

## 2021 Nationals Select Camp Selections

USA Swimming on September 28, 2021, announced the names of 157 up-and-coming athletes selected for the prestigious 2020 National Select Camps and 2021 National Diversity Select Camp. All camps will be held in person at the Chula Vista Elite Athlete Training Center in Chula Vista, California.

“To provide an in-person event for these rising stars is something we have been dedicated to at USA Swimming,” said Mariejo Truex, Senior Director, Team Services, Coach and Athlete Development for USA Swimming. “These camps will bring together our best up-and-coming athletes from across the United States in a state-of-the-art facility in California, where they will be able to connect with other swimmers who are navigating the sport in a way they can relate to. These camps will help provide the tools and experience for these athletes to continue the upward trajectory of their impressive swimming careers.”

As shown in the recent successes of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, 26 of the 53 athletes have previously participated in either the National Select Camp or National Diversity Camp. These 26 competitors earned a total of 41 medals in Tokyo, including 17 gold, 16 silver and 8 bronze.

The National Select Camps, which are slated for October 7-10, 2021 (girls) and October 14-17, 2021 (boys), will provide an invaluable opportunity for growth within the sport of swimming. During the three-day camps, the 51 boys and 51 girls attending will experience the day-to-day routine of a National Team athlete. The campers will learn from top aquatic professionals about post-race recovery, drug and supplement rules, psychological training skills, nutrition and race strategy. 2020 Tokyo Olympic alumni of the program include Katie Ledecky, Michael Andrew, Lily King, Hali Flickinger, Kieran Smith and Bobby Finke.

Swimmers were selected from the SWIMS database using their top time throughout the January 1, 2019-August 31, 2020, qualifying period. The three-fastest athletes in each event within the qualifying age restrictions are invited to the camp. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, USA Swimming postponed hosting the 2020 National Select Camp athletes from January to October 2021.

The swimmers will be joined by established staff members chosen from various teams around the country. A complete roster of camp participants, including staff members, for both [boys](#) and [girls](#) is now available.

The **National Diversity Select Camp**, which will be held October 21-24, 2021, will provide 56 athletes from diverse backgrounds and under-represented populations with the opportunity to participate in a one-of-a-kind swimming experience. In the three-day camp, campers will participate in pool training, motivational and educational sessions, as well as team-building activities. 2020 Tokyo Olympic alumni of the program include Simone Manuel, Jay Litherland,

Torri Huske and Natalie Hinds.

The goal of USA Swimming's National Diversity Select Camp is to:

- Demonstrate the viability of multicultural success in swimming
- Achieve performance excellence at every level of the sport
- Expound the benefits and value of participating in the sport of swimming
- Assist in recruiting more swimmers and coaches from diverse ethnicities to the sport of swimming
- Develop positive leaders and role models that others from multicultural backgrounds can emulate.

The National Diversity Select Camp hosts swimmers between the ages of 14 and 16 and selection is based on times swum at USA Swimming-sanctioned events. Each athlete selected for the camp will be provided with lodging, meals, ground transportation to/from the designated airport and full airfare.

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<https://www.usaswimming.org/news/2021/09/28/usa-swimming-announces-2020-national-select-camp-and-2021-national-diversity-select-camp-participants>