



# 2026 JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIP

JUNE 27 - JULY 4  
YPSILANTI, MI



HOSTED BY  
**USA ARTISTIC  
SWIMMING**



# MEET AND FACILITY INFORMATION

## MEET MANAGER

Baylee Robinson; USA Artistic Swimming Senior Events Director  
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## FACILITY

Michael H. Jones Natatorium, 100 Olds/Robb, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

## POOL SPECS

Competition Pool Length: 8 lane pool with competition space 25-30M long.  
Depth: 12' - 17'

## HOST HOTEL

Please book with the link provided by TEAM Solutions. [Click HERE](#). If you cannot find the rooms you need, please contact TEAM Solutions Customer Service at [support@trustintteams.com](mailto:support@trustintteams.com) This is a Stay to Play event. Booking outside of the room block will result in a fee charged to the team per individual that violates the policy.

## AIRPORT

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW)

## 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  
\$100.00 event pass for 18 – 65 years of age for full 8 day event  
\$60.00 event pass for 6 – 17 years of age and Seniors 66 and over for full 8 day event  
\$50.00 event pass for 18 – 65 years of age for a 4 day session  
\$30.00 event pass or 6 – 17 years of age and Seniors 66 and over for a 4 day session  
Free admission to Life Members and children 5 years of age and younger

## RULES TO GOVERN

2026 Artistic Swimming Rules shall govern the Championship.

## MERCHANDISING

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

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Event photographer will be announced closer to the event - Photos will be available for purchase on our website.

## LIVE STREAMING

We will provide live coverage of the event. The livestream can be found on our website the day of the competition. [Click Here](#).

## POOL PRACTICE SPACE

More information will be posted on the event page soon.



# IMPORTANT DATES AND FEES

**MAY 1**

Registration opens in Sport 80.

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

**MAR. 9**

Hotel Booking Deadline

**MAY 23**

Registration deadline for athletes, coaches, chaperones & team staff. This is also the deadline for all required certifications. This includes Background, SafeSport, CCP and/or First Aid/CPR. **NEW 2026:** The new registration system will not let you enter any event without the required certifications listed. Please complete all requirements before the deadline.

**MAY 24 - JUNE 20**

Late registration window for athletes. A \$25.00 late fee will be assessed per athlete entry and \$10.00 per athlete per routine entry. No entries will be accepted on or after April 3.

**MAY 24 - JUNE 13**

Late registration window for coaches, chaperones & team staff and a \$25.00 late fee will be charged per individual. This is also the late registration window for the certifications listed above. A \$25.00 fine will be assessed for each certification completed during this time. No certifications will be accepted on or after March 27 and the individual will be removed from the team roster. No refunds will be processed.

**JUNE 13**

Deadline to submit music & coach cards.

**JUNE 14 - 26**

Late music submission or change window. Any music submitted or changed between these dates will be assessed a \$25.00 fine per routine.

**JUNE 14 - 20**

Late coach card submission or change window. Any coach card submitted or changed between these dates will be assessed a \$25.00 fine per routine. Coach Cards will not be accepted or changed on or after April 3.

## IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Deadline time is 11:59 PM MST for all listed deadlines.
- If your qualifying event ends after the registration deadline, the athlete still needs to register by the deadline. Full refunds will be processed for any athlete that did not qualify.
- If a qualifying entry is not received by the May 23 registration deadline, we may give the qualify spot away to teams on the DRAW list.
- If you register late - your qualified spot may be given away to a draw entry.

## FEE INFORMATION

**ROUTINE FEE:**

**ENTRY FEE:**

**\$35**

PER U.S.  
COMPETITOR, PER  
ROUTINE,  
INCLUDING  
RESERVES.

**\$50**

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

## 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.  
Contact [memcoord@usaartisticswim.org](mailto:memcoord@usaartisticswim.org) with questions.





# SOUND AND MUSIC

## 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](mailto:leahycm@gmail.com) by June 13, 2026. 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 [memcoord@usaartisticswim.org](mailto:memcoord@usaartisticswim.org) if you do not know your code

## MUSIC TIMING TOOLS

Use this tool to check the timing of your music:  
[https://measure-routines.web.app/measure\\_routines.html](https://measure-routines.web.app/measure_routines.html)

## COACH CARD CHECKER

Use this tool to check your coach cards:  
<https://check-cards.web.app/>

## SCORING

Rebecca Phillips will be the Scoring Chair for this event.

## TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

Please visit the event page for event schedules. Officials and Coaches meeting will be posted in the final schedule and will only be as needed.



# EVENTS

## AGE DIVISIONS

AGE GROUP	FEMALE	MALE	GENDER INCLUSIVE
12 & UNDER	12 & UNDER	12 & UNDER	12 & UNDER
YOUTH	13 - 15	13 - 16	13 - 16
15-17	15 - 17	15 - 17	15 - 17
18-19/20	18 - 19	18 - 20	18 - 20

For Junior Olympics, the age divisions have been updated to match AQUA 12 & Under, Youth, 15-17, 18-19 (female), and 18-20 (male). The 16-19 age division is now 16-19 for female athletes, and 16-20 for male athletes.

## 12 & UNDER & YOUTH EVENTS

Competition in Solo, Male Solo, Gender Inclusive Solo, Duet, Boys/Men Duet, Mixed Duet, Gender Inclusive Duet, Free Combination, 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. Youth figures and the remaining two 12 & Under figures will be drawn no later than 72 hours prior to the figure events. Results will be emailed to event participants and posted on social media accounts.

	FIGURE #	FIGURE	DIFFICULTY
12U	106	STRAIGHT BALLET LEG	1.6
12U	301	BARRACUDA	1.9

## 15-17 AND 18-19/20 EVENTS

Competition in Technical and Free routines in Solo, Male Solo, Gender Inclusive Solo, Duet, Boys/Men Duet, Mixed Duet, Gender Inclusive Duet and Team. The Acrobatic & Free Combination event will be for 16-19/20 age group. See Appendix L - an athlete can participate in either 16-19/20 Acrobatic OR 16-19/20 Free Combination but cannot compete in both.

## QUALIFICATION

Qualification is required for all events.

## DRAW ENTRY

If the event has fewer entries than 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.

## AWARDS

Medals will be awarded in each age group to finalist places 1 - 3 in routines and 1 - 3 in figure competition. Ribbons will be awarded to places 4 – 12 in routines and 4 - 12 in figures. In the 15-17 and 18-19/20 age divisions, separate awards will be given for tech and free routines.



# USAAS POLICIES

## 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

No overnight camping, if RV's are in use during the day, please park in lots U or V

No pets in the venue, service animals only

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

## 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.

## 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.

## 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@usaartisticswim.org](mailto:Kennedy@usaartisticswim.org).

## REFUND POLICY

All entry fees paid to USA Artistic Swimming for national events, camps, clinics and trials are non-refundable. By submitting registration and payment, the registrant acknowledges and agrees to this policy. Registration fees will not be refunded for any scratches, withdrawals, or failure to attend the event for any reason.

In extreme and exceptional cases (for example, serious medical conditions), a registrant may submit a written request for consideration of a refund to USAAS via email. All requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis at the sole discretion of USAAS. Approval is not guaranteed.



# WALK OUT DETAILS

## EVENT SET UP

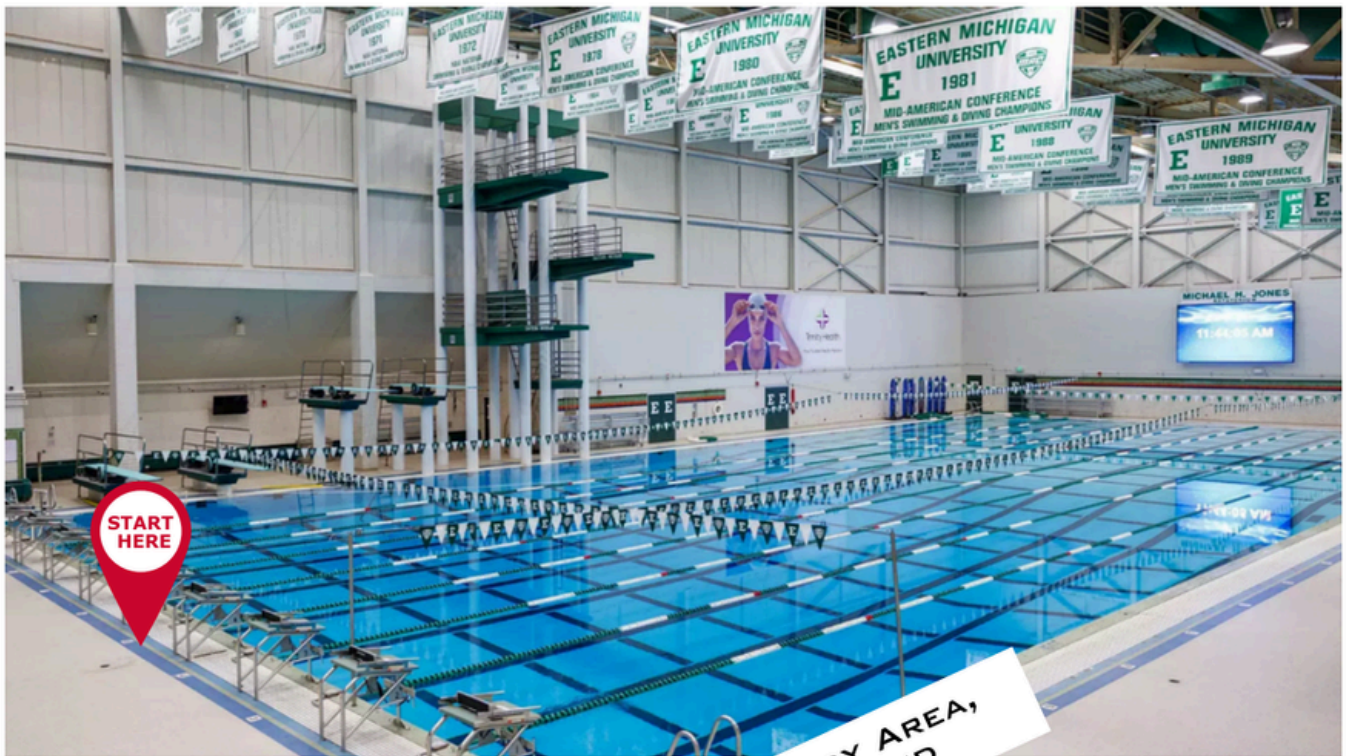
TEAM BLEACHERS

Scores



Athletes will check-in with the Vice Referee at the ready area on the spectator side of the pool. Athletes will walk to the center of the deck and enter the pool from there.

## SPECTATOR BLEACHERS



READY AREA,  
SOUND