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# One week to go to the 6th FINA World Junior Swimming Championships

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Indianapolis, in the U.S. is all set to stage the 6th edition of the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships to kick-off in next week, on August 23, open to female aged between 15-18 and male between 14-17.

Around 630 young promising swimmers will be taking part in this six-day top-notch competition, running until August 28.

93 National Federations will be represented in Indianapolis, a stepping stone for the young talents travelling to the North American city, which has a long standing tradition in swimming.

The Junior World Championships will be held at the iconic Indiana University Natatorium Swimming Pool on the campus of IUPUI.

Swimming legends and Olympic champions such as Missy Franklin, Simone Manuel, Madisyn Cox, Cullen Jones, and Jordan Wilimovsky are expected to attend as spectators, cheering for the youngsters of their sport. The stars will also be available for autograph sessions as follows.

*All sessions at 4:30 p.m. ET*

- Wednesday, Aug. 23: Simone Manuel, Madisyn Cox
- Thursday, Aug. 24: Cullen Jones, Simone Manuel, Jordan Wilimovsky
- Friday, Aug. 25: Missy Franklin
- Saturday, Aug. 26: Missy Franklin

Longtime USA Swimming partner Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. will serve as the presenting sponsor of the event, which will feature an early look at young athletes who will vie for positions on their respective nations' Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 rosters.

USA Swimming brings 42 rising stars to represent the United States on their home soil.

Daily preliminaries start at 9:30 a.m. Eastern and semifinals and finals at 6 p.m. will be live streamed on FINA Youtube Channel (heats only, free of charge) and on FINAtv (heats + finals for subscribers).

Detailed schedule can be found here [1]

The FINA World Junior Swimming Championships were first held in 2006 in Rio de Janeiro (BRA) and the last edition, two years ago, in 2015 was held in Singapore (SGP). USA swimming Rio 2016 Olympic medallists such as Ryan Murphy, Simone Manuel, Chase Kalisz, Josh Prenot and Kathleen Baker have all debuted their career at the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships.

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