Tomball Splash Depot
Hosted by: TOMBALL COUGAR AQUATICS TEAM
Sponsored by: Tomball Area Swim Club
Sunday May 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 2016

Location
Tomball ISD Aquatic Center
13850 Zion Rd.
Tomball, TX 77375

Welcome! You are invited to participate in the Tomball Splash Depot. The Tomball Cougar Aquatics Team (TOM) host this NWAL sanctioned mid-season invitational swim meet. The event is opened to all NWAL swimmers that meet the qualifying standards set forth below. The event will be held at the Tomball ISD Aquatic center in Tomball, Texas. Our goal is to provide a fun and fast paced swim meet to prepare kids for end of season championships. The event will take place Sunday May 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 2016. All events will take place in one timed final session.

Meet Personal
- Meet Referee – Mike Swaim mike.t.swaim@gmail.com
- Meet Director - Brian Vestal coachvestal@gmail.com
- Entry Chair – Tracy Acosta tracy.acosta@yahoo.com

Pool Information
The Tomball ISD Aquatic Center is located at 13850 Zion Road Tomball Texas 77377. The Tomball ISD Aquatic Center is an eight-lane pool with 6-inch Antiwave Maximum lane ropes. We will be using a Colorado Six timing console and touch pads. Per NWAL Rules, warm-up and warm-down lanes will not be available.
**Team Area**

Teams will be able to set up in the parking lot of the natatorium as well as the grass areas adjacent to the pool. An announcer will update families as the meet progresses. Parking will be provided across the street at Tomball Junior High School.

**Submitting Entries**

Entries will be processed by email **ONLY**. Per NWAL rules, all entries must be created using Swim-Team.us. Entries from other sources will be removed from the meet. If you cannot send your entries by email, please contact Tracy Acosta, tracy.acosta@yahoo.com. **Email entry deadline is 6:00PM Sunday, May 15, 2016.**

All emails should include contact information of the team entry person. Entries should be sent to: Tracy Acosta, tracy.acosta@yahoo.com. NWAL has restricted the entries to 900 plus the last team. On deck entries will be accepted at the discretion of the entry chair.

**Reports**

When you email your entries, you must include as attachments your Entry Report as well as your Relay Entry Report showing all four swimmers. These will be your entry reports. These entry reports should be sent as PDF only.

**Entry Files**

All Entries must be created using your team’s swim-team.us website. After creating them, you will export an Extended SD3 File that you will email as your electronic entry.

All times must be the swimmer's best times, for both individual and relay events, and have been made at a sanctioned NWAL meet during the 2016 NWAL season as stated in the NWAL rule book under Seeding. **Time Trial times are allowed for individual or relay entries.** Entries submitted with NT (no time) will not be permitted and will be deleted from the meet. The seed time for relays must be established by adding the fastest official times of the individual swimmers entered in the relay for the stroke they are swimming. Swim-team.us will automatically enforce these official times rules for both individual and relay events.
**Entry Fees**

Five dollars ($5.00) per each Individual Entry and ten dollars ($10.00) per each Relay Entry. Make checks payable to TCATS. Entry fees must accompany entries. No refunds will be issued for events that are entered but not completed. **All entry fees must be received by Tuesday, May 17, 2016.** Entry fees can be submitted in person at the Tomball ISD Aquatic Center located at 13850 Zion Rd Tomball, TX 77375 on either **Monday, May 16th** or **Tuesday, May 17th** between the hours of 5:00PM-8:00PM. For teams needing to mail payments please send Overnight Express, No Signature Required to:

TCATS  
P.O. Box 596  
Tomball, TX 77377

All entry fees must be received by Tuesday, May 17, 2016 by 8:00PM or the team will be removed from the meet.

**Late Entries**

Late entries will be accepted the day of the meet according to the following parameters:

1. Entries must be submitted to the Clerk Of Course 45 minutes before the start of the meet.
2. Proof of qualifying time will be required. A new Meet Entry Report generated by swim-team.us with proof of time must be presented with the entry.
3. The fee is ten dollars ($10.00) per each Individual Entry and twenty dollars ($20.00) per each Relay Entry. Fees must be paid to the Clerk Of Course at the time of entry.

Late entries will be placed into empty lanes ONLY. Empty lanes may appear in the first and sometimes the second heat of an event. Swimmers will be put into the fastest empty lanes available on a first come first serve basis until all heats are full.

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Seeding

The meet will be a pre-seeded meet. All heat and lane assignments will be made prior to the meet. There will be no reseeding at the ready bench. The heat and lane assignments will be shown in the Meet Program that is for sale.

Coaches must turn in any relay changes for the 6 & under Freestyle and Medley relays by 8:15 AM and for the other Freestyle relays by 10:00 AM.

Age
As of May 31, 2015. A swimmer may swim up throughout the meet as per NWAL rules.

Number of Events

Swimmers may enter ALL individual events for which they qualify and one medley relay and one freestyle relay.

Relay Only Swimmers

Teams may enter relay only swimmers in order to complete relay teams.

Time & Date

Sunday May 22nd, 2016

Warm ups will begin at 7:00am and be divided into five sessions.

(1) 7:00am-7:20am, (2) 7:20am-7:40am, (3) 7:40am - 8:00am, (4) 8:00am-8:20am, (5) 8:20am - 8:40am
The Meet will begin at 9:00am

Timers
Each team will be asked to provide timers in proportion to the number of swimmers entered into the meet by session.

Awards
There will be both team and individual awards. Swimmers will compete in two categories, red or white, based on entry time and age. Team awards will be provided in two team divisions, small and large. The divisions will be determined, based on entries received, once all entries have been received.

Bag Tags: All athletes who compete will receive an athlete bag tag to keep.

Team Awards: Trophies will be awarded to the top four teams in the two divisions. Division two will be the bottom half of teams participating by size.

Individual Awards: Top 8 swimmers by age group and divisions will receive an award. For example, top 8 swimmers in the red division in the 8-year-old boys group and the top 8 swimmers in the white division in the 8-year-old boys’ group.

Relay Awards: Top eight relays will receive a medal. Relays will be entered as follows: 6&Under, 8&Under, 10&Under, 12&Under, 14&Under and 18&Under.

High Point Awards: A high point and high point runner up by age, gender, and division will be awards to each age group.

Heat Winner Awards: All heat winners will receive a commemorative swim cap.

Scoring
Relay points will be awarded to the top 8 teams as follows: 18, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2.
Individuals points will be awarded to the top 8 participants in each swimmer division as follows: 9, 7, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

**Timing System**

A Colorado Six electronic timing system with electronic scoreboard will be used. Two backup buttons and two watches per lane will be used.

**POOL DECK RESTRICTION:**

The swimming pool deck is closed to all persons except swimmers, coaches, marshals, officials, meet personnel, and timers. If you are asked to leave the deck by any registered personnel, please do so. It is for your safety and the safety of the swimmers.

**Concessions**

Concessions will be available throughout the meet.

**MERCHANDISE**

A pro shop will be at the meet selling swim apparel and swim gear.

**MEET RULES**

- Two personal coaches' chairs per team will be allowed on the pool deck, and no reserved spots will be allocated.
- Smoking will not be allowed anywhere in the building or school campus. No glass containers of any type will be allowed in the pool area.
- Swimmer seeding will be listed in the heat sheets. Swimmers are to report to the ready bench area when their event is called.
- Teams are responsible for insuring that their swimmers are at the ready bench prior to their events. We strongly recommend that a team parent be responsible for getting swimmers to the ready bench.

**SAFETY & SECURITY**
The attached safety guidelines and warm-up procedures will be in effect. The Safety Marshal will be responsible for ensuring that the safety procedures are followed. The Safety Marshal will be wearing a safety-orange vest, and has the authority to remove anyone who is not following these procedures or who in any way is conducting themselves in an un-safe manner. The Safety Marshall will be responsible for ensuring that safe conduct is strictly enforced.

Park in the normal parking spots in the parking lot. Do not park along the drives or along the curbs or anywhere indicated not to park.

**HOSPITALITY**

A hospitality room/area will be available for coaches and officials. Coaches and Officials must present their certification card in order to receive a complimentary program and for admission to the hospitality room.

**WARM-UP PROCEDURES**

A. General warm-up (Initial portion [1/2] of the warm-up session or with the agreement of all of the coaches in a particular lane.)
   1. **NO DIVING OR RACING STARTS** allowed from the blocks edge of the pool. Swimmers must enter the pool feet first cautiously.
   2. **NO SPRINTING OR PACE WORK** allowed during this general warm-up session.

B. Specific warm-up (Last portion [1/2] of the warm-up session or with the agreement of all of the coaches in a particular lane.)
   1. **RACING STARTS ONLY**, either from blocks or from backstroke starts.
   2. Lanes are **ONE WAY ONLY**.

**SAFETY GUIDELINES**

A. Swimmers Responsibilities
   1. All swimmers without a registered coach to observe them at the meet, and/or their coaches, should arrange, prior to their arrival at the meet, for a registered coach to observe them during the warm-up, competition, and warm-down. Any unattached or unattended swimmers who have not made previous arrangements with a coach to
observe them at the meet should contact the Meet Director, Safety Marshal or Meet Referee for assistance in making such arrangements prior to their participating in the warm-up.

B. Coaches Responsibilities

1. Coaches shall instruct their swimmers regarding safety guidelines and warm-up procedures as they apply to conduct at meets and practice.
2. Coaches shall stand near the starting end of the pool when starting swimmers on sprint and pace work.
3. Coaches shall actively supervise their swimmers throughout the warm-up session.
4. Coaches shall maintain as much contact with their swimmers as possible, both verbal and visual, throughout the warm-up period.

C. Pool Rules

1. Use of tobacco and alcohol products is prohibited on Tomball ISD school property.
2. Glass containers are prohibited.
3. Swimmers, coaches, and spectators are expected to observe all rules and regulations included in the invitation.
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