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# U.S. Synchronized Swimming *Press Release*

June 25, 2007

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## Age Group Champions Crowned

*12-13 Age Group Action Wraps Up;  
13-15 Age Group Competition Gets Underway*

**Oxford, Ohio** – The 2007 Esynchro U.S. Age Group National Championships continued today at the Corwin M. Nixon Aquatic Center. The event is the world's largest Synchronized Swimming Championships and will run through June 30.

The 11-12 age bracket wrapped up today with finals competition in the solo, duet, trio and team events. Top finishers in the team event included the Walnut Creek Aquanuts, followed by the Los Gatos Angelfish and the Santa Clara Aquamaids. In the solo event, Walnut Creek's Karime Andere claimed the title, while Emily Drew of Seattle Synchro took home the second place position.

The top position in the duet was taken by Jamie Kuchan and Courtney Johnson of the Arizona Aqua Stars, while Walnut Creek's Rina Horii, Suying Rothrock and Marisa Tashima took home gold in the trio event.

Also today, the 13-15 Age Group kicked off semi final action in the duet, trio and team events. The top 10 competitors in each discipline advanced to the figures competition, which will take place on Tuesday. From there, the top eight finishers in each event will advance to finals, beginning Tuesday at 3:15 p.m. For complete 13-15 semi final results, check [www.usasynchro.org](http://www.usasynchro.org).

The grassroots competition features up-and-coming junior athletes along with several reigning age group national champions. Swimmers are competing for titles in the solo, duet, trio and team events in four age groups: 11-12, 13-15, 16-17 and 18-19.

The championships are hosted by the Cincinnati Synchrogators and Miami University Aquatics. The event includes eight days of competition and carries an estimated economic impact of more than \$1.3 million. Oxford, Ohio is no stranger to synchronized swimming as it also played host to the 2002 U.S. National Championships.

Admission will be charged for finals competition only. Adult ticket prices for finals will be \$10 and \$5 for children. Following is a schedule of events. Results will be posted daily on **[www.usasynchro.org](http://www.usasynchro.org)**. For more information, contact Taylor Payne at [taylor@usasynchro.org](mailto:taylor@usasynchro.org) or on-site at (317) 507-3410.

***United States Synchronized Swimming (USSS) serves as the National Governing Body for the sport of synchronized swimming, appointed as such by the United States Olympic Committee. USSS is a membership-based and non-for-profit organization which services the sport from the grass roots level to the National Team. The mission statement of USSS is "to provide leadership and resources for the promotion and growth of synchronized swimming, to achieve competitive excellence at all levels and to develop broad based participation."***

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## Synch ... Or Sink!

*Local athletes offer "clips-on" challenge to ambitious media!*

Does your media outlet have a hands-on sports reporter who does not mind getting his or her feet wet?

Perhaps he or she is an aggressive sports veteran who will go to great lengths for the inside scoop on a local sporting event. Maybe you've got a **macho man** who likes to show off during office softball games and can not turn down a chance to put his athletic talents to the test.

Then consider this a bare-bones, knockdown, drag-out challenge! The buoyant media member will receive a great experience and an even greater story. The unsuccessful reporter will receive a visit to the bottom of the pool!

U.S. Synchronized Swimming, in conjunction with the 2007 Esynchro U.S. Age Group National Championships, issues a formal challenge to any and all media outlets to **try synchronized swimming** (under the close supervision of lifeguards, of course). Swimming alongside participants will be several local top-rated athletes.

Even the most confident reporter who scoffs at any athletic event that does not involve helmets or physical contact will become a new person after swallowing a few gallons of water. Just ask Matt Lauer and Al Roker or Olympic gold medalists Mary Lou Retton, Kerri Strug or Summer Sanders, who all accepted the challenge. Even syndicated columnist Dave Barry tried "Synch or Sink" and was a born-again aquanaut. The experience prompted Barry to exclaim in the *Miami Herald*, "**This is the hardest sport in the world!**"

The media challenge will take place at the Corwin M. Nixon Aquatic Center on the campus of Miami University of Ohio. Private challenges may be arranged at any time during the event by contacting Taylor Payne at (317) 237-5700 or on-site at 317-507-3410. Wear your swimsuit and water wings. We'll provide a nose clip, cap, goggles, and ... CPR.

The challenge is held in conjunction with the 2007 Esynchro U.S. Age Group National Championships being held in Oxford, Ohio at the Corwin M. Nixon Aquatic Center, June 23 - June 30, 2007.

To RSVP for "The Synchro Challenge," or for more information on the 2007 Esynchro U.S. Age Group National Age Group Championships, contact Taylor Payne at 317-237-5704 or on-site at 317-507-3410.

Come see why *Inside Sports* named  
**Synchronized Swimming**  
one of the world's five TOUGHEST sports!

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## 2007 Esynchro U.S. Age Group National Synchronized Swimming Championships Tentative Meet Schedule

### Tuesday, June 26

7:00am-10:45am  
11:15am- 2:00pm  
**3:15pm- 8:30pm**

13-15 Solo warm-up and competition  
13-15 Figures warm-up and competition  
**13-15 Parade of Athletes, Finals and Awards**

### Wednesday, June 27

7:30am-12:00pm  
12:00pm- 4:00pm  
4:00pm- 6:45pm

16-17 Duet warm-up and competition  
16-17 Trio warm-up and competition  
18-19 Trio warm-up and competition

### Thursday, June 28

9:30am- 1:00pm  
1:00pm- 4:00pm  
4:15pm- 7:45pm

16-17 Solo warm-up and competition  
18-19 Duet warm-up and competition  
18-19 Team warm-up and competition

### Friday, June 29

7:30am-10:30am  
10:30am- 1:00pm  
1:45pm- 8:00pm

16-17 Team warm-up and competition  
18-19 Solo warm-up competition  
16-17 & 18-19 Figures warm-up and competition

### Saturday, June 30

8:25am- 8:35am  
**8:40am- 2:00pm**  
**2:50pm- 7:30pm**

Parade of Athletes 16-17 & 18-19  
**16-17 Finals and Awards**  
**18-19 Finals and Awards**

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