment to an email. In the email subject line indicate the club name. In the body of the email include the complete name of club, city and state, description of photo, routine age, name and age of the swimmers. (DO NOT send a word text document.) Name your attached photo file a name that describes your team photo (i.e. SSY_30-39_trio.jpg).

PERSONAL GREETINGS:

Family and Friends can submit personal greetings and pictures to be included in the championship program. Personal messages of good luck and a job well done can be submitted along with or without a photo. These photos and messages will be placed randomly in the program and will not be included in the team area of the program. Prices are in the payment section, below.

ORDERING CLUB PHOTOS AND PERSONAL GREETINGS:

Photos & Greeting are to be received by e-mail by September 25, 2013. Send photos as a high resolution JPEG file (.jpg). Send desired size and greeting as an email message to JLyonhuff@msn.com.

PAYMENT FOR ORDERING CLUB PHOTOS AND PERSONAL GREETINGS

Club Name: _____

Person Submitting: _____

Phone number: _____

Item	Quantity	Cost	Extended
Club Photo		\$ 25.00	
Greetings		\$10.00	
Full-Page		\$ 100.00	
Half-Page		\$ 50.00	
1/4 Page		\$ 25.00	
Business Card		\$ 15.00	
Shout-Out		\$ 5.00	
Total			

Send the above information along with payment by check written to **DUKE CITY AQUATICS** for the full amount to be postmarked by **September 25, 2013** to:

2013 US Masters Championship
c/o Duke City Aquatics
PO Box 65425
Albuquerque, NM 87193

CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

\$10 each program. Please order in advance via online registration. Limited copies will be available for purchase at the pool main entrance. *Be sure to take home copies of the Championship Program for family and club members who could not attend!* Each team who submits a team photo will receive one complimentary championship program.

EVENTS

- Free Routines: (Solo, Duet, Trio or Team)
- Number of Events: Each competitor may compete in no more than three (3) events – Free routine events (Solo, Duet, Trio or Team). Figure competition and Combination are excluded from this limitation.
- Technical Routines: (Solo, Duet, Trio or Team)
- Competitors must compete in a Technical Routine for each Free Routine Event entered.
- Figure competition
- Combination (see Rule CP 4.2.2 for definition of event)
- Order of Events: All events start with the 40's age group

FIGURES

Division A:		
101	Ballet Leg, Single	1.6
320	Somersault, Front Pike	1.7
344	Neptunus	1.8
301	Barracuda	2.0

Division B:		
101 R/L	Ballet Leg, Single	1.6
360	Walkover, Front	2.1
301d	Barracuda, Spinning 180°	2.1
140	Flamingo, Bent Knee	2.4

Division C:		
420	Walkover, Back	2.0
355e	Porpoise, Spinning 360°	2.1
307	Flying Fish	3.0
115c	Catalina Twirl	2.8

A draw will be held prior to Division B Figure competition to determine whether 101R, right leg, or 101L, left leg will be the figure performed.

TECHNICAL ELEMENTS

See Appendix L 2011 for Masters Required Elements for Technical Routines.

AWARDS

Routine Awards: Medals 1st – 3rd and Ribbons 4th – 8th (for each event and age group)
Combination Awards: Medals 1st – 3rd and Ribbons 4th – 8th
Figures: Ribbons 1st – 8th (by division, category, and age)

Award recipients who wish to voluntarily donate medals back for reuse in future years, please leave them in the scoring room medal recycling box.

ADDITIONAL AWARDS

Special awards include the May McEwan Award (see the attached nomination form) and the High Point Team Awards (places 1st – 3rd). Figures and Combo are an optional event and placement will not factor in the high point awards.

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REGISTRATION

Wednesday, October 16 th	4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	West Mesa Aquatic Center
Wednesday, October 16 th	6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Crowne Plaza
Thursday, October 17 th	7:30 am – 12:00 noon	West Mesa Aquatic Center

OFFICIALS and COACHES MEETING

Meeting to be held at the West Mesa Aquatic Center on Wednesday, October 16th from 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

ATHLETE MEETING

Meeting to be held at the West Mesa Aquatic Center on Friday, October 18th from 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

BANQUET

Friday, October 18th, 2013 – At the Crowne Plaza – Host Hotel. Cost \$35, from 6:30 pm – 10:30 pm

FOOD SERVICES

A concession stand will be open at the West Mesa Aquatic Center during all competition times.

OFFICIALS AND JUDGES HOSPITALITY

Food will be available in the hospitality room throughout the competition.
Hospitality is provided for credentialed officials.

FUND RAISING EVENT

Come join USA Synchro and help raise money to support Masters Synchronized Swimming. We will be hosting a Hollywood type premiere with all of the glamour and fun of this type of event. We will be premiering the 2013 highlight film of the top routines from throughout the various national championships in 2013.

There will be popcorn and light snacks as well as a cash bar. So dress up with your friends and come support Masters Synchro Hollywood style!

Specific registration and ticket information to come soon. If you would like to be involved or know of a potential sponsor please contact Julie Swarts at the national office.

Please refer to meet schedule for time on Saturday October 19^h.

HOST PROPERTY

Crowne Plaza Albuquerque – 6 miles from pool facility, 6 miles to airport

1901 University Blvd NE
Albuquerque, NM 87102
(505) 884-2500

\$ 109 per Night – (Single or Double room)

If considering other hotel options, consider supporting USA Synchro sponsor, Hilton Hotels:

AIRPORT

Albuquerque International Sunport Airport (ABQ) – 11 miles from pool facility

To help our members, we have an agreement with United Airlines. To receive a discount off the lowest available fare, book your travel **online** through www.united.com.

In the Offer Code box, when searching for flights, enter USA Synchronized Swimming

Code – ZNYU600186

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Taxi and all major car rental companies are available.

DIRECTIONS:

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From Albuquerque International Sunport to Crowne Plaza Hotel:

Take *Sunport Blvd. SE* to merge onto *I-25 N* via the ramp. Head north to exit 225 toward *Lomas/Menaul/Candelaria Rd.* Merge onto *Oak St. NE.* Continue onto *Frontage Rd N.* Turn right onto *Menaul Blvd. NE.* Take the 2nd right onto *University Blvd NE.* Crowne Plaza will be on your right. Crowne Plaza, 1901 University Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87102.

From Crowne Plaza to West Mesa Aquatic Center and Community Center:

Head South on *University Blvd NE.* Take the 1st Right (signs for I-40 W/Gallup/Frontage Rd W). Slight left toward I-40 W, take the ramp onto *I-40 W.* Take exit 155 for *Coors Blvd S.* Merge onto *Coors Blvd NW.* Continue straight to stay on *Coors Blvd NW.* Turn left onto *Glenrio Rd NW.* West Mesa Community Center will be on your right. 5500 Glenrio Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87105

From Albuquerque International Sunport to West Mesa Aquatic Center and Community Center:

Take *Sunport Blvd SE* to merge onto *I-25 N* via the ramp. Head north to interchange with I-40. Take exit 226-A-226-B for *I-40 E/I-40 W toward Santa Rosa/Gallup.* Choose the Left lane for 226-B to merge onto *I-40 W toward Gallup.* Take exit 155 for *Coors Blvd S.* Merge onto *Coors Blvd NW.* Stay on *Coors Blvd NW* to *Glenrio Rd NW.* Turn left onto *Glenrio Rd,* swim complex will be on the right.

ATTRACTIONS:

Albuquerque – Where Adventure Meets Culture

Diverse cultures, authentic art and vibrant traditions have shaped the centuries-old story of Albuquerque. Come experience the history that continues to unfold with premier cultural events, distinctive attractions, museums and shopping. Not to be missed: Old Town, Nob Hill, Sandia Peak Tramway, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque Balloon Museum, and National Hispanic Cultural Center.

Leading travel websites are touting Albuquerque as the place to be. *Forbes.com* recently ranked Albuquerque among its 5 Remarkably Affordable Travel Destinations for 2013. *Fodor's Travel* also named Albuquerque one of the Top 25 Places to Go in 2013 highlighting the city's family-friendly attractions, accessible outdoor recreation and great weather – all at an incredible value.

Whatever you choose to do, a world of adventure, culture and authentic experience awaits you. Start planning your trip today to attend the 2013 U.S. Masters Synchronized Swimming Championships. Call 1-800-284-2282 or visit www.ItsATrip.org for information, attractions, other events and coupons.

TENTATIVE MEET SCHEDULE

All events start with age group 40. (Except team practice with music - Oldest to Youngest)

A final schedule will be created based on actual entries and should be available approximately 1 week prior to the start of the meet.

START	END	ACTIVITY
Wednesday, October 16		
4:00 pm	6:00	Registration at the West Mesa Aquatic Center
4:30	5:30	Officials and Coaches Meeting at the West Mesa Aquatic Center
6:00	10:00	Welcome Reception at the Crowne Plaza (Host Hotel)
6:30	10:00	Registration at the Crowne Plaza
Thursday, October 17		
7:30 am	12:00 pm	Registration at the West Mesa Aquatic Center
8:00	8:30	Open Pool
8:30	12:00 pm	Tech Solo
12:00	5:30	Free Solo
5:30	7:00	Figures
Friday, October 18		
7:00 am	7:30	Open Pool
7:30	11:00	Technical Duet
11:00	11:30	Combo practice with music (order of draw)
11:30	1:30 pm	Technical Trio
1:30	2:30	Combo Competition
2:30	3:30	Athlete Meeting at the West Mesa Aquatic Center
3:30	5:30	Judge's Testing - Location to be determined
3:30	6:00	Free Team practice with music (one time thru in order of draw starting the OLDEST age group FIRST and going down to youngest)
7:00		Banquet at Crowne Plaza (Host Hotel) Awards for Figures, Solo, Combo, and May McEwan Award
Saturday, October 19		
7:00 am	7:30	Open Pool
7:30	11:00	Free Trio
12:00	4:30	Free Duet
4:30	5:00	Awards for Trio and Duet
5:00	7:00	Technical Team
7:30	??	Fund Raising Event - Location to be determined
Sunday, October 20		
6:30	7:00	Open Pool
7:00	12:00	Free Team
12:30		Awards for Team and High Point

FORM E: TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING INFORMATION

Club/Official Name _____ Club Code _____

Contact Name _____ Email _____

Contact Phone _____

ENTRY DEADLINE = SEPTEMBER 25, 2013 at 11:59 pm EST

TRANSPORTATION

Arrival Please circle one: Air Auto Other

Date _____ Time _____

Airline / Flight Number _____

Departure

Date _____ Time _____

Airline / Flight Number _____

HOTEL/LODGING

Check if staying at Crowne Plaza (Host Hotel) ____ otherwise; complete the Hotel/Lodging information below:

Hotel/Lodging _____ Phone _____

No. of Athletes _____ No. of Coaches/Officials _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Name

Cell Phone Number

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

E-mail to: to romero@itsatrip.org.

Or Mail: Albuquerque Convention and Visitors Bureau
20 First Plaza NW, Suite 601, Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA 87102

FORM H: FOREIGN ENTRY FORM

Must be completed by all Foreign Federations. Written approval from your Federation **MUST** accompany this entry. Please contact USA Synchro immediately if you need VISA support.

NAME OF TEAM/ FEDERATION _____

NAME OF HEAD COACH/ OFFICIAL _____

ADDRESS _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE – HOME: _____ WORK: _____

FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

Please complete as many forms as needed for all entries

NOTICE: 1. Entries are not limited.

2. An individual competitor may only enter three routine events (Solo, Duet, Trio or Team), excluding Combination.

Event		Names	Age Group	Date of Birth	Music Theme
SOLO	NAME	1.			
SOLO		2.			
DUET	NAMES	1.			
		2.			
	RESERVE				
DUET		1.			
		2.			
	RESERVE				
TRIO	NAME	1.			
		2.			
		3.			
	RESERVE				
TEAM	NAMES	1.			
/COMBO		2.			
		3.			
		4.			
		5.			
		6.			
		7.			
		8.			
	TEAM RESERVES /COMBO ENTRIES	9.			
		10.			
	COMBO RESERVES	1.			
		2.			
Figures		Names	Age Group	Date of Birth	Division A, B, C
		1.			
		2.			
		3.			
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		5.			
		6.			
		7.			
		8.			
		9.			
		10.			

Name of Judge: _____ Rating Level: _____

SPONSOR FEE

of Competitors entered (incl. reserves/alternates) _____ x \$25 Total Sponsor Fee = \$ _____

Make check payable or money order in USD to: USA Synchro

Mail to: Jennifer Hawkins; USA Synchro; 132 E. Washington Street, Suite 820; Indianapolis, IN 46204; USA