# USA Swimming 2021 Regional Diversity Select Camps

To further evolve the Diversity Camps pathway and identify emerging young, diverse athletes in varying regions and offer a unique motivational and educational experience, USA Swimming will pilot the Regional Diversity Camps starting 2021. This integral step will help athletes move from the local and regional level onto the national scene.

## Goals

To empower athletes from diverse backgrounds and under-represented populations to:

- Demonstrate the viability of multicultural success in swimming
- Achieve performance excellence at every level of the sport
- Expound the benefits and value of participating in the sport of swimming
- Be positive leaders and role models that others from multicultural backgrounds can emulate.

## **General Criteria:**

All athletes must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the 2021 Regional Diversity Select Camps.

- All athletes must be registered USA Swimming members at the time of the qualifying performance and at the time of the camp.
- ❖ All athletes must be a registered USA Swimming athlete member in good standing.
- ❖ Athletes must represent an underrepresented community and/or an ethnically underrepresented population that is less than 10% of the current USA Swimming membership. These populations can include African American, Hispanic, Asian or Pacific Islander, Native American and others. Other athletes may be accepted if they represent another underrepresented demographic (e.g. LGBTQ+).
- ❖ Athletes must be US citizens\* & have not represented any other FINA Federation at international competition.
- Eligible athletes will be the respective ages at the time of the qualifying swim:
  - o Girls: 11-13
  - o Boys: 12-14
- ❖ Athletes who have previously attended a National Select Camp, National Diversity Select Camp, National Team and/or National Junior Team camp\*\* are not eligible. Athletes cannot attend a Zone Select Camp & Regional Diversity Select Camp in the same year.
- Athletes who have represented USA Swimming internationally in a pool competition are not eligible for camp.

## **Qualification Standard:**

Each regional camp will consist of 28 athletes from each competition category.

Athletes **must** have achieved at least one Regional Diversity Select Camp time standard as shown here to apply for selection. These times are AAA National Motivational Times for 11-12 year olds. Times must have been achieved in a USA Swimming sanctioned or approved meet (able to be proven in the SWIMS database).\*\*\*

## **Selection Criteria:**

- ❖ 14 athletes from each competition category will be selected based on 2019 and/or 2020 SCY or LCM IMX point scores.
- Then, the fastest applicant in each event will be invited for a total of 14 athletes from each competition category. 2021 selection will look at both SCY and LCM times and compare based on HY-Tek Power Points.

## **Additional Information:**

- Doubles will be resolved by placing the athlete in their highest HY-tek power point event.
- ❖ The pool event qualifying period is September 1, 2018 until August 31, 2020.
- The IMX qualifying seasons are as follows:
  - o SCY/LCM 2019 (Female- Ages 11-13; Male- Ages 12-14)
  - SCY/LCM 2020 (Female- Ages 12-14; Male- Ages 13-16)
- ❖ IMX qualifiers will be selected by looking at both seasons combined.
- Athletes can select which camp they would prefer to attend during the application process. If athletes are selected for camp, USA Swimming will make every effort to place campers in their preferred camp. However, this cannot be guaranteed.
- Outreach athletes, as indicated in USA Swimming's SWIMS database, who qualify for camp will be eligible for funding to cover roundtrip transportation costs.

## Location

Site selection is chosen by USA Swimming. First preference is a college campus that can provide on campus housing and dining accommodations. Private sites will be considered if college sites cannot be secured. USA Swimming may also explore recommendations by the LSC, Zones, or teams.

## Dates

The preferred date for the camp is early June once school is out for most of the country. Facility availability may dictate when the camp is held. The camp will run Thursday-Sunday.

## Costs

All athlete expenses at the camps are covered by USA Swimming. Athletes are responsible for their own transportation arrangements and expenses. However, we heavily encourage **when there is a need**, that flights or alternate transportation costs to camp be sponsored by the LSC, the Zone or the Team or some combination of the three.

## Staff

USA Swimming selects a head coach for the camp as well as four assistant coaches and two managers. In addition, one male and one female National Junior Team or National Team athlete may attend each camp as

<sup>\*</sup>athletes can be dual citizens, but their sport nation must be the United States.

<sup>\*\*</sup>excluding swimmers who qualified for the National Team and/or National Junior Team for Open Water

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>times swum during the July 2020 sanctioning period will not be counted due to the COVID-19 amendment to Article 202.2.1 of the USA Swimming Rules

elite athlete representatives. Two members of the USA Swimming National Headquarters staff attend camp to conduct educational sessions and supervise operations.

## **Gear and Materials**

USA Swimming provides each athlete and staff member with appropriate gear, equipment and educational materials.

## **Camp Schedule**

Camps include five long course workouts at least four educational sessions and creational activities. Athletes and camp staff are required to stay the entire time and must stay onsite in the accommodations provided by the host. Unfortunately, we cannot be flexible in allowing athletes to arrive late or leave early. Please check school schedules prior to accepting your spot.

# **Application Process**

The Regional Diversity Select Camps are application based. USA Swimming will provide a link to apply and will notify athletes of selection no later than six weeks prior to the start of camp. Athletes will be notified directly via email if they have been accepted to the camp. Coaches and parent(s)/guardian(s) will also be copied on this notification.

| USA Swimming Regional Diversity Camp Time Standards for Application AAA 11-12 |             |          |  |
|---|-------------|----------|--|
| Girls   | Event (LCM) | Boys     |  |
| 30.49   | 50 free     | 29.39    |  |
| 1:06.39   | 100 free    | 1:03.99  |  |
| 2:24.19   | 200 free    | 2:19.79  |  |
| 5:01.69   | 400 free    | 4:55.09  |  |
| 10:33.99  | 800 free    | 10:22.09 |  |
| 20:14.59  | 1500 free   | 19:49.19 |  |
| 1:15.49   | 100 back    | 1:13.89  |  |
| 2:40.89   | 200 back    | 2:37.79  |  |
| 1:25.29   | 100 breast  | 1:22.19  |  |
| 3:02.79   | 200 breast  | 2:56.59  |  |
| 1:13.19   | 100 fly     | 1:10.89  |  |
| 2:40.99   | 200 fly     | 2:38.79  |  |
| 2:42.09   | 200 IM      | 2:38.49  |  |
| 5:45.49   | 400 IM      | 5:37.99  |  |

| USA Swimming Regional Diversity Camp Time Standards for Application AAA 11-12 |             |          |  |
|---|-------------|----------|--|
| Girls   | Event (SCY) | Boys     |  |
| 26.79   | 50 free     | 25.59    |  |
| 57.79   | 100 free    | 55.79    |  |
| 2.06.69   | 200 free    | 2.02.39  |  |
| 5.37.09   | 500 free    | 5.27.89  |  |
| 11.37.79  | 1000 free   | 11.25.59 |  |
| 19.33.89  | 1650 free   | 19.08.59 |  |
| 1.05.09   | 100 back    | 1.02.79  |  |
| 2.18.79   | 200 back    | 2.15.69  |  |
| 1.13.49   | 100 breast  | 1.11.29  |  |
| 2.39.59   | 200 breast  | 2.33.19  |  |
| 1.04.69   | 100 fly     | 1.02.79  |  |
| 2.22.09   | 200 fly     | 2.18.79  |  |
| 2.21.99   | 200 IM      | 2.17.49  |  |
| 5.01.89   | 400 IM      | 4.53.19  |  |