Collegiate Committee

USA Artistic Swimming – 2024-2025 Season

Accomplishments

The Collegiate Committee is proud to report continued progress in advancing artistic swimming at the collegiate level. This year marked the successful completion of our second season under the new rule system, demonstrating the adaptability of our athletes, coaches, and officials while creating a consistent structure for competition.

Our collegiate community also grew with the addition of a new program at UC San Diego, further strengthening the presence of artistic swimming in California and the West Coast. Additionally, we welcomed two new coaches into leadership positions: Lindsey Keen at Wheaton College and another Courtney Griffith at Texas Woman's University. Their contributions will bring new energy and expertise to their respective programs.

Challenges and Areas of Focus

Despite these successes, we continue to face challenges in expanding participation at the collegiate level. Our athlete population remains smaller than desired, and there is a need to increase the number of colleges and universities that sponsor or support artistic swimming. To address this, we are setting up task forces specifically focused on:

- Growing athlete recruitment and retention.
- Engaging schools to sponsor and sustain programs.

We are also continuing conversations around male inclusion in collegiate artistic swimming, recognizing the importance of creating an environment where all athletes have opportunities to participate. In addition, the committee is reviewing and adjusting the rules for trio routines to ensure fairness, clarity, and alignment with the evolving landscape of the sport.

Looking Ahead

As we move into the next year, the Collegiate Committee will prioritize:

- Supporting the growth of existing programs while pursuing opportunities for new collegiate teams.
- Expanding resources and outreach to increase athlete participation.
- Finalizing adjustments to trio routine rules and promoting inclusive participation policies.

With these efforts, we aim to continue strengthening the foundation of collegiate artistic swimming and expanding opportunities for student-athletes nationwide.