

2006 World Masters Aquatic Championships announces dates and schedule at Stanford

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PALO ALTO (March 25, 2005) – The schedule for the 2006 XI FINA World Masters Aquatic Championships, which will be held at Stanford University, has been approved by FINA, the international governing body for the sports of swimming, diving, water polo and synchronized swimming.

The championships are the largest aquatic meet in the world involving 8,000 athletes ages 25 and older from more than 60 countries.

Opening ceremonies will be Thursday, Aug. 3, and competition in swimming and water polo will open the next day. The meet concludes Thursday, Aug. 17 with finals in synchronized swimming.

FINA, based in Lausanne, Switzerland, approved the suggested meet schedule at its bureau meeting earlier this month in Shanghai, China. Competitors may enter the meet on the www.2006finamasters.org Web site, beginning Jan. 1, 2006 or by using the printed meet registration book, available Sept. 1, 2005. Information about hotels, airlines and touring activities will be posted on the Web site Aug. 1, 2005.

"Stanford's Avery Aquatic Center is a tremendous venue for this event," said Michael Moore, chair of the local organizing committee. "For the first time in the history of the world championships, the venue set-up will allow participants from each sport to see, cheer and support athletes from the other disciplines. We are delighted FINA approved our suggested calendar."

The only previous world championships held in the United States was in 1992 in Indianapolis, and the only other North American city to host them was Montreal in 1994.

United States Aquatic Sports (USAS) was awarded the event by FINA. United States

Masters Swimming, part of USAS, and its local Bay Area organizing committee, Pacific Masters Swimming, will help organize and host the event. Members of the 2006 local organizing committee include: Barry Fasbender, Pacific Masters; Anne Cribbs, BASOC; Nancy Ridout, Pacific Masters; Jody Smith, Stanford Avery Aquatic Complex; Michael Moore, Pacific Masters Swimming; Andy Burke, USA Water Polo; Don Kane, USA Synchronized Swimming; Carol MacPherson, Rinconada Masters; David Cotton, USA Diving; and Burnham Matthews, Chief of Police, City of Alameda. The committee is supported by Stanford University, Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, BASOC, San Jose Sports Authority, San Jose Convention and Visitors Bureau and San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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Date	Event
Thursday, Aug. 3	Opening Ceremonies
Friday, Aug. 4	Swimming
Saturday, Aug. 5	Swimming
Sunday, Aug. 6	Swimming
	Water Polo Preliminaries

Monday, Aug. 7	Swimming	Water Polo Preliminaries
Tuesday, Aug. 8	Swimming	Water Polo Preliminaries
Wednesday, Aug. 9	Swimming	Water Polo
Thursday, Aug. 10	Swimming	Water Polo
Friday, Aug. 11	Water Polo Finals	Open Water Swim (Robert Crown Beach, San Francisco Bay)
Saturday, Aug. 12	Water Polo Finals	
Sunday, Aug. 13	Synchronized Swimming	Diving 1- & 3-meter Springboard
Monday, Aug. 14	Synchronized Swimming	Diving 1- & 3-meter Springboard
Tuesday, Aug. 15	Synchronized Swimming	Diving 1- & 3-meter Springboard
Wednesday, Aug. 16	Synchronized Swimming	Diving Platform
Thursday, Aug. 17	Synchronized Swimming	Closing Ceremonies