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USA Swimming names Scholastic All-America Team (10/16/2008)



USA Swimming has announced the selection of its Scholastic All-America Team for 2007-08.

Nine-hundred and seventy-four athletes made the team this year,

including 600 women and 374 men.

Sixty-eight percent of the successful applicants had a 4.0 GPA. Fifteen percent of the athletes made the list for the third time in their careers.

Scholastic All-America Rosters:

[Men's List](#)

[Women's List](#)

Criteria for selection to the Scholastic All-America Team include the following:

- Must have completed 10th, 11th or 12th grade
- Must be a USA Swimming member athlete

- Must have participated in an individual event that met the Junior National Bonus Time Standard during the qualifying
- Period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.
- Must have achieved a 3.5 GPA

Additionally, swimmers who competed in an individual event in the 2007 National Disability Championships or the 2007 Open

Water National Championships and met the academic, grade level and membership requirements were eligible to apply.

As this was the first year of the requirement to achieve a Junior National Bonus Time Standard, swimmers who made the list in 2006-07 and competed in a 2007 Sectional Championship were “grandfathered” and eligible to apply through a waiver process.

Certificates and awards will be mailed to each Scholastic All-American later this fall. Applications for the 2008-09 year will be available on the USA Swimming Web site Jan. 1, 2009¹. Deadline for submission will be Aug. 1, 2009.

The Scholastic All American program is administered by the SAA Sub-Committee of the Times and Recognition Committee.

The program was begun in 1986 and has been staffed by dedicated USA Swimming volunteers from across the country for the past 22 years. Questions may be addressed to times@usaswimming.org.

US Paralympic upcoming events. <http://www.usparalympics.org/content/index/409>

March 19-21, 2009

U.S. Paralympics Spring Swimming Nationals/Spring Can-Am

Mt. Hood Community College, Gresham, Oregon

LCM/Classification Available/IPC Swimming Approval Pending

Additional documents coming soon. Check back for updates.

[Meet Information Packet](#)

Classification Packet

[Application to Officiate](#)

IPC Classification Course Application

IPC Officials Course Application

May 16-17, 2009

6th Annual GTAC Disability Open

Eastern Michigan University/Ypsilanti, Michigan

LCM/Classification Available/IPC Swimming Approval Pending

Meet Host Web site: www.gtacswim.com

[Meet Information Packet](#)

[Classification Packet](#)

[U.S. Paralympics Officials Course Application](#)

Make your plans now to visit our booth at Athletic Business Conference/2008, Dec. 4-6 in San Antonio, Texas.

USA Swimming Booth 444

One of the best things about the ABC trade show is that it's available to you at no cost! Your complimentary pass not only gives you admission into the show, but it also includes:

- Early-morning workouts
- Two Keynote Sessions
- The ABC Welcome Reception at the Historic Sunset Station at St. Paul Square
- The opportunity to meet with representatives from our company to help answer your questions

Other aspects of the trade show floor that might interest you:

- It's a four-in-one show! The International Council on Active Aging, the Medical Fitness Association and the National Alliance for Youth Sports have teamed up with ABC to create pavilions on the trade show floor.
- A Free Throw Contest – All money raised at this contest will go towards the Global Gear Drive. Prizes will be given to the top performers.
- Shake hands with Emmitt Smith – ABC has Emmitt as their keynote speaker on Thursday, Dec. 4. He will be on the trade show floor after his keynote for a quick meet-and-greet.

[Don't wait – go here to register today!](#)

We look forward to seeing you at the show.

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A Spanish translation of the popular *Aquatic Play Feature™ Handbook* published by the National Swimming Pool Foundation® (NSPF®) is now available. This new translation, *Guía Aquatic Play Feature™*, further demonstrates NSPF's commitment to making comprehensive training materials accessible around the world to people who care for pools and spas. The stand-alone training manual allows these professionals easier access to information on risk reduction to the users, the employees, and the facility itself. Aquatic play features have migrated from waterparks to all types of pools and facilities around the globe. As with the English *Aquatic Play Feature Handbook* introduced earlier this year, the Spanish translation, *Guía Aquatic Play Feature*, provides guidance on how to operate and manage facilities that have waterpark-type features.

Please see the complete news release attached. We hope you will publish this for readers and members, and share with other colleagues.

If you would like a hi res image of the Spanish Aquatic Play Feature Handbook, please contact me via email at batterup@batterupproductions.com or by telephone at 760-438-9304.

American Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety Program Preview



FREE Webcast
Wednesday, November 19, 2008
2:00 pm ET

Get ready to implement the newly revised American Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety program for the 2009 swim season.

Hosted by the American Red Cross and *Aquatics International*, this free Webcast will provide critical information about the features and benefits of the new program, as well as advance information to help you prepare for a quick and easy implementation of the new program at your aquatic facility.

You'll learn about:

- Changes to the Learn-to-Swim program including skill placement and progression
- The new Preschool Aquatics curriculum featuring three new swim level
- New content to help water safety instructors improve teaching skills and better serve all participants including those with special need
- New water safety and drowning prevention content

Register Now for this FREE Webcast
on November 19, 2008 at 2:00 pm ET!
Sign up today. Space is limited.
www.aquaticsintl.com/redcross



The US Tennis Association has developed a chart of guidelines for parents entitled "Parenting My Champion: Developing Talent." The chart shows three stages of development: Introduction/Foundation (ages 5-10), Refinement/Transitional (ages 10-14), and Elite Performance (15 and over). At each stage the USTA gives recommendations for things parents can do to encourage the child, keep things in perspective AND foster long term development and success.

[Parenting My Champion: Developing Talent](#) (Used with permission of USTA)

Many more documents for parents can be found in the [Successful Sport Parenting CD](#).

NBC Sports to Broadcast 2008 Paralympic Games Documentary

[NBC Sports](#) will air a 90-minute documentary about the 2008 Paralympic Games on Sunday, November 9,
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET.

The show will feature a number of U.S. athletes as they train for and compete in the Games in Beijing.

Additionally, [Universal Sports Network](#) will air 4-hour Paralympic Games programs each night, November 10-16, 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. ET.

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Athlete Speaker's Referral Network Online

The USOC has created the [Athlete Speaker's Referral Network](#) to provide a vehicle for the general public to request athlete speakers from the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Families for their events.

Organizations are encouraged to use this network to find an athlete speaker for their event

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Check out USA Swimming's new Club Recognition program. Follow the blueprint to develop a strong, stable, financially sound and athletically productive organization. See www.usaswimming.org/ClubRecognition