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U.S. National Synchronized Swimming Championships Get Underway in Columbus

2011 U.S. National Team Performs Exhibition on Saturday, April 16

Columbus, Ohio. – The 2011 U.S. Synchronized Swimming National Championships swam into action Thursday at the McCorkle Aquatic Pavilion. The event which runs through Saturday, features some of the top athletes in the country competing for national titles in the solo, duet, team and combination events in the nation's most prestigious competition.

Thursday's competition featured action in the preliminary free routines. In the solo free, the Ohio State University's Yulia Maryanko (89.4500) and Michelle Theriault (89.3375) swept the top two spots while Walnut Creek's Alexa Tchekmarev (86.6250) finished in the third place position.

In the duet free, Maryanko and Theriault (89.1500) teamed up to finish in the top position while Nadine Brandl and Livia Lang of Austria (85.9625) followed. Walnut Creek's Alyson Haylor and Marisa Tashima (85.9500) finished in the third place position.

In the team event, the Ohio State University (89.4375) took the top spot followed by Walnut Creek (86.2500) and OSU's "B" Team (85.8375). The preliminary technical competition will take place on Friday in the solo, duet and team events. Finals competition will begin at 9:30 a.m.

On Saturday, April 16, the 2011 U.S. National Team will make an appearance and unveil routines that will be performed at the FINA World Championships held in Shanghai, China in July. The exhibition will begin at 1:15 p.m. and will be included with the price of admission.

Tickets for Friday's competition will be on sale for \$10. Admission for finals on Saturday will be \$15. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information pertaining to the

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2011 U.S. National Synchronized Swimming Championships Tentative Schedule

Start	End	Event
Friday, April 15		
10:25	11:30	Solo Preliminary Technical Competition
12:00	1:15	Duet Preliminary Technical Competition
2:10	3:30	Team Preliminary Technical Competition
4:45	5:30	Free Combination Preliminary Competition
Saturday, April 16		
9:35	10:45	Free Combination Final Competition
11:35	12:20	Solo Final Free Competition
12:25	1:15	Duet Final Free Competition
1:15	1:30	US National Team Exhibition
2:05	3:05	Team Final Free Competition
3:10	3:30	Parade of Athletes
3:30	3:45	US National Team Exhibition
3:45		Awards Presentation

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