



**2017 U.S. National**  
**Synchronized Swimming Championships**  
**April 4 – April 9**  
**Oro Valley Aquatics Center - Oro Valley, Arizona**

**PRE-MEET ANNOUNCEMENT**

**COMPETITION DATES** April 5 through April 8      Practice/ Training Day – April 4      Team Trials – April 8 and 9

**MEET MANAGER (S)** Candy Kaemerer      Jeanne Struck  
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**FACILITY** Oro Valley Aquatic Center (Outdoor Facility)  
23 West Calle Concordia  
Oro Valley, Arizona 85704  
520-297-7946

**FACILITY MANGER (S)**  
Brandon Laue - Aquatics Manager – [blau@orovalleyaz.gov](mailto:blau@orovalleyaz.gov)  
Logan McNutt - Assistant Aquatics Manager - [lmcnutt@orovalleyaz.gov](mailto:lmcnutt@orovalleyaz.gov)

**POOL SPECS**      Length: 50 Meter      Width: 25 yards  
Depth: 13 ft. at Start End, 8 ft. at 30m line      Entry: Deck Flat  
Distance from Deck to Water: Water level with deck      Spectators: West side of pool  
Competition Pool Length: 30m (lane line)      Practice space: 6 to 8 lanes and additional shallow lap pool

**SPONSOR (S)** Town of Oro Valley, Hilton Tucson El Conquistador, Visit Tucson, Oro Valley Aquatic Center, ASSA

**HOST PROPERTY** **Hilton Tucson El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort**  
10000 North Oracle Road  
Phone: 520-544-1900  
Rate: \$150.00 + taxes

To secure rooms at the Hilton for the 2017 U.S. National Championships, Click the link below.

[https://secure.hilton.com/en/hi/res/choose\\_dates.jhtml?hotel=TUSHTHH&spec\\_plan=USSN](https://secure.hilton.com/en/hi/res/choose_dates.jhtml?hotel=TUSHTHH&spec_plan=USSN)

If you prefer you may call 1-800-325-7832 and ask for the "USSN" room block to book a room.

**ADDITIONAL HOTELS**

**Westward Look Wyndham**  
Rate: \$139.00  
Contact: Lisa Neff      Phone: 520 917-2473  
email: [lneff@wyndha.com](mailto:lneff@wyndha.com)

**Red Lion**  
Rate: \$85.00 + tax and 5.00 two queens or 1 king  
\$75.00 + tax and 5.00 one queen  
Contact: Christina Silva      Phone: 520-202-2614  
email: [christina.silva@redlion.com](mailto:christina.silva@redlion.com) (email is best)

**Omni National**  
Rate: \$129.00  
Contact: Michelle Saroni      Phone: 520-877-2363  
email: [michelle.saroni@omnihotels.com](mailto:michelle.saroni@omnihotels.com)

**AIRPORT** **Tucson International Airport (TUS)**

Located 24 miles from the Pool  
Located 25 miles from the Host Hotel

As a member of USA Synchro you are eligible to receive discount flights to USA Synchro sanctioned events on United Airlines. Book now by calling the United Olympic Desk at 1-800-841-0460 and receive up to 10 percent off the retail fare price.

**ALTERNATE AIRPORT**

Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport (PHX)  
Located 103 miles from the Host Hotel

**GROUND  
TRANSPORTATION**

All major car rentals available at both Tucson and Phoenix airports.  
Taxi services are also provided at the Tucson Airport as well as the AZ Stagecoach that provides transportation from the airport to hotel and back (520) 889-1000 for Stagecoach information.

**RULES TO GOVERN**

2013 – 2017 FINA Synchronized Swimming Rules with two major exceptions. 1) .25 deduction for each competitor fewer than 8 on a team. 2) Competitors ages 13 - 14 may compete in the Junior or Senior Free Combination event.

**GRADE LEVELS**

Qualified registered competitors must have attained Grade Level 4 for entry into the 2017 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. All 13 - 15 competitors will compete in figures and free routines. Top twelve (12) routines in each event (combined Figures and Free routine scores) will advance to finals.

**Qualifications:** 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. In addition, each Zone shall receive one additional entry for each Solo, Duet or Team routine it places in the Finals at the previous U.S. 13 - 15 Championship (see chart below). 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. The Host Association may also enter a Solo, Duet or Team if not otherwise represented in the Championship (see Rule CP 3.4.2.1.2 for further details).

**JUNIOR EVENTS**  
(15 – 18 years of age)

Competition in Solo, Duet and Team, consisting of Figures and Free routines. All Junior competitors will compete in figures and free routines. Top twelve (12) routines in each event (combined Figures and Free routine scores) will advance to finals.

**Qualifications:** 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. In addition, each Zone shall receive one additional entry for each Solo, Duet or Team routine it places in the Finals at the previous U.S. Junior Championship (see chart below). 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. The Host Association may also enter a Solo, Duet or Team if not otherwise represented in the Championship (see Rule CP 3.3.2.1.2 for further details). All duly qualified Solos and Duets may enter the Figure competition, whether or not the routine is entered in the U.S. Junior Championship.

**SENIOR EVENTS**  
(15 & over years of age)

Competition in Solo, Duet and Team, consisting of Technical and Free routines. All Senior competitors will compete in both technical and free events. Top twelve (12) routines in each event (combined Technical and Free routine scores) will advance to finals.

**Qualification:** The top four (4) solos, duets, and teams are qualified determined by the combined free and technical routine scores at the most recent SENIOR ZONE Championships. In addition, each Zone shall receive one additional entry for each Solo, Duet or Team routine it places in the Finals at the previous U.S. National Championship (see chart below). 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. Due to a waiver of Rule CP 3.2.2.1.2, all collegiate athletes are welcome to compete in the Senior division with no qualifying requirement. All collegians will need to have passed grade level 4. The Host Association may also enter a Solo, Duet or Team if not otherwise represented in the Championship (see Rule CP 3.2.2.1.3 for further details). Current Senior National Team members may elect to compete in either Solo or Duet if not otherwise qualified (see Rule CP 3.2.2.2 for further details).

**FREE COMBINATION EVENT** Free Combination Event General Rules for 13-15, Junior and Senior:

1. There are no qualifying scores for the Free Combination events.
2. Competition in the Free Combination events consists of 100% routine scores.
3. All Free Combination routines must have 8 – 10 competitors.
4. U.S. clubs and U.S. National Teams may enter more than 1 13-15, Junior or Senior Free Combination routines in the Championships.

**Additional Event Rules for 13-15 Free Combination event:**

1. Competitors must be 13-15 years of age and from the same club.

**Additional Event Rules for Junior Free Combination event:**

1. The Junior Free Combination event will be held together with the Senior Free Combination event as one combined event. Junior and Senior aged competitors from the same club may be combined in the same Free Combination routine for this event. All competitors shall compete for the same awards in this combined event.
2. Competitors who are 13 and 14 years of age may participate in the Junior Free Combination Event.
3. Competitors will receive points from the Free Combination event toward the Junior High Point Team award. To qualify for Junior Team points, a Free Combination routine must have at least 1 competitor participating in other U.S. Junior Championship events.

**Additional Event Rules for Senior Free Combination event:**

1. The Senior Free Combination event will be held together with the Junior Free Combination event as one combined event. Junior and Senior aged competitors from the same club may be combined in the same Free Combination routine for this event. All competitors shall compete for the same awards in this combined event.
2. Competitors may be combined from 2 or more U.S. clubs for the Senior Free Combination event. The name of a multiple club entry must not reflect a particular club (for additional entry requirements, see Rule CP 3.2.2.1.4)
3. Competitors who are 13 and 14 years of age may participate in the Senior Free Combination Event.
4. Competitors will receive points from the Free Combination event toward the Senior High Point (individual or team) or All-American awards. To qualify for Senior Team points, a Free Combination routine must have at least 1 competitor participating in other U.S. National Championship events. To qualify for Individual points, a competitor must participate in at least 1 other U.S. National Championship event.

**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.

2016 13 – 15 Finalists for 2017 U.S. 13 - 15 Championship					2016 Junior Finalists for 2017 U.S. Junior Championship				
Event	West	North	South	East	Event	West	North	South	East
Solo	8	0	1	3	Solo	10	0	0	2
Duet	8	0	2	2	Duet	7	1	1	3
Team	6	0	3	3	Team	3	4	3	2

2016 National Finalists for 2017 U.S. National Championship				
Event	West	North	South	East
Solo	2	5	4	1
Duet	2	3	1	3
Team	0	2	2	0

**FOREIGN FEDERATIONS**

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

[http://www.teamusa.org/~media/USA\\_Synchronized/Documents/Resources/2017-Foreign-Invite-FINAL-revised-120116.pdf?la=en](http://www.teamusa.org/~media/USA_Synchronized/Documents/Resources/2017-Foreign-Invite-FINAL-revised-120116.pdf?la=en)

Foreign Federation entry forms for the U.S. 13 – 15, U.S. Junior and U.S. National Championships may be downloaded at the following website.

[http://www.teamusa.org/~media/USA\\_Synchronized/Documents/Resources/2017-US-Championships-Foreign-Entry-Forms-FINAL.pdf?la=en](http://www.teamusa.org/~media/USA_Synchronized/Documents/Resources/2017-US-Championships-Foreign-Entry-Forms-FINAL.pdf?la=en)

## CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRAM

Event programs will not be printed for the 2017 U.S. National Championships but will be made available in digital form and distributed widely to include the event page found here: <http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Synchronized-Swimming/Events/2017/April/04/2017-US-Nationals>. Friends and family may place a message and/or photo and advertising in the official meet program. Information on submitting photos and messages for the program are included in attachment (Page 5).

## LIVE WEB STREAMING

While it's not always possible to make it to an event in person, the good news is TakeItLive will provide LIVE coverage for anyone wanting to watch and be a part of the event. In addition to tuning in LIVE, On-Demand video is available via our website. We highly encourage friends and family to get a digital download of the competition.



**Webcast Surcharge:** \$7 per competitor, including alternates. Payments are made online at the [USASynchro.org](http://USASynchro.org) website. Any swimmer who is listed as an alternate for a routine and who is not swimming any other routine event shall pay the surcharge. This surcharge is to cover the minimum fee for Take It Live to Live Stream the competition.

## EVENT TICKETS

Tickets may be purchased at the OVAC front desk. Tickets are \$10 per day or \$30 for an event pass. Seniors 55 & over and students age 5 to 22 yrs. are \$5 per day or \$15 for an event pass. Advance tickets may be purchased through the Oro Valley Aquatic Center with a credit card by calling 520 297-7946. Everyone 5 yrs. of age and older must purchase a ticket.

**Be low is the link for purchasing tickets on line.** Tickets available February 1

<https://eservices.ovalleyaz.gov/registration/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/wbsearch.html?wbsi=98648379-94cd-eb8a-1e14-aa4018b45090&xxmod=PM>

## ADDITIONAL POOL RENTAL / PRACTICE TIME

The competition and practice pools are available for rental from 7 am to Noon and 1 to 4 pm on Tuesday, April 4. Please contact Logan McNutt at Oro Valley Aquatic Center at: [lmcnutt@ovalleyaz.gov](mailto:lmcnutt@ovalleyaz.gov) if you are interested. Rates are \$100 per hour for competition area with sound system and \$75 per hour for non competition area and no sound.

## SCHEDULE

A tentative schedule which is subject to change is posted at [www.usasynchro.org](http://www.usasynchro.org), "[click here](#)". A final schedule will be posted one to two weeks before the competition. All participants should be available to compete Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

## PHOTO, GREETINGS, and 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 & Greetings are to be received by e-mail by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. 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 . (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
<b>Club Photo</b>		\$ 25.00	
<b>Greetings</b>		\$ 10.00	
<b>Full-Page Ad</b>		\$ 140.00	
<b>Half-Page Ad</b>		\$ 80.00	
<b>1/4 Page Ad</b>		\$ 45.00	
<b>Business Card</b>		\$ 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 **March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to:** Candy Kaemerer, 9707 E. Nittany Way, Tucson, AZ 85749