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The 12th Annual Cincinnati Para-Swimming Open will be held this weekend, **May 9th and 10th**, at the **University of Cincinnati Keating Aquatic Center**. Sessions start at **8:00 AM and 3:00 PM on Saturday and 8:00 AM on Sunday**. This year's event includes over 100 athletes and coaches from 19 States and Ecuador. The meet was established in 2003 and twelve years later, it is strengthening the Paralympic Swimming community and continues to be a universal effort with support throughout the Midwest and greater U.S. In the last two years, swimmers have set 68 records—7 of those were world records, and 16 were American records.

The meet serves as the largest non-championship meet for U.S. Paralympics in the United States. Hosted by the **Enabling Possibilities Foundation**, the meet serves to bring many new swimmers into the Paralympic Movement to compete and represent their respective Paralympic teams on the national and international level. This meet is viewed as an important competition for U.S. Paralympics Swimming to recruit the next generation of athletes and invite current national team members to serve as leaders and role models.

Managed by a **The Enabling Possibilities Foundation**, collaborating with USA Swimming, U.S. Paralympics, University of Cincinnati Keating Aquatics Center staff, community leaders, local companies and sponsors, the media, and the swimming network throughout the Midwest, including high school and summer league programs, to invite the community to participate in our ongoing efforts to support disability sports. More Paralympic athletes are classified at this swim meet than at any other meet in a given year. More than 20 countries have attended the U.S. Paralympics swim meet in Cincinnati.

Enabling Possibilities Foundation

The goal of The Foundation is to create a sustainable platform for disability sports by recruiting more athletes, educating parents and coaches on capabilities of disabled children and adults, including outreach to injured military, and disabled veterans. With the support and leadership from the swimming and business community, along with local representation of Paralympic coaches, and athletes, Cincinnati is positioned to be a model for community outreach programs across the country that support adaptive sports and strengthen communities.

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