



2012 USA Synchro Championship Events

Invitation and Preliminary Entry Information

U. S. Synchronized Swimming would like to officially invite your Federation to participate in the following National Championships.

- **U.S. Junior Championship**, April 10-14, Mesa, AZ
- **U.S. National Championship**, April 10-14, Mesa, AZ
- **U.S. Junior & Senior Open Championship**, July 10-14, Henderson, NV
- **U.S. Masters Championship**, October 25-28, Sarasota, FL

NOTES:

1. Each Federation or Foreign club entering the U.S. Junior Open and the U.S. Senior Open Championships may submit up to 2 officials per competition from the FINA and/or UANA List(s) of Synchronized Swimming Officials.
2. Sponsor Fee: For all U.S. National Championships, the sponsor fee is \$25 USD per competitor, including reserves.
3. All Championships shall be conducted in accordance with FINA Rules (see USSS website for exceptions), except U.S. Masters, which shall be conducted in accordance with U.S. Synchronized Swimming Rules.

USA SYNCHRO RULES APPLICABLE TO FOREIGN COMPETITORS:

A. FOREIGN FEDERATIONS: May enter competitors in U.S. Synchronized Swimming National Championship events under the following provisions and regulations:

1. **Entries:** Foreign competitors may enter only with the written approval of their own Federations. This approval must be submitted to U.S. Synchronized Swimming before visa assistance can be provided and before the final entry deadline.
2. **Numbers:** Each Federation or Foreign club may enter only 1 routine entry per event in a U.S. Championship, except as noted below (see specific Championship information below). The total number of competitors per Foreign Federation or Foreign club may not exceed 12.
3. **U.S. Junior Championship:**
 - a. Must be 15 to 18 years of age based on the year of birth.
 - b. May not enter if they are the Senior National Champion of their own country.
 - c. Foreign Federations may have multiple club entries including their National Teams.
 - d. Competitors are limited to 3 of the following events: Solo, Duet or Team. They may in addition enter the Free Combination event.
4. **U.S. National Championship:**
 - a. Must be 15 years of age or older based on the year of birth.
 - b. Eligibility: Each Federation may enter only their current Senior National Champions and/or members of their current National Team.
 - c. Each Foreign club or National Team may enter 2 Solos, 2 Duets, 1 Team and/or 1 Free Combination.
 - d. Competitors are limited to 3 of the following events: Solo, Duet or Team. They may in addition enter the Free Combination event.
5. **U.S. Junior Open Championship:**
 - a. Must be 15 to 18 years of age based on the year of birth.
 - b. Foreign Federations may have multiple club entries including their National Teams.
 - c. Each Foreign club or National Team may enter 3 Solos, 3 Duets, 1 Trio and/or 1 Team. Only 1 Solo or Duet from each Foreign club or National Team shall advance to Finals. Each Foreign club or National Team may enter more than 1 routine in the Free Combination event (open age division).
 - d. Competitors are limited to 3 of the following events: Solo, Duet, Trio or Team. They may in addition enter only 1 Free Combination event (open age division).
6. **U.S. Senior Open Championship:**
 - a. Must be 15 years of age or older based on the year of birth.
 - b. Foreign Federations may have multiple club entries including their National Teams.
 - c. Each Foreign club or National Team may enter 2 Solos, 2 Duets and/or 1 Team. Each Foreign club or National Team may enter more than 1 routine in the Free Combination event (open age division).
 - d. Competitors are limited to 3 of the following events: Solo, Duet or Team. They may in addition enter only 1 Free Combination event (open age division).
7. **U.S. Masters Championship:** Entries shall not be limited.

B. EVENT PROGRESSION:

1. **With the exception of the U.S. Open Championships**, competitors who qualify for any of the Final routine events shall compete in addition to the top qualifying USSS competitors and shall receive an honorary award for their final placement. Foreign competitors shall not be eligible to be pre-swimmer(s).

All Federations interested in competing should submit the following **INTENT TO PARTICIPATE** to USA Synchro via mail or fax no later than **January 31, 2012**.

2012 USA SYNCHRO CHAMPIONSHIPS

INTENT TO PARTICIPATE

NAME OF TEAM/FEDERATION _____

NAME OF HEAD COACH/OFFICIAL _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, COUNTRY, POSTAL CODE _____

PHONE - HOME: _____ WORK: _____

FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

Please indicate how you would like to receive future meet information:

_____ Email _____ Fax _____ Mail

Please indicate the Championships you would like to enter:

U.S. Junior Championship, April 10-14, Mesa, AZ
Solo _____ Duet _____ Team _____ Free Combo _____

U.S. National Championship, April 10-14, Mesa, AZ
Solo _____ Duet _____ Team _____ Free Combo _____

U.S. Junior Open Championship, July 10-14, Henderson, NV
Solo _____ Duet _____ Trio _____ Team _____ Free Combo (Open age division) _____

U.S. Senior Open Championship, July 10-14, Henderson, NV
Solo _____ Duet _____ Team _____ Free Combo (Open age division) _____

U.S. Masters Championship, October 25-28, Sarasota, FL
Solo _____ Duet _____ Trio _____ Team _____ Free Combo _____

Please return this completed form by January 31 to:

U.S. Synchronized Swimming
132 E. Washington St., Suite 820
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Fax: +1 (317) 237-5705

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO RECEIVE FINAL ENTRY MATERIAL.

All preliminary Championship information, including schedules, competition pool, and program can be found on-line at www.usasynchro.org in the "Events" area.