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Competition Continues at the 12th FINA/eSynchro World Junior Synchronised Swimming Championships in Indianapolis*

Indianapolis, Ind. – Competition at the 12th FINA/eSynchro World Junior Synchronised Swimming Championships* continued today at the IU Natatorium on the campus of IUPUI. The world's most elite junior synchronized swimmers finished out the preliminary competition with the solo and combination events and will compete in the figure competition on Friday while finals will take place on Saturday and Sunday.

In the solo event, the United States' Alexa Tchekmarev finished the day in eighth place with a mark of 85.930. In the combination event, Team USA swam a Michael Jackson themed routine and finished in seventh place with a score of 85.450.

"We had our best performance (in the combination event) and did exactly what we needed to do," stated U.S. Junior National Team Coach, Kim LoPorto. "Our energy was off the charts and higher than we have ever seen."

Preliminary scores (for the solo, duet and team events) will be combined with Friday's figure scores to determine the 12 finalists. The world junior champions in both the solo and combo events will be crowned Sunday 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 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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COMBINATION RESULTS (14 Entries Total)

1. Russia 91.460; 2. Ukraine 89.450; 3. China 89.220; 4. Canada 89.110; 5. Spain 86.210; 6. Japan 86.060; 7. United States 85.450

SOLO RESULTS (23 Entries Total)

1. Russia 91.420; 2. Ukraine 90.540; 3. Canada 88.280; 4. Spain 87.660; 5. China 87.160; 6. Italy 86.930; 7. Japan 86.720; 8. United States 85.930

CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT SCHEDULE (MEDIA COVERAGE WELCOME):

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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