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**Virginia's largest competitive Aquatic Facility holds groundbreaking
ceremony**

Hampton Virginia Aquaplex will host 2023 USAAS Junior Olympic Championship

Hampton, VA - A ceremonial groundbreaking for the Hampton Virginia Aquaplex was held Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 10 a.m. at 1908 Coliseum Drive.

The Hampton Virginia Aquaplex, Virginia's largest competitive aquatic facility, is slated to open in Summer 2022. This new, 62,739 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility features an eight-lane, 50-meter competition pool, two moveable bulkheads, spectator seating for 1,500 with a mezzanine, on-deck athlete seating for 760 and an outdoor splash park.

At the ceremony, Hampton city leaders spoke about the economic impact the Hampton Virginia Aquaplex will have on the city and the region and the benefits for local citizens.

Hampton Mayor Donnie Tuck announced that the 2023 USA Artistic Swimming Junior Olympic Championship will be held at the Hampton Virginia Aquaplex. The championship is one of the largest artistic swimming events in the world, with over 1,100 athletes ages 12-19 competing in solo for male and female, duet, mixed duet and team events. The competition will last over an eight-day event schedule, starting at the end of June 2023.

"As Mayor, it makes me very proud to say that our future Olympians, Place-Finishers, Triathletes, and Special Olympians will soon have a "hometown training facility" right here in Hampton," said Tuck. "And to those near and far who plan to visit and attend the many future meets and events here, like the USA Artistic Swimming Junior Olympians, we welcome the competition, we welcome your stay with open arms, and we look forward to hosting you in our great City and at the Hampton Virginia Aquaplex."

Along with national and regional events, the Aquaplex will also accommodate local school swim teams and citizens with a 50-meter competition pool and 25-yard program pool. The facility will serve the local community with event rentals, fitness and certified "Learn to

Swim” classes, and open-swim activities for all ages. The Aquaplex will also include an outdoor splash park with a leisure pool, lazy river pool and slides.

Hampton Virginia Aquaplex Facility Features:

- Eight-lane, 50-meter competition pool with two moveable bulkheads
- State of the art timing and scoring by Colorado Time Systems
- Eight-lane, 25-yard programming pool
- 1,500-seat elevated spectator viewing area
- 760 on-deck competitor seating
- Pool-side whirlpool jacuzzi
- 2 one-meter springboards and 2 three-meter springboards
- 2,030 sq. ft. multipurpose room
- 1,270 sq. ft. team room
- Culinary center concession food service

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Editor's Note: Hampton Virginia Aquaplex renderings and additional groundbreaking photos available [HERE](#).

Photo Attached: City leaders at Groundbreaking Ceremony

Caption: Hampton City leaders at the Hampton Virginia Aquaplex groundbreaking ceremony on July 14. (left to right): Hampton City Manager Mary Bunting, Hampton Councilwoman Chris Snead, Hampton Vice Mayor Jimmy Gray, Hampton Councilman Billy Hobbs, Kecoughtan Head Swim Coach Joey Stickle, Hampton Mayor Donnie Tuck, U.S. Congressman Bobby Scott, Hampton Former Councilwoman Teresa Schmidt, Hampton Councilman Steve Brown, Hampton Councilman Chris Bowman

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton, with the 344,000 sq. ft. Hampton Roads Convention Center and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum, is located in the center of Coastal Virginia and the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement, the site of the first arrival of Africans in English North America, and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Science Center, Fort Monroe National Monument, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, The American Theatre, among others.