



- POOL RENTAL** Rental of pool space will be offered for \$100 per hour for the competition area with sound system availability. The other side of the bulkhead is also available for \$75 per hour (no sound). Teams should contact Jessica Naranjo at [jessnaranjo111011@gmail.com](mailto:jessnaranjo111011@gmail.com) regarding reserving the pool.
- RULES TO GOVERN** 2013 – 2017 FINA Synchronized Swimming Rules with two exceptions. 1) .25 deduction for each competitor fewer than 8 on a team. 2) Competitors ages 13 - 14 may compete in the Junior/ Senior Free Combination event. Free Combination routines must have 8 – 10 competitors. The FINA draw will be used for all events.
- GRADE LEVELS** Qualified registered competitors must have attained Grade Level 3 for entry into the 2016 U.S. National, U.S. Junior and U.S. 13-15 Championships. For Grade Level requirements, see USSS Synchro Grade Level Manual.
- ELIGIBILITY NUMBER OF EVENTS** Each competitor may compete in no more than 3 different routine events in the 13 – 15 competition, 3 different routine events in the Junior competition and 3 different routine events in the Senior competition. The Free Combination event does not count as one of the 3 routine events.
- All qualifying rules must be met for whatever event is being entered. Please refer to USA Synchro Rulebook for complete rules.**
- 13 – 15 EVENTS**  
(13 – 15 years of age) Competition in Solo, Duet and Team, consisting of Figures and Free routines. Twelve (12) routines will advance to finals. Competition in the Free Combination event consists of 100% routine score. The top four (4) solos, duets, and teams are qualified determined by the combined free routine and figure scores at the most recent 13 - 15 ZONE Championship. If a Zone qualifier elects not to compete in the U.S. 13 - 15 Championship, the next highest ranked Solo, Duet or Team from the most recent 13 - 15 Zone Championship shall become eligible to enter the U.S. 13 - 15 Championship. For notification responsibilities, see Rule CP 5.4. Each Zone may qualify one additional entry for each routine it places in the finals at the previous U.S. 13-15 Championship.
- JUNIOR EVENTS**  
(15 – 18 years of age) Competition in Solo, Duet and Team, consisting of Figures and Free routines. Twelve (12) routines will advance to finals. Competition in the Free Combination event consists of 100% routine. The top six (6) solos, duets, and teams are qualified determined by the combined free routine and figure scores at the most recent JUNIOR ZONE Championship. If a Zone qualifier elects not to compete in the U.S. Junior Championship, the next highest ranked Solo, Duet or Team from the most recent Junior Zone Championship shall become eligible to enter the U.S. Junior Championship. For notification responsibilities, see Rule CP 5.4. Each Zone may qualify one additional entry for each routine it places in the finals at the previous U.S. Junior National Championship.
- SENIOR EVENTS**  
(15 & over years of age) Competition in Solo, Duet and Team, consisting of Technical and Free routines. Twelve (12) routines will advance to finals. Competition in the Free Combination event consists of 100% routine. The top four (4) solos, duets, and teams are qualified determined by the combined free and technical score at the most recent SENIOR ZONE Championship. If a Zone qualifier elects not to compete in the U.S. National Championship, the next highest ranked Solo, Duet or Team 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. Each Zone may qualify one additional entry for each routine it places in the finals at the previous U.S. National Championship. The top eight (8) Solos, Duets and Teams, including Exhibition routines, in the most recent U.S. Collegiate Championship Preliminary Event are also qualified. All Senior competitors will compete in both technical and free events.
- FREE COMBINATION EVENTS** There is no qualifying score for the Free Combination events. Competitors for the 13 – 15 Free Combination events must be 13 – 15 years of age and be from the same club. Competitors for the Junior Free Combination events must be 15 – 18 years of age and be from the same club. Competitors for the Senior Free Combination events must be 15 and over years of age and can be from two or more clubs. The name of a multiple club entry must not reflect a particular club. Competitors from the U.S. National and U.S. Junior Championships may be combined (within the same club) for the Junior/ Senior Free Combination event. Competitors who are 13 and 14 years of age may participate in the Junior/ Senior Combination Event. All Free Combination routines must have 8 – 10 competitors.

**FOREIGN  
FEDERATIONS**

Foreign Federations may enter the U.S. 13 – 15, U.S. Junior and U.S. National Championship following the information posted in the invitation at the following website-

<http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Synchronized-Swimming/Resources/International>

[http://www.teamusa.org/~media/USA\\_Synchronized/Documents/Events/2016/2016%20Foreign%20Invite%20FINAL.pdf](http://www.teamusa.org/~media/USA_Synchronized/Documents/Events/2016/2016%20Foreign%20Invite%20FINAL.pdf)

**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.

2015 13 – 15 Finalists for 2016 U.S. 13 - 15 Championship					2015 Junior Finalists for 2016 U.S. Junior Championship				
Event	West	North	South	East	Event	West	North	South	East
Solo	7	0	2	3	Solo	11	0	0	1
Duet	8	0	0	4	Duet	11	0	0	1
Team	7	1	2	2	Team	7	1	1	3

2015 National Finalists for 2016 U.S. National Championship				
Event	West	North	South	East
Solo	5	2	0	2
Duet	3	3	0	1
Team	2	1	0	0

**TENTATIVE  
SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, April 5	Fee based practice time, Registration/ Team Check-in, Junior Team Practice with music, 13 - 15 Team Practice with music.
Wednesday, April 6	Coaches and Officials meeting, Junior Figures, 13 – 15 Figures, Junior Solo Preliminary, 13 – 15 Duet Preliminary, 13 – 15 Free Combination Practice with music.
Thursday, April 7	13 – 15 Solo Preliminary, Junior Duet Preliminary, 13 – 15 Team Preliminary, Junior Team Preliminary, Senior Tech Duet, 13 – 15 Duet Final.
Friday, April 8	Senior Tech Solo, 13 – 15 Solo Final, Junior Solo Final, 13 – 15 Team Final, Senior Tech Team, 13 – 15 Free Combination Final, Senior Free Solo Preliminary, 13 – 15 Awards, Junior Duet Final, Junior/ Senior Free Combination Practice with music, Senior Free Team Practice with music
Saturday, April 9	Senior Solo Final, Senior Duet Final, Junior Team Final, Senior Team Final, Junior/ Senior Free Combination Final, Junior and Senior Awards
Sunday, April 10	13 - 15 and 12 & Under National Team Trials Phase 3

Notes- Duet and Team Free Preliminary Events for Seniors may be held depending on entries.

Free Combination Preliminary Events may be held depending on entries.

## ATTACHMENT C: PHOTO, GREETINGS, & PROGRAM AD FORM

### CLUB PHOTOS

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

Additional information: Save photos as a JPEG (.jpg) digital file. Set JPEG compression for high quality. If prepared correctly the digital JPEG attachment should be between 250 and 400K. 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. SST\_13/15\_trio.jpg). Send one photo and caption per email (i.e. 4 photos = 4 email messages).

See ordering and payment information below.

### PERSONAL GREETINGS

Family and Friends can submit personal greetings of 25 words or less for \$10 to be included in the championship program. Personal messages of good luck and a job well done may also 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. Sizes and prices are listed below.

### ORDERING CLUB PHOTOS AND PERSONAL GREETINGS

Photos, Ads and Greetings are to be received by e-mail by February 12, 2016. Send photos as a high resolution JPEG file (.jpg). Send desired size and greeting in an email message to Andrea Gauthier at [agauthier@email.arizona.edu](mailto:agauthier@email.arizona.edu). (DO NOT send a word file attachment.) Include desired size of personal greeting you would like in the email. In the subject line put the item name.

### 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 Ad		\$ 140.00	
Half-Page Ad		\$ 80.00	
1/4 Page Ad		\$ 45.00	
Business Card		\$ 25.00	
<b>Total</b>			

Send the above information along with payment by check written to [ASSA](#) for the full amount to be postmarked by February 12, 2016 to: Candy Kaemerer, 9707 E. Nittany Way, Tucson, AZ 85749