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Tickets on Sale for 2011 USA Swimming ConocoPhillips National Championships at Stanford's Avery Aquatic Center

Tickets now available for two championship swimming events in August

STANFORD, Calif., May 15, 2011- Tickets are now on sale for the 2011 ConocoPhillips National Championships and the 2011 Speedo Junior National Championships. All-session passes and daily tickets are available at the Stanford Ticket office at Gate 2 and online at www.gostanford.com/2011swim

Over 800 swimmers from all over the United States are expected to compete in this four-day annual national championship event, August 2 – 6. The meet will also serve as the selection meet for the swim team that will represent the U.S. at the 2011 Pan American Games, in Guadalajara, Mexico, October 14 – 30.

In addition, 1000 swimmers will compete in the 2011 Speedo Junior National Championships, August 8 – 12. This championship meet is open to any registered USA Swimming swimmer, who is 18 or under as of the first day of the meet, and who has achieved the time standards published by USA Swimming during the qualifying period.

NBC will televise the ConocoPhillips National Championships and the event will also be webcast live daily by USA Swimming. The 2011 Speedo Junior National Championships will be webcast live on www.usaswimming.org.

Palo Alto Mayor **Sid Espinosa** commented, "We are thrilled to have the very best swimmers in the United States right here at Stanford's Avery Aquatic Center for the 2011 National Championships. I want to encourage swimming fans of all ages to come to the Avery Center to cheer for these world class athletes and give them a warm Palo Alto welcome."

Stanford Men's Varsity swim coach, **Skip Kenney** adds, "The U.S. Swimming National Championships are an important meet for all swimmers to check their progress as they point to the Olympic Games in London in 2012. This meet provides swimmers the opportunity to swim outdoors in our sunny California weather, in the fast Avery Aquatic Center Pools on the beautiful Stanford campus."

Anne Warner Cribbs, meet director relates, "As an Olympian from the 1960 USA Swim Team, I'm thrilled to host these great swimmers in my home town. I have special memories of the communities who hosted the Nationals during the time I was competing and I know that today's swimmers will feel the same about fans in Northern California. Plus, it's great for young swimmers to be inspired by the performances they will see this summer."

Members of the Local Organizing Committee include Stanford Swimming Coaches Ted Knapp and Lea Loveless; Rebecca Carpenter, Avery Aquatic Center Director, Anne Warner Cribbs, Helen Mendel,



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BASOC; John Bitter, Santa Clara Swim Club; Angelina Preza, San Mateo County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Tisha Badis, Palo Alto Swim Club.

The Committee is supported by Stanford Athletic Department, USA Swimming, Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, BASOC – the Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee, the San Jose Sports Authority and the San Mateo County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Detailed meet information including qualifying times, accommodations, event schedules and ticket prices are posted at www.usaswimming.org and tickets are available at www.gostanford.com/2011swim.

About USA Swimming: As the National Governing Body for the sport of swimming in the United States, USA Swimming is a 300,000-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. The 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.

About BASOC: The Bay Area Sports Organizing Committee, a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization, promotes the San Francisco Bay Area as the ideal location for preeminent amateur and professional sports events in order to enhance the region's quality of life and to stimulate the local economy, while continuing to keep the dream of hosting the Olympic Games.