

East Zone Tech Chair Report

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Qualification Update for 13-15, National and Junior Championships

Qualification requirements for the upcoming US 13-15 Championship, National Championship and Junior Championship have been removed. These three events will now be open events. 12 & Under invitational will remain at two entries per event, per club.

Final Meet Announcements are posted on the event pages:

- [13-15 Championship](#)
- [National & Junior Championship](#)

Tech Talk Update (released November 2021)

The tech talk for the 2022 season is posted on the USAAS website, which can be found [HERE](#). Here are a few points that may impact our zone/local competitions:

- Free and Tech are separate events again this year for JRs and JOs
- Male Solo is an experimental event for this year at the 12U/13-15/JR/SR Championships and JOs
- Highlight is an experimental event for this year at JRs/SRs Nationals and JOs
 - Qualification is the same as Combo
 - basically open for JR/SR, top 3 from region for JOs
 - Highlight will be a combined JR/SR event at Jr/Sr Nationals
 - Highlight will be a 13&Over event (actually 13-19). The same rules that apply for combo apply for highlight (12U swimmers can swim up for JOs)
- Qualification events ***must*** be held before the entry deadline for national events (email Chris Leahy to request a waiver). Regional Championships will have to be held at least one month before JOs.
 - No provisional entries will be accepted for national events – JR/SR National Championships, 13-15 National Championships and Junior Olympics

To get more details on Combo and Highlights, please see the FINA Manual under Judges Resources at USA Artistic Swimming - pg. 167 for Combo and pg. 175 for Highlight

[Judges \(teamusa.org\)](http://teamusa.org)

2022 East Zone Competitions

East Zone 13-15 Age Group and JR/SR Championships – **March 4-6th** in Tonawanda, NY

East Zone Invitational A – **March 18-20th** in Buffalo, NY

East Zone Invitational B – **March 25-27th** in New Canaan, CT

East Zone Intermediate/12&U AG Championships and 13&Over Open – **June 3-5th** in New Canaan, CT

October 2021 Report – 2021 Competitions

Thank you to meet hosts Cambridge Synchro, Maine Synchro, South Shore Sea Dragons, New Canaan Aquianas, Optima Synchro, Attleboro YMCA Lyonfish Synchronettes and Hamden Heronettes for organizing and running Zone meets this year. Special thanks to our East Zone Officers in their support of our virtual competitions - Anna Montgomery for organizing judging and moderator spreadsheets, Laura Ehrenreich for guiding us through new virtual judging and assignments, Gil Sharon for updating the meet entry sheets to submit videos, Michal Fandel for facilitating commutation with East Zone members, Kayla Parvana staying on top of coaches and judges certifications, Kim Kohut, our new DEI chair, for new meet announcement updates in AWD and Jen Hatt for leading our zone through this unique season.

East Zone Invitational Virtual Land Competition

January 31, 2020 hosted by Cambridge Synchro

- Open to all Novices, Intermediates, 12&Under Age Group, 13-15 Age Group, and 16&Over Age Group
- Newly Created Events:
 - Land Skills (both skills required)
 - Deckwork
 - Dryland Routine
- Novice Competitors – 19 Land Skills, 19 Deckwork and 10 Water Filter Routine
- Intermediate Competitors – 39 Land Skills, 25 Deckwork and 14 Water Filter Routine
- Age Group Competitors – 97 Land Skills, 58 Deckwork and 37 Water Filter Routine

East Zone Invitational Figure Competition

February 21, 2021 hosted by Maine Synchro and South Shore Sea Dragons

- Open to all Novices, Intermediates, 12&Under Age Group, 13-15 Age Group, and Junior (15-19) and Senior (15 & Older)
- Athletes competed in two selected figures for each age division.
 - Novice
 - Prawn
 - Kipnus
 - Intermediate
 - Barracuda
 - Kip
 - 12&UAG
 - Ballet Leg, Straight
 - Water Drop
 - 13-15AG 143.
 - Rio
 - Seagull
 - Junior and Senior
 - Tech Elements 1 & 2 of your chosen event(s) (solo, duet and/or team)

- All tech elements are being judged individually.
 - AWD – Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 and Tier 4 - Compulsory figures
- Novice Competitors – 36
- Intermediate Competitors – 119
- 12&Under Age Group Competitors – 44
- 13-15 Age Group Competitors – 83
- Junior Competitors – 11 solo, 25 duet and 40 team
- Senior Competitors – 2 solo, 3 duet and 4 team

East ZOOM Championships

March 7, 2021 hosted by New Canaan Aquianas and Optima Synchro

- Open to all 13-15 Age Group, Junior (15-19) and Senior (15 & Older)*
- *Waivers for 2021:
 - Junior Championship Age Requirements - For the 2021 season only, FINA has changed the definition of the Junior division (ASAG 2.2). Athletes that are 15-19 to years of age for the year 2021 are eligible to compete in the Junior division. As the Junior National Championship is held under FINA rules (TR 1.1) this waiver automatically applies to this Championship as well as the US Junior Open.
 - 13-15 Championships Age Requirement - For 2021 only competitors who do not meet the min. age requirement under CP 3.4.1 may compete in the 13-15 Championships to complete a routine. At least one competitor in the routine must meet the age requirements under CP 3.4.1.
- Junior and Senior athletes could enter just Tech, or just Free Routine or both (separate categories).
- 13-15 Age Group athletes could enter figures or routines or both (separate categories).
- 13-15 Athlete Competitors: 72 figures, 15 solos, 17 duets, 2 mixed duets, 9 teams and 1 combo.
- Junior Athlete Competitors: 10 tech solos, 16 free solos, 12 tech duets, 15 free duets, 7 tech teams, 6 free teams and 1 combo
- Senior Athlete Competitors: 1 free solo

East Zone Invitational Free Routine Competition

March 31, 2021 hosted by Attleboro YMCA Lyonfish Synchronettes

- Open to all Novices, Intermediates, 12&Under Age Group, 13-15 Age Group, 16-17 Age Group and 18-20 Age Group
- All events judged as Free Routines.
- Novice Competitors: 16 solos, 8 duets, 4 trios and 5 teams
- Intermediate Competitors: 23 solos, 26 duets, 8 trios, 15 teams, 1 combo
- 12&Under Competitors: 12 solos, 11 duets, 1 mixed duet and 5 teams
- 13-15 Age Group Competitors: 12 solos, 14 duets, 1 mixed duet and 7 teams
- 16-17 Age Group Competitors: 6 solos, 10 duets and 2 teams
- 18-20 Age Group Competitors: 6 solos, 6 duets, 3 teams and 1 combo

East Zone Virtual Championships

2021 East Zone Intermediate and 12 & Under Age Group Championship and 13 & Over Age Group Routine Only Open

May 16, 2021 hosted by Hamden Heronettes

- Open to all Intermediates (10&U, 11-12, 13-15, 16&O) figures and routines, 12&Under Age Group figures and routines and 13&Over Age Group free routines only.
- All events judged as Free Routines.
- No time minimums.
- Athletes competed in two selected figures for each age division.
 - Intermediate
 - Ballet Leg, Single
 - Walkover, Back
 - 12&UAG
 - Ballet Leg, Straight
 - Swan
- Intermediate Competitors:
 - Figures: 36 10&U, 32 11-12, 39 13-15, 10 16&O
 - Solos: 8 10&U, 8 11-12, 13 13-15, 3 16&O
 - Duets: 3 10&U, 8 11-12, 11 13-15, 6 16&O
 - Trios: 3 10&U, 1 11-12, 2 13-15, 3 16&O
 - Teams: 3 10&U, 4 11-12, 6 13-15, 1 16&O
 - Combo: 1 13-15
- 12&Under Competitors: 37 figures, 16 solos, 13 duets, 1 mixed duet and 5 teams
- 13&O Age Group Competitors: 11 solos, 6 duets, 1 mixed duet and 2 teams, 1 combo

The zone competitions listed above were a **HUGE** accomplishment for the 2020-2021 season. Thank you to everyone in our zone for organizing, creating and executing these opportunities for our athletes!