

**EVENT INFORMATION**

GENERAL INFORMATION		
Dates	Competition: 3-5 November 2022 Training: 31 October-5 November 2022	
Location	901 W New York St, Indianapolis, IN 46202	Google Maps: <a href="#">LINK</a>
Host	USA Swimming Attn: Dean Ekeren 1 Olympic Plaza Colorado Springs, CO 80909	
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Social media	FINA	Instagram: @fina1908 Facebook: @fina1908 YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/fina1908">https://www.youtube.com/fina1908</a>
	OC	Instagram: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/usaswimming">@usaswimming</a> Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/usaswimming">facebook.com/usaswimming</a> YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/usaswimming">youtube.com/usaswimming</a> Twitter: <a href="https://twitter.com/usaswimming">@usaswimming</a>

**COMPETITION INFORMATION**

Pool length	25m
Number of lanes	8 lanes
Rules	The SWC Events will be held under FINA Rules as well as the SWC Summons ( <a href="#">SWC 2022</a> )
Results	All results are available on the FINA website / FINA official results app

**EVENT KEY DATES**

3 October 2022	Visa Invitation Letter Request Deadline
	Accommodation Request Deadline
	Flight Information Deadline
	Sport entries & Final Registration
2 November 2022	Technical Meeting at 11:00 (Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel (HQ Hotel))
Begin 31 October	Official Training – please note the opening times below <b>@OVERALL SCHEDULE</b>

**OVERALL SCHEDULE**

Not before 31 October	Arrival
31 October 14:00-20:00 1-2 November 07:00-20:00 3-5 November 07:00-one hour after conclusion of finals session.	Open Training & PR activities with certain athletes  <b>Official Training – Eight-Lane 25M competition pool, Six-Lane 50M training pool, Eight-Lane 25Y training pool</b>
Day 1 Heats: 09:30 / Finals: 18:00*	Competition
Day 2 Heats: 09:30 / Finals: 18:00*	Competition
Day 3 Heats: 09:30 / Finals: 18:00*	Competition
	Departure

\* Times are subject to change due to external reasons (TV, etc.).

**COMPETITION SCHEDULE**

Indianapolis

		Day 1 - 12 EVENTS			Day 2 - 11 EVENTS			Day 3 - 11 EVENTS		
25m Pool	400m	Freestyle	W	400m	Ind. Medley	W	400m	Ind. Medley	M	
	400m	Freestyle	M	1500m	Freestyle	M	800m	Freestyle	W	
	50m	Backstroke	W	50m	Backstroke	M	100m	Butterfly	W	
	200m	Backstroke	M	200m	Freestyle	W	50m	Butterfly	M	
	200m	Butterfly	W	200m	Ind. Medley	M	200m	Backstroke	W	
	100m	Butterfly	M	100m	Backstroke	W	100m	Backstroke	M	
	200m	Breaststroke	W	50m	Breaststroke	M	50m	Breaststroke	W	
	100m	Breaststroke	M	50m	Butterfly	W	200m	Breaststroke	M	
	50m	Freestyle	W	100m	Freestyle	M	100m	Freestyle	W	
	50m	Freestyle	M	100m	Breaststroke	W	200m	Freestyle	M	
	100m	Ind. Medley	W	200m	Butterfly	M	200m	Ind. Medley	W	
	100m	Ind. Medley	M				<b>Meet Ceremony</b>			
							Overall Ceremony			

**ENTRY PROCESS**

All entries shall be made electronically via the FINA General Management System (GMS) via the link <https://data.fina.org> by the deadline of 3 October. Access to the registration system should be via the logins previously supplied to your Federation. For logistical purposes, please make sure to enter the CORRECT travel information in the FINA GMS. The LOC will organize the transportation according to the flight details entered in the system. If you require any assistance of support with the registration process, please contact [gms@fina.org](mailto:gms@fina.org)

**TRANSPORTATION**

Official airport arrival and departure	Indianapolis International Airport (IND)
Ground transportation	Free transportation is only provided for athletes, coaches and accompanying persons having booked at the Headquarters Hotel with LOC.  Transportation will be provided to and from the airport as well as between the hotel and venue.

**OFFICIAL HOTEL**

Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel (HQ Hotel)	31 W Ohio St, Indianapolis, IN 46204
2	km (4 minutes)
22	km (18 minutes)
Wifi	available
	

A limited number of rooms are available at the Headquarters Hotel. Once this block fills, teams will be on their own to make accommodations.

**ROOM & BOARD PACKAGES**

All participating National FINA Member Federations are responsible for their own swimming team’s accommodation and board expenses.

Single room	US\$ 312/night (Full board)
Double room	US\$ 449/night (Full board)
Triple room*	Not available

\*limited availability, while stocks last

**Start date: Monday, October 31, 2022**  
**End date: Sunday, November 6, 2022**  
**Last Day to Book: Friday, September 30, 2022**

[Book your group rate for FINA World Cup](#)

## COVID-19 PROTOCOL

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable.

USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING AND THE LOCAL SWIMMING COMMITTEE (LSC) AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, OR ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

## VISA

### Traveling to the United States

USA Swimming and the Organizing Committee for the FINA Swimming World Cup in Indianapolis 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 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 Dean Ekeren at [dekeren@usaswimming.org](mailto:dekeren@usaswimming.org).

***Please note that COVID-related travel requirements may change at any time. Foreign nationals traveling to the United States are required to present the following to travel: a Passport, visa or ESTA, and proof of full vaccination for COVID-19 (all FDA/WHO-approved vaccines are accepted). Limited exceptions to this rule include anyone under the age of 18 and those with medical contraindications. There is no National Interest Exception (NIE) available. Foreign nationals, from non-visa waiver countries, will require the appropriate visa to travel to the U.S. In most cases, obtaining a visa requires an in-person interview at a U.S. Consular post. Please note the COVID-19 pandemic has created significant appointment backlogs at U.S. Consular posts worldwide. As of 12 June 2022, airlines will no longer require a pre-departure negative COVID-19 test to enter the U.S.***

### **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). You must be a citizen or national of the following countries\* to be eligible to travel to the United States under the VWP:

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

\* With respect to all references to “country” or “countries” on this page, it should be noted that the Taiwan Relations Act of 1979, Pub. L. No. 96-8, Section 4(b)(1), provides that “[w]henver the laws of the United States refer or relate to foreign countries, nations, states, governments, or similar entities, such terms shall include and such laws shall apply with respect to Taiwan.” 22 U.S.C. § 3303(b)(1). Accordingly, all references to “country” or “countries” in the Visa Waiver Program authorizing legislation, Section 217 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1187, are read to include Taiwan. This is consistent with the United States’ one-China policy, under which the United States has maintained unofficial relations with Taiwan since 1979.

\*\*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** below. If you require a visa to travel to the United States, please refer to **Section A** below.

## **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](http://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 [dekeren@usaswimming.org](mailto:dekeren@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:
  - o The purpose of your trip.
  - o Your intent to depart the United States after your trip.
  - o 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.

### ***How to Request an Expedited Appointment***

1. After applying and completing the Form DS-160, the applicant must schedule the first regular appointment available (even if in 2023 or 2024).
2. After scheduling a regular appointment, the applicant may re-enter the scheduling system and can select the "Request Expedite" option.
3. The Consular post will respond via email if the request has been granted.
  - a. If the request is denied, please follow up with your Event Organizers.

### ***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](mailto: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](http://cbp.gov/I94) for their admission record information. This online record replaces the paper I-94 form. VWP travellers receive Form 1-94W. 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](mailto: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 \$21 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: [dekeren@usaswimming.org](mailto:dekeren@usaswimming.org)

Visa Wizard: [travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/general/visa-wizard.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/general/visa-wizard.html)

Visa Wait & Processing Times: [travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/general/wait-times.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/general/wait-times.html)

DS-160 Form: [ceac.state.gov/genniv/](http://ceac.state.gov/genniv/)

Photograph Requirements: [travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/general/photos.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/general/photos.html)

U.S. Embassies & Consulates: [travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country.html](http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country.html)

Interview Waiver Program: [ustraveldocs.com/in/in-niv-visarenew.asp](http://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](http://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](http://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 [dekeren@usaswimming.org](mailto:dekeren@usaswimming.org) for assistance or questions with the visa process.

### USA Swimming SafeSport Policy

The USA Swimming Safe Sport program is USA Swimming's comprehensive abuse prevention program dedicated to creating a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for all its members. Components of the program include, but are not limited to, providing education and training, enforcing policies (such as the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy), rules and best practice guidelines, promoting healthy boundaries and mandatory reporting of violations.

The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy prohibits Adult Participants (as defined) from having one-on-one interactions with minor athletes which are not within an observable and interruptible distance from another adult. Adult Participants are required to abide by this policy in full during this meet.

Each club is responsible for the conduct of its swimmers. Any person who, in the opinion of the Meet Referee, Meet Director or Meet Marshall, is harmful to others or to other's property may be required to leave the competition.

Deck changing is prohibited.

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, are not permitted behind the starting blocks during the entire meet and are not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, the Meet Hosts, Facility Owners, Officials, and the LSCs shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.