# 2025 United States Artistic Swimming Masters Report Nancy Weiman, Masters Chair

### **COMPETITIONS:**

## MASTERS NATIONAL ARTISTIC SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The Masters Season started off with the Masters National Championships in Clearwater Beach Florida October 24-27, 2024. With over 300 competitors, the meet was a great success with Redwood Empire Synchro winning high point, Team Florida second and DC Synchromasters 3rd. Dana Bradley was recognized with the Mae McEwan award for her contributions to Master's artistic swimming.

#### WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS/SINGAPORE

Twenty-five US Artistic Swimmers from 5 clubs participated in the World Masters Swimming Championships in Singapore, July 30-August 3, bringing home medals in 20 events. The performances spanned multiple age groups and various events. The meet was well-run in the fascinating city-state of Singapore.

## CANADIAN NATIONAL MASTERS ARTISTIC SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Swimmers from the DC Synchromasters and Redwood Empire Synchro participated in the Canadian Masters Artistic Swimming Championships in Markham, Ontario, Canada, the second week of May. It was another successful championship, with US swimmers taking medals in several categories.

## **INTERNATIONAL RULES:**

In Singapore, the World Aquatics Masters Committee held a seminar on the new rules for international competition. The new rules follow the concepts of the elite and age group rules with coach cards, required number of hybrids, and an acrobatic move. The required tech elements are very similar to the previous elements, but offer a higher and lower difficulty option. The traveling ballet leg has also been defined ending in a flamingo position. There will continue to be tech solos, free solos, for men and women, tech duets, free duets for men, women and mixed category, tech team, free team with a maximum of two men eligible to compete in the event. The rules will be used in the 2027 World Aquatics Masters Championship in Budapest. Previous to this, several countries have adopted new rules for 2026. The USA will in the next two years determine any changes to its rules to align with the new international rules.

## **NEXT COMPETITION – US MASTERS NATIONALS 2025**

Master's competitors are looking forward to the US Master's Nationals to be held in Overland Park Kansas, October 23-26, 2025. The facility, the Shawnee Mission School District Aquatic Center, looks fabulous and we are looking forward to another well run championship in the center of the US.

## **NEWSLETTER**

The Master's Committee has provided a newsletter every quarter sent to Master's team reps, zone chairs, posted on the website in a Master's area and sent to the adult mailing list. Included

is Master's information about coming competitions, and other information for the Master's competitor or prospective competitor. We hope that this is helpful to Master's and are always pleased to have Master's information submitted to the committee to add to the newsletter. The committee hopes it has provided information of interest in a timely manner.

#### MASTER'S COMMITTEE

The current Master's committee has been at work for almost two years providing guidance for US Master's swimmers. During the Master's Championships in Overland Park, KS we will be voting on the committee for the next two years. Anyone with interest in being on the Master's Committee for the next two years should send an expression of their interest with a resume, to the current Master's chair by October 1, 2025. While current Master's committee can run for an additional term, we would like to have any interested swimmers run for the positions of the four zones, two at large representatives, and the Chair. Please forward your interest and resume' or your questions about the positions to <a href="mailto:nanoweiman@gmail.com">nanoweiman@gmail.com</a>.

## MAE MC EWAN AWARD

The Mae Mc Ewan Award for Master's Artistic Swimmer, will be awarded at the Master's National Championship. The Mae McEwan award is given yearly at the National Masters meet to a competitor in the competition, voted on by the meet competitors at the competition. The Mae Mc Ewan Award recognizes Outstanding Masters swimmer and highlights skills, teamwork, active participation in other areas of the sport or a combination of skills and attributes that make that competitor outstanding. Entries can be submitted with the meet entry, or sent to the Master's Chair at nancyweiman@gmail.com.

## MASTER"S PAGE ON THE USAAS WEBSITE

Just a note that information about Master's, as well as the newsletters are available on the USAAS Website. On the left hand side next to the logo, click on the three lines and then on CLUBS, and find Master's. There is the information, plus a list of clubs.

The Master's Committee is always pleased to have input, information and questions addressed to us. Please feel free to contact us at:

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