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## 12th FINA/eSynchro World Junior Synchronised Swimming Championships Get Underway in Indianapolis\*

**Indianapolis, Ind.** – The world's most elite junior synchronized swimmers took to the stage in Indianapolis today for 12th FINA/eSynchro World Junior Synchronised Swimming Championships.\* The event features the world's most elite synchronized swimmers ranging in age from 15-18 and will run through August 15 at the IU Natatorium on the campus of IUPUI.

Today's action was highlighted by the preliminary competition in the duet and team events. Team USA finished in seventh place in the team competition with a score of 86.460. In the duet, the United States' Alyson Haylor and Alexa Tchekmarev scored an 86.270 to also take a seventh place finish.

"We had solid swims coming out of the gate which met and exceeded my expectations," commented U.S. Junior National Team Coach, Kim LoPorto. "We swam on the conservative side and know what to improve upon leading up to finals."

Preliminary scores will be combined with Friday's figure scores to determine the 12 finalists. The world junior champions in both team and duet will be crowned Saturday at the conclusion of finals.

The internationally-sanctioned competition features the team and duet events, which are also Olympic disciplines. The team event consists of eight athletes while the duet consists of two synchronized swimmers. The competition will also include the solo and the free combination routine event. The solo requires a swimmer to synchronize a routine to music, while the free combination routine is considered a fan-favorite and incorporates a variety of different routines into one four and a half minute program.

The biennial event is open to Junior National Teams world-wide and marks the 12th time the competition has been held. The United States is represented by the U.S. Junior National Team which was named in May of 2010.

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**TEAM RESULTS (16 Entries Total)**

1. Russia 92.280; 2. Ukraine 89.540; 3. China 89.01; 4. Canada 88.930; 5. Spain 88.330; 6. Japan 86.530; 7. United States 86.460

**DUET RESULTS (23 Entries Total)**

1. Russia 91.170; 2. Ukraine 89.240; 3. Canada 88.330; 4. China 88.060; 5. Spain 88.000; 6. Japan 86.810; 7. United States 86.270

**CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT SCHEDULE (MEDIA COVERAGE WELCOME):**

**Aug. 12, Thursday**

10:00 – 13:00

Preliminary: Solo Free Routine

18:00 – 19:30

Preliminary: Free Routine Combination

**Aug. 13, Friday**

10:15

Figure competition

**Aug. 14, Saturday**

14:15

Presentation of finalists

14:30 – 15:45

Final: DUET Free Routine

16:45

Presentation of finalists

17:00 – 18:30

Final: TEAM Free Routine

18:45

Awards Ceremony

**Aug. 15, Sunday**

13:15

Presentation of finalists

13:30- 14:45

Final, SOLO Free Routine

15:45

Presentation of finalists

16:00 – 17:30

Final: Free Routine COMBINATION

17:45

Awards Ceremony

**TICKETS:** Tickets can be purchased at the gate and will be \$10 for adults and \$6 for students. Children five and under will be admitted for free. Week-long passes can be purchased for \$25 and \$15.

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**\*Please note that the European spelling for “synchronized” is used per FINA’s request.**

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