



2011 U.S. National

Synchronized Swimming Championships

April 13 – 16 The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

OFFICIAL MEET ANNOUNCEMENT

MEET MANAGER

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FACILITY

McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion
The Ohio State University
1847 Neil Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43210

POOL SPECS

Length: 50m Width: 25m Indoors
Bulkhead placed at 30m for Competition Area
Depth: 9'8" sloping to 10'6"
Distance of water from deck level: 6" (on sides); 12" (on entry end)
Practice area will be in the balance of the pool, i.e. 20m with requirements for quiet regulated by poolside coaches and officials

RULES TO GOVERN

The 2011 Official USA Synchro Rulebook shall govern the Championships under FINA Rules with the exceptions listed.

ENTRIES

Appendix A FORM B

Register online at www.usasynchro.org - Entries, Fees, Credentials, Officials
Transportation and Housing Information

To be qualified to enter, athlete's names and events must appear on the official US Nationals Eligibility list prepared by Betty Hazle.

Foreign Federations may enter the US National Championships following the information posted in the invitation at http://www.usasynchro.org/Assets/USSyncSwim+Digital+Assets/assets/documents/2011_Foreign+Invite.pdf
Contact Olympic International Chair Betty Hazle at bettyhazle@yahoo.com for additional information.
Shuttles and car rental may be through listings at the Port Columbus International Airport. The host hotel is approximately 3 miles from the pool, breakfast is offered, and a variety of restaurants are very close by.

ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries must be completed by **Wednesday, March 30, 2011 12:00 PST**, and forms must be postmarked or emailed no later than **March 30, 2011**. Note that this is one week after the normal deadline, with this extra time enabled by electronic entry process.

SEND FORM B TO:

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SCORING CHAIR

Lisa Mooney green.streak@yahoo.com 314.691.1579
Note that Dave Olson Dave_Olson@URSCorp.com will handle entry questions.

REGISTRATION Wed., April 13 9:00-4:30 p.m. At the pool

COACHES MEETING Wed., April 13 5:30-6:30 p.m. At the pool

ATHLETES MEETING Wed., April 13 5:30-6:30 p.m. At the pool

OFFICIALS MEETING Thurs., April 14 8:00-9:00 a.m. At the pool
(meeting times subject to change based on final meet schedule)

FEE INFORMATION

- **Entry Fee** \$25 per competitor per routine, including alternates. Make check payable to USA Synchro. 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). Foreign Federations do not need to pay the entry fee.
- **Sponsor Fee** \$25 per competitor. Please make check payable to **USA Synchro.**
- **Credentials** Each club will receive 2 coach credentials for every 10 credentialed athletes and 1 team personnel credential per 10 athletes. Additional credentials are \$25 each. One videotaping credential will be provided per team. Please make check payable to **USA Synchro.**
- **Tickets** Tickets for preliminaries on Thursday and Friday are \$10. Tickets for finals on Saturday are \$15. Three day event passes may be purchased for \$25. Tickets may be purchased on-site or in advance at <https://tickets.experiencecolumbus.com/go/u-s-synchronized-national-swimming-championships>
- **Parking** Since classes are in session at Ohio State, parking immediately surrounding the facility will be limited. Parking is available at the Tuttle Park Place Garage and Lane Avenue Garage (located north of the pool) on a daily basis and at the Neil Avenue Garage (connected to the facility) after 4pm weekdays and all day Saturday. A limited number of parking packages will be made available at check-in at a cost of \$15 for the week and may be requested in advance on Form B. Parking for officials is complimentary.

EVENTS Preliminary Free & Technical and Final Free routine competition in Solo, Duet and Team. Preliminary and Final Free Combo.
Solos, Duets and Teams may participate in both the Preliminary Technical and Preliminary Free routine competition or participate in Preliminary Free routine competition only.
The 8 highest scoring entries (combined Technical and Free routine scores) from the Preliminary events shall qualify for the Final Free routine competition.

AWARDS Athletes who compete in the Preliminary Free routine competition shall be awarded ribbons to places 1-8 in each event and the first place winner shall be declared the Solo, Duet or Team Free Routine Champion. Athletes who compete in the Preliminary Free routine competition only will not receive points toward the High Point (individual or team) or All-American awards.

Athletes who place 1-8 in the combined Preliminary Technical and Final Free routine and Combo competition shall be awarded medals in each event. The first place winner in the combined Preliminary Technical and Final Free routine competition shall be declared the Solo, Duet, Team, or Combo U.S. National Champion.

In 2011, Free Combo DOES count toward the High Point (individual and team) and All-American awards.

PRACTICE Practice time in the competition pool will be assigned in proportion to the number of routines entered.

OFFICIALS Please register on line by the entry deadline. In addition, please email Judges Administrator Linda Loehndorf with your intent to attend. loehndorf@charter.net

SCORING We expect to use 3 score scoring for free routines. Tech Routine scoring will be determined prior to the meet based on progress made on new scoring program.

AIRPORT

Port Columbus International Airport (CMH)

To help our members, we have an agreement with United Airlines. To receive a discount off the lowest available fare, call United at 800-841-0460 and tell them you're with "U.S. Synchronized Swimming" and use code 565EG.

DIRECTIONS TO THE HILTON GARDEN INN COLUMBUS – UNIVERSITY AREA

From Port Columbus International Airport:

Take I-670 west to State Route 315 north. Exit at Ackerman Rd and turn right on Ackerman Rd. Proceed to the third traffic light and turn left on Olentangy River Rd. The Hilton Garden Inn is approximately 0.4 mile on the left.

From Cleveland:

Take 71 South to the North Broadway exit (exit 114). Turn right on North Broadway and head west for approximately 2 miles. The intersection under the freeway overpass is Olentangy River Rd. Turn left on Olentangy. The Hilton Garden Inn is approximately 0.4 mile on the right.

From Cincinnati:

Take 71 North to State Route 315 North. Take State Route 315 North to North Broadway exit. Turn right on Olentangy River Road. The Hilton Garden Inn is approximately 0.4 mile on the right.

From the East:

Take 70 West to 71 North. Take 71 North to North Broadway exit (exit 114). Turn left on North Broadway and head west for approximately 2 miles. The intersection under the freeway overpass is Olentangy River Road. Turn left on Olentangy. The Hilton Garden Inn is approximately 0.4 mile on the right.

From the West:

Take 70 East to State Route 315 North. Take State Route 315 North to North Broadway exit. Turn right onto Olentangy River Road. The Hilton Garden Inn is approximately 0.4 mile on the right.

DIRECTIONS TO THE MCCORKLE AQUATIC PAVILION DROP OFF CIRCLE

From the North: Take I-71 South to 270 West to SR 315 South. Exit at Neil Avenue. Make a left on Neil Avenue. Make a left into the alley (the alley will be past 12th Ave). Parking garage will be on the left. Turn right into the dropoff loop.

From the South: Take I-71 North to SR 315 North. Take SR 315 North to the Medical Center Exit. Turn left onto Cannon Drive. Turn right onto John Herrick Dr. Turn left at the Neil Avenue Parking Garage and head straight and to the left for the loop.

From the East (Airport): Take I-670 West to SR 315 North. Take SR 315 North to the Medical Center Exit. Turn left onto Cannon Drive. Turn right onto John Herrick Dr. Turn left at the Neil Avenue Parking Garage and head straight and to the left for the loop.

From the West: I-70 East to I-670 East to SR 315 North. Take SR 315 North to the Medical Center Exit. Turn left onto Cannon Drive. Turn right onto John Herrick Dr. Turn left at the Neil Avenue Parking Garage and head straight and to the left for the loop.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

All major rental car companies can be found at Port Columbus International Airport listed above.

HOTEL

Teams are encouraged to book with the host hotel for this event. Your support in booking with this hotel is appreciated and helps to support the event.

Hilton Garden Inn Columbus – University Area

Group Name: USA Synchronized Swimming Nationals Group Code: NSS

3232 Olentangy River Road

Columbus, Ohio 43202

(614) 263-7200

Room Rate: \$129 (Includes breakfast buffet, wireless internet, 24 hour access to the business center with secure remote printing)

Room block for Nationals will be held until March 27.

VENUE RULES

- No balloons, noisemakers, or other irritants are permitted in the facility.
- No food is permitted on the deck. Water bottles will be allowed.
- Teams will be permitted to have coolers outside facility only.
- There will be a designated gelling area at the pool. Please gel only in this area.
- Entry and exit from the bulkhead, and walking across the bulkhead is not permitted.

SOUND SYSTEM

A Clark Synthesis sound system with variable speed CD player will be used.

FOOD SERVICES

The Courtside Café located in the Recreation and Physical Activity Center adjacent to the Aquatic Pavilion entrance is available during facility hours each day.

OFFICIALS AND COACHES HOSPITALITY

Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be available in the hospitality room Thursday, Friday and Saturday with light dinner on Friday.

PHOTO/VIDEO REGULATIONS

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.

MEDIA SERVICES

To assist the USSS Media Relations Director at the event, please bring a phone/fax list of your local media outlets.

VIDEO STREAMING

It is expected that the USOC will provide a live video stream of the Finals event on Saturday April 16 at <http://synchro.teamusa.org/live>

SPECIAL US NATIONAL TEAM EXHIBITION

The US National Team will swim a special exhibition during Finals on Saturday April 16

2011 U.S. National Synchronized Swimming Championships Tentative Schedule
Please consult the FINAL SCHEDULE distributed at Registration for updates or adjustments.

| Start | End | Event |
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| Wednesday, April 13 | | |
| AM 8:00 | 10:00 | Open Pool |
| 9:00 | 4:00 | Registration @ Pool |
| 10:00 | 4:00 | Scheduled Practice w/ Music (lunch break will be taken) |
| 4:00 | 5:00 | Coaches Meeting-Pool |
| 4:00 | 5:00 | Athletes Meeting-Pool |
| Thursday, April 14 | | |
| 8:00 | 9:00 | Open Pool |
| 8:00 | 9:00 | Officials Meeting-Pool |
| 9:00 | 9:20 | Solo Preliminary Free warm-up |
| 9:25 | 10:55 | Solo Preliminary Free Competition |
| 11:00 | 11:20 | Duet Preliminary Free warm-up |
| 11:25 | 1:00 | Duet Preliminary Free Competition |
| 1:15 | 1:45 | Team Preliminary Free warm-up (two 15-minute groups) |
| 1:50 | 2:30 | Team Preliminary Free Competition |
| 2:35 | 3:00 | Preliminary Free Routine Awards |
| Friday, April 15 | | |
| 8:00 | 9:00 | Open Pool |
| 8:30 | 9:00 | Draw for all Technical Events |
| 9:00 | 9:30 | Team Preliminary Technical practice w/music (1 time thru in order of draw) |
| 9:30 | 9:50 | Solo Preliminary Technical warm-up |
| 9:55 | 10:45 | Solo Preliminary Technical Competition |
| 10:50 | 11:10 | Duet Preliminary Technical warm-up |
| 11:15 | 12:20 | Duet Preliminary Technical Competition |
| 12:20 | 12:45 | Open Pool |
| 12:45 | 1:00 | Team Preliminary Technical warm-up |
| 1:00 | 1:30 | Team Preliminary Technical Competition |
| 1:45 | 1:55 | Free Combination practice w/ music (1 time thru in order of draw) |
| 1:55 | 2:10 | Free Combination warm-up |
| 2:15 | 2:30 | Free Combination Preliminary Competition |
| Saturday, April 16 | | |
| AM 8:30 | 9:00 | Lap Swim |
| 9:00 | 10:00 | Open Pool |
| 9:15 | 10:00 | Draw for all Final Events |
| 10:00 | 10:15 | Free Combination Final warm-up |
| 10:20 | 10:35 | Free Combination Final Competition |
| 10:35 | 10:55 | Solo Final Free warm-up |
| 10:55 | 11:15 | Duet Final Free warm-up |
| 11:20 | 12:10 | Solo Final Free Competition |
| 12:10 | 1:00 | Duet Final Free Competition |
| 1:10 | 1:30 | US National Team Exhibition |
| 1:30 | 2:00 | Team Final Free warm-up |
| 2:05 | 2:45 | Team Final Free Competition |
| 2:45 | 3:10 | US National Team Exhibition |
| 3:10 | 3:40 | Parade of Athletes |
| 3:40 | | Awards Presentation |

Appendix A: Club Entry Form, Entry Fee and Officials Summary

To register online login to your account from the homepage of the USASynchro.org website, by clicking on "Members Log-In". If you have any technical difficulties or questions, please email or call Jennifer at 317-237-5700 x5708 or jennifer@usasynchro.org.

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FORM B: TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING INFORMATION

Club/Official Name _____ Club Code _____

Contact Name _____ Email _____

Contact Phone _____

ENTRY DEADLINE = MARCH 31, 2010

TRANSPORTATION

Arrival Please circle one: Air Auto Other

Date _____ Time _____

Airline / Flight Number _____

Departure

Date _____ Time _____

Airline / Flight Number _____

HOTEL/LODGING

Hotel/Lodging _____ Phone _____

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

PARKING

Parking packages are available at a cost of \$15 for the week (approximately 50% savings over pay at parking gate) for those who have requested them in advance. An additional limited supply may also be available at check-in. Parking packages may be reserved through this form for fans traveling with the team as well. A check made payable to The Ohio State University may be sent to accompany this form or may be paid at check-in. Parking for officials is complimentary.

How many parking packages will you require? _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

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

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Cell Phone Number</u> |
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