

**50TH ANNUAL AROUND THE ISLAND SWIM
2003 FINA MARATHON SWIMMING WORLD CUP EVENT # 9
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., USA
9 AUGUST 2003**

**Sponsored and hosted by the Atlantic City Marathon Swim Committee
*In Conjunction with the City of Atlantic City, and
the Middle Atlantic Open Water Swimming Committee.***

USA Swimming Sanction # MA 0362OW

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EVENT:

The Fiftieth Annual Around the Island (Absecon) Marathon Swim will be contested on Saturday, August 9, 2003. This is a FINA World Marathon Cup event, and will be conducted under FINA Open Water Swimming Rules.

ELIGIBILITY and SELECTION PROCESS:

The event is open to all swimmers recommended by their FINA Affiliated Federations. The entry deadline is 1 June 2003. The organizing committee will select twenty (20) swimmers and ten (10) alternates from all the entries received to participate. FINA rules require that all medal winners in the past FINA World Championships and the top five swimmers in the 2002 FINA Marathon Swimming World Cup entered in the race be guaranteed entry. Other entries, including swimmers not officially invited, are highly encouraged to submit an entry to insure that we can select the best possible field. The selected swimmers and alternates will be notified and results placed on the web site and notified by E-Mail. All swimmers must be registered with USA Swimming or be a foreign swimmer who has obtained appropriate travel credentials as approved by their respective FINA Affiliated Federation. FINA Application to Enter Forms are available through the FINA Affiliated Federation and copies may be down loaded from our website: www.acswim.org.

ENTRY APPLICATION DEADLINES:

The deadline for receipt the Letter of Intent to participate is 30 April 2003 and the Entry Application must be in the hands of the Race Director no later than 1 June 2003.

VISAS:

Your delegation may be required to show visas upon entering the United States. If you feel this may be the case, please contact the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your country to coordinate this promptly.

COURSE:

The course is 22.5miles (37 kilometers) starting at Historic Gardner's Basin located at the north end of Absecon Island, proceeding out the inlet and around the island in a clockwise direction. After completing the ocean leg (approximately 10 miles) swimmers will return to the finish Gardner's Basin via the back bays of Longport, Margate, Ventnor, and finally Atlantic City. The ocean temperature usually varies from 65 degrees to 75 degrees Fahrenheit, while the bay temperature usually falls between 70 and 80 degrees Fahrenheit. Ocean currents are unpredictable and may come from any direction.

SAFETY:

USA Swimming Safety Regulations will be in effect and provided by the Atlantic City Beach Patrol in conjunction with the City of Atlantic City Office of Emergency Management. USA Swimming will assign the Referee and Safety Officer. Local authorities, the Referee, and Meet Management have the authority to postpone or cancel the event for safety reasons.

ESCORT CRAFT:

Each swimmer will be assigned a Van Duyne Surf Boat escort craft and two certified South Jersey Beach Patrol Life Guards as rowers. One trainer/Coach will be allowed to accompany their swimmer in the surfboat. All race officials and judges will be identified by signage, and distinctive clothing and will be located in power craft and/or on land.

FINA WORLD MARATHON SWIMMING WORLD CUP POINTS:

Based on finish position, FINA Marathon Swimming World Cup Points toward the overall FINA Cup Championship will be awarded.

AWARDS:

Cash prizes will be awarded as outlined by the fund raising committee before the start of the event.

RACE MEETINGS:

All swimmers and trainer/coaches must arrive in Atlantic City no later than 12 Noon on Tuesday August 5, 2003 and attend all required meetings and functions including the final pre-race briefing at time to be announced. Failure to arrive on time or not attending official function could result in swimmer being replaced by an alternate in the competition.

LODGING:

Housing will be provided for all entrants, one trainer per swimmer, and officials for the FINA event.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Please direct your questions to Meet Director, Michael Giegerich, listed above. All pertinent information about the event will be posted on the official web site at <http://www.acswim.org>.

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PRELIMINARY ENTRY FORM-LETTER OF INTENT
USA Swimming Sanction # MA 0362OW

Please confirm your intent to attend this meet by marking the appropriate box.

- Our Federation is not planning to attend.
- Our Federation may attend and would like to receive further information on the competition.
- Our Federation is definitely planning to attend and would like to receive further information on the competition.

Number of athletes that may attend: _____

Number of support personnel that may attend: _____

Federation: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Date: _____

Please return to the Organizing Committee:

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<p>THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS NO LATER THAN 30 APRIL 2003</p>

COPY TO: FINA OFFICE, LAUSANNE (SUI)

MARATHON SWIMMING WORLD CUP 2003
9 AUGUST 2003
50th Annual Around The Island Swim- Atlantic City NJ USA
INDIVIDUAL RACE ENTRY APPLICATION
Swimming Sanction # MA 0362OW

SWIMMER: _____
Family Name Given Name

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **Fax:** _____

Birth-date: _____ **Birthplace:** _____

Height (cm): _____ **Weight (kg):** _____

Occupation: _____ **Swim Club:** _____

Personal Coach/s _____

Nationality: _____ **Language:** _____

Passport N°: _____ **Nationality of Passport:** _____

I will participate in the following event(s): Put an "X" where appropriate.

Men's 37 km _____ Women's 37 km _____

National Federation: _____

National Federation Authorized Signature: _____

Name Block Letters: _____ **Position:** _____

DECLARATION FORM

RELEASE FROM LIABILITY: I hereby declare that I exonerate of all liability and responsibility however so arising, the FINA, its affiliates, the event OC and staff, the venue owners, Sponsors, and any other persons that participate at the Event, in respect to all and every action or claim about accident that may occur (except liability and responsibility for personal injury or death caused due to the negligence of those respective bodies or persons).

DOPING CONTROL AUTHORISATION: I agree to participate, if selected, in random drug testing at any time, either in or out of competition, as organized by FINA. I also agree that FINA rules, related to doping control and drug testing shall be effective in relation to me personally.

TRANSFER OF RIGHTS: Understanding as a Competitor in the FINA Marathon Swimming World Cup 2003 the importance for FINA of keeping all filming, television, photographing and other recording rights during the Event I, in consideration of the acceptance of my participation in the FINA MSWC 2003, agree to be filmed, televised, photographed and otherwise recorded during the Event under the conditions and for the purposes now and hereafter authorized by FINA in relation to the promotion of the FINA Marathon Swimming World Cup and the Sport of Swimming

Being under 18 years old on the first day of the Championships I am entering; I wish my parent or guardian to sign this statement on my behalf.

Signed (Athlete's / Parent's Signature): _____ Date: _____

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NOTE: This is an application to swim and does not necessarily guarantee a spot in the race. All swimmers that submit an application will be notified of the Race Committee's decisions.

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