



USA Swimming Honors Second Annual 18 & Under *World 100*

Junior athletes selected for top 2017 performances

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – USA Swimming today announced the honorees for the second-annual 18 & Under World 100, recognizing many of the nation's top up-and-coming swimmers for their performances in 2017.

With 2017 FINA World Championships team members **Regan Smith** (Lakeville, Minn./Riptide Swim Team) and **Robert Finke** (Clearwater, Fla./St. Petersburg Aquatics) leading the way, the complete 18 & Under World 100 can be found online [here](#). Swimmers named to the 18 & Under World 100 must be age 18 or under on Sept. 1, 2017.

The top ranked 50 men and top ranked 50 women were selected according to their highest 18 & under world ranking in an individual Olympic event. The combined lists make up the 18 & Under World 100. Athletes must be registered USA Swimming members at the time of the qualifying performances and must be eligible to represent the U.S. in international competition as of Sept. 1, 2017.

Athletes named to the 2017 World 100 List, who have never represented the United States in international competition and are currently in high school will be eligible to compete for USA Swimming at the 2018 Mel Zajak Jr. International meet in Vancouver.

Last year's World 100 honorees who made their international debut at the 2017 Mel Zajac Jr. International, included FINA World Championships team member **Dakota Luther** (Austin, Texas/Austin Swim Club), as well as FINA World Junior Championships swimmers **Kieran Smith** (Ridgefield, Conn./Ridgefield Aquatic Club), **Alex Sumner** (Swarthmore, Pa./Suburban Seahawks Club) and **Kate Douglass** (Pelham, N.Y./Chelsea Piers Aquatic Club).

Athletes will receive a commemorative 18 & World 100 certificate.

Coaches of the 18 & Under World 100 swimmers will be invited to the USA Swimming National Team Coaches Seminar in Colorado Springs and are eligible for USA Swimming's Coach Enrichment Program.

Selection procedures for the 18 & Under World 100 can be found online at usaswimming.org.

About USA Swimming

As the National Governing Body for the sport of swimming in the United States, USA Swimming is a 400,000-member service organization that promotes the culture of swimming by creating opportunities for swimmers and coaches of all backgrounds to participate and advance in the sport through clubs, events and education. Our membership is comprised of swimmers from the age group level to the Olympic Team, as well as coaches and volunteers. USA Swimming is responsible for selecting and training teams for international competition including the Olympic Games, and strives to serve the sport through its core objectives: Build the base, Promote the sport, Achieve competitive success. For more information, visit www.usaswimming.org.

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