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12th FINA/eSynchro World Junior Synchronised Swimming Championships 2010 Land in Indianapolis*

Indianapolis, Ind. – The world's most elite junior synchronised swimmers will gather in Indianapolis, August 11-15 for the 12th FINA/eSynchro World Junior Synchronised Swimming Championships 2010. The event will be held at the IU Natatorium on the campus of IUPUI and will consist of National Team athletes ranging in ages from 15 to 18 years old.

The IU Natatorium is no stranger to the sport of synchronised swimming. The facility has played host to the U.S. Olympic Synchronised Swimming Team Trials (1984, 1988, 1996, 2008), the FINA World Cup (1985), the U.S. National Championships (1996, 2007) and the eSynchro Age Group Championships (2004).

The internationally-sanctioned competition will feature the team and duet events, which are also Olympic disciplines. The team event consists of eight athletes while the duet consists of two synchronised swimmers. The competition will also include the solo and the free combination routine event. The solo requires a swimmer to synchronise 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 will be represented by the U.S. Junior National Team which was named in May of 2010. The Hilton Indianapolis located downtown, will serve as the official host hotel for the anticipated 300 athletes, coaches and officials.

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CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT SCHEDULE (MEDIA COVERAGE WELCOME):

Aug. 11, Wednesday

10:00 – 13:00 Preliminary: Duet Free Routine
17:30 – 17:55 Opening Ceremony
18:00 – 20:00 Preliminary: Team Free Routine

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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USA Synchro is based in Indianapolis and serves as the National Governing Body for the sport of synchronised swimming, appointed as such by the United States Olympic Committee. It is a membership-based and non-for-profit organization which services the sport from the grass roots level to the National Team. The mission statement of USA Synchro is "to provide leadership and resources for the promotion and growth of synchronized swimming, to achieve competitive excellence at all levels and to develop broad based participation."

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