



2025 YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP AND 12U INVITATIONAL

GENEVA, OH
APRIL 24-27, 2025





MEET AND FACILITY INFORMATION

MEET MANAGER

Emily Burlison: USA Artistic Swimming Events Director
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FACILITY

Spire Institute, 5201 Spire Cir, Geneva, OH 44041

POOL SPECS

Indoor pool 25 meters by 50 meters
Competition area is 25 meters by 30 meters 7'6" - 13'2" deep
Practice area is 7'0" - 7'6"

WALK ON

Details for walk out and entry level will be added closer to the event.

HOST HOTEL

Please book with the link provided by TEAM Solutions. Click [HERE](#). If you are not finding the rooms you need, please contact Emily for assistance prior to the booking deadline. This is a Stay to Play event. Booking outside of the room block will result in a fee charged to the team per individual.

AIRPORT

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE) 58 miles from venue
Erie International Airport (ERI) 50 miles from venue

TICKETS

\$15.00 day pass for 18 – 65 years of age
\$10.00 day pass for 6 – 17 years of age and Seniors 66 and over
\$50.00 event pass for 18 – 65 years of age
\$30.00 event pass for 6 – 17 years of age and Seniors 66 and over
Free admission to Life Members and children 5 years of age and younger

RULES TO GOVERN

The 2025 Official USA Artistic Swimming Rulebook shall govern the Championship



IMPORTANT DATES AND FEES

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

FEB. 7, 2025

EVENT REGISTRATION
OPENS

MAR. 27, 2025

ENTRY DEADLINE

MAR. 27, 2025

FOREIGN ENTRY
DEADLINE

LATE FEES

ATHLETES

Registration received between 27 and 7 days prior to the first day of the competition shall be assessed a \$25.00 event entry late fee and \$10.00 per routine entry late fee. No entries shall be accepted between 7 and 0 days prior to the first day of competition.

MUSIC

Music submitted less than 2 weeks (14 days) prior to the first day of the competition will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee per routine. Music changes made less than 2 weeks (14 days) prior to an event will be assessed a \$25.00 change fee per routine/change.

COACHES CARDS

Coach cards received between 13 and 7 days prior to the first day of the respective competition will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee per routine. Cards will not be accepted or changed after 7 days out (April 17, 2025) from the meet to match CP 5.5.2. The deadline to submit coach cards without fees is 11:59 PM MST on April 10, 2025. A link to an online folder will be sent to the email used during registration to submit cards.

COACHES,
CHAPERONES, TEAM
MANAGERS &
OTHERS

Registration received between 27 and 14 days prior to the first day of competition will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee per individual.

CERTIFICATIONS FOR
COACHES,
CHAPERONES, TEAM
MANAGERS &
OTHERS

Certifications submitted between 27 and 14 days prior to the first day of competition will be assessed at \$25.00 late fee per certification. This includes Background, SafeSport, CCP and First Aid/CPR. No certifications will be accepted 14 or less days prior to the meet and no refunds will be processed.

FEE INFORMATION

ROUTINE FEE:

ENTRY FEE:

\$30
PER COMPETITOR,
PER ROUTINE,
INCLUDING
RESERVES.

\$40
PER COMPETITOR



CREDENTIALS AND CERTIFICATIONS

CREDENTIALS

Each club will receive coach credentials per the chart. In addition, each club will receive two team personnel credentials. Additional credentials are \$30 each. Only individuals with required certification are allowed to receive credentials. Credentials are required to be on the pool deck. Coaches, chaperones or other staff registrations received after the entry deadline will be charged a Late Fee of \$ 25.00 per person. See Appendix C.

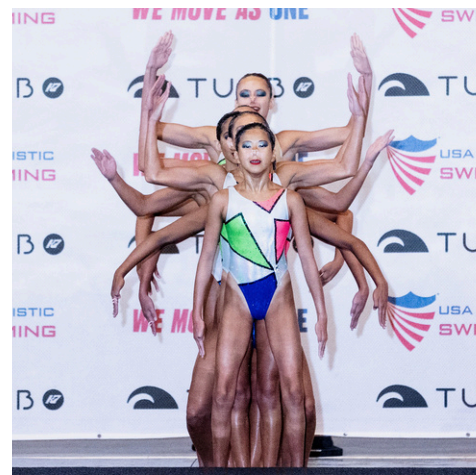
MAX NUMBER OF FREE CREDENTIALS

ATHLETES	COACHES	CHAPERONES
1 - 10	2	1
11 - 15	3	2
16 - 20	4	2
21 - 25	5	3
26 - 30	6	3
31 - 35	7	4
36 - 40	8	4
41 - 45	9	5
46 - 50	10	5

REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS

CREDENTIAL	ELIGIBILITY
CCP LEVEL 1	Required for all coaches to be on deck at any land or water training or sanctioned competition.
CCP LEVELS 1 & 2	Required for all coaches to be on deck at any Regional or Zone Championship. Exception: A one-time emergency waiver may be allowed at the discretion of the Education Director.
CCP LEVEL 3	Required for all coaches to be on deck at any National Championship. Exception: A one-time emergency waiver may be allowed at the discretion of the Education Director.
BACKGROUND SCREEN	Required for all coaches and chaperones on deck.
SAFESPORT	Required for all USAAS Members 18 years of age and older. This includes coaches, chaperones, athletes, trainers, and any other team personnel.
CPR/FIRST AID	Required for all coaches on deck.
MEMBERSHIPS	Professional Membership or Life Membership required for coaches. Athlete Safety Membership required for team staff & chaperones. Competitive Athlete Membership required for all athletes.

Please review the LATE fee section for any certification not completed by the deadline. Registered coaches will be verified and those holding the required certifications will be granted credentials. Contact memcoord@usaartisticswim.org with questions.





SOUND AND MUSIC

We will be using digital music for this competition. It is essential all music be sent by email in advance. Email music files to Chris Leahy at leahycm@gmail.com by April 9, 2025. Copy Emily at emily@usaartisticswim.org on all submissions. Please review the late fee section for music submitted or changed after the deadline. Music Late Fees are per routine/per change. Routines will be electronically timed in advance. Upon receipt of the music, a report will be sent containing the measured times for each routine.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

Digital music files (M4A, MP3) are to be submitted for routines for this competition. - Music files may be sent as email attachments or shared using a file sharing/ transfer service such as Dropbox, Google Drive, OneDrive, WeTransfer, etc.

We recommend submitting 160+ kbit/sec M4A/AAC or higher quality audio for best sound results.

If sending MP3 files, 192+ kbit/sec is recommended.

A device with a 1/8" TRS (headphone) jack is acceptable as a backup.

A CD player will NOT be available as back up.

Use the following naming conventions when saving files (routine names should be "space" separated):

12U Duet Free CDY Smith

- Duet Free = Routine event
- CDY = Club Abbreviation / Three Letter Code
- Smith = Last name of the first alphabetical member of the routine

Email Emily Burlison - emily@usaartisticswim.org if you do not know your code.

MUSIC TIMING WEBSITE

Use this tool to check the timing of your music:

https://measure-routines.web.app/measure_routines.html





NATIONAL EVENTS

Athletes are not permitted to swim up and must swim in their age category with the exception of Youth Combo as noted below.

AGE DIVISIONS

AGE GROUP	FEMALE	MALE	GENDER INCLUSIVE
12 & UNDER	12 & UNDER	12 & UNDER	12 & UNDER
YOUTH	13 - 15	13 - 16	13 - 16

YOUTH EVENTS

Competition in Solo, Boy/Male Solo, Gender Inclusive Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet, Boys/Males Duet, Gender Inclusive Duet and Team, consisting of Figures and Free routines. Top twelve (12) routines in each event (combined Figures and Free routines scores) will advance to finals.

Qualification for the National Championship, Junior Championship, and Youth Championship is the top 6 routines from each zone for all three championships as well as the bonus entries which can be found on the USAAS website.

Grade Level 4 is required for entry into the Youth Championship.

12U EVENTS

Competition in Solo, Boy/Male Solo, Gender Inclusive Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet, Boys/Males Duet, Gender Inclusive Duet, Free Combination and Team, consisting of Figures and Free routines. Top twelve routines in each event (combined Figures and Free routines scores) will advance to finals.

12 & Under routines do not have to qualify at another competition to attend this competition. Each club will be allowed two entries in each event.

Grade Level 3 is required for all athletes to compete in the 12U Invitational.

YOUTH FREE COMBINATION EVENTS

Free Combination Event General Rules for Youths:

- All Free Combination routines must have 4 – 10 competitors.
- Competitors must be from the same club.
- 12 & Under athletes can swim on the youth combo team if they have Grade level 4

FIGURES

FIGURE #	12 & UNDER FIGURES	DIFFICULTY
106	STRAIGHT BALLET LEG	1.6
301	BARRACUDA	1.9

Figures will be drawn from the Youth & 12U Selection Groups on **April 21, 2025** by 1pm MST. In addition to sending an email, we will announce the figure selection on social media.



EVENTS AND AWARDS

SCORING CHAIR

Rebecca Phillips - rebeccasynchro@gmail.com

TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

Click [HERE](#). The schedule will include all Youth and 12U events.

FOREIGN FEDERATIONS

Foreign Federations may enter the US Youth Championship or 12U Invitational in accordance with the information posted in the invitation [HERE](#).

DRAW ENTRIES FOR YOUTH & 12U EVENTS

If the event has 12 or fewer entries then the maximum allowed, we may select, at random, routines registered from the draw. All Athletes, Coaches and Chaperones are required to register before the deadline. All fees will be charged at the time of registration. If the athlete is not drawn, a full refund will be processed. Please select placement as DRAW during event registration. 12 & Under events the first two entries from a club are guaranteed. Entries three or more may be considered if space available.

BONUS ENTRIES

Bonus entries are posted in the 2025 Tech Talk posted on the Rules Page [HERE](#).

AWARDS

Medals for places 1-3 and ribbons for places 4-8 will be given in the categories listed: Figures, Solo, Male Solo, Gender Inclusive Solo, Duet, Mixed Duet, Male/Male Duet, Gender Inclusive Duet, Free Combination and Team events shall be awarded medals in each event. Medals shall be given to reserves who swim either the Preliminary or Final Free routine.

Foreign Competitors shall receive honorary placements, and if finishing in the top 12, shall swim in Finals and receive honorary awards. Foreign competitors shall not be eligible to be pre-swimmer(s).

NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS

Detailed schedule for trials will be released closer to the start of the event.
Sunday - after the conclusion of the event until 7:00 PM

POOL PRACTICE SPACE

Julie Drury - jdrury@spireacademy.com

Practice space will be available to rent on Wednesday. Email Julie to reserve a time.



USAAS POLICIES

PHOTO REGULATIONS

Any photographs, videotape or other audio and/or visual recordings of the event created by a spectator may be used solely for such spectator's personal non-commercial use, and may not be broadcast, published or disseminated or used for any commercial purposes, without the prior written consent of USA Artistic Swimming. Personal use photography by the audience will be allowed, from the stands, as long as not obstructing the view of others, with any camera using no flash. Photographs must be for personal, non-commercial use. USA Artistic Swimming may use photos likeness in a photograph, video, or other digital media, in any/all of its publications, including web-based publications, without payment or other consideration.

LIVE WEB STREAMING

We will provide LIVE coverage for anyone wanting to watch and be a part of the event. We highly encourage friends and family to tune in live.

MERCHANDISING

Team IP will be the Official Merchandiser and Online Sales Partner of USA Artistic Swimming.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Tavan Smith Photography - Photos will be available for purchase on our website.

EVENT CANCELLATION POLICY

When a USA Artistic Swimming (USAAS) event is cancelled or interrupted due to acts or threats of war, acts or threats of terrorism, acts of God, or a health risk alert, event entry refunds will be made to individuals or teams on a prorated basis once all of USAAS's out-of-pocket expenditures for the cancelled or interrupted event have been settled from such fees.

VENUE RULES

Gelling is allowed in a specified area only. Please keep areas clean- and pick-up bobby pins. There will be absolutely NO DE GELLING allowed at the facility. A \$100.00 team fine will be placed on the club account if found de gelling. \$100.00 team fine for anyone performing acrobatic movement in practice space.

- No Glass Containers in pool area, lobby, bathrooms or parking lot
- No Shaving/Gelling in the Bathrooms
- No Alcoholic Beverages or Containers in pool area, lobby, bathrooms or parking lot
- No Smoking/Vaping/E-Cigarette in pool area, lobby, bathrooms or parking lot
- No Refunds offered for Vending Machines
- No propping open of any external gates/exits

Teams are permitted to bring in their own coolers, beverage and food. No food is allowed on the pool deck!

ADVERTISING POLICY

No club or individual is permitted to display signage, flyers or any other advertising materials at the event. Teams are permitted to hang banners with the logo and/or name of the competing club only. At certain events, scoreboard advertisements will be available for purchase upon inquiry. For additional information or to explore other advertising options with USA Artistic Swimming, please contact Kennedy@usaartisticswimming.org

REFUND POLICY

NO REFUNDS FOR SCRATCHES.

In the case of extenuating circumstances, USAAS will take the circumstances into account.