

Dear Pentathlete and Family,

Welcome to the US Nationals/US Open and NORCECA Championships!

We just want to let you know that we have received your entry form and to give you an update on the competition.

Masters

We have decided that Masters will be able to swim and run the shorter distances specified in the UIPM rules.

Entries

We are pleased to announce that we have over 50 entries, including NORCECA competitors from Guatemala and Canada. Since the late deadline is May 15, a few more entries may come in. Attached please find a list of competitors so far.

Why three competitions?

There has been some confusion about why we are holding an Open in addition to the US Nationals and the NORCECA championships. The answer is that we are trying to be inclusive and give younger competitors an opportunity to compete.

The **US Nationals** covers all divisions. The **NORCECA Championships**, however, is for Juniors, Seniors, and Youth A and B. Since younger pentathletes from other countries wanted to compete, we decided to hold a **US Open** to accommodate all the Youth C, D, and E. Any US competitor entered in the competition is automatically entered in all three competitions. Any NORCECA competitor is automatically entered in the Open.

Clarification

We have also offered US competitors who are trying to qualify for World Championships the opportunity to enter in more than one division for an extra fee. These duplicate entries apply only to US Nationals, not to the Open or the NORCECA competition.

US pentathletes who are double-entered will be entered in the NORCECA and the Open according to their age division. If you would like to be entered in a different division than your age division, please let us know immediately. You may only be entered in one division in NORCECA and the Open.

Riders

Anyone who wishes to ride in the competition must be designated as a rider on his or her UIPM card. Please bring cards to registration.

Swim times

Please e-mail us your best competition swim times by May 15 so that we can plan the heats.

Hotel

If you have not yet made your hotel reservation, please do so immediately. We have been assigned a block of rooms at a discounted rate. But that offer expires soon and the rooms are in short supply.

Volunteers

This type of competition requires a lot of volunteers, so we will be asking for your help. Volunteers will receive a t-shirt and complementary breakfast and lunch on competition days.

Transportation

We are trying to determine our transportation needs. Please let us know how many people in your party plan on using our transportation. Otherwise, we will assume that you are providing your own.

We think this is going to be a fabulous competition. And we can't wait to see you all in Palm Springs. Please call or e-mail if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

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