

FINA/AREA SWIMMING WORLD CUP

USA SWIMMING

The FINA/ARENA Swimming World Cup is designed to give swimmers more opportunities to compete at a high level and gain international experience.

SCHEDULE

October 16-17	Durban (RSA)
November 6-7	Moscow (RUS)**
November 10-11	Stockholm (SWE)
November 14-15	Berlin (GER)
November 21-22	Singapore (SIN)

***U.S. citizens require a visa for travel to Russia. It is your responsibility to obtain this visa.*

Specific information on each meet can be found by visiting the following link:

http://www.fina.org/project/index.php?option=com_content&task=blogcategory&id=107&Itemid=541

Information should be updated as it becomes available. Each meet is listed at the top of the page.

NOTE: Scratching or missing events will make you subject to fines.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

If you are planning on competing at any of the World Cup meets, please contact Camila Zardo (czardo@usaswimming.org or (719) 866-3557) immediately to begin the process. She will put you in contact with the Meet Host for the event you want to attend to discuss hotel accommodations and transportation with them directly. Deadlines are fast approaching for these competitions. Please initiate this process as soon as possible to ensure you are able to enter and attend.

Please note that you are not authorized to represent the USA but are authorized to represent your USA Swimming club. However, all entries **MUST** come from USA Swimming. Camila will work with you on getting entered into the meet.

Athletes must have a travel permit from USA Swimming (see reverse side). To obtain a travel permit you will need to go through your LSC Registration Chair. The travel permit request from your LSC must include both the meet information, as well as an official invitation from the Foreign Federation (not a foreign club) - the meet host can provide this invitation. As a reminder, all travel permit requests must be submitted to USA Swimming through your LSC. Travel permit requests are due two weeks prior to departure for the competition.

It is your responsibility to download and complete all necessary paperwork. Camila will send a reminder e-mail a couple days before the deadline asking for the documents. All documents must be faxed or e-mailed back to Camila for submission to the meet organizers.

DOPING CONTROL

It is the athlete's responsibility to ensure that they have met FINA rules for Doping Control as TUEs must be approved by FINA for athletes competing at FINA competitions.

Athletes are responsible for submitting their own Doping Control update for these competitions.

COMPETITION SUITS

Every swimmer participating to the FINA/ARENA Swimming World Cup 2009 Series shall only wear a swimsuit approved by FINA as published on the FINA website. A list of approved swimsuits valid until 31 December 2009 can be found at the following link :

http://www.fina.org/project/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2389&Itemid=49

PRIZE MONEY

All athletes who are awarded prize money at any of these competitions should have all prize money sent to:

USA Swimming
Attn: Joan Burgar
1 Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909

Funds will be disbursed to you from USA Swimming. If you accept a cash award, there is no record of the prize which could result in year-end tax issues.

FOREIGN TRAVEL BY USA SWIMMING MEMBERS

While USA Swimming clubs and athletes are free to participate in competitions with FINA Federation members, a formal invitation must be issued by the foreign federation. State organizations and foreign clubs are not empowered to extend a formal invitation.

Clubs and athletes wishing to compete abroad must complete the **Foreign Travel Permit Request** form and submit it, along with the foreign federation invitation and meet information, to the LSC Registration Chair. The foreign federation invitation and meet information is very important and will require follow-up from USA Swimming Member Services if it is not received with the form.

The LSC Registration Chair checks the form to see that all the athletes and clubs on the form are current members of the LSC/USA Swimming, signs the form and submits it along with the foreign federation invitation and the meet information to National Headquarters.

After USA Swimming Member Services receives the form and processes it, the foreign federation will be notified.