



# 2004 U.S. Open

## Synchronized Swimming Championships

July 20-24, New Orleans, Louisiana



### OFFICIAL MEET ANNOUNCEMENT

**DATES** July 20-24, 2004

**MEET MANAGERS**

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**FACILITY** University of New Orleans Aquatic Center  
Lakefront Arena  
New Orleans, LA 70148  
(504) 280-7238  
*Contact: Janice Roth*

**RULES TO GOVERN** Current FINA rules with noted exceptions under **EVENTS**.

#### ENTRIES

<b>FORM A</b>	Club Entry Form for U.S. Entries only
<b>FORM B</b>	Entry Fee Summary
<b>FORM C</b>	Host Fee Summary
<b>FORM D</b>	Housing and Transportation
<b>FORM E</b>	Officials Availability
<b>FORM F</b>	Music Selection
<b>FORM G</b>	Foreign Federation Entry <b>must be completed by all foreign entries</b>

**ENTRY DEADLINE** Entries and Forms must be postmarked or emailed no later than **June 30, 2004**. Use Postal Form #3817 to verify mailing date. (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.)  
**QUALIFYING DOCUMENTS FOR ALL ROUTINES MUST BE ATTACHED TO FORM A. IF QUALIFYING DOCUMENTS ARE NOT INCLUDED, YOUR ROUTINES WILL NOT BE ENTERED IN THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.**  
*Entry is not complete unless fees accompany entry, including foreign federations.*

#### MAIL ENTRIES & FEES TO

J. Rene Williams  
9178 Park Ave.  
Houma, LA. 70363

**MAIL OR EMAIL ONE COPY OF FORM A OR G TO** Candie Deatherage  
3037 Robin Rd  
Plano, TX 75075  
[candie.deatherage@eds.com](mailto:candie.deatherage@eds.com).

**REGISTRATION**

Monday, July 19	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Aquatic Center
Tuesday, July 20	7 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Aquatic Center

#### **JUNIOR & SENIOR COACHES & OFFICIALS MEETING & FIGURE DRAW**

Monday, July 19 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Aquatic Center

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**WRAP-UP SESSION** There will be a moderated wrap-up session at the conclusion of the Junior Finals. Judges and Coaches are asked to attend. Athletes are welcome.

## FEE INFORMATION

- **Entry Fee** \$15 per competitor per routine, including alternates. 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, p. 3) **Make check payable to USSS.**
- **Sponsor Fee** \$20 per competitor. **Make check payable to Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation (GNOSF).**
- **Celebration Dinner** \$29 per person. **Make check payable to GNOSF.**
- **Credentials** Each club will receive two coach and one chaperone credentials per 10 credentialed athletes. Chaperone credentials do not allow deck access. Additional credentials can be purchased at the Aquatic Center for \$10. **Make check payable to GNOSF.**
- **Tickets** Spectator tickets will be required for finals. Tickets are available in advance (see Form C) or at the Aquatic Center. Junior Finals tickets are \$10. Combo and Senior Finals are \$12. Tickets available at the door. **Make checks payable to GNOSF.**
- **Program** There is a \$15 fee for each photo sent for the Championship Program. More information follows. **Make check payable to GNOSF.**

## EVENTS

Juniors will compete in Figures, Free Routine preliminaries, and Free Routine finals. Seniors will compete in Technical Routines, Free Routine preliminaries, and Free Routine finals. Juniors and Seniors may compete in Free Combo Routine as a separate event.

1. Federations may enter a national team in each category: Junior (14-18, based on year of birth), Senior, and Combo (Open category).
2. Clubs from foreign federations may also enter in each category: Junior, Senior and Combo.
3. Each National Team and club from foreign federations may enter two solos, two duets, one trio and one team in each category. In addition, each National Team and club from foreign federations may enter one free routine combination.
4. An individual competitor may only enter three of the four events, exclusive of the free combination routine.
5. Competitors who are eligible to compete as Juniors may swim in the Senior category to complete a duet, trio or team entry. Junior athletes may not swim in the same event in both Junior and Senior categories of competition (e.g., Jr Duet and Sr Duet).
6. Qualifying scores do not apply to foreign federations.

<b>Figures</b>	<b>Junior Compulsory</b>	
1. 311g	Kip, Twist Spin	2.5
2. 421	Walkover, Back, Closing 360	2.6

The remaining two figures will be drawn from the Junior Selection Groups at the Coaches and Officials meeting, 8 p.m., Monday, July 19 at the Aquatic Center. See FINA SS Appendix V (amended December 2002) or USSS Figures Rule II, B.

### **Routines**      **Routine competition in Solo, Duet, Trio, and Team.**

<b>Qualifying Scores:</b>	<b>Senior (14+)</b>	<b>Junior (14-18)</b>
Solo:	79.000	77.000
Duet:	78.000	76.000
Trio:	77.000	75.000
Team:	N/A	N/A
Combo: N/A		

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*Qualifying Scores do not apply to foreign federations.*

## 2005 JUNIOR TEAM TRIALS

Those athletes ranked 1-15 who are of the correct age (birth years 1987-1990), are U.S. Citizens and have not already qualified for the 2005 Junior Team Trials from the 2004 U.S. Junior Championship, will be qualified for the 2005 Junior Team Trials. On Form A – Club Entry complete the birth year, Trials (Y/N) and Citizen (Y/N) for each junior athlete entered in the 2004 US Open Championship.

## OFFICIALS

Please return Forms C, D, and E by the entry deadline.

**As FINA Rules govern this competition, JUDGES SHOULD WEAR ALL WHITE (white top and bottom).** FINA and ASUA judges will be seated with U.S. judges on the event panels. The competition will be observed and each person who judges and is a FINA or ASUA judge should receive an evaluation.

**NOTE:** Federations entering may submit up to two officials from the FINA and/or ASUA List(s) of Synchronized Swimming Officials.

## AWARDS

All competitors will compete for the same awards. Medals shall be awarded for places 1-3, and ribbons for places 4-12.

## AIRPORT

New Orleans International Airport (MSY) – 15 miles

To help our members, we have an agreement with United Airlines. To receive a five percent discount off the lowest available fare, call United at (800) 841-0460 and tell them that you are with "U.S. Synchronized Swimming."

## HOUSING SERVICE

Contact Marc Bronnitt at Connections, (404) 842-0000, for a variety of convenient host hotels, rates and amenities. *Rooms booked through Connections enable the meet host to provide for judges' accommodations.*

## DIRECTIONS

### **Airport to Pool**

Follow signs to I-10E. Once on I-10E continue approximately 7-8 miles to the I-10 I-610 split. Take I-610 (remain left) to the Franklin Ave. exit. Turn north on Franklin Ave. for 2-3 miles until you see the "Lakefront Arena" on your right. Turn into the parking lot and the pool is in the building.

### **Airport to Hotels**

Follow signs to I-10E. Once on I-10E continue approximately 7-8 miles to the I-10 I-610 split. Remain on the I-10 (stay right) and continue into the downtown area (the Superdome will be visible). Exit St. Charles Ave. Turn North onto St. Charles Ave. and head toward Canal St. For specific directions to your hotel contact the hotel directly. All host hotels are in the downtown area within a six-block radius.

## GROUND TRANSPORTATION

All major rental car companies are available.

## POOL SPECS

Indoor Pool. Length: 50m, (competition. area is 25m)

Width: 25 yards

Depth: 9.5 feet to 10 feet

Distance of water from deck level: 11 inches at ends, 0 inches along sides

Entry: Enter from end of pool

Practice Area: Opposite end of the pool

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## VENUE RULES

**GELLING is allowed ONLY IN DESIGNATED GELLING AREA.** Please clean the area.

**As the pool deck and seating is on one level, please try to keep movement along the pool deck in the area of the competition to a minimum, as a courtesy to those athletes competing.**

**Admittance to the pool deck is by CREDENTIAL ONLY. Only swimmers, officials and coaches will be permitted.**

**Smoking, alcoholic beverages and/or glass containers are not permitted inside the Aquatic Center.**

**For final events, tickets or credentials are required for admittance to the spectator balconies. VIP Seating and handicapped seating will be provided.**

## SOUND SYSTEM

An Ocean Ears Sound System with a variable speed cassette deck and a variable speed CD player will be used. Tapes must have one routine only per tape (recorded at the beginning of the tape) clearly marked and identified. CD's may contain multiple routines, but must be clearly marked to indicate which tracks are used for each routine.

## FOOD SERVICES

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

## OFFICIALS & COACHES HOSPITALITY

There will be a hospitality room near the competition area for coaches and officials.

## COACHES, OFFICIALS & EVENT ORGANIZERS' RECEPTION

A welcome reception will be held in one of the host hotels on Tuesday night. Information will be provided at registration.

## CELEBRATION DINNER

A celebration dinner will be held on Saturday night at Six Flags New Orleans. Tickets are \$29.00 each and the price includes the full run of the park the day of the banquet until closing time.

## PROGRAM

There is a \$15 fee for each photo sent for the Championship Program. Send all photos via email to [aduhe@gnosf.org](mailto:aduhe@gnosf.org) or mail to 1400 Poydras Street Suite 918, New Orleans, LA 70112 by June 21<sup>st</sup> to appear in the championship program. Include a list of the names of athletes that appear in each photo. Send payment with photos, or if sending via email, send payment with entry to GNOSF.

## PHOTOGRAPHER

Team HotShots Sports Photography is the official championships photographer for USA Synchro. HotShots will be on-site to take action and posed photos of all routines. Photos can be purchased immediately following each event at the HotShots booth in the main lobby, or ordered on-line up to three months after the event at [www.teamhotshots.com](http://www.teamhotshots.com).

## MEDIA SERVICES

To assist the USSS Media Relations Director at the event, please bring a phone/fax list of your local media outlets. You can acquire this list from a local university athletic department Sports Information Office, university Media Relations department, or your local government public relations office.

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TENTATIVE MEET SCHEDULE (times may be revised based on actual entries)

Start	End	Event
<b>MONDAY, JULY 19</b>		
PM 3:00	8:00	Open Pool at the Aquatic Center
3:00	9:00	Registration at the Aquatic Center
8:00	9:00	Junior & Senior Coaches & Officials meeting, figure draw, Aquatic Center
<b>TUESDAY, JULY 20</b>		
AM 7:00	7:15	Lap swimming
7:00	6:00 PM	Registration at the Aquatic Center
7:15	7:45	Figure warm-up, first group
<b>8:00</b>	<b>3:30</b>	<b>Junior Figures</b>
4:00	5:00	Sr. Tech Team practice with music
5:00	7:30	Jr. Team practice with music
7:30	8:30	Sr. Free Team practice with music
8:00	9:30	Officials & Coaches reception
<b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 21</b>		
AM 7:00	7:15	Lap swimming
7:15	7:30	Sr. Tech. Duet warm-up
<b>7:35</b>	<b>8:35</b>	<b>Sr. Tech. Duet competition</b>
8:40	8:55	Jr. Duet warm-up
<b>9:00</b>	<b>3:30</b>	<b>Jr. Duet competition</b>
3:30	3:45	Sr. Tech. Trio warm-up
<b>3:50</b>	<b>4:30</b>	<b>Sr. Tech. Trio competition</b>
4:35	4:55	Sr. Tech. Team warm-up
<b>5:00</b>	<b>6:00</b>	<b>Sr. Tech. Team competition</b>
6:00	6:20	Jr. Team warm-up
<b>6:25</b>	<b>9:45</b>	<b>Jr. Team competition</b>
<b>THURSDAY, JULY 22</b>		
AM 7:00	7:15	Lap swimming
7:15	7:30	Jr. Solo warm-up
<b>7:35</b>	<b>1:00</b>	<b>Jr. Solo competition</b>
PM 1:00	1:15	Sr. Free Trio warm-up
<b>1:20</b>	<b>2:10</b>	<b>Sr. Free Trio competition</b>
2:10	2:25	Jr. Trio warm-up
<b>2:30</b>	<b>6:30</b>	<b>Jr. Trio competition</b>
6:30	6:45	Sr. Tech Solo warm-up
<b>6:50</b>	<b>8:20</b>	<b>Sr. Tech Solo</b>
8:20	8:50	Sr. Free Team warm-up
<b>8:55</b>	<b>9:50</b>	<b>Sr. Free Team competition</b>
<b>FRIDAY, JULY 23</b>		
AM 8:00	8:15	Lap swimming
8:15	8:30	Sr. Free Solo warm-up
<b>8:35</b>	<b>10:30</b>	<b>Sr. Free Solo competition</b>
10:30	10:45	Sr. Free Duet warm-up
<b>10:50</b>	<b>12:20</b>	<b>Sr. Free Duet competition</b>
12:30	1:45	Combo routine practice with music
2:00	2:40	Jr. Finals warm-up
2:45	2:55	Parade of Athletes
<b>3:05</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>Jr. Trio, Duet, Solo, Team Finals &amp; Awards</b>
9:30	10:00	Officials, Coaches & Athletes wrap up
<b>SATURDAY, JULY 24</b>		
AM 7:30	7:45	Lap swimming
7:45	8:15	Combo Final warm-up
<b>8:25</b>	<b>10:00</b>	<b>Combo Routine Final</b>
10:00	10:30	Sr. Finals warm-up (Trio, Duet, Solo)
10:40	10:55	Parade of Athletes
<b>11:10</b>	<b>5:00</b>	<b>Sr. Trio, Duet, Solo, Team Finals &amp; Awards</b>
6:30		Party at Six Flags for Athletes, Coaches, Officials, Families & Guests