



COMPETITION INFO PACKAGE

Version 1

ONTARIO 
ARTISTIC 
SWIMMING



01 GENERAL INFORMATION

Event Dates	Thursday, February 8, 2024 - Sunday, February 11, 2024
Entry Deadline	Monday, January 29, 2024
Venue	Markham Pan Am Centre 16 Main St Unionville Unionville, ON L3R 2E4
Host Club	Waterloo Region Artistic Swimming Club
Meet Manager	Erika Lindner
OAS Contact	Lauren Lindner
Eligible Categories	The following categories are eligible for this event: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 & Under• 11-12• Youth• Junior• Senior• Adapted• Mixed Ability
10U Events	Figures, Team, Duet/Trio, Mixed Duet
11-12 Events	Figures, Team, Duet/Trio, Mixed Duet, Solo, Male Solo
Youth Events	Figures, Team, Duet/Trio, Mixed Duet, Solo, Male Solo
Junior / Senior Events	Team Technical, Team Free, Duet Technical, Duet Free, Mixed Duet Technical, Mixed Duet Free, Solo Technical, Solo Free
Open Events	Acrobatic Routine, Free Combination
Adapted Events	Figures, Team, Duet/Trio, Solo (Levels 1-5), Solo Technical (Level 6), Solo Free (Level 6)
Mixed Ability Events	Team, Duet/Trio (Levels A-C)
Rules	This competition will be held under Ontario Artistic Swimming Rules.



Byes	Byes will only be granted to individual swimmers on a medical or compassionate basis. To request a bye, click here .
Scratches	Scratches may be submitted digitally until the start of the competition. To submit a scratch, click here . Once the competition has begun, scratches must be made on deck at the scoring table.
Event Streaming	Youth, Junior and Senior event results will be separated according to streaming identified at Lisa Alexander 2024. For more information on streaming, please see the 2023-2024 OAS Technical Memo #1 .
Figure Draws: 11-12 & Adapted Athletes	10U & 11-12 athletes will compete two (2) figures at this event. These figures will be comprised of one (1) compulsory figure, and one (1) optional group figure drawn at random. Adapted athletes will compete two (2) figures at this event, comprised of one group drawn at random. One group will be selected for all Adapted levels.
Figure Draws: Youth Athletes	Youth athletes will compete two (2) figures at this event, following CAS procedure. Two weeks prior to the competition the Section (Group A, B or C) and Group # will be drawn. There will be two panels of judges for this event. All Youth athletes will compete the same two figures.
Figure Draw Date	Figure draws will be done on Thursday, January 25, 2024 .



Coach Card Submission	<p>All coach cards must be uploaded to Dropbox using your club's Dropbox folder before Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 11:00 PM EST. All these coach cards will be imported into the scoring system and considered final, except in the 3 cases below:</p> <p>Medical Issue Clubs / provinces / federations who need to change a coach card because of a medical issue that prevents them from performing a routine as per submitted coach card will be allowed to change their coach card up to 2 hours before the start of a session (event blocks will be considered one session). These changes will need to be approved by the event Chief Referee.</p> <p>Changes between Prelims and Final In the event of prelims and finals, clubs will be allowed to change their coach cards between prelims and finals but will need to respect deadlines detailed to coaches following registration. For Lisa Alexander 2024, this will not apply as routine events will be finals-only.</p> <p>Last Resort Desperation Move Clubs who want to change coach cards for reasons other than the 2 above will be allowed to do so no later than 20:00 the night before an event, but will need to pay a \$100 fine to do so.</p> <p>New coach cards will always need to be submitted by email to Laura Steacy and Lauren Lindner in any of these instances. Confirmation of submission will be provided by email reply.</p>
Coach Card Labelling Conventions	<p>Coach card files must be labelled with the following information, separated by underscores.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Category2. Event Name3. Club Call Letters4. Athlete Last Name <p>For duets, use both last names. For teams, please use the first swimmer's last name, by alphabetical order.</p>



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REGISTRATION, FEES & PAYMENTS

Entry Deadline	Monday, January 29, 2024
Entry Submission Information	<p>Each club must submit their Excel registration booklet which includes a routine and figure entry list, invoice cost calculation and ISS-compatible athlete registration spreadsheet.</p> <p>Registrars will receive full instructions for completing their registration booklet by email.</p>
Entry Fees	<p>Figures \$40.00 per athlete</p> <p>Solo \$65.00 per routine</p> <p>Duet \$85.00 per routine</p> <p>Team \$130.00 per routine</p> <p>Combo / Acrobatic Routine \$150.00 per routine</p>
Athlete Fee	The athlete fee is \$25.00 per athlete. This amount will be added to each club's invoice.
Payment Options	<p>Entry payments must be received by Ontario Artistic Swimming no later than 10 days following the registration deadline.</p> <p>Payments can be received through two methods:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Electronic Fund Transfers can be sent to oaspayments@ontarioartisticswimming.ca 2. Authorized Club Credit Cards or Personal Credit Cards To coordinate, please call Sue Marnica-Wall at 416-679-9522 (ext. 221)



Late Entries	<p>Club entry packages which are not received or incomplete upon the stated deadline is automatically subject to a late fine of \$25.00 per routine. This fine must be paid to the OAS office (for Ontario competitions) or to the Chief Referee/designate at the coaches meeting prior to the competition. Routines whose fines are not paid will be disqualified from the event.</p> <p>For Ontario sanctioned competitions, late entries or corrections to incomplete entries will be accepted beyond two weeks prior to the event start date, but will be subject to the following fines:</p> <p>2 weeks (14 days) prior to first event of the competition: \$50.00 per correction (to a maximum of \$500.00 per Club) Fines apply per figure event and/or per routine per event.</p> <p>Within 24 hours of the first event of the competition: \$100.00 per correction (to a maximum of \$500.00 per Club) Fines apply per figure event and/or per routine per event.</p>
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03 MUSIC SUBMISSION

Music Submission Deadline	Routine music files must be received one week prior to the start of the competition, by Thursday, February 1, 2024.
File Format	<p>Digital music will be used at this competition. There must be one digital file for each registered routine in an mp3 format, with a minimum required resolution of 192kbps.</p> <p>Coaches are asked to review each digital file for quality, timing and completeness. Please ensure that volume is consistent throughout all cuts of music.</p>
Dropbox Access	<p>To avoid issues of Dropbox storage space, OAS will request music files from each coach be submitted into an OAS-owned Dropbox folder.</p> <p>Head coaches will receive access to the submission folder via email following registration.</p>



<p>Labelling Conventions</p>	<p>Music files must be labelled with the following information, separated by underscores with NO blank spaces (underscores are acceptable).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Category 2. Event Name 3. Club Call Letters 4. Athlete Last Name <p>For duets, use both last names. For teams, please use the first swimmer’s last name, by alphabetical order</p> <p>For example: Junior_SoloTech_WRASC_Smith.mp3 10U_Duet_LRASC_Jones-Chen.mp3 Youth_Team_IGNT_Bryant.mp3</p>
<p>Metadata & ID3 Tags</p>	<p>Metadata (also known as ID3 tags for MP3 files) is information (such as title, artist, album, genre etc.) that is stored inside the song file.</p> <p>This is often different from the name of the file itself. In order to avoid confusion at the competition music table, we ask coaches to ensure that the title of the song file, and the ID3 tag title of the song file are the same.</p> <p>For instructions on changing ID3 tags, click here for Windows and click here for iTunes.</p>

04 AWARDS

<p>Streamed Events</p>	<p>All Youth, Junior and Senior Events will be awarded separately based on Provincial and National streaming declarations.</p>
<p>Figure Events</p>	<p>OAS single ribbons will be awarded to the top six ranked athletes in each category. In the case of exhibition athletes ranked in the top six, duplicate awards will be given.</p>



10U, 11-12, Youth & Adapted Events	<p>OAS ribbons will be awarded to the top six routine scores in all 10U, 11-12, Youth and Adapted Routine events.</p> <p>OAS Medals (rank 1-3) and OAS Ribbons (rank 4-6) will be awarded to the top six championship scores in all 10U, 11-12, Youth and Adapted Routine events.</p>
Junior / Senior Technical & Free Routine Events	<p>OAS Medals (rank 1-3) and OAS Ribbons (rank 4-6) will be awarded to the top six scores in all Junior and Senior Technical and Free events.</p>
Combo & Acrobatic Routine Events	<p>OAS Medals (rank 1-3) and OAS Ribbons (rank 4-6) will be awarded to the top six scores in Combo and Acrobatic Routine events.</p>
Mixed Ability Events	<p>OAS Medals (rank 1-3) and OAS Ribbons (rank 4-6) will be awarded to the top six scores in Mixed Ability Team and Duet events.</p>

05 ONTARIO CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFICATION

Qualification Information	<p>Qualification information for Ontario Championships 2024 will be released following the registration period for this meet.</p>
Eligibility	<p>To be eligible to attend Ontario Championships, routines must enter in this meet.</p>



06 COMMUNICATION & MEDIA

Email Policy	<p>Entry and registration correspondence as required will be done through email using registrar contact information.</p> <p>Results will be emailed to head coaches following events.</p>
Communications	<p>Meet packages and relevant information will be distributed by email through the OAS Communications account.</p> <p>Competition information, schedules and results will also be made available on the OAS website and on the Sportity app.</p>
Sportity	<p>The Sportity App is used to store meet information packages, schedules, publish results and other pertinent information throughout the competition.</p> <p>The password for this event is: LeslieTaylor2024</p>
Event Photography	<p>Gerson Photography will be working with OAS for the 2023-2024 season as our OAS official photographers. Photos will be available for viewing and purchase on the Gerson Photography website following the event.</p> <p>During events, flash photography is prohibited.</p>
Streaming	<p>Competition events will be streamed live on the OAS Facebook page.</p> <p>Please note that, occasionally, streams may be blocked by copyright detectors. Streaming will return as soon as possible in these instances.</p>

07 ACCESSIBILITY

Accommodation Requests	<p>Accommodation requests may be submitted for Athletes, Coaches, Officials or Volunteers in need of additional support at any OAS sanctioned competition. To submit a request, click here.</p>
Accessibility Coordinator	<p>As per new OAS meet manager guidelines, host clubs are asked to identify an accessibility coordinator to assist as needed. The accessibility coordinator will be identified by each host club prior to the competition.</p>

SAFESPORT

POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Everyone in Artistic Swimming Has the Right to Enjoy Our Sport.

Ontario Artistic Swimming (OAS) believes that everyone in the sport has the right to enjoy the sport at whatever level or position they participate. Athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers have the right to participate in a safe, welcoming, and inclusive training and competition environment that is free of discrimination and all forms of maltreatment including abuse, bullying, harassment, and neglect.

Only OAS registered athletes, certified coaches, officials, OAS employees or individuals under contract with OAS, and authorized volunteers or facility personnel are allowed on deck at competitions.

All participants in OAS sanctioned competitions are reminded that they are bound by Canada Artistic Swimming (CAS) and OAS policies, including but not limited to the CAS Safe and Welcoming Sport Policy Suite that includes the CAS Conduct Policy, Discipline and Complaint Policy and Procedure, and Discrimination, Harassment and Maltreatment Policy. For more information on CAS and OAS Policies or Safe Sport please visit the OAS website.

If you have been a victim of or witness to discrimination or maltreatment, please connect with the support services set out below.

SupportZone

SupportZone has been created to act as a safe and welcoming space where individuals including athletes, parents, coaches, officials, and volunteers can share and ask questions about issues including discrimination and all forms of maltreatment. Callers will be welcomed by a certified leadership coach who will work together with you to determine what additional support you might need including providing information on possible next steps and additional support services and resources.

OAS Safe Sport Officer

OAS has enlisted the services of Brian Ward of W&W Dispute Resolution Services to act as an independent third-party Safe Sport Officer. Complaints related to safe sport should be directed to Brian Ward who will guide you through the complaints process. His team includes female investigators and provides support services in both official languages. To send an email, [click here](#).

Concussion Management

The CAS Concussion Policy and Appendix 2 to the CAS Concussion Policy that sets out additional responsibilities and companion Protocols are in effect at all OAS sanctioned events and activities. The Protocols outline the removal-from-sport and return-to-sport procedures. Clubs and coaches must ensure athletes and their parents, as appropriate, are aware of these procedures.

A copy of the CRT5 must be kept on deck and available to coaches and officials at all OAS sanctioned competitions. The removal-from-sport and return-to-sport Protocols will be implemented for all instances of concussion injury.

Any incident resulting in a significant impact to the head, face, neck, or body of any registered participant at any OAS sanctioned event or activity where concussion symptoms are present must be reported to OAS within 72 hours of the incident or injury taking place using the [OAS Injury Report Form](#).

The Rule of Two

The goal of the Rule of Two is to ensure all interactions and communications are open, observable, and justifiable. Its purpose is to protect participants, especially minors, and coaches in potentially vulnerable situations by ensuring more than one adult is present. This means avoiding situations where a coach, official or other non-related adult might be alone with a minor athlete. All interactions between an athlete and an individual who is in a position of trust must be in an environment or space that is both 'open' and 'observable' to others.

Event Photography & Videography

In order to minimize risk, all photographs and video taken at OAS sanctioned competitions, whether taken by a professional photographer or videographer, spectator, team support staff or any other participant, must observe generally accepted standards of decency. Under no circumstances are cameras or other recording devices allowed in locker rooms, bathrooms, or any other dressing area.

Only individuals that have received OAS authorization to record the competition, in any manner or in any medium, shall be granted access to the designated deck area and permission to do so. All individuals granted access to the deck are bound by CAS and OAS policies, including but not limited to the CAS Conduct Policy and CAS Screening Policy.