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**6TH FINA WORLD JUNIOR
SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017**

Indianapolis, 23-28 August 2017

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1. General Information

USA Swimming (USAS) cordially invites all FINA affiliated National Federations to participate in the 6th FINA World Junior Swimming Championships 2017, to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.

2. Host Place & Date of Competition

The host of this Championship is USA Swimming. An Organising Committee (OC) has been established which shall be in charge of the preparations and organisation of the competition under the control and supervision of the FINA Bureau.

The Championships will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA according to the following schedule:

August 23, 2017 Opening Ceremony

August 23 - 28, 2017 Competition

August 28, 2017 Closing Ceremony

3. Organising Committee

All National Federations should communicate with the OC at the following address:

6th FINA World Junior Swimming Championships 2017
c/o USA Swimming
Attention: Dean Ekeren, National Events Director
1 Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, Colorado USA 80909

Tel: +1 719 866 3565

Fax: +1 719 866 4761

Email: Indianapolis2017@usaswimming.org

Website: <http://usaswimming.org/FINAWorldJuniors2017>

4. Management of Event

Management Committee: the FINA Technical Swimming Committee (TSC) will be the Management Committee for the Championships.

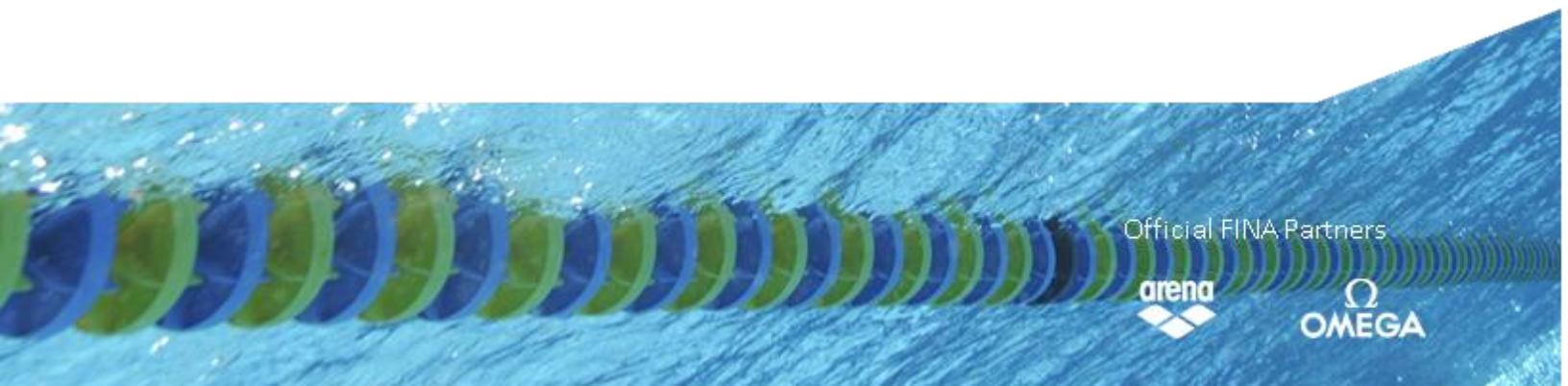
Jury of Appeal: In accordance with FINA Rules and Regulations

5. Entry Regulations

All FINA affiliated federations are eligible to participate in the 6th FINA World Junior Swimming Championships 2017 – Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. Each federation may enter up to 2 (two) swimmers per event, and 1 (one) relay team.

Girls: 14 – 17 years on 31 December 2017 (born 2003, 2002, 2001, & 2000)

Boys: 15 – 18 years on 31 December 2017 (born 2002, 2001, 2000, & 1999)



Qualifying Period for Entry Times:

Entry times will only be accepted if they have been completed within the qualifying period of **15th May 2016 until 9th August 2017**. All times outside of this qualifying period will not be accepted.

6. Events (GR 9.6.1.2)

Swimming	Men	Women
Freestyle	50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m	50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m
Backstroke	50m, 100m, 200m	50m, 100m, 200m
Breaststroke	50m, 100m, 200m	50m, 100m, 200m
Butterfly	50m, 100m, 200m	50m, 100m, 200m
Ind. Medley	200m, 400m	200m, 400m
Relays		
Freestyle	4x100m, 4x200m	4x100m, 4x200m
Medley	4x100m	4x100m
Mixed	4x100 Freestyle and 4x100m Medley	

7. Programme of events

The schedule will be as follows: (Heats)

Day 1 Wednesday 23 August 2017	Day 2 Thursday 24 August 2017	Day 3 Friday 25 August 2017	Day 4 Saturday 26 August 2017	Day 5 Sunday 27 August 2017	Day 6 Monday 28 August 2017
<i>Heats 09:30</i>	<i>Heats 09:30</i>	<i>Heats 09:30</i>	<i>Heats 09:30</i>	<i>Heats 09:30</i>	<i>Heats 09:30</i>
400 m Freestyle M	200 m Ind. Medley M	50 m Butterfly W	50 m Backstroke W	100 m Freestyle M	200 m Backstroke M
50 m Breaststroke W	100 m Freestyle W	50 m Backstroke M	50 m Butterfly M	100 m Butterfly W	200 m Breaststroke W
100 m Back M	100 m Butterfly M	100 m Breaststroke W	400 m Freestyle W	400 m Ind. Medley M	200 m Butterfly M
400 m Ind. Medley W	200 m Butterfly W	50 m Freestyle M	200 m Breaststroke M	50 m Freestyle W	200 m Freestyle W
100 m Breaststroke M	200 m Freestyle M	200 m Backstroke W	200 m Ind. Medley W	50 m Breaststroke M	4x100 m Medley M
100 m Backstroke W	4x100 m Medley Mixed	4x100 m Freestyle Mixed	4x200 m Freestyle M	4x100 m Freestyle W	4x100 m Medley W
4x100 m Freestyle M	800 m Freestyle, W – slow heats	800 m Freestyle M – slow heats		1500 m Freestyle W – slow heats	1500 m Freestyle M – slow heats
4x200 m Freestyle W					

The schedule will be as follows: (Semi-Finals & Finals)

Day 1 Wednesday 23 August 2017	Day 2 Thursday 24 August 2017	Day 3 Friday 25 August 2017	Day 4 Saturday 26 August 2017	Day 5 Sunday 27 August 2017	Day 6 Monday 28 August 2017
<i>Semi-finals & Finals 18:00</i>	<i>Semi-finals & Finals 18:00</i>	<i>Semi-finals & Finals 18:00</i>	<i>Semi-finals & Finals 18:00</i>	<i>Semi-finals & Finals 18:00</i>	<i>Finals 18:00</i>
400 m Freestyle M	100 m Backstroke M	50 m Butterfly W – Semi	50 m Backstroke W – Semi	1500 m Freestyle W – fastest heat	100 m Freestyle M
50 m Breaststroke W – Semi	200 m Butterfly W	50 m Freestyle M – Semi	200 m Breaststroke M	100 m Freestyle M – Semi	200 m Breaststroke W
100 m Backstroke M – Semi	200 m Freestyle M	200 m Backstroke W	50 m Butterfly W	100 m Butterfly W – Semi	200 m Backstroke M
Medals 400 m Freestyle M	50 m Breaststroke W	100 m Butterfly M	50 m Backstroke M	50 m Butterfly M	Medals 100 m Freestyle M
400 m Ind. Medley W	Medals 100 m Backstroke M	100 m Breaststroke W – Semi	100 m Breaststroke W	50 m Breaststroke W	100 m Butterfly W
100 m Breaststroke M – Semi	100 m Butterfly M – Semi	Medals 200 m Backstroke W	Medals 200 m Breaststroke M	Medals 1500 m Freestyle W	Medals 200 m Breaststroke W
100 m Backstroke W – Semi	Medals 200 m Butterfly W	50 m Backstroke M – Semi	50 m Butterfly M – Semi	50 m Freestyle W – Semi	1500 m Freestyle M – fastest heat
Medals 400 m Ind. Medley W	100 m Freestyle W – Semi	Medals 100 m Butterfly M	Medals 50 m Butterfly W	50 m Breaststroke M – Semi	Medals 200 m Backstroke M
4x100 m Freestyle M	Medals 200 m Freestyle M	100 m Freestyle W	400 m Freestyle W	Medals 50m Butterfly M	50 m Freestyle W
4x200 m Freestyle W	100 m Breaststroke M	800 m Freestyle, M – fastest heat	Medals 50 m Backstroke M	50 m Backstroke W	Medals 100 m Butterfly W
Medals 4x100 m Freestyle M	100 m Backstroke W	Medals 100 m Freestyle W	50 m Freestyle M	400 m Ind. Medley M	200 m Butterfly M
Medals 4x200 m Freestyle W	Medals 50 m Breaststroke W	4x100 m Freestyle Mixed	Medals 100 m Breaststroke W	4x100 m Freestyle W	Medals 1500 m Freestyle M
	200 m Ind. Medley M	Medals 800 m Freestyle M	200 m Ind. Medley W	Medals 50 m Backstroke W	50 m Breaststroke M
	Medals 100 m Breaststroke M	Medals 4x100 m Freestyle Mixed	Medals 400 m Freestyle W	Medals 400 m Ind. Medley M	Medals 50 m Freestyle W
	800 m Freestyle W – fastest heat		4x200 m Freestyle M	Medals 4x100 m Freestyle W	200 m Freestyle W
	Medals 100 m Backstroke W		Medals 50 m Freestyle M		Medals 200 m Butterfly M
	4x100 m Medley Mixed		Medals 200 m Ind. Medley W		4x100 m Medley M
	Medals 200 m Ind. Medley M		Medals 4x200 m Freestyle M		Medals 50 m Breaststroke M
	Medals 800 m Freestyle W				4x100 m Medley W
	Medals 4x100 m Medley Mixed				Medals 200 m Freestyle W
					Medals 4x100 m Medley M
					Medals 4x100 m Medley W

8. Awards

Medals – Gold, Silver, and Bronze: Awards are awarded to the three first in individual and team events. In relays, medals will be awarded to those swimmers who have participated in the heats and the final.

In case of equal times, medals shall be awarded as follows (**GR 9.7.2.1**):

- 1st place: 2 gold – no silver, 1 bronze
- 2nd place: 1 gold, 2 silver – no bronze
- 3rd place: 1 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze

In case of 3 equal times medals shall be awarded as follows: (**GR 9.7.2.2**):

- 1st place: 3 gold, no silver – no bronze
- 2nd place: 1 gold, 3 silver – no bronze
- 3rd place: 1 gold, 1 silver, 3 bronze

9. Substitution (G.R 7.1)

Any entered competitor may be substituted by another entered competitor at the Team Leader's Meeting. It is mandatory for the Team Manager of the Federation to take part in the Team Leader's Meeting. Failing to do so will result in a fine of **100 (one hundred) Swiss Francs** or an equivalent amount.

10. Withdrawal (G.R 7.2)

A competitor or team not wishing to take part in the Semi-Final or Final in which qualification was earned, shall withdraw within 30 (thirty) minutes following the Preliminaries or the Semi-Final of the event in which the qualification took place. No show will be fined **100 (one hundred) Swiss Francs** or an equivalent amount. In case of a relay, the sum shall be **200 (two hundred) Swiss Francs** or an equivalent amount.

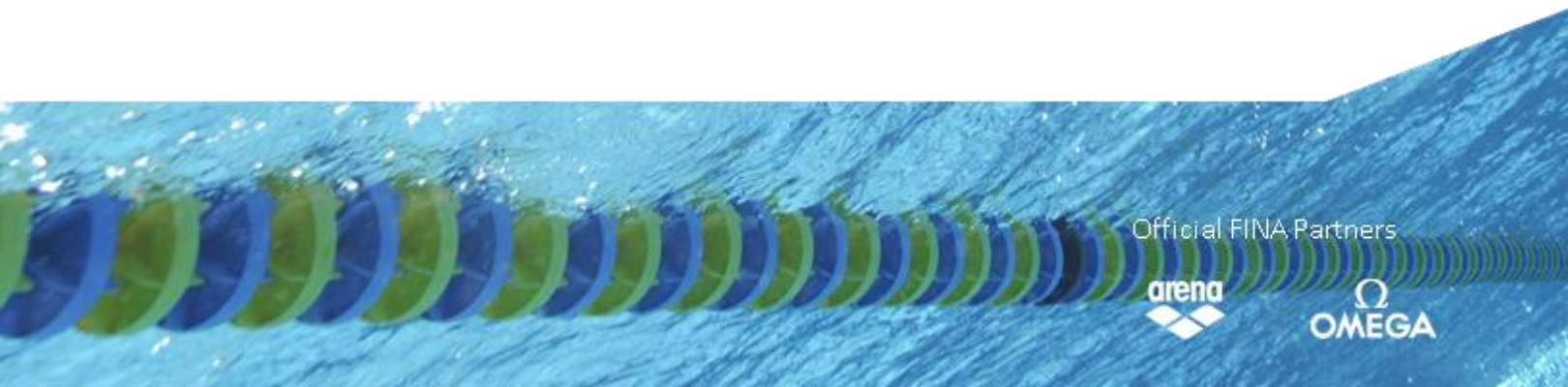
11. Protests (G.R 9.2)

Protests must be submitted as follows: To the Referees within 30 minutes following the conclusion of the respective event (heats or semi-finals and finals). If conditions causing a potential protest are noted prior to the event, a protest must be lodged before the signal to start is given.

- In writing on FINA forms
- By the responsible Team Leader
- Together with a deposit of **100 (one hundred) Swiss Francs** or an equivalent amount.

12. Team Leaders' Meeting

The Team Leaders' Meeting will be held on Monday, 21 August 2017, 17:00 hrs located at JW Marriott Hotel, 10 S. West Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Team Leaders' Meeting will provide updated sport specific information for all coaches and Team Leaders. All National Federations must be represented at the meeting because there will be a review regarding the competition procedures, athletes' flows, warm-up procedures, Victory Ceremonies, etc.



13. Swimwear and Advertising (G.R 5) (BL 7)

The swimwear (swimsuit, cap and goggles) of all competitors shall be in good moral taste and suitable for the individual sports disciplines and not to carry any symbol which may be considered offensive (**GR 5.1**). All swimsuits shall be not-transparent (**GR 5.2**). The Referee of a competition has the authority to exclude any competitor whose swimwear or body symbols do not comply with this rule (**GR 5.3**). Before any swimwear of new design, construction or material is used in competition; the manufacturer of such swimwear must submit the swimwear to FINA and obtain approval of FINA (**GR 5.4**). All swimwear used at Olympic Games and FINA Events (pool and open water competitions) shall be swimwear approved by FINA in accordance with the rules and procedures set forth in the FINA Requirements for Swimwear Approval (FRSA) issued by the FINA Bureau and valid on the date of approval. Following an approval process conducted by the Swimwear Approval Commission, a list of approved swimwear is published by FINA (the Approved List) each year. The Approved List is published each year before December 31 and is valid starting from January 1 of the subsequent year (**BL 8.1**). In swimming competitions the competitor must wear only one swimsuit in one or two pieces. No additional items, like arm bands or leg bands shall be regarded as parts of a swimsuit (**BL 8.2**).

Swimwear for men shall not extend above the navel nor below the knee, and for women, shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor shall extend below knee. All swimsuits shall be made from textile materials (**BL 8.3**).

14. Advertising

- **Swimsuits (BL 7.1.1)**

- One (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum size of 30 square centimetres when worn. Where one-piece body suits are used, two (2) logos of the manufacturer shall be permitted, one above the waist and one below the waist of a maximum size of 30 square centimetres each when worn. These two (2) logos of the manufacturer shall be not placed immediately adjacent to each other. Where two-pieces body suits are used, the two (2) logos of the manufacturer shall be placed on one part each.



- One (1) flag and one (1) country name or code of a maximum of 30 square centimetres when worn.



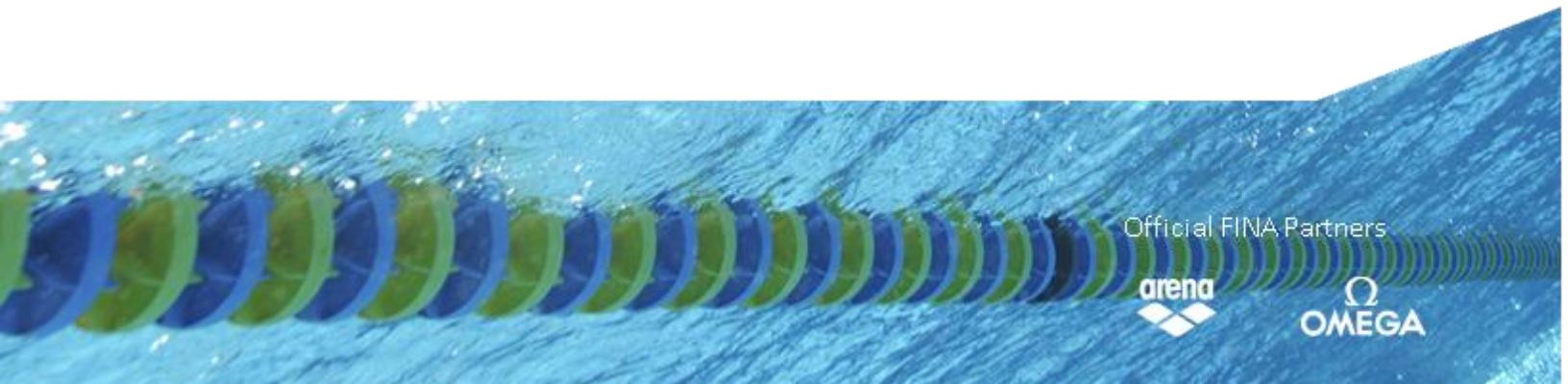
- One (1) sponsor's logo of a maximum of 30 square centimetres when worn. 2.2 Caps (BL 7.1.2)

- **Swimming Caps (BL 7.1.2)**

- One (1) manufacturer's logo of a maximum of 20 square centimetres on the front.
- One (1) flag and/or country name (code) of the size of 32 square centimetres.
- Athlete's name of the size of 20 square centimetres. The athlete's name shall be printed on the same side as the flag and country name (code). Goggles (**BL 7.1.3**).
- Two (2) manufacturer logos of a maximum 6 square centimetres are allowed on goggles but only on the spectacle frame or band.

- **Athletes Bibs (BL 7.1.5)**

- The maximum size of the Bibs shall be 24cm (width) x 20cm (height).
- The Bibs must be worn and fully visible during Athletes' introduction for Semi-Final and Final races, and for award ceremonies.
- An athlete removing the Bib before being presented at the start of an event or before completion of the victory ceremony may be disqualified.



15. Doping Control

The conduct of the doping control will be the responsibility of the United States Anti-Doping Association (USADA) and one or more persons appointed by the FINA Bureau. A selection of competitors to be tested during the FINA competition shall be decided by the Doping Control Commission at the competition. All participating competitors shall be considered for doping control selection. Any swimmer establishing or breaking a World Record or a World Junior Record shall submit to doping control after the race. When a relay team breaks or equals a world record or a World Junior Record all competitors swimming the relay shall be tested.

16. Registration Procedure

There will be three successive entry steps to provide information to FINA and the Organising Committee in order to register for the 6th FINA World Junior Swimming Championships. All the communication between the OC and National Federations will be confirmed by email. All Registrations and Entries shall take place through the **FINA General Management System (FINA GMS)** which can be accessed by <https://data.fina.org>

- ***PRELIMINARY ENTRIES:***

To be submitted through the FINA GMS by 1 May 2017 at 23:59 (GMT)

The Preliminary Entry is for the purpose of indicating to the Organising Committee the maximum number of competitors, representatives, coaches, official delegates, chaperons, etc., which each Federation intends to register for the Championships.

- ***FINAL NOMINATIONS (Entries by name)***

To be submitted through the FINA GMS by 17 July 2017 at 23:59 (GMT)

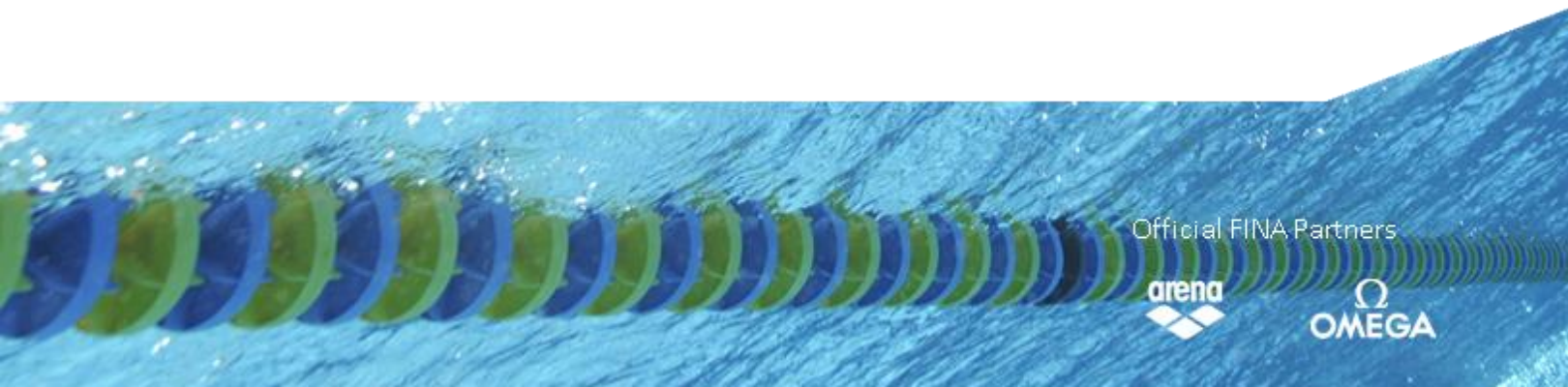
The Final Named Entry is the final deadline to register all Athletes, Team Officials and NF Representatives that includes all relevant data for the purposes of Accreditation, travel details and accommodation. After this deadline it will not be possible to register anymore individuals to the event. The number of registrations must not exceed the numbers submitted in the Preliminary Entry Form. The data must contain the exact number of named competitors, representatives, coaches, official delegates, chaperons, etc.

- ***FINAL SPORT ENTRIES***

To be submitted through the FINA GMS by 9 August 2017 at 23:59 (GMT)

Each Athlete must be registered for the event(s) in which he/she will be participating. The sport entries must be submitted through the FINA GMS by **9 August 2017 at 23:59 (GMT)**. No late entries will be accepted.

FINA and the Indianapolis, Indiana USA OC will use all collected data for the purposes of event registration and accreditation.



17. Traveling to the United States

USA Swimming and the Organizing Committee for the 6th FINA World Junior Swimming Championships 2017 are committed to providing international sports leaders, athletes and officials with first-rate, personalized visa and entry assistance. The following pages provide important information for prospective travellers to the United States. ***If you require a travel visa to enter the United States, please begin the process as soon as possible!*** USA Swimming will facilitate an entry visa to the United States for all participants of the 6th FINA World Junior Swimming Championships 2017 and coordinate all the required procedures upon receipt of required documentation to the FINA GMS System. Should you have any questions regarding the visa and entry process or require additional assistance please contact our visa assistance team at visas@usaswimming.org.

DO I REQUIRE A VISA TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES?

To determine if you require a visa to travel to the United States, please review the instructions below or visit the U.S. Department of State's [Visa Wizard](#).

A visa will be required of all visitors to enter the United States with the exception of the nations of Canada, Bermuda and countries that are part of the Visa Waiver Program (VWP). Currently 38 countries participate in the VWP:

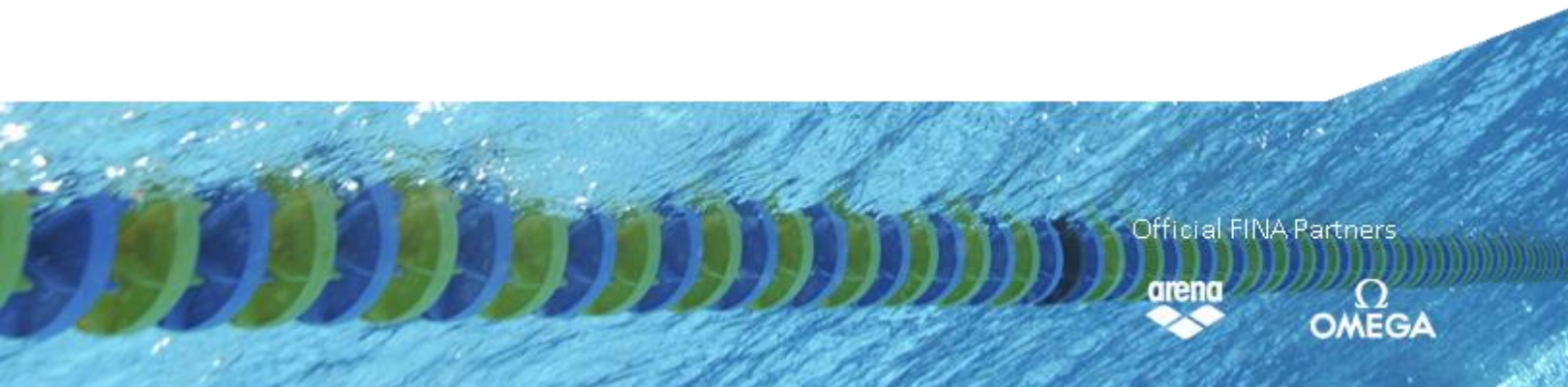
Andorra	France	Liechtenstein	Singapore
Australia	Germany	Lithuania	Slovakia
Austria	Greece	Luxembourg	Slovenia
Belgium	Hungary	Malta	Spain
Brunei	Iceland	Monaco	Sweden
Chile	Ireland	Netherlands	Switzerland
Czech Republic	Italy	New Zealand	Taiwan
Denmark	Japan	Norway	United Kingdom*
Estonia	Korea, Republic of	Portugal	
Finland	Latvia	San Marino	

**To be eligible to travel under the VWP, British citizens must have the unrestricted right of permanent abode in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man.*

As of 21 January 2016, the following travellers who have traditionally been eligible to travel and enter the U.S. through the VWP will need to obtain a U.S. visitor visa:

- Citizens of VWP countries who have travelled to or been present in Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria or Yemen, on or after 1 March 2011.
- Dual citizens of VWP countries who are also nationals of Iran, Iraq, Sudan or Syria.

Though these citizens are no longer eligible to travel under the VWP (even if they had previously been granted Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) approval), they are still welcome to enter the U.S. with a valid visitor visa, which can be obtained using the regular process at U.S. Embassies or Consulates.



For additional information on the Visa Waiver Program, please refer to **Section B**.
If you require a visa to travel to the United States, please refer to **Section A**.

SECTION A: I REQUIRE A VISA TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES

Application Process

When should I initiate the application process?

Apply early! Although the majority of applications are processed and ready to pick up within a few business days, some applications will require administrative processing. Please apply at least three months before you plan to travel.

The wait times for appointments by post are available at the [U.S. Department of State travel site](#).

How do I apply for a visa?

- Complete the online Non-immigrant Visa Application Form [DS-160](#).
- Print the application confirmation page and bring to your interview.
- Upload your photo while completing the online Form DS-160. Your photo must be in the format explained in the [Photograph Requirements](#).
- Schedule an interview appointment. Appointments should be scheduled as soon as possible. For country specific instructions and information, please consult [usembassy.gov](#).

*If there are no interview appointments available prior to the date of the meeting or event, please confirm the earliest appointment available and notify abryant@usaswimming.org immediately. By confirming the earliest appointment available, the applicant is considered to be entered into the U.S. Department of State network.

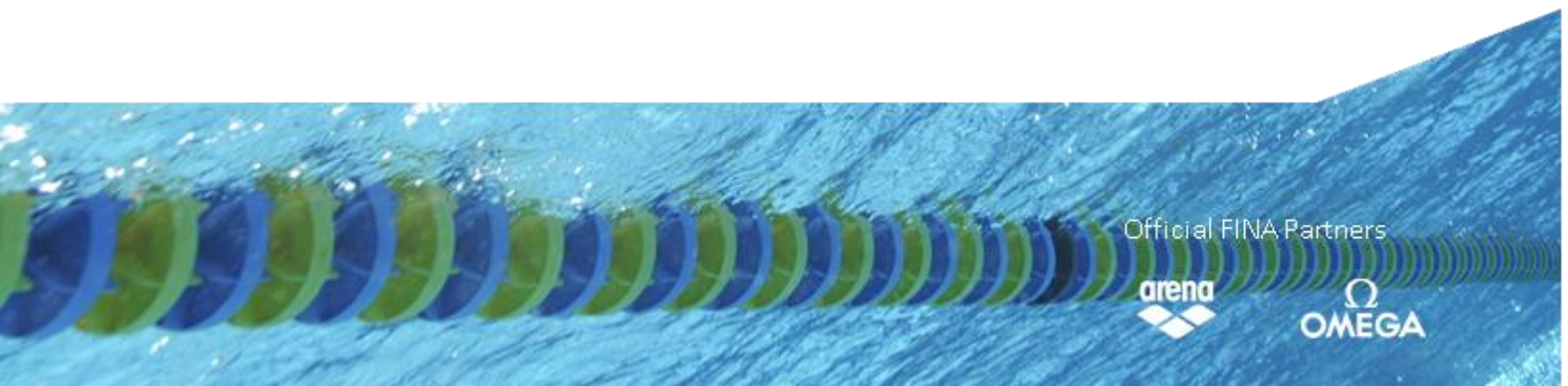
Do all non-immigrant visa applicants have to come to the Embassy for an interview?

Yes, for most applicants. There are only a few exceptions to the interview requirement. The following applicants generally do not have to appear in person:

- Applicants who are renewing their visa may be eligible for the [Interview Waiver Program](#).
- Applicants for A1, A2 (official travellers on central government business), C2, C3 (central government officials in transit on central government business) or G1, G2, G3, G4 (central government officials traveling in connection with an international organization, or employees of an international organization).
- Children under 14 years of age at the date of the initial visa interview in the Embassy or Consulate if either of the parents have a valid non-immigrant visa.
- Applicants over 80.

I have a non-immigrant visa that will expire soon and I would like to renew it. Do I need to go through the entire visa application process again?

Yes, unless you are eligible to apply using the [Interview Waiver Program](#).



Preparing for Your Interview

How should I prepare for my interview appointment?

Gather and prepare the following required documents before your visa interview:

- Ensure your passport is valid for travel to the United States. Many passports must be valid for at least six (6) months after your planned departure from the United States unless exempted by [country specific agreements](#).
- Print your Non-immigrant Visa Application, DS-160 Form confirmation page.
- Print your application fee payment receipt, if you are required to pay before your interview.
- Upload your photo while completing the online Form DS-160. If the photo upload fails, the applicant must bring one printed photo to your interview. Your photo must be in the format explained in the [Photograph Requirements](#).
- Additional documentation may be required: Review the instructions for how to apply for a visa on the website of the [embassy or consulate](#) where you will apply. Additional documents may be requested to establish if you are qualified. For example, additional requested documents may include evidence of:
 - The purpose of your trip.
 - Your intent to depart the United States after your trip.
 - Your employment and/or your family ties may be sufficient to show the purpose of your trip and your intent to return to your home country. If you cannot cover all the costs for your trip, you may show evidence that another person will cover some or all costs for your trip.

Please obtain a new passport before your interview if:

- Your passport expires in less than six (6) months after the time you enter the U.S. unless exempted by country specific agreements.
- The film on the biographic data pages of your passport (i.e. page with your photo and back page with your parents' information) is peeling, or
- Your passport is otherwise torn, damaged, mutilated or has been washed or laundered.

Do I require an official letter of invitation?

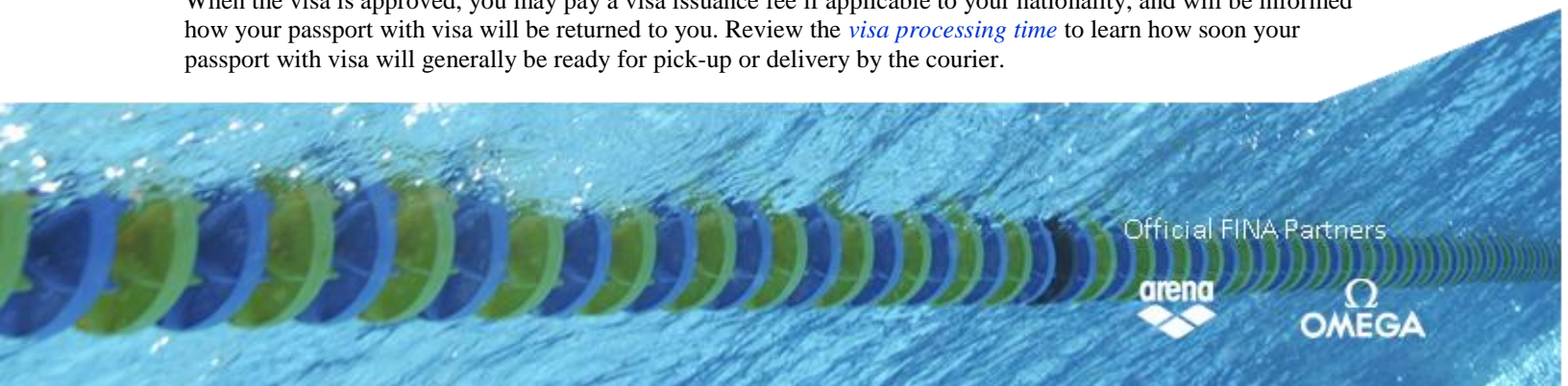
Official letters of invitation are not required, but are strongly recommended. Please request an invitation letter from the OC.

Is there anything I should know about attending my visa interview?

During your visa interview, a consular officer will determine whether you are qualified to receive a visa. You will need to establish that you meet the requirements under U.S. law to receive the category of visa for which you are applying. Ink-free, digital fingerprint scans will be taken as part of your application process. Fingerprints are usually taken during your interview, but this varies based on location.

After your visa interview, your application may require further administrative processing. You will be informed by the consular officer if further processing is necessary for your application. Most administrative processing is resolved within 60 days of the visa interview.

When the visa is approved, you may pay a visa issuance fee if applicable to your nationality, and will be informed how your passport with visa will be returned to you. Review the [visa processing time](#) to learn how soon your passport with visa will generally be ready for pick-up or delivery by the courier.



About My Visa

How do I read and understand my visa?

As soon as you receive your visa, please check to make sure all your personal information printed on the visa is correct. If any of the information on your visa does not match the information in your passport or is otherwise incorrect, please contact the issuing authority (i.e. the U.S. Embassy) immediately.

The expiration date of your visa is the last day you may use the visa to enter the United States. It does not indicate how long you may stay in the United States. Your stay is determined by the Department of Homeland Security at your port of entry. As long as you comply with the Department of Homeland Security's decision on the conditions of your stay, you should have no problem.

My visa was printed incorrectly. What do I do?

If you think your visa was printed incorrectly, please email abryant@usaswimming.org and explain why you think there is an error.

My visa will expire while I am in the United States. Will this be an issue for me?

No. You may stay in the U.S. for the period of time and conditions authorized by the Department of Homeland Security officer when you arrived in the U.S., which will be noted on the I-94, even if your visa expires during your stay.

Further information about understanding your visa can be found by visiting visa [FAQs](#).

Entering the United States

What will happen when I enter the United States?

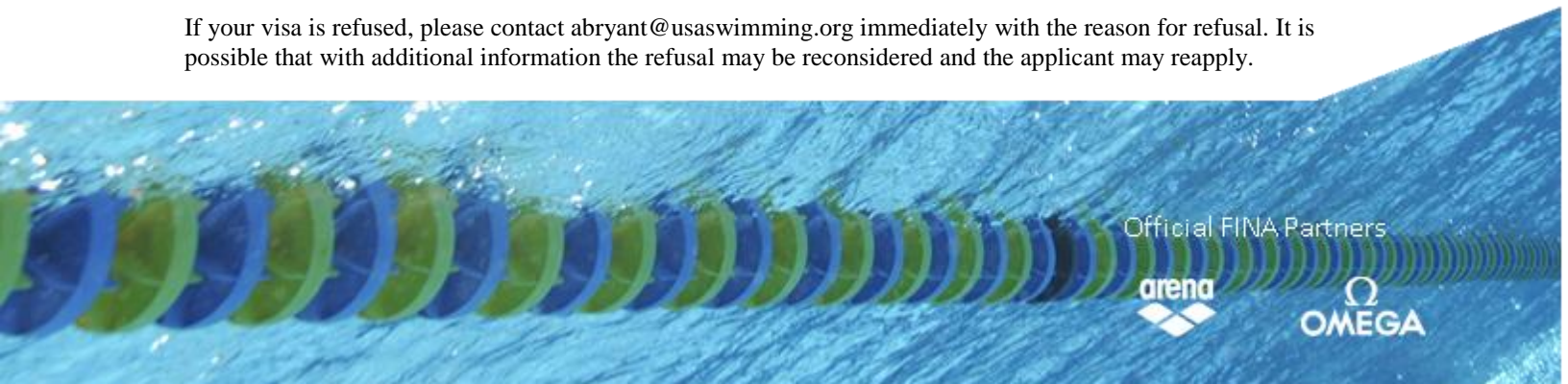
Upon granting entry to the United States at the port of entry, the Customs and Border Protection officer will stamp the travel document of each arriving non-immigrant traveller. The admission stamp will show the date of admission, class of admission and the duration of admission. Upon arrival, travellers will also receive a flier alerting them to visit cbp.gov/I94 for their admission record information. This online record replaces the paper I-94 form. VVWP travellers receive Form I-94W. On this form, the officer records either a date or "D/S" (duration of status). If your I-94 records a specific date, then that is the date by which you must leave the United States.

A visa does not guarantee entry into the United States, but allows a foreign citizen coming from abroad to travel to a U.S. port of entry and request permission to enter the United States. The Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials have authority to permit or deny admission to the United States, and determine how long a traveller may stay.

What if my request for a visa is refused?

The consular officer has the sole authority to issue or refuse a visa in accordance with regulations that have been established by Congress. The consular officer's decision cannot be overruled. There is no formal appeal process for a visa refusal.

If your visa is refused, please contact abryant@usaswimming.org immediately with the reason for refusal. It is possible that with additional information the refusal may be reconsidered and the applicant may reapply.



SECTION B: I AM FROM A VISA WAIVER PROGRAM COUNTRY

Travelers from Visa Waiver Program Countries

International travellers seeking to travel to the United States without a visa, who are nationals of VWP countries, should review the following important information on:

- 1) Traveller passport requirements under the VWP, and
- 2) Electronic submission of the ESTA form in advance of travel.

Passport Requirements

Your passport must meet the following requirements for VWP travel:

- *Six-Month Validity*: Many passports must be valid for at least six (6) months after your planned departure from the United States unless exempted by *country specific agreements*.
- *Machine-Readable*: A Machine-Readable Passport contains two lines of text with numbers and chevrons (<<<) at the bottom of the personal information page with the passport bearer's picture.
- *E-Passport*: The passport must be an electronic passport with a digital chip containing biometric information about the passport owner. As of April 1, 2016, all travellers must have an e-passport to use the VWP. An e-Passport, denoted by the symbol, is an enhanced secure passport with an embedded electronic chip. E-Passports are issued by the proper passport issuing authority and must meet international standards for securing and storing information corresponding to the passport and bearer.

Applying for the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA)

In order to travel without a visa on the VWP, you must have authorization through ESTA prior to boarding a U.S. bound air or sea carrier. ESTA is the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection's automated web-based system to determine eligibility to travel without a visa to the United States for tourism or business. Visit the [ESTA website](#) for more detailed information and to apply.

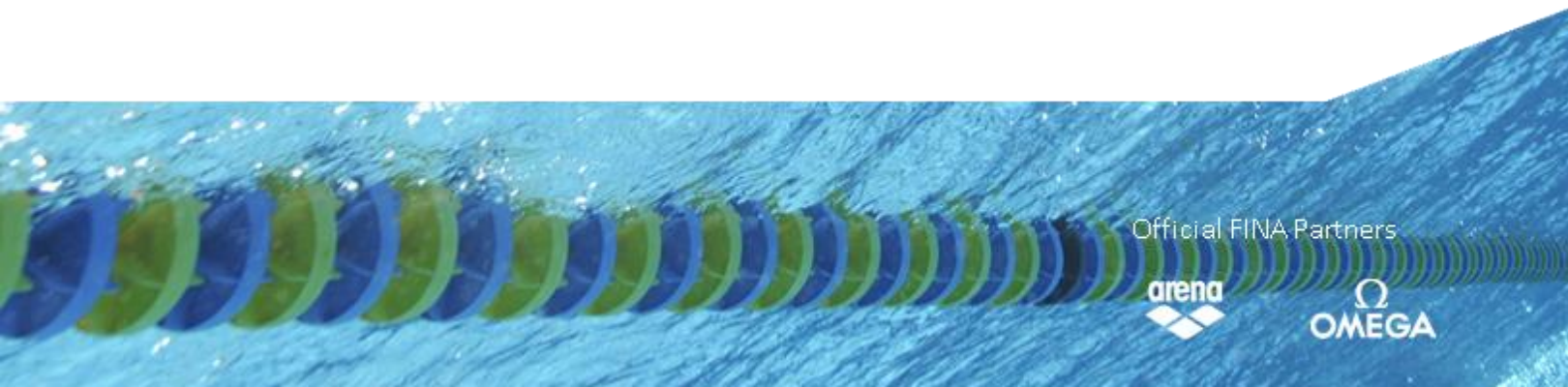
There is a US \$14 fee for ESTA registration. The fee can be paid online using a debit card or any of the following credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover. Third parties (travel agents, family members, etc.) can pay your ESTA fee for you if you do not have the correct type of credit card. If the ESTA registration is denied, the fee is only US \$4.

What information is needed in order to complete the ESTA application?

The traveller must provide, in English, biographical data including name, birth date and passport information. The traveller will also be required to answer VWP eligibility questions regarding communicable diseases, arrests and convictions for certain crimes, and past history of visa revocation or deportation, among others.

What should I do if my ESTA application is not approved?

If an ESTA application is refused and the traveller wishes to continue with the trip, the traveller will be required to apply for a non-immigrant visa at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate.



Can I apply for ESTA without specific U.S. travel plans?

Yes. VWP travellers are not required to have specific plans to travel to the United States before they apply for ESTA. If a traveller's destination address in the U.S. is unknown at the time of application, the traveller should enter the name of the hotel or approximate location he or she intends to visit. Travelers may update this information when their plans are finalized, but they will not be required to update their destination addresses or itineraries should they change after their ESTA has been approved. The Department of Homeland Security recommends that ESTA applications are submitted as early as possible, as soon as, or even before travel is planned. ESTA will accept applications from last-minute and emergency travellers.

Traveling Under the Visa Waiver Program

Am I eligible for ESTA if I am traveling on a private aircraft?

If you are otherwise eligible to travel on an ESTA but are traveling on a non-U.S. corporation private aircraft you will require a visa.

If I travel to the United States without ESTA, what happens?

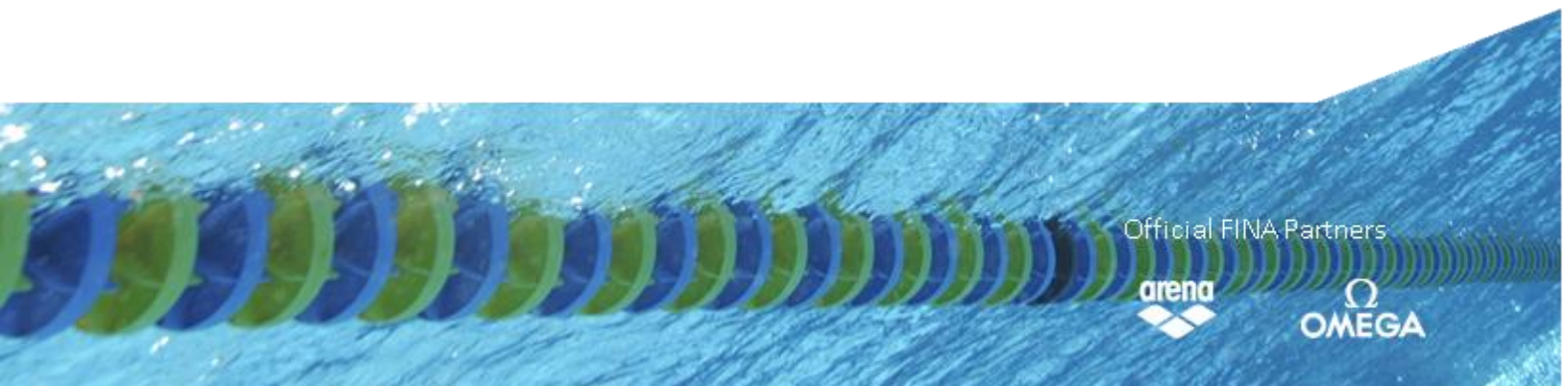
VWP travellers who have not obtained approval through ESTA should expect to be denied boarding on any air carrier bound for the United States. If you are allowed to board, you can expect to encounter significant delays and possible denial of admission at the U.S. port of entry (i.e. arrival airport). ESTA registration usually only takes a few minutes to complete and authorization often arrives in seconds. The ESTA is valid for two years, unless the traveller's passport expires within that two-year period. In those cases, ESTA validity is limited to the passport's validity.

Do I need to apply for ESTA if I am in Canada or Mexico and want to drive to the United States?

If you are a citizen of a country that participates in the VWP and you enter the U.S. by land from Mexico or Canada, you are only required to complete the paper I-94W form at the land-border crossing. ESTA is currently required for air and cruise ship travel only.

Note: VWP citizens do not need an ESTA to travel on the ferries between Vancouver and Victoria, British Columbia and Washington State. They are treated as a land-border port.

If entering by sea, as long as it is a cruise ship, you will need to apply for ESTA (check the [ESTA website](#) for approved cruise lines). If you are coming in a private-sailing vessel, ESTA is not an issue since you must have a visa to arrive in the U.S. by that mode. VWP is not approved for travel to the U.S. on a pleasure boat.



VISA CONTACT INFORMATION AND ONLINE REFERENCES

USA Swimming email: visas@usaswimming.org

Visa Wizard: travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/general/visa-wizard.html

Visa Wait & Processing Times: travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/general/wait-times.html/

DS-160 Form: ceac.state.gov/genniv/

Photograph Requirements: travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/general/photos.html

U.S. Embassies & Consulates: travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country.html

Interview Waiver Program: ustraveldocs.com/in/in-niv-visarenew.asp

Country-Specific Agreements (Six-month Validity): cbp.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Six%20Month%20Club%20Update_0.pdf

Visa FAQs: travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/general/frequently-asked-questions/about-visas-the-basics.html#2

Arrival/Departure Forms: I-94 and I-94W: <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/i-94-instructions>

ESTA: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>

Please contact USA Swimming at visas@usaswimming.org for assistance or questions with the visa process.

18. Official Team Hotels

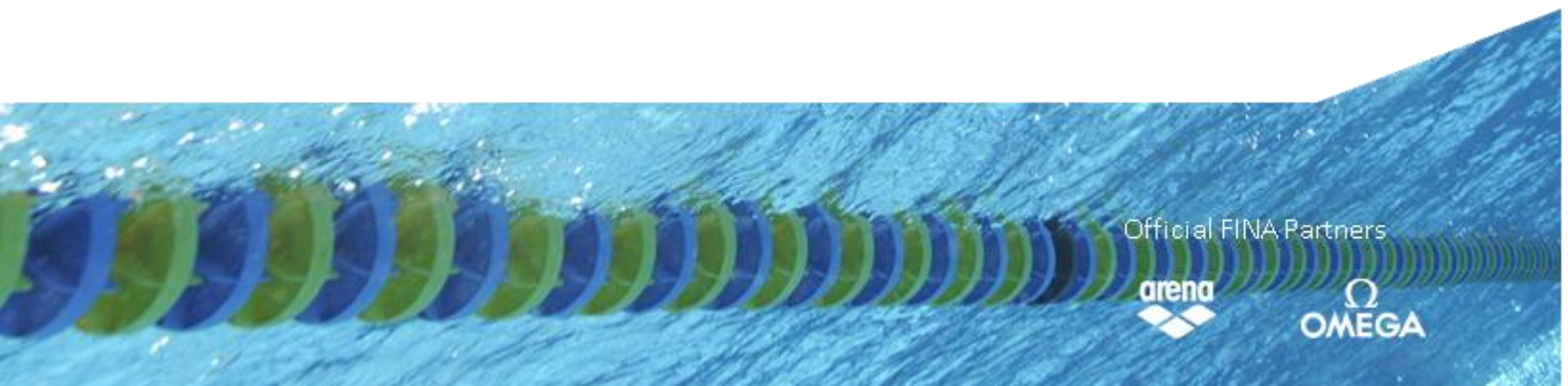
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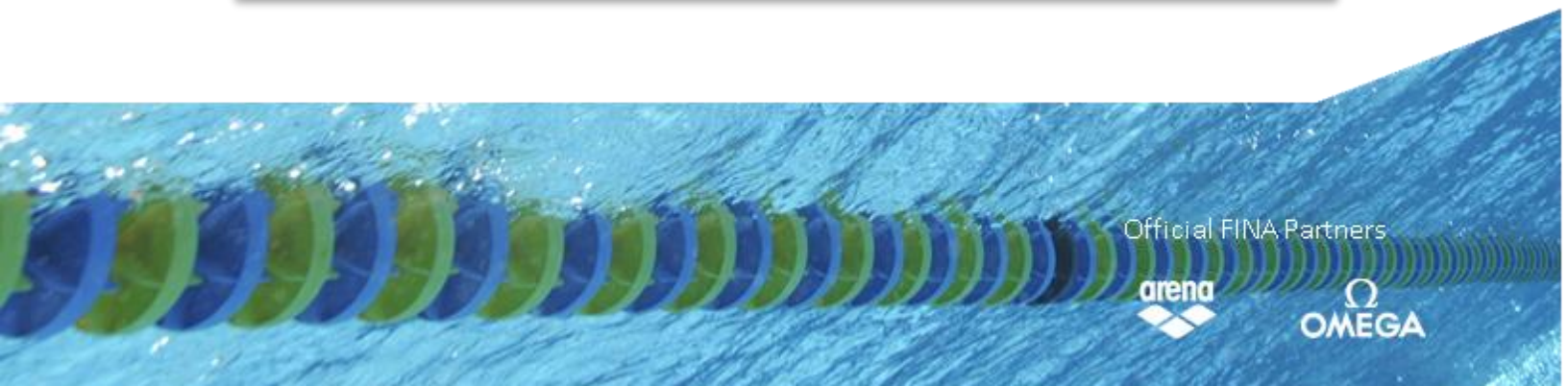
To secure the most competitive prices, the OC is directly in charge of the accommodation process for the Championships participants. Various hotels will be available during the Championships, ranking from 3 to 5 Stars. Single and Twin rooms will be available. **Please note that accommodations are not available prior to 20 August 2017.**

Team Hotels

Hotel	JW Marriott Indianapolis	Indianapolis Marriott Downtown	Courtyard Indianapolis Downtown*
Address	10 S. West Street Indianapolis, IN 46204	350 W Maryland Street Indianapolis, IN 46225	601 W Washington St, Indianapolis, IN 46204
Hotel Details	See hotel details at https://pse.tournamenthotels.com/pse/Event/1449		
Team Hotel Pricing: Single Room	\$344 USD Full Board	\$326 USD Full Board	\$187 USD No Meals
Team Hotel Pricing: Twin Room (Two beds)	\$485 USD Full Board	\$453 USD Full Board	\$187 USD No Meals
Indianapolis International Airport to Hotel (in smooth traffic conditions)	Distance: 23 km Time: 24 mins	Distance: 23 km Time: 24 mins	Distance: 23 km Time: 24 mins
Hotel to Competition Venue (Indiana Natatorium at IUPUI)	Distance: 850 m Time: 2 mins	Distance: 1.1 km Time: 3 mins	Distance: 850 m Time: 2 mins

The JW Marriott Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown rates are inclusive of 3 meals per day (inclusive of breakfast, lunch and dinner at the hotel), ground transport to and from competition venue, and taxes. *The Courtyard Indianapolis Downtown rates include ground transport to and from competition venue, and taxes, **but do not include any meals.**





Booking Procedures

All bookings will be placed through the OC Accommodation Team (<https://pse.tournamenthotels.com/pse/Event/1449>) on a first come first serve basis and subject to hotel availability.

Provisional Accommodation Bookings

Team provisional accommodation bookings allow your federation to place reservations on the rooms needed for the 6th FINA World Junior Swimming Championships 2017. Provisional accommodation bookings are due no later than **1 May, 2017 by 23:59 (GMT)**. Following your provisional accommodation request, your delegation will receive an invoice from the OC for a 50% deposit on the total accommodation costs. The deposit amount must be paid no later than two weeks after the provisional booking, failing which, the provisional booking may be cancelled. This deposit will be non-refundable. Please note that accommodations are not available prior to 20 August 2017.

Final Accommodation Booking Confirmation

Final accommodation booking confirmation allows your national federation to make any final changes to your reservations and confirming the booking. The deadline for the final accommodation booking confirmation is **17 July 2017 by 23:59 (GMT)**.

Rooming List

National federations must provide a detailed rooming list for your accommodation bookings. The deadline for the rooming list is **17 July 2017 by 23:59 (GMT)**. For National Federations who do not submit a rooming list by this date, the OC reserves to the right to generate a rooming list based on the information available on their behalf.

Payment Procedures

Upon final accommodation booking confirmation the OC will provide the national federation a detailed invoice for the remainder of the amount due. The full reservation amount (100% minus the deposit) must be paid by **17 July 2017 by 23:59 (GMT)** in order to guarantee your booking, failing which, rooms may not be available upon arrival.

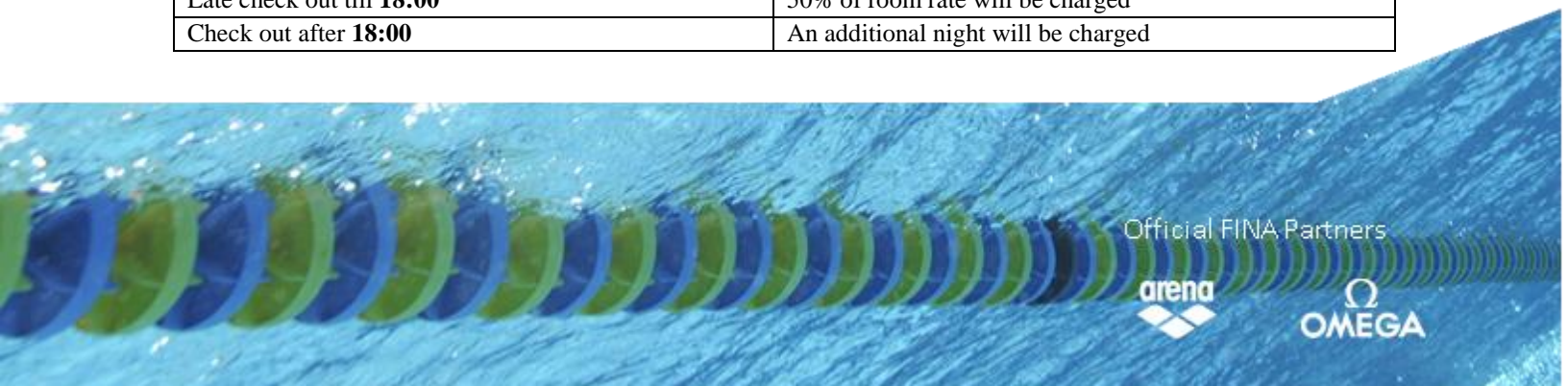
Cancellation Policies

To avoid additional cancellation charges the OC must be notified of any amendments or cancellation no later than **17 July 2017 by 23:59 (GMT)**. All cancellations must be submitted in writing by email to Stephanie@tournamenthotels.com

Period	Cancellation Fees
Before 17th July 2017	50 % of room charges
17th July 2017 onwards	100% of room charges

Early Check-In & Late Check-Out Policies (Subject to availability)

Time	Room Charges
Check in 2.00pm Check out 12:00pm	
Check in before 12:00	An additional night will be charged
Late check out till 18:00	50% of room rate will be charged
Check out after 18:00	An additional night will be charged



Hotel Services & Amenities

Each of the 6th FINA World Junior Swimming Championships 2017 Team Hotels has their own unique and enjoyable services and amenities. For a complete list of amenities, please consult the hotel website listed above.

Accommodation Contact Information

Phone +1 888 417 6446

e-mail: Stephanie@tournamenthotels.com

Team hotel booking link: <https://pse.tournamenthotels.com/pse/Event/1449>

19. Team Officials

Individuals who are serving as Team Officials (coaches, managers, trainers, chaperons, etc.) cannot serve as Technical Meet Officials. Each federation shall be allowed to include in its' Delegation Team Officials (coaches, managers, trainers, chaperons, etc.) based upon the number of competitors entering and participating in accordance with the following:

Number of competitors	Maximum number of team officials
1-2 competitor(s)	1
3-5 competitors	2
6-10 competitors	4
11-20 competitors	8
21-30 competitors	10
31-40 competitors	13
Over 41 competitors	16

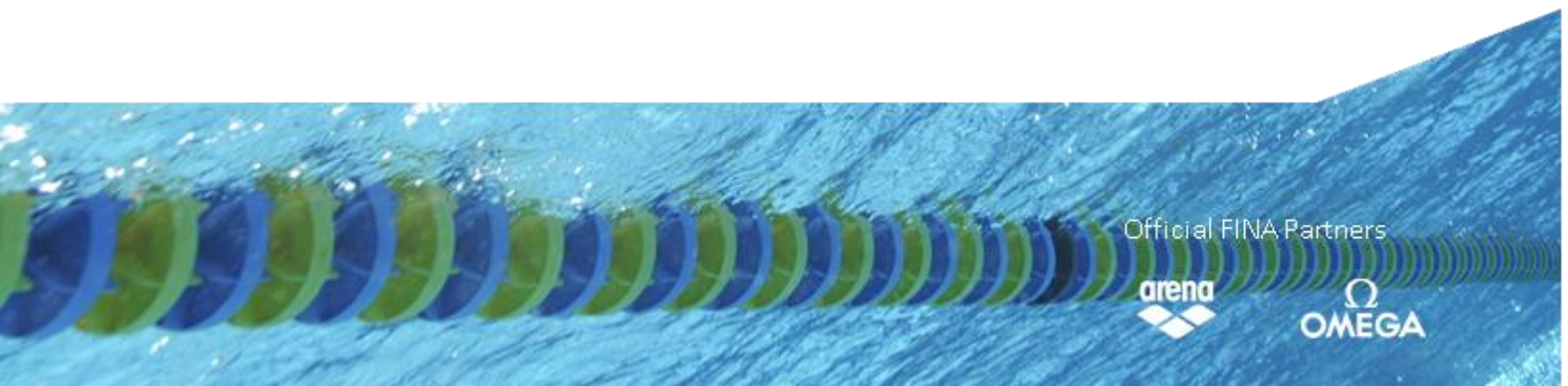
A fee of **100 USD\$** will be payable for each approved additional accreditation pass.

20. Training Session Schedule

Training will be provided from Sunday 20th August, three (3) days before the Championships starts at the competition venue, Indiana University Natatorium on the Campus of IUPUI. Training will follow the “Open Training System”, therefore, each team may train at any time within the specified training time for an unlimited duration while respecting the following distribution in the competition pool at all times:

The Indiana University Natatorium includes:

- Competition Pool - 50m x 8 lane (3m deep)
- Training Pool – 50m x 6 lane (1.5-2m deep)
- Diving Pool - 25m wide (4m deep)



Training Schedule:

From Sunday 20th August through Tuesday 22nd August

- Time: 09:00 – 20:00 hrs

Warm up Schedule:

From Wednesday 23rd August through Monday 28th August, the competition pool will be available according to the following schedule:

- Heats: 07.00– 09:15 hrs (Duration 2:15 hrs)
- Finals: 15:30– 17:45 hrs (Duration 2:15 hrs) – Day 1: 15:30 – 17:15 hrs

The Training Pool and the Diving Pool will be available for warm up & swim down throughout the meet.

21. Local transportation

USA Swimming will welcome all members of the participating National Federations at the Indianapolis International Airport and provide transportation services between the Airport, the Official Team hotels and the Competition Venue.

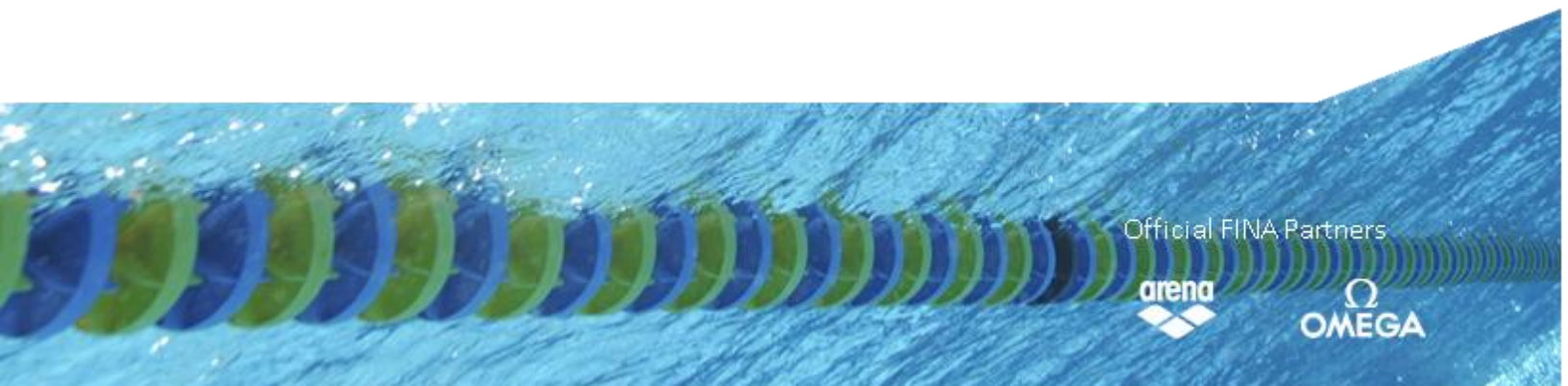
Indianapolis International Airport (IND) is a world-class airport located just 16 minutes from downtown Indianapolis off I-70 via Exit 68. The airport averages 135 daily flights to 38 nonstop destinations on eight major airlines. In 2013, approximately 7.2 million passengers were served at IND. Transportation schedules will be provided upon arrival and as part of the detailed Information Pack.

USA Swimming will facilitate Airport Welcome and Transportation services submitted in the FINA GMS by no later than **17 July 2017**.

Please note that only teams staying with the official hotel will enjoy the following complimentary ground transportation services.

The organising committee will provide the following:

- Airport transfers to/from Indianapolis International Airport and official hotels
 - Arriving Indianapolis from **20 August 2017**,
 - Departing Indianapolis through **29 August 2017**
- Shuttle transport will be provided by the OC for the Team Officials between the official hotels to the complex venue from 20 August through 28 August, 2017. Shuttle bus timetables will be posted in the Official Hotels.



22. Competition venue

The Indiana University (IU) Natatorium “the Nat”, located on the campus of Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) in downtown Indianapolis, was completed in 1982 at a cost of USD\$21.5 million. The IU Natatorium has three pools: an eight-lane 50m competition pool 2.5m deep; a six-lane 50m warm-up pool; and an eight-lane short course (25Y) warm-up pool. The main competition pool has been proclaimed one of the fastest pools in the world, with 121 American and 18 World records having been broken here. Athletes from around the world have competed at the IU Natatorium. In addition to numerous U.S. National Championships and U.S. Open Championships, the U.S. Olympic Team Trials were held at the Nat in 1984, 1992, 1996 and 2000. The names of all the team members who have qualified for an Olympic Team here are inscribed on the south wall of the Natatorium.

Two (2) men’s and two (2) women’s locker rooms exist adjacent to the competition pool with ample locker space. Lockers for use by officials are located in the warm-up pool area adjacent to and north of the competition pool.

The venue regularly hosts competitions of over 1,000 athletes and is excellent for events of this size. There are over 4,700 permanent seats in the venue, and the organizing committee will install a curtain from floor to ceiling to separate the 50m pool from the diving pool. This will create a more intimate racing venue, and reduce overall spectator capacity to approximately 3,500 prime seats.

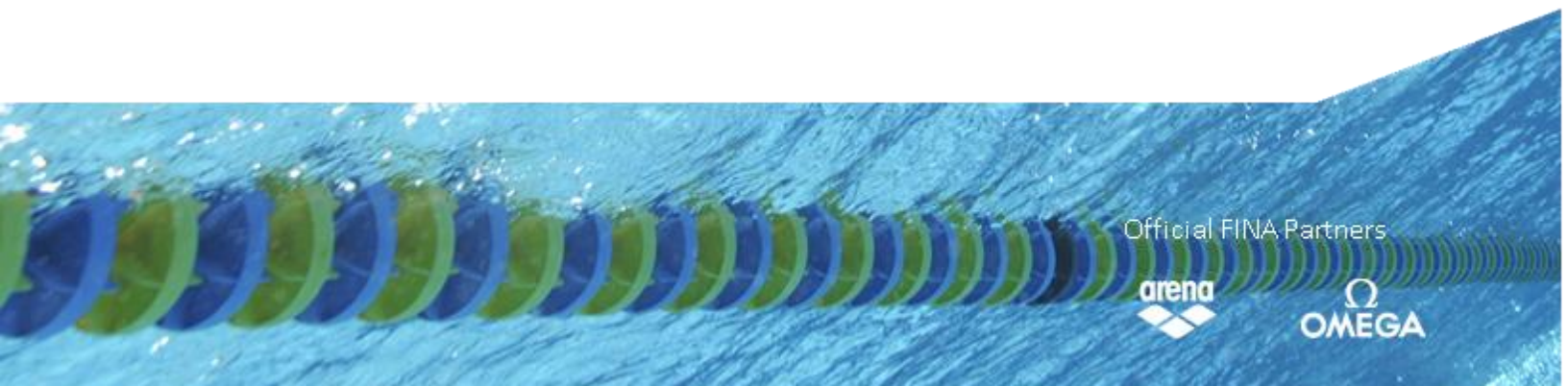
In early 2017, the venue will complete a USD\$20 million renovation, keeping the venue as one of the top indoor pools in the United States.

A compete venue plan can be found in the Team Leader’s Handbook.



23. Team filming area

Please note that we only have limited space for video analysis with your equipment. Any National Federation team wishing to make biomechanical video analysis during the event, please contact the OC in advance to request a position, which will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Any unauthorized video analysis by any person or team will not be permitted.



24. **Indianapolis**

With an estimated population of 848,788, Indianapolis “Indy” is the capital of the state of Indiana and is by-far one of the country’s most livable big cities. Indianapolis is the largest city in Indiana and 14th largest in the U.S. Indianapolis has a quality about it that makes even the heart of a bustling downtown feel like home. Visitors are drawn from all over the globe to enjoy our top-notch professional sports venues, a thriving convention industry and numerous cultural attractions. And when they arrive, they too experience the character and hospitality that make Indianapolis special.

Indiana has long been synonymous with sports. For a century, Indianapolis has hosted the Indianapolis 500, the largest single-day sporting event in the world. For decades, Indiana has been home to professional sports teams including the Indiana Pacers, Indianapolis Colts, Indiana Fever, Indianapolis Indians, and a vast array of other sports franchises. Since 1979, Indiana Sports Corp has been the driving force in the region’s sports initiative, one that features sports-based entities headquartered in Indianapolis, spectacular venues, and a focus on hosting marquee sporting events.

In addition to hosting many national and international swimming, diving, synchronized swimming, and water polo competitions at the Indiana University Natatorium, Indianapolis was the host city for the very successful 2004 FINA World Swimming Championships (25m), which witnessed over 10,000 spectators in Conseco Fieldhouse.

