

Application for Southern Zone

Age Group Swimming and Open Water Championships

The [North Carolina Swimming](#) Local Swimming Committee wishes to bid for the [2019](#) Southern Zone Age Group Swimming Championships.



Chairman, Local Swimming Committee
DAVID A. OLACK
USA Swimming, Inc.

The organization that will be assigned the Championship is the:

NAME: [TAC Titans](#)

ADDRESS: [275 Convention Drive](#)

CITY: [Cary](#) STATE: [NC](#) ZIP: [27511](#)

PHONE: [919-459-4045](#)

The organization President is:

NAME: [Bruce Marchionda](#)

ADDRESS: [275 Convention Drive](#)

CITY: [Cary](#) STATE: [NC](#) ZIP: [27511](#)

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FACILITY INFORMATION

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS:

1. Name of Facility: [Triangle Aquatic Center](#)
2. Name of Pool: [same](#)
3. Organization administering Facility: [Triangle Aquatic Center](#)
4. Facility Administrator:
Address: [275 Convention Dr](#)
City: [Cary](#) State: [NC](#) Zip: [27511](#)
Phone: [919-459-4045](#)
5. Pool Street Address: [275 Convention Dr](#)
City: [Cary](#) State: [NC](#) Zip: [27511](#)
6. The pool is 10 years old. It opened for the first time on [Oct 28, 2007](#) (date).
7. The pool is Indoor Outdoor Indoor/Outdoor`
8. What is the depth of the pool? Start end: 12 Center: 7 Turn End: 7.
Are all the lanes the same depth? [Yes](#)
9. There are 8 lanes for racing. Each lane is 9 wide.
10. Does the pool have a water heater? [Yes](#)

A water cooling system? **Yes**

11. Can you guarantee that the water will be the correct temperature range for competition? **Yes**
12. What is the candlepower lighting three feet above the water with existing lights? **120**
Candlepower at the finishing and turning end? **120**
13. Brand name of lane dividers? **Keifer Wave Eater II**
14. What type of gutter system is installed? **stainless overflow- Paddock**
15. Warm-Up Pool(s): (min of 6 lanes)
Length **25y** Width **25y** Depth at Shallow end: **4**
Number of lanes **10** Width of lanes **7.5**
Starting Platforms **10** Indoor/Outdoor pool **Indoor**
Distance from competitive pool **Same building- 40'**
Will lane dividers be provided? **Yes** What type? **same**
16. Starting platform information
A. Size of platform surface **32in** Length **24in** Width
B. If slanted, the degree of slant **9 degrees**
C. Height above water surface **29in**
D. Are all surfaces non-skid **Yes**
17. Timing system trade name and model of automatic timing system: **Daktronics Pro**
18. Do you have, or will you have a sound starting device under each lane? **Yes**
19. Computerization:
What computer system and meet management program will be used for the meet? **Hy-Tek Meet Manager**
20. Scoreboard: **ViviLED Full Color Video Scoreboard 28'x10'**
Will you have a team scoreboard for 1-15 places? **Yes**
What type?
21. What are the deck measurements? Left side **20ft** Right side **30ft**
Turning End **25ft** Start End **20ft**
22. Total seating capacity in the pool area **1700** (min of 1200 seating) (min deck space 550-700)
Right side of the pool **100**
Left side of the pool **400** Starting end **100** Turning end **100**
Comments: **1000 in spectator seating above deck, 300 around w/up pool**
23. Resting area:
Is it convenient? **Yes** Is it shaded? **na** How large? Indoor/Outdoor? **Indoor**
How far from the rest area is the pool? **na**
24. Locker Facilities: (20 swimmer+ equipment min)
Women: # lockers **200** Men: # lockers **200**
showers **12** # showers **10**
toilets **11** # toilets **10**
25. P.A. System:
In pool area? **Yes** In locker rooms? **Yes** In rest area? **Yes**
Are acoustics acceptable if indoors? **Yes**
Are speakers adequate if outdoors? **Yes**
26. Will the facilities be available to the swimmers only on a full-time basis beginning one day before the meet?
The Instructional Pool will be open for lessons. The pool will be open for team practice between sessions.
27. Is a Certification of Pool Length Application on file at the United States Swimming National Headquarters? **Yes**
28. Do you have any policies that would restrict USA sponsorship obligations? **No**
29. Per USA Swimming Rules and Regulations **NO NOISE MAKERS WILL BE ALLOWED AT MEET.**
30. Will meet marshals be available throughout the meet? **Yes**

OPEN WATER CHAMPIONSHIPS:

1. Name of Facility: **One of 3 lakes in the Triangle Area**
2. Name of Body of Water (if different):
3. Organization Administering Facility:
4. Facility Administrator:
Address:
City: State: Zip:
Phone:
5. Facility Street Address:
City: State: Zip:
6. The facility is ___ years old. It opened for the first time on ___ (date).
7. What is the depth of the water? Start: ___ Ave. course depth: ___
Please sketch a profile of the body of water with course and depths marked:

8. What will be the water temperature (estimate)?
9. Timing system trade name and model:
A. Name of back up system
B. Where is it located?
C. Is a readout scoreboard installed?
If not will you rent one?
10. Do you have, or will you have a sound starting device at both ends of start
11. Computerization:
What computer system and meet management program will be used for the meet?
12. Scoreboard:
Will you have a team scoreboard for 1-15 places?
What type?
13. Resting Area?
Is it convenient? Is it shaded? How large? Indoor/Outdoor?
How far from the rest area is the pool?
14. Locker Facilities:
Women: # lockers Men: # lockers
 # showers # showers
 # toilets # toilets
15. P.A. System:
In start area? In locker rooms? In rest area?
Are speakers adequate for outdoors?
16. Do you have any policies that would restrict USA sponsorship obligations?

OTHER INFORMATION:

Hotel Information: [See TAC Preferred Hotel list at the end of document.](#) TAC has a standing agreement with each of these properties to support TAC events. Properties range in size from 100 to 275 rooms.

3. Please indicate the number of restaurants in each category:
Fast food: 1-5 miles 30+ 6-10 miles 100+
Inexpensive: 1-5 miles 20+ 6-10 miles 60+
Moderate: 1-5 miles 20+ 6-10 miles 60+
4. Transportation to and from the City:
Airlines serving the city: [Airport \(RDU\) – Air Canada, AirTran, American, Continental, Jet Blue, Southwest, Delta/Northwest, United, US Airways](#)
Distance from the airport to the pool: 7 miles
Will there be free transportation from the hotels to the pool? **No** Schedule?
How many rental vans are available at the airport?

Car rental companies serving the city: [Alamo](#), [Avis](#), [Budget](#), [dollar](#), [Enterprise](#), [Hertz](#), [National](#) and [Thrifty](#)
Is there a traffic problem getting to the pool from housing? **No** If so, explain:

Preferred Hotels



Springhill Suites Cary

1128 Ledsome Lane, Cary, NC 27511 Distance: 1.6 miles 919.977.7244



Visiting TAC...treat your teams to a remarkable stay at the SpringHill Suites Raleigh Cary. Our hotel's thoughtfully designed, modern suites feature a wide variety of amenities, including free Wi-Fi, a flat-screen TV, and a mini-fridge. Stay in shape during your visit to Cary, North Carolina at our hotel's fitness center, or unwind at our stylish lobby lounge. Our hotel's other useful perks include a fully equipped gym, a heated indoor pool, and a convenient on-site business center. We also offer exceptional planning and catering services in our spacious meeting space so team meals are a snap to plan! In addition we are only minutes away from the area's most noteworthy attractions, such as Crossroads Plaza, North Carolina State University, and Cary Towne Center. For a truly modern hotel experience, choose the SpringHill Suites Raleigh Cary.

Group Pricing Information

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Best Western Cary Inn and Extended Stay Suites

1722 Walnut Street, Cary, NC 27511 Distance: 1.6 miles 919.481.1200

Make yourself at home at the newly-renovated Best Western Plus Cary-NC State. Hotel is conveniently located only 1.6 miles from TAC just off Walnut Street in Cary, with 5 restaurants within walking distance. Hundreds of restaurants and shops within 1 mile radius. Guests will enjoy complimentary breakfast buffet, complimentary wi-fi and free parking. Standard guest rooms and spacious suites with kitchenettes are available! For individual reservations, please call the front desk at 919-481-1200 and ask for the Triangle Aquatic Center rate.

Group Pricing Information

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Hampton Inn - Ashville Avenue

201 Ashville Ave., Cary, NC 27518 **Distance:** 4.5 miles 919.859.5559



All rooms include free WiFi and custom-designed beds, plus both full and lap desks (for working on the bed), flat-screen TVs and coffeemakers.

A free on-site hot breakfast (daily) and weekday breakfast bags to go are offered, as well as an exercise room and an outdoor pool. Additional amenities include a meeting room, a 24/7 business center and free parking.

Group Pricing Information

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Hyatt Place Raleigh West

710 Corporate Center Dr., Raleigh, NC 27607 **Distance:** 2 miles 919.233.2205



The straightforward rooms feature free Wi-Fi, 42-inch flat-screen TVs, and separate living and sleeping areas. They also come with pull-out sofas, work areas, minifridges and coffeemakers.

Freebies include hot breakfast, an airport shuttle and parking. Additional amenities include an outdoor pool, a hot tub and a fitness center. There's also a coffee and cocktails bar, a 24/7 convenience store and a business center.

Group Pricing Information

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Wingate by Wyndham Raleigh/Cary

6115 Corporate Ridge Rd, Raleigh, NC 27607 **Distance:** 2.6 miles (919) 847-7383



Raleigh/Cary's smart, modern lodging choice, conveniently located in Raleigh, North Carolina, only minutes from Research Triangle Park, the PNC Arena, the NC State Fairgrounds, Carter-Finley Stadium, and Raleigh Durham International Airport. We are also conveniently located near Triangle Aquatic Center in the nearby town of Cary.

Our 100-percent smoke-free hotel offers numerous amenities and services for modern-day business and leisure travelers to the Raleigh area. To name a few: complimentary breakfast daily, an indoor swimming pool & whirlpool, an on-site fitness facility featuring Precor equipment, complimentary high speed Internet access, and we offer a shuttle service to and from RDU airport, PNC Arena, and select dining areas for a small fee.

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Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Raleigh Cary

1120 Ledsome Lane Cary, NC 27511 **Distance** 1.6 miles 919.301.8467



Make a splash at the brand new Fairfield Inn & Suites located at Walnut Place in Cary. Your teams will enjoy outstanding service and a comfortable stay with exceptional value. We are always ready to welcome you to our thoughtfully designed guest rooms and suites with plenty of room to work and relax. Free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel will keep you connected during your stay and our indoor pool and fitness center will help you stay on track while in Cary. Jump-start each day with our free breakfast buffet, with hot choices like scrambled eggs, sausage and oatmeal, plus favorites including pastries, fresh fruit and yogurt. You'll always find the courteous service you deserve, plus all the little things you expect from Fairfield Inn & Suites Raleigh Cary during your stay.

Group Pricing Information

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TownePlace Suites – Raleigh Cary/Weston Parkway

120 Sage Commons Way, Cary, NC 27513 **Distance:** 6.5 miles 919.678.0005

Discover North Carolina from spacious all-suite accommodations of the TownePlace Suites Raleigh Cary/Weston Parkway and enjoy home-like comforts with the amenities of a hotel. Conveniently located on I-40, this Cary, NC hotel's location puts guests near the Triangle Aquatic Center and other major sporting and entertainment venues. Guests of this Cary, NC hotel may choose from studio, one- and two-bedroom suites set in a neighborhood-style atmosphere and featuring a complimentary breakfast buffet served daily. Suites include full kitchens and large work areas ideal for families, extended-stay travelers or those simply seeking the comfort of additional space.

Group Pricing Information

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Holiday Inn & Holiday Inn Express RDU Airport

930 Airport Blvd & 1014 Airport Blvd., Morrisville, NC 27560 **Distance:** 9.0 miles 919.451.1265

2 hotels located in the heart of the Triangle, convenient to I-40, RDU Airport and Cary. Guests will take advantage of our Express Start Hot Breakfast Buffet at Holiday Inn Express RDU or our hot, cooked-to-order breakfast in our Daly Cafe restaurant at Holiday Inn RDU. Complimentary amenities include breakfast, airport shuttle, wired and wireless internet, business center, pool, fitness center, coin-operated laundry, microwave & fridge in every room, and IHG Rewards Points.

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*Triangle Aquatic Center
Cary, NC*

August 18, 2017

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Triangle Aquatic Center (TAC) and the Greater Raleigh Sports Alliance (GRSA), we enthusiastically extend an invitation to host the 2019 USA Swimming Southern Zones Age Group Championship Zone in Cary. The local host partners greatly appreciate the opportunity to bid on these marquee events and we feel strongly that Cary offers the perfect setting to showcase the top swimmers from across the region.

RALEIGH / CARY, NC –

Greater Raleigh is one of the fastest growing and most dynamic areas of the country and consistently ranks as the top place in the U.S. to live, work and play. Our area is affordable and easily accessible, our city is centrally located on the east coast, and RDU-International Airport is widely regarded as one of the friendliest and most cost-efficient airports in the country.

Cary is located in the heart of the Greater Raleigh area, and nationally known for its world-class athletic venues, quality of life, expansive parks and greenway program and ranks as one of the safest cities in the country. The mild climate and abundance of hotels, restaurants, and attractions make this an ideal destination for sporting events.

With more than 150 hotels in Greater Raleigh, there are a wide range of sports-friendly, affordable hotel properties near the venue. And Raleigh was recently named to Forbes “Top 12 Global Destinations of 2017”, which is a tremendous honor and reflects the variety of attractions and culinary options that our area has to offer.

Best known for its southern hospitality, world-class museums (“Smithsonian of the South”), live concerts, capitol area historic sites, abundance of local breweries, professional and amateur sporting events and shopping mecca status, with 11 major retail areas, Greater Raleigh truly offers a variety of entertainment within a scenic setting.

RDU-International Airport offers nearly 400 daily arrivals and departures, as well as non-stop flights from nearly 48 locations. Nine major carriers and 19 regional airlines provide service, and the airport is just 15 minutes from Triangle Aquatic Center. Interstates 40, 95 and 85 also provide easy access to Raleigh and Cary.

There is no better place to relax and enjoy a day-trip or vacation than North Carolina, with the coast and mountains each only a few hours in opposite directions from Cary. And located within 30 minutes of Cary are the historic campuses of NC State University, UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke University.

TRIANGLE AQUATIC CENTER (TAC) –

TAC is conveniently located off Interstate 40 at Exit 291 and adjacent to Cary’s largest shopping mall, Cary Towne Center. The facility is 72,000 sq. ft., one of the largest public aquatic facilities in North Carolina. The facility includes:

- Three pools – 50-meter Competition Pool, 25-yard Program Pool and Instructional Pool
- Comfortable spectator seating with capacity for up to 1000 people
- Space for up to 800 swimmers, coaches and staff on deck
- The Splash Café featuring outstanding smoothies, sandwiches and salads
- Swim Gear Swim Shop
- Dryland fitness area
- Gallery/Hospitality Suite with seating for 100+
- Pool-level Classroom with seating for 50
- Handicapped Accessible



GREATER RALEIGH SPORTS ALLIANCE (GRSA) -

GRSA is a division of the Greater Raleigh Convention & Visitors Bureau, a non-profit agency that promotes Raleigh, Cary and Wake County for all types of visitor business. Our organization works closely and effectively with sports event rights-holders, planners and local associations/clubs to ensure a first-class experience for everyone involved.

Our area’s track record of hosting successful sporting events is lengthy and impressive, and includes a wide-range of events of all sizes and scope. Just to name a few... USA Swimming Southern Zones, National Black Heritage Swim Championship, NCHSAA State Swimming Championships, NHL All-Star Weekend, Rock ‘n’ Roll Raleigh Marathon, Ironman 70.3 Raleigh, Great American Cross Country Festival, USA BMX East Coast Nationals and the US Youth Soccer Southern Regionals... along with many more events.

To summarize, the many benefits of hosting your event in Cary include:

- Central, convenient and affordable location
- World class, state-of-the-art indoor venue
- GRSA support and event assistance
- Community support & outreach
- Venue adjacent to shopping mall

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

Mark Frank
Triangle Aquatic Center

Jason Philbeck
Greater Raleigh Sports Alliance

When hosting in the Raleigh/Cary area, your event has access to an array of resources and marketing platforms that help ensure a memorable experience for everyone involved!

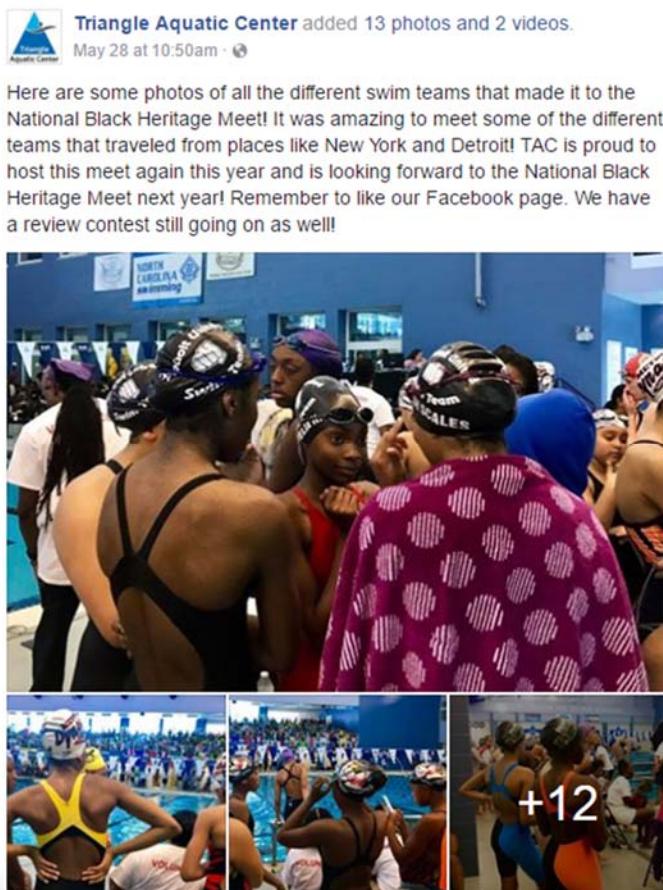
Social media outreach (Triangle Aquatic Center, GRSA and visitRaleigh):

Twitter: More than 55k followers combined

Instagram: Nearly 15k followers combined



Facebook: More than 48k likes combined



Snapchat Geofilters – Creating a custom Snapchat Geofilter for the event weekend is a great way to engage the participants and spectators as well as increasing awareness of the event and sport far beyond the Raleigh area.

Greater Raleigh Sports Spotlight – Each month, we produce an article highlighting the sports event industry in Greater Raleigh. This would be a great opportunity to showcase the competition leading up to the event, and the article would be highlighted online through our website and social media platforms along with being distributed to the local media.

Greater Raleigh: A Premier Sports Destination – Greater Raleigh, North Carolina, is one of the nation's premier locations for sports championships and events, and the Greater Raleigh Sports Alliance (GRSA) is the smart choice to support and help grow your event in the Raleigh area. Watch our new video below.



Raleigh, N.C.'s Latest Tidbits

North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences Most Visited Attraction in N.C.:

For a third consecutive year, the [North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences](#) in Raleigh was the number one most-visited tourist attraction in the state—more than 937,000 people visited in 2016, according to the [study by Carolina Publishing Associates](#). [Marbles Kids Museum](#) ranked sixth with 675,890 visitors, [North Carolina Museum of History](#) ranked eighth with 545,319 visitors and the [North Carolina Museum of Art](#) ranked ninth with 503,777 visitors last year.

More Foodie Accolades for the City of Oaks:

USA TODAY just named Raleigh one of [Five Underrated Food Cities on the East Coast](#). Raleigh "embraces its Southern heritage while continuing to grow. A prime example is [Ashley Christensen](#), chef and owner of no less than six bars and restaurants in the city," the publication notes. And they aren't wrong! Chef Christensen's Poole's Diner was recently named one of [America's 38 Best Restaurants](#) by Eater, *Southern Living* called Raleigh "[a culinary mecca](#)," and Zagat listed Raleigh as one of the [Hottest Food Cities of 2016](#). The takeaway? Come hungry!

Breweries:

A brewery that launched in an airplane hangar. North Carolina's first woman-owned brewery. A brewery born from a rickshaw company. A West Texas-themed brewery, a staple in the N.C. beer scene. Raleigh, N.C., brewers know something about thinking differently. And with [more than 25 of them all over the destination](#), you can bet on a craft beer experience like no other. Our brewers are just as excited to share their passion and inspirations as they are for you to taste the [beer](#).

In case you haven't heard:



Forbes Travel Guide named Raleigh, N.C., one of their "[Top 12 Destinations of 2017](#)." Alongside other global destinations such as Berlin, Lisbon and Montreal, Raleigh is one of six mainland-U.S. cities on the list. "We've screamed the charms of N.C.'s capital city before," says Forbes, and with a handful of recent culinary accolades and highly-anticipated restaurants on the way, the publication is ready to "back up our fawning with a bit of flavor."