

# LA84 Festival

## Novice Synchronized Swimming Rules

### Summer 2011

\*These rules are in addition to the Novice Synchronized Swimming Rule Book, exclusively for the LA84 Festival.

#### I ELIGIBILITY

- A Participants should compete in a championship meet to qualify for the LA84 Festival.
- B. Small agencies have the opportunity to bring 2 routines per age group per category.
  - a. 2 Midget Beginner Solos & 2 Midget Advanced Solos
  - b. 2 Midget Beginner Trios & 2 Midget Advanced Trios
  - c. 2 Midget Teams
  - d. 2 Junior Beginner Solos & 2 Midget Advanced Solos
  - e. 2 Junior Beginner Trios & 2 Junior Beginner Trios
  - f. 2 Junior Teams
  - g. 2 Senior Beginner Solos & 2 Senior Advanced Solos
  - h. 2 Senior Beginner Trios & 2 Senior Advanced Solos
  - i. 2 Senior Teams
- C. La City and LA County have the opportunity to bring 3 routines per age group per category. (Preferably one entry per each region, i.e. 1 Midget Beginner Solo from North, 1 Midget Beginner Solo from South, and 1 Midget Beginner Solo from East and so on. . . )
  - a. 3 Midget Beginner Solos & 3 Midget Advanced Solos
  - b. 3 Midget Beginner Trios & 3 Midget Advanced Trios
  - c. 3 Midget Teams
  - d. 3 Junior Beginner Solos & 3 Midget Advanced Solos
  - e. 3 Junior Beginner Trios & 3 Junior Beginner Trios
  - f. 2 Junior Teams
  - g. 3 Senior Beginner Solos & 3 Senior Advanced Solos
  - h. 3 Senior Beginner Trios & 3 Senior Advanced Solos
  - i. 3 Senior Teams
- D. In the event of a tie, please bring only your agencies allotted entries. If there is a tie between routines:
  - a. Small agencies would enter the 2 routines with the top scores from the event. **Do not bring 3 routines.**
  - b. Large agencies would enter the 3 routines with the top scores from the event. **Do not bring 4 routines.**
- E. All rules applicable during the regular season carry over to the festival.

## **II MEET PROGRAM**

- A. Meet entries will be faxed to Splash! La Mirada Regional Aquatic Center at 562.902.3166 no later than Wednesday, August 17, 2011 by 5:00 p.m. Please submit meet entries only on the Meet Entry Card for LA84, this can be found on the website.
- B. The meet program will be completed and sent to the participating agencies via email on Thursday, August 18, 2011. Each agency will check their information for accuracy and send all changes to the festival host by Friday, August 19, 2011. No changes will be made to the program after Friday, August 19, 2011.
- C. Event Order:
  - a. Midget Teams, Junior Teams, Senior Teams
  - b. Midget Beginner Trios, Midget Advanced Trios, Junior Beginner Trios, Junior Advanced Trios, Senior Beginner Trios, Senior Advanced Trios
  - c. Midget Beginner Solos, Midget Advanced Solos, Junior Beginner Solos, Junior Advanced Solos, Senior Beginner Solos, Senior Advanced Solos

## **III Head Judge**

- A. The position of head judge will be selected by the LA84 Foundation.
- B. The head judge will judge all events throughout the entire meet.

## **IV Equipment**

- A. Equipment will be provided by the host city.
- B. Equipment will consist of a unit with an amplifier, CD player, tape deck, and microphone. There will be a deck speaker available and at least one underwater speaker.
- C. Extra nose clips will be on hand for participants who have misplaced theirs.

## **V Announcer**

- A. There will be an announcer present during the entire LA84 Festival.
- B. Before the routine, the announcer is to announce the names of the participants along with the name of the song for the routine.
- C. At the end of the routine, the announcer is to announce the scores for the routine.

## **VI Judges**

- A. Judges will be selected from the participating agencies based on their knowledge of the sport, experience, and participation in the coaches' clinic.
- B. Some agencies may be required to bring more than one judge.
- C. All judges must judge during an entire event per age group. For example, a judge must be consistent throughout the Midget Solos.

## **VII Coaches**

- A. Coaches are required to stand in the administration area while their participants are performing a routine. This will allow them to immediately see the score of the routine and begin a protest if necessary at that time.
- B. Coaches are responsible for their participant's behavior during a routine and while in the facility.
- C. Coaches need to display good sportsmanship throughout the LA84 Festival.

## **VIII Protests**

- A. Only a violation for misinterpretation of the rules can be opposed.
- B. All protests must be recorded in writing and submitted to the Head Judge at the time of the infractions. All awards involved in events being protested shall be withheld until the protest has been acted upon by a committee consisting of the protesting party (represented by the coach), the head judge, and/or the Synchronized Swimming Coordinators represented by the City of Santa Clarita and City of Los Angeles. If the protest cannot be resolved immediately, all awards must be held until the Head Judge, the Synchronized Swimming Coordinators and an LA84 Representative can review and resolve the protest.