

**USA SWIMMING
ATHLETE SELECTION PROCEDURES
2014 PAN PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS
August 21-25, 2014**

SELECTION SYSTEM

The 2014 Pan Pacific Championships (the "Championships") will be conducted in Gold Coast, Australia, August 21-25, 2014.

The following common definitions shall apply to this Team Selection Procedure.

- a. Available Swimmer. "Available Swimmer" shall mean a swimmer who, at the time of selection and through the Championships: (i) is a registered athlete member of USA Swimming in good standing, (ii) is a citizen of the United States who is eligible to represent the United States at the Championships, (iii) qualifies for the Team in an Event according to this Procedure, (iv) satisfies all the FINA, World Anti Doping Agency (WADA), United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) and USA Swimming applicable eligibility requirements, (v) accepts the invitation to become a member of the Team when that invitation is offered by USA Swimming, (vi) agrees to swim in at least one Event for which he/she qualifies, and (vii) continues to train for peak swimming performance through the Championships. If a swimmer does not satisfy these requirements, then he/she is not considered an Available Swimmer.
- b. Double. To "double" means the instance when one individual swimmer qualifies to compete in two or more different swimming Events at the Championships.
- c. Finals. "Finals" shall mean the heat that is conducted in each Qualifying Competition event from which the top finishers are determined.
- d. Event. "Event" shall refer to those competitions held, in Olympic Events only, at the Qualifying Competition.
- e. Head Coach. Unless otherwise indicated, "Head Coach" shall refer to the head coach of the Team for each gender.
- f. World Ranking. "World Ranking" shall mean the ranking of the time swum by a swimmer in the Finals of the Qualifying Competition integrated into the fina.org world ranking lists for 2014 from June 25, 2013 through and including July 29, 2014.
- g. National Team Director. "National Team Director" shall refer to the USA Swimming National Team Director, or his designee.
- h. Qualifying Competition. "Qualifying Competition" shall mean the 2014 ConocoPhillips USA Swimming National Championships, to be conducted August 6-10, 2014 in Irvine, CA. Preliminary heats, relay lead-offs and time trials and intermediate splits will NOT be considered for selection, but may be considered in making other determinations as described herein.

- i. Swim Offs. “Swim Offs” may be held at the Qualifying Competition for the sole purpose of determining Priority selection order. Swim Offs are put in place to break ties between athletes in the same qualifying event and are a one-time opportunity to resolve a tie for placement on the team. Except for breaking a tie, the time from the Swim Off will NOT count towards qualification for selection to the Team.
 - j. Selection to the Team. Selection of swimmers to the Team shall happen from August 6-10, 2014 at the Qualifying Competition.
 - k. Team. “Team” shall mean the 2014 Pan Pacific Championship Team announced at approximately 11:59 pm PT, on August 10, 2014.
1. **Selection Eligibility**. Without otherwise limiting the eligibility requirements set forth herein, in order to be eligible for Selection to the Team, at the time of selection, a swimmer must then be eligible under all applicable rules of FINA, WADA, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), and USA Swimming. USA Swimming rules require that, among other things, an athlete must be a citizen of the United States who is eligible to represent the United States at the Championships, and a registered athlete member of USA Swimming in good standing.
 2. **Additional Requirements for Selection**.
All swimmers selected to the Team will be required to comply with all applicable rules and requirements of FINA, WADA, USADA, and USA Swimming. Specifically, and without limitation, each swimmer selected to the Team shall:
 - A. Sign and abide by the USA Swimming National Team Competition Forms (See Attachments A) and conform to all USA Swimming policies and protocol regarding Team preparation and participation;
 - B. Agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Swimming under the conditions authorized by USA Swimming and give USA Swimming the right to use his or her name, picture, likeness, and biographical information to promote the sport of swimming.
 3. **Team Selection—Making and Filling the Team**.
 - A. Team Size. A total of twenty-six (26) men and twenty-six (26) women will be selected to the Team. For purposes of these Procedures, the men's and women's components of the Team will be considered separately.
 - B. Performance Criteria for Team Selection. Performances in the Finals of individual Olympic Events at the Qualifying Competition will be prioritized for each gender as follows to add swimmers to the Team until the Team is comprised of twenty-six (26) men and twenty-six (26) women. Only swimmers who qualify via one of the priorities set forth below are eligible for selection to the Team. Swimmers not qualifying via one of these priorities will not be eligible to be selected to the Team.

The Team for each gender shall be selected based on the following priorities:

- i. Priority #1. The first Priority shall include both (i) the four fastest Available Swimmers based on the finish order in the Finals of the Qualifying Competition in each of the 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle Events and (ii) the first Available Swimmer based on the finish order in the Finals of the Qualifying Competition in each of the individual Olympic events other than the 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle Events.
- ii. Priority #2. The second Priority shall be the second fastest Available Swimmer based on the finish order in the Finals of the Qualifying Competition in each of the individual Olympic Events other than the 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle Events.
- iii. Priority #3. The third Priority shall be the third fastest Available Swimmer based on the finish order in the Finals of the Qualifying Competition in each of the individual Olympic Events other than the men's and women's 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle Events.
- iv. Priority #4. The fourth Priority shall be the fourth fastest Available Swimmer based on the finish order in the Finals of the Qualifying Competition in each of the individual Olympic Events other than the men's and women's 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle Events.

Note: This process will continue until 26 men and 26 women are selected to the Team. If completing a priority under this section results in more than 26 men and/or women qualifying for the Team, then the process set forth in Section 3.C will be used.

- C. Decreasing Team Size. If the prioritization procedures described above result in a list of either more than twenty-six (26) male or more than twenty-six (26) female swimmers, or both, then the swimmers of each gender shall be ranked and the top 26 men and 26 women swimmers shall be selected to the Team according to the following system:

- a. All swimmers from Priority #1 shall be selected to the Team.
- b. If selecting persons from Priority #1 and Priority #2 would result in more than twenty-six (26) swimmers per gender on the Team, then the swimmers within Priority #2 shall be invited to fill the Team in order of the highest World Ranking until a maximum of twenty-six (26) swimmers per gender are selected.
- c. If all Priority #2 swimmers are named to the Team and the maximum Team size of twenty-six (26) swimmers per gender has not been attained, then Priority #3 swimmers will be added to the Team. If this results in more than twenty-six (26) swimmers per gender on the Team, then the same procedure of adding swimmers to the Team in order of the highest World Rankings will be used until twenty-six (26) swimmers per gender are selected.

- d. Similarly, if all Priority #3 swimmers are named to the Team and the maximum Team size of twenty-six (26) swimmers per gender has not been attained, then Priority #4 swimmers will be added to the Team. If this results in more than twenty-six (26) swimmers per gender on the Team, then the same procedure of adding swimmers to the Team in order of the highest World Rankings will be used until twenty-six (26) swimmers per gender are selected.

D. Breaking a Tie.

- i. Tie in Same event. In the instance where there is tie for first place between two swimmers in the Finals of the same Event at the Qualifying Competition, both swimmers will be considered to fall under Priority #1. In the instance where there is a tie between two or more swimmers for a place below first place, a Swim- Off will be conducted in that Event at a time determined by the National Team Director, the athlete and the appropriate athletes' coaches. If the application of the Selection Procedures prior to the Swim Off results in both athletes being selected to the Team, then no Swim- Off will be necessary.
- ii. Tie in Different events. In the instance where, pursuant to the World Rankings, there is a tie between two or more swimmers in different Events for the final position(s) on the Team, the tie will be broken as follows:
 - (a) Each swimmer's performance swum in their Event in the Finals of the Qualifying Competition will be converted into a ratio, using the Qualifying Competition time in the Finals as the denominator, and the FINA approved World Record for that Event as of August 5, 2014 as the numerator, and the swimmer(s) with the highest percentage shall be selected to the final position(s) on the Team
 - (b) If this does not break the tie, then each swimmer's performance swum in their Event in the Finals of the Qualifying Competition will be rated according to the fina.org 2014 Long Course Points Table published by FINA in February 2014, and the swimmer(s) with the highest rating shall be selected to the final position(s) on the Team. Performance Ratings can be found here; http://www.fina.org/H2O/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1373&Itemid=641.
 - (c) If this does not break the tie, the fastest time swum by each swimmer in his/her Event in which the tie occurred during the period from June 25, 2013 through and including August 10, 2014 will be used and the swimmer(s) with the highest ranking will be added to the Team.
 - (d) If this fails to break the tie, the tie will be broken by random draw.

4. **Adjustments to the Team between Naming to the Team and Entry Submission.**

A. **Filling Vacant Team Position.** If, for any reason, a position on the Team shall become vacant between the selection to the Team (August 6-10, 2014) and the date and time when USA Swimming submits its entries for the Championships (11:59 am PT, on August 11, 2014), such vacancy shall be filled as follows, provided, however, that nothing in this Section 4 shall have the effect of bumping off the Team a swimmer who has already been selected to the Team:

i. **Filling Vacant Event Positions in All Events Other Than 100m and 200m Freestyle.**

For all events except the 100m or 200m Freestyle Events, if the Team is not full (less than twenty-six (26) per gender) after a swimmer declines a position on the Team for any reason, or Event positions otherwise become vacant, then the vacancy in any such Event(s) shall be filled by the next fastest Available Swimmer based on the order of finish in the Finals of the Qualifying Competition for each Event left vacant. If the next fastest Available Swimmer is already on the Team, and he/she agrees after consulting with the Head Coach and National Team Director to swim in the additional Event, then he/she shall serve as the replacement in that Event. If he/she declines to swim in the additional Event, then he/she shall not be considered an Available Swimmer for that Event, and the next fastest Available Swimmer will be considered. If the next Available Swimmer is not already on the Team, then the swimmer will be selected according to section 3.B. If adding the next Available Swimmer from each Event left vacant would cause the Team to exceed the maximum number (twenty-six (26) per gender), then those who qualify as the next fastest Available Swimmer in the Events left vacant shall be ranked according to the procedure described in Section 3.d.ii. Those ranked highest according to that procedure shall be added to the Team until the Team reaches twenty-six (26) per gender.

ii. **Filling Vacant Relay Positions with Team Vacancy.**

If a vacancy occurs in the 100m or 200m Freestyle Events after a swimmer declines the position on the Team due to any reason, in 100m and/or 200m Freestyle Event positions otherwise become vacant, then the vacancy in the 100m and 200m Freestyle Event(s) shall **not** be filled. Example: If a swimmer declines a position in the 100m or 200m Freestyle Individual Events or for consideration in a relay position, the next-highest finishing Available Swimmer will not be considered for selection.

5. **Entry Adjustments**

Adjustments to the Team after August 11, 2014. If, for any reason, an Event position shall become vacant after 11:59 am PT, August 11, 2014, no additional members shall be added to the Team, and the vacancy in the Event will be filled by the Head Coach and National Team Director from among those already on the Team.

6. **Discretionary Selection**

Discretionary selection will not be used for any swimmers in individual Olympic Events from the Qualifying Competition, except as provided in Section 5.

However, all swimmers who are nominated to the Team shall be eligible for selection to any and all relays to be held at the Championships. The Head Coach, in consultation with the assistant coaches and National Team Director, shall select the swimmers for each relay conducted at the Championships. In selecting the relay teams, the Head Coach, in consultation with the assistant coaches and National Team Director, shall consider all available information, including but not limited to each Team Member's Qualifying Competition performances (including preliminary times, time trials, and relay lead-off times), past relay performances, past relay reaction times, relay exchange experience, 2014 Championships performances, personal best performances, 2014 Championships event schedules, individual workload, other recent results and performances, consistency of performances, fatigue, health, fitness levels, training preparation, participation in relay training camps, scientific evaluation, attitude and team chemistry. Selection of swimmers for relays shall not be subject to challenge.

Based on existing Championships rules, there will be no "protected" swims at the Championships, and any eligible Team member may swim in the heats of any Event. For all Events at the Championships that have heats and finals, the two (2) fastest qualifiers per country in the preliminaries shall be those swimmers that advance to the finals (provided they qualify in the top eight (8)), in accordance with Pan Pacific Championships rules, regardless of finish at the Qualifying Competition.

All swimmers who are named to the Team through the selection process shall be eligible for entry into additional Events held at the Championships and to qualify for the 2015 World Championships, provided that the athlete swims at least one Event in which he/she qualifies. Only times from Finals (A & B) and Timed Final events at the Pan Pacific Championships will be considered for selection to the World Championship Team. Preliminary heats, time trials, Swim-Offs and intermediate splits will not be considered for selection to the World Championship Team.

7. Dismissal from Team

Any swimmer may be dismissed from the Team at any time following an appropriate hearing if (i) the swimmer violates any of the applicable FINA, WADA, USA Swimming or other rules and regulations applicable to the Team or its members, including without limitation applicable Codes of Conduct; or (ii) the National Team Director, in consultation with the Head Coach, the USA Swimming Olympic International Operations Committee (OIOC) Chairman and the USA Swimming Athletes' Executive Vice President, determines that the swimmer is unable or unwilling to maintain a training regimen that is necessary for peak performance in the Championships.

If a violation is during a Team competition or camp and is deemed detrimental to the Team, the National Team Director or his designee and the Head Coach reserve the right to dismiss an athlete from the team at the appropriate time following an appropriate hearing.

If a swimmer is alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation, that swimmer shall remain on the Team (or remain eligible to be named to the Team) until: 1) the

swimmer is provisionally suspended or declared ineligible after a hearing conducted pursuant to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol for Olympic Movement Testing or by FINA; 2) the swimmer voluntarily accepts a provisional suspension or sanction of ineligibility; or 3) the swimmer voluntarily withdraws from the Team or relinquishes eligibility to be named to the Team.

Confidentiality regarding alleged anti-doping rule violations shall be maintained as provided in the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Protocol for Olympic Movement Testing.

8. Withdrawal from Team

Any swimmer may withdraw from the Team at any time due to injury or illness, as certified by a USA Swimming Medical Staff member in consultation with USA Swimming (National Team Director, Head Coach and Athlete Advisory Representative), which prevents the swimmer from full participation in and/or preparation for the Championships.

9. Challenge

Any challenge to these Procedures or any decision made pursuant to or in connection with these Procedures shall be handled as follows: 1) if such challenge relates to an alleged violation of a technical rule, it shall be handled according to the procedure set forth in Part One of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations (which can be found at www.usa-swimming.org); 2) if such challenge relates to an alleged violation of the National Team Honor Code, it shall be handled according to the procedure set forth in the USA Swimming Olympic International Operations Procedures Manual ("OIO Procedures Manual," which can be obtained from the National Team Division); and 3) if such challenge does not relate to an alleged violation of a technical rule or an alleged violation of the National Team Honor Code, it shall be handled according to USA Swimming's Hearing Procedure set forth in Part Four of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations or in accordance with Section 9 of the USOC Bylaws, if selected by the athlete. Any hearing required in order to resolve a challenge shall take place on an expedited basis if necessary in order to resolve the challenge in sufficient time for Team selection to be finalized by a relevant deadline.

10. Submission of Entries

USA Swimming will submit all entries for the competition at 11:59 a.m. PT, August 11, 2014.

11. Assembly, Training, and Competition

Athletes nominated to the Team will be required to participate in assembly, training and competition, and remain with the Team throughout the Championships. Specific dates/locations of mandatory training and competition are:

Aug 11	Team Assembly	Irvine, Calif.
Aug 11	Leave for AUS	Los Angeles, Calif.
Aug 13- 18	Training Camp	Brisbane, AUS
Aug 21-24	Pan Pacific Champs	Gold Coast, AUS
Aug 25	10K Event	Gold Coast, AUS
Aug 26	Return Home	

12. Publicity/ Distribution of Procedures

These Procedures, when approved, will be published on the USA Swimming website, usa-swimming.org. In addition selection procedures will be available to be distributed at the 2014 ConocoPhillips USA Swimming National Championships at the general meeting.

13. International Disclaimer and Priority of Written Procedures

- A. International Disclaimer. These selection criteria are based on the latest information available to USA Swimming and are based on FINA and USA Swimming rules and regulations as presently known and understood. Any change in the selection procedures caused by a change in FINA or USA Swimming rules and regulations or other unforeseen circumstances will be distributed to the affected athletes as soon as possible.
- B. Priority of Written Procedures. The terms and conditions of these written Selection Procedures shall take priority over any verbal explanation, clarification or interpretation of the Selection Procedures, and an athlete relies on a verbal explanation, clarification or interpretation of these Selection Procedures at his or her sole risk. Any request or question that would involve a formal clarification or interpretation of these Selection Procedures, or that would address an issue not otherwise covered in these Selection Procedures, should be submitted to the National Team Managing Director at USA Swimming in writing, and the response to such request by USA Swimming must be provided in writing back to the requestor within five (5) business days.

ATTACHMENT A

2014 Pan Pacific Championships *USA Swimming National Team* **PARTICIPATION and COMMITMENT AGREEMENT**

I have read the participation and selection requirements for the 2014 Pan Pacific Championships and I agree to abide by these as outlined. I agree to abide by the team selection criteria, camp and competition requirements, competition protocols, and the National Team honor code.

If for any reason I become unable to fulfill this commitment, I will immediately notify the National Director.

I accept a position on the 2014 Pan Pacific Championship Team: yes _____ no _____.

I give USA Swimming National Team Division permission to give out my contact information for internal USA Swimming Staff use (i.e. Media, Foundation, etc.) and for Trip Head Manager and Physician use: yes _____ no _____.

Name: _____
(please print)

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Best # to reach me: _____ / _____ - _____

TEAM DECLINE FORM

I decline a position on the 2014 Pan Pacific Championship Team: yes _____ no _____

I understand by declining my position on the Pan Pacific Team I may still qualify for the 2015 World Championship Team, however, if my time is beaten at the Pan Pacific Championships I will lose my spot on the 2015 World Championship Team.

I decline to swim the following event at Pan Pacific Championships _____.

Name: _____
(please print)

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Event & Place: _____

Coach Name: _____
(please print)

Coach Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

USA SWIMMING

NATIONAL TEAM HONOR CODE

As a participant for the _____ conducted by USA Swimming for which I am selected by USA Swimming to attend I understand and will comply with the following guidelines as set forth by USA Swimming and the Olympic International Operations Committee regulations at all times during each Event.

1. The possession or use of alcohol, tobacco products or controlled substances by any athlete or staff member participating in the Event is prohibited throughout the duration of the trip (until the team has officially disbanded).
2. Curfews established by the staff will be adhered to each day of the training camp and at the competition.
3. Team members and staff will attend all team functions including meetings, practices, exhibitions, press conferences, competitions, etc., unless otherwise excused or instructed by the head coach or National Team Director or other person designated by USA Swimming, provided that, in no event shall any such team function be commercial in nature or related to the advertising or promotion of any third party, organization, products or services, including, without limitation, any Event sponsor (including, without limitation any USA Swimming sponsor), partner and/or exhibitor.
4. To ensure the propriety of the athletes and to protect the staff, there will be no male athletes in female athlete's rooms, and no female athletes in male athlete's rooms. There will be a team room provided for relaxation and recreation whenever possible.
5. Team members and staff will comply with USA Swimming and United States Olympic Committee uniform requirements. Details of this policy will be further explained at the beginning of the training camp or competition.
6. Team members and staff will refrain from any illegal or inappropriate behavior that would detract from a positive image of USA Swimming and its Event participants or be detrimental to its performance objectives.
7. Team members including staff will display proper respect and sportsmanship toward teammates, coaches, officials, administrators, fellow competitors and the public.
8. Each swimmer must agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Swimming, and must agree to the non-commercial use of his or her name, picture, likeness, voice, and biographical information as filmed, videotaped and photographed at the Event ("Likeness") by USA Swimming, in any and all non-commercial media, related to (owned by) USA Swimming. The foregoing authorization specifically includes the use of the Likeness for the non-commercial purpose of advertising and promoting the Event prior to and during, the Event, but specifically excludes the use of the Likeness in connection with the advertising or promotion of any third party, organization, products or services, including, without limitation, any Event sponsor (including, without limitation any USA Swimming sponsor), partner and/or exhibitor. In no event may USA Swimming use or authorize any commercial use of the Likeness. Any proposed use of the Likeness shall be submitted to the swimmer for his or her review and approval prior to any such use.

9. Any additional guidelines for the participants in the Event will be established as needed by the National Team Director or other person designated by USA Swimming.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. 1. All team and staff shall be apprised in writing of this policy. Signature of this document constitutes unconditional agreement to comply with Honor Code and Code of Conduct of USA Swimming.

2. 2. USA Swimming shall have the right to establish and use one or more systems to determine if all aspects of the policy have been followed by team and staff members.

3. 3. Failure to comply with the Honor Code as set forth in this document may result in disciplinary action under the provisions of the OIOC Policy Manual.

4. Any appeal following any disciplinary action shall be in accordance with Part Four of USA Swimming Rules and Regulations

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6. Such discipline may include, but is not limited to: 1) Dismissal from the team and immediate return home at the athlete's expense; 2) Disqualification from one or more events, or all events of competition; 3) Disqualification from future USA Swimming and international competition. 4) Financial penalties.

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8. _____ Signature _____ Printed
Name _____ Date _____

USA SWIMMING

AUTHORIZATIONS, WAIVER AND RELEASE FORM

This Authorization, Release and Waiver applies to official team members of the _____, of which I am a member, and which will require my participation between _____ (collectively, the “Event”).

GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & ACCEPTANCE

I hereby acknowledge that all information and signatures on this form are applicable to my participation in the Event.

Oath of Eligibility

I declare that I am eligible and in good standing with regulations set by USA Swimming, the International Federation for Amateur Swimming (FINA), the United States Olympic Committee (“USOC”) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC). I also declare I am not under suspension or disciplinary action imposed for use of illegal drugs or other athlete regulation infractions. I agree to sign additional documents, subject to my prior review and approval, to this effect when required to do so by USA Swimming, the USOC, Organizing Committee for the Event.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I am in good physical condition and have no disease or injury that would impair my performance in this activity and agree that while a participant in this activity, I will keep myself in top physical condition and retain my eligibility status.

I agree to notify USA Swimming immediately upon any change to my eligibility, any disciplinary action, or any change in my physical condition that would result in the declarations and certifications becoming untrue with respect to the Event.

Doping

I understand that it is the policy of USA Swimming to discourage and prevent the use of prohibited doping substances and prohibited doping methods. I also understand that it is my responsibility to ensure that no prohibited substance enters my system. The FINA Anti-Doping Rules are available online and from USA Swimming. I know that I can call the US Anti-Doping Agency (“USADA”) Drug Reference Line (1-800-233-0393) or check at the Drug Reference Online (www.usantidoping.org/dro) to check the status of all medications and substances I am currently using, and to satisfy any questions or concerns that I may have about medications and prohibited substances and methods.

I do not currently engage in, nor do I intend to use any prohibited substances and methods. I acknowledge that the use of prohibited substances or prohibited methods may subject me to

disqualification and other sanctions imposed by USADA, the World Anti-Doping Agency ("WADA"), FINA or IOC.

Drug Testing

I understand that testing organizations (USADA, FINA, WADA, etc.) will conduct drug testing on athletes during and outside of competition. By participating in the Event, I hereby consent to and authorize the testing organizations (USADA, FINA, WADA, etc.) to test me for prohibited substances and prohibited methods at any time. I further acknowledge and agree that my refusal to participate in a drug test may subject me to disqualification and sanctions, the same as if I had tested positive for a prohibited substance.

I hereby authorize USA Swimming to include the results of any drug testing of me in the published statistics for drug testing and to include my name in the list of athletes who have been drug tested, which USA Swimming publishes on their website. In the event I refuse to submit to a drug test or a drug test has a positive result, or commit any other anti-doping rule violation, I recognize that I am subject to the adjudication processes established by the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), WADA, and FINA, because of an anti-doping violation.

Authorization and Event Promotion

I agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of USA Swimming.

I hereby authorize the non-commercial use of my name, picture, likeness, voice, and biographical information as filmed, videotaped and photographed at the Event ("My Likeness") by USA Swimming, in any and all non-commercial media, related to (owned by) USA Swimming. The foregoing authorization specifically includes the use of My Likeness for the non-commercial purpose of advertising and promoting the Event prior to and during, the Event, but specifically excludes the use of My Likeness in connection with the advertising or promotion of any third party, organization, products or services, including, without limitation, any Event sponsor (including, without limitation any USA Swimming sponsor), partner and/or exhibitor. In no event may USA Swimming use or authorize any commercial use of My Likeness. Any proposed use of My Likeness shall be submitted to me for my review and approval prior to any such use.

I understand and agree not to use or authorize use of pictures of myself in the uniforms and equipment provided by USA Swimming for the purpose of trade, without the consent of USA Swimming. I agree not to use medals or photos, portraits or film of myself with the medals, which I receive for my performance, for the purpose of trade.

Risk of Serious Injury

I understand and appreciate that my participation in the Event and in the sport of swimming carries a risk of serious injury, including permanent paralysis or death, and a risk of serious illness, which could be caused by water, food or other things in which I might come in contact or ingest. I voluntarily and knowingly recognize, accept and assume this risk.

WAIVER & RELEASE

In consideration of allowing me to participate in this activity and the Event, I hereby release and hold harmless USA Swimming, members of its board of directors, and its officers, employees, members, volunteers, other participants, and agents (collectively, the “Released Parties”), of and from, and do discharge and waive, any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, and liabilities that I may have or sustain with respect to any and all damage and/or injury, of any type, arising out of my participation in the Event.

This release of liability shall include, without limitation, any claims for negligence, gross negligence, willful misconduct or breach of warranty that Participant may have against the Released Parties. This release of liability is also intended to cover all claims that members of Participant’s family or estate, heirs, representatives, or assigns may have against the Released Parties.

_____ **Signature**

_____ **Printed Name**

_____ **Date**

_____ **Signature of Parent/ Guardian (if minor)**

_____ **Printed Name of Parent or Guardian**

_____ **Date**

USA Swimming National Team

NATIONAL TEAM PROTOCOL

1. Swimmers are expected to stay focused on swimming fast and minimize walking, sunbathing, sightseeing, etc. until they have finished their last event.
2. All swimmers are required to attend each finals session through the last awards ceremony, unless excused by the Head Coach or National Team Director/National Team Managing Director.
3. When not preparing for their own events, swimmers are expected to remain in the team area to support their teammates.
4. Team Uniform Caps as prescribed by the National Team Director must be worn during competition, which must be approved by FINA and USA Swimming. All technical gear must be approved by FINA and USA Swimming.
5. When applicable, USOC issued dress sweats must be worn when receiving an award or during USOC organized press conferences. **ARENA sweats and/or USA Swimming issued apparel must be worn at all other times on deck or during official team functions.** (Athletes may wear the apparel of their choice during their personal time.)
6. No hats or head coverings should be worn when receiving awards.
7. All team members will be expected to demonstrate proper respect for the American flag and the national anthem.
8. After a swimmer has swum his/her last event, attendance at all remaining sessions (including preliminaries) is required.
9. All USAS National Team, National Junior Team, or "Event" team members will be required to maintain the desired level of conditioning for optimum performances, as determined by USAS.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____