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2011 Texas Age Group Swimming Long Course Championships TAGS

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Entry deadline – 11:59 PM Tuesday, July 12, 2011

Welcome: Longhorn Aquatics invites you to join us at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center (Swim Center) to compete in the Texas Age Group Swimming Long Course Championships. This meet is open to all qualifying USA registered swimmers. The meet will be conducted in one indoor 50 meter course, using a Daktronic Timing System and Hy-Tek Meet Manager software. Designated warm-up lanes will be available during the meet.

Location: The Swim Center is located on the University of Texas Campus, 1900 Robert Dedman Drive, one block west of I-35 on the northwest corner of the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Red River Street.

Facility: The Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center has an indoor eight lane 50 meter competition pool. The pool is nine feet deep at the start end as well as the finish end and is considered one of the fastest pools in the world due to its depth, gutter system, high filtration rate and lane width. The competition course has been certified in accordance with USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Paragraph 104.2.2C(4).

Liability: USA Swimming, South Texas Swimming, The University of Texas, The Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center, and Longhorn Aquatics accept no responsibility or liability for injuries sustained by any individual, athlete, coach, official, meet volunteer, or spectator while traveling to and from or while participating in the meet. Damage to the facility, when proved, will cause the offending swimmer, if unattached, or the offending swimmer's club, if attached, to be held accountable for repairs.

Sanctions: This meet is sanctioned by South Texas Swimming and 2011 rules apply.

Eligibility: Swimmers must be currently registered as athletes for 2011 with USA Swimming by the entry deadline and must be registered as a member of one of the five Texas Local Swimming Committees (LSC's).

Swimmers age 14 and under on July 20, 2011 are eligible to compete.

All swimmers must meet the 2011 TAGS time standards established for each event they enter and must have achieved those times between June 1, 2010 and July 13, 2011. LCM time standards are shown on the order of events. Non-conforming qualifying times can be found on the Texas Swimming Association website – http://www.tsaswim.org/PDF_Files/TAGS%20Time%20Standards%202011.pdf Swimmers who achieve a qualifying time standard *for the first time* between July 14 and July 18 may enter the meet but special entry procedures apply. See "First Q Time/Special Entry Procedures" below. Swimmers with a Senior National cut may not swim that event or a relay leg of that stroke.

Swimmers may compete with a team that is registered with any of the five Texas LSC's. The team must be a member of the Texas Swimming Association (TSA) to compete for team points and awards. A swimmer may swim "unattached" if he/she is a member of an unregistered team or is ineligible to represent a team with whom they swim. Unattached swimmers may not earn team points. All teams must comply with all TSA entry requirements. Should a team be delinquent with TSA dues and/or fines at the start of the meet, all team members will swim unattached for the duration of the meet.

Meet

Operations: Current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations govern this meet. TSA rules will apply where allowed. TSA rules prevail over any inconsistencies between this Meet Information and current TSA rules.

General

Meeting: All swimmers must be represented at a pre-meet general meeting that will be held on Wednesday, July 20, 2011. The meeting will be held 10 minutes after the end of Session 1 on the pool deck. Any possible changes in the conduct of the meet will be decided at this meeting. It is each swimmer's and/or coach's responsibility to be aware of any decisions or changes that are made at this meeting.

Meet Format: Individual events in prelims will be conducted using both ends of the 50-meter pool – odd heats finishing at one end (closest to the men's locker room) and even heats finishing at the other end (closest to the women's locker room). However, we reserve the right to run events on Wednesday evening from only one end of the pool. Chase starts and fly-over starts may be used at the discretion of the meet referee. Each prelim event will be seeded only by time and gender only. Events on Wednesday, the 1500 Free on Sunday and all preliminary events will swim fastest to slowest. The 800 and 1500 Free require positive check-in and will swim alternating heats of girls and boys. There will be a 15 minute break on Wednesday between the 800 Free and the 800 Free Relay. There will be a 10 minute break during prelims on Sunday after the relay and before the start of the 1500 Free.

In prelim/final events, one heat in each age group (10 & under, 11- 12, and 13-14) will advance to finals.

All relays, the 800 Free, 10 & under 400 Free and 13-14 1500 Free are timed finals. In the 10 & under 400 Free and 13-14 1500 Free, the fastest heat of girls and boys will swim during finals. However, swimmers in the 1500 Free on Sunday may elect a morning swim. This election is due by 6 PM on Saturday. If no indication is made, the entry will be seeded as if it is available for an evening swim. All other heats of the 1500 Free will swim as the final event in Sunday's prelim session, fast to slow, alternating girls and boys. There will be a 10 minute break after the 200 medley relay before the start of the 1500.

Relays: There is no limit on the number of relays teams may enter. All relays are timed finals and all relays will start at the even end of the pool (closest to the women's locker room). The fastest 8 seed times in each age group electing to swim in finals will swim at night during finals. Teams may elect a morning swim. This election must be made by 6 PM the evening before the relay will swim (so on Wednesday at 6 PM for Thursday relays; on Thursday at 6 PM for Friday relays, etc.) If no election is made, the relay will be seeded as if it is available for an evening swim. Teams seeded in finals must swim or scratch.

Relay cards listing the order of swimmers must be turned in to clerk of course by 6 PM the evening before the relay will swim (same time that you will make an election for a morning swim). You will be able to change the order of the swimmers on the relay. If you fail to turn in a relay card by the 6 PM deadline, your relay will be scratched. If you plan to scratch a relay, filling out a relay card and writing "scratch" would be appreciated. The order of swimmers on relay teams will be strictly enforced in accordance with 102.4.7 USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.

A Hy-Tek entry file is available on the Longhorn Aquatics website (www.utexas.edu/longhornaquatics) to help with relays as well as an eligibility report.

Relay proof of time – the 4 swimmers used to prove a relay time must be eligible to swim in the specific age group for the relay entered on July 20, 2011, and be currently registered and eligible to swim with the entering team. This is not a new rule. Any swimmer that will be used on a relay at the meet must be entered in OME. Relay only swimmers will not be added after the entry deadline.

Positive

Check In: The 13-14 800 and 1500 Free will be deck seeded and require positive check in. Failure to check in at clerk of course before the deadline will result in the swimmer being scratched from the event. See the Meet Schedule for exact check-in times.

Scratch Rule: **Scratching for preliminaries is required.** Each evening we will run heat sheets for the next morning. You must scratch a prelim event you will not swim the next day (i.e. on Wednesday by 4 PM you must

scratch any event you will not swim on Thursday; on Thursday by 6 PM you must scratch any event you will not swim on Friday, etc.) Refer to the Meet Schedule for exact times each day. Failure to scratch an event means that event (whether you swim or not) will count as one of your seven allowed events for the meet. As a courtesy swimmers with fewer than 7 events are asked to scratch events they will not swim at those times as well.

Scratching for all final events is required as outlined in the current USA Swimming rules 207.12.6D and 207.12.6E.

Opening

Ceremonies: There will be a short opening ceremony on Friday, July 22, 2011 at 9:00 AM at the start of the preliminary session. Each team will be introduced and recognized. Team representatives may carry team banners or flags. The opening ceremony will conclude at 9:15 AM and will be followed promptly by the first meet event.

Team pep rallies and demonstrations may be held BEFORE the playing of the National Anthem and after the start of the first event at each session, but not between the two.

Entry

Deadline: The entry deadline is 11:59 PM **Tuesday, July 12, 2011**. OME will automatically close at that time.

Entries:

Swimmers may enter as many events as they are qualified to swim but they may only compete in a total of 7 individual events during the entire meet with no more than 3 individual events during any one day, plus 1 relay event per day. Time trial events will count as one of the 3 events allowed per swimmer per day, but not as one of the seven 7 individual meet events.

If you enter more than 7 events, you must scratch the events you don't want to swim. Refer to the "Scratch Rule" above.

All seed times should be submitted in 100ths. Typographical and transcription errors with regards to achieved qualification times will fall under the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Paragraph 207.10.5. Swimmers qualifying with a "non-conforming" time (short course yards or short course meters) should enter that event using the non-conforming time. This allows you to prove a qualifying entry time. Please note that non-conforming times will be changed BY THE ENTRY CHAIR to the LCM cut before entries are seeded.

A swimmer with a qualifying time in the 1500 Free also qualifies for the 800 Free. If entering the 800 Free with the 1500 qualification, the swimmer should enter at the 800 Free qualifying time. If the swimmer has not entered both the 1500 and 800, they must provide proof of time in the 1500. An email with the proof of time information for the 1500 (meet, date and qualifying time) should be sent to the entry chair at the time entries are completed in OME.

A 13-14 medley relay with a qualifying time in the 400 also qualifies for the 200 medley relay. If entering the 200 medley relay with the 400 medley qualification, enter at the 200 medley qualifying time.

First Q time Special Entry Procedure:

Swimmers that get a qualifying time for the first time between Thursday, July 14 and Sunday, July 17 may enter the meet by emailing (no paper, phone or fax) the entry chair no later than 3 PM on Sunday, July 17. The email must include, the team, team abbreviation, LSC, the swimmer's full name (as registered with USA Swimming), birth date, event number, event description, entry time and the name and date of the meet where the time was achieved. If you do not receive a confirming email, your entries were not received. The swimmer or coach should bring the entry fees, proof of time if requested, and, if the swimmer is not already entered in the meet, they will need to bring their 2011 USA ID to be able to pick up credentials for the meet.

Proof-of-

Times: OME will automatically provide proof of time. However, if you override a time in OME, you will be required to provide proof of time.

For all rules and explanations pertaining to TAGS Proof of Times, swimmers and coaches should refer to the TSA handbook. The USA Swimming database will be available through the administrative referee. If a meet is in the USA Swimming database, coaches do not need to bring a hard copy to TAGS to prove any relays or individual swims aggregated together for qualifying times. Be aware that High School, and YMCA Meets MAY NOT be in the database. There are some meets for which results have not been submitted to the database, so, IF IN DOUBT, BRING A HARD COPY! As always, it is the coach's responsibility to MAKE CERTAIN that Proof of Times is on hand at the meet, otherwise, a \$50.00 fine will be imposed for any relay team that fails to achieve the minimum qualifying time or is disqualified. Should a second offense occur, another \$50.00 fine will be assessed and the swimmer will be barred from the remainder of the meet.

Entry Fees: \$11.00 per individual event, \$25 for relays.
Time Trials are \$15.00 per individual event.
Deck Entries are \$25.00 per event.
All Entry fees will be charged to your account on file with Nitro Swimming. There will be NO refunds for ANY reason, including illness and/or injury.

Deck Entries: Deck entries will be accepted. The deck entry fee is \$25 per event (individual or relay). You may deck enter for the current session beginning at the start of warm-up. Deck entries will close 30 minutes before the start of each session. Swimmers who deck enter must pre-prove a qualifying time with the Admin Referee and will be entered in an open lane. A zero heat will be added if necessary, but there will be no standbys for open lanes. Swimmers not previously entered in the meet must also present their 2011 USA swimming registration card.

If you are deck entering a relay, all swimmers must already be in the database – no new swimmers will be added to the meet for a relay.

Time Trials: Time Trials will be held, *time permitting*, for TAGS participants between preliminaries and finals on Friday and Saturday. Time Trial entries will be accepted on the second floor of the Swim Center from 9AM - 11AM on Friday and Saturday. There will be no time trials on Wednesday, Thursday or Sunday. The entry fee is \$15 per event. A swimmer may swim a maximum of one time trial per day. The 800 Free will only be offered for Time Trial on Friday and the 1500 Free will only be offered for Time Trial on Saturday. Time trial events count toward a swimmers total number of events as outlined in the "Entries" section. Time Trial results will be published with the Final Results; however, these times cannot be considered for state records. Event order will be determined by the Time Trial Referee. A qualifying TAGS time earned during time trials will NOT qualify a swimmer to swim that event at TAGS (time trials is past the qualifying period).

Credentials & Registration:

All coaches, officials and participating athletes will be issued credential tags. Only people with credential tags will be allowed access to the deck. Coaches must register in OME for a deck pass.

Coaches may pick up their team's credential tags at the registration desk on Wednesday, July 20 between noon and 2:00 PM. The registration desk will be located on the second level of the Swim Center across from the store. Credential tags not picked up at these times will be available at Clerk of Course. Replacement credential tags will be available at a cost of \$20.

Deck Access: Only individuals with credential tags will be allowed access to the deck. Those wishing to volunteer as a timer will be given a pass to access the deck and help for that specific purpose.

Please be aware that swimmers will not be allowed onto the deck until one of their team coaches has checked in and is on deck.

Coaches must register in OME for a deck pass. Deck passes are only available for coaches. Deck passes will be limited based a Team's number of swimmers entered in individual events. Teams with 1 – 4 swimmers will be allowed 1 deck pass; 5 – 8 swimmers 2 deck passes, 9 – 18 swimmers 4 deck passes, 19 – 40 swimmers 5 deck passes and 41+ swimmers 7 deck passes.

Any non-registered individuals not respecting these rules will be removed from that area or from the facility at the discretion of the Meet Director, Longhorn Aquatics Program Director or Texas Swimming Center staff.

Timers: Each team entered in the meet will be responsible for providing timers. Timing Assignments will be made on a pro-rata basis. Each team will be responsible for providing 1 timer for every 10 swimmers entered in the meet. However, each team must provide at least one timer. Timing assignments will be printed in the heat sheet.

Awards:

Individual Events: Medals 1st through 8th
Relay Events: Medals 1st through 3rd, Ribbons 4th through 8th
Teams: TAGS Flags will be awarded to teams that finish in 1st through 10th place. The First Place team will receive the Leo Cancellare Award, TAGS traveling trophy.
High Point Award: A high point trophy will be given to the outstanding boy and girl swimmer in each age group based upon the total number of points in individual events during the meet.
Team Age Group Award: A white flag with red printing will be given to the first place girl's and boy's teams in the following age groups using individual and relay events only: 10 & Under, 11-12, and 13-14.
Horizon Award: Given to the team that has the greatest place improvement in the team standings. No previous score is necessary, but the team must have been entered and recognized in the meet. This award will be computed from last year's Long Course TAGS team rankings. No physical award is given.

All individual event and relay awards will be ready to be distributed to the swimmer or his/her coach daily up to one hour after the conclusion of the meet. Team Flags, Outstanding Swimmer Plaques, and High Point Trophies will be awarded within one hour of the conclusion of the meet. Coaches, teams, and athletes failing to pick up their awards within one hour after the conclusion of the meet shall make arrangements to receive the awards with the Meet Director at no expense to Longhorn Aquatics within 24 hours of the conclusion of the meet. If the awards are not available within one hour of the conclusion of the meet, the awards will be distributed to the team at the expense of Longhorn Aquatics.

Scoring: All events will be scored by age group (10 & under, 11-12, 13-14). Only the top 8 places will score.

Individual Events: 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1,
 Relay Events: 18, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2

Team points will not be awarded for a performance that does not meet or better the minimum time standard for that event. However, the swimmer is entitled to the individual award if the swimmer can prove that he/she has met the qualifying time.

Warm-Up Schedule**

Time	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 to 7:30 AM	Group 3	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
7:30 to 8:00 AM	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 1
8:00 to 8:30 AM	Group 2	Group 3	Group 1	Group 2
8:30 to 8:45 AM		Dive / Sprint / Pace for all Groups		
	Group 1 West Texas Gulf, except The Woodlands	Group 2 South Texas The Woodlands	Group 3 North Texas Border	

A 10 & under warm up area will be designated in the diving well.

Please be advised, the Meet Director and the Meet Referee MAY adjust teams to maintain balance at all three warm-ups. Teams asked to move will be notified by email and changes will be posted on both the Longhorn Aquatics and TSA website by Thursday, July 14, 2011.

MEET SCHEDULE

The following schedule will be used as a guideline for all activities.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

2:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Pool open for warm-up.
3:00 p.m.	800 Free positive check-in deadline
3:00 p.m.	Relay cards due to Clerk of Course for today's session
3:00 to 3:45 p.m.	Warm-up for 800 Free (there will be a 15 min. break before the relay)
4:00 p.m.	Meet Start
4:00 p.m.	Scratch deadline for Thursday's prelim events
Earlier of 6 p.m. or the end of the session	Relay cards due for tomorrow's relay events
10 min. after end of session	Pre-TAGS General Meeting – on deck at the Flag end of the pool

THURSDAY, JULY 21

7:00 to 7:30 a.m.	Group 3 Warm up
7:30 to 8:00 a.m.	Group 1 Warm up
8:00 to 8:30 a.m.	Group 2 Warm up
8:30 to 8:45 a.m.	Dive/Sprint/Pace for all athletes
9:00 a.m.	Preliminaries start
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.	General Warm up
5:00 to 5:50 p.m.	Finalist Warm up
6:00 p.m.	Finals start for today's events
6:00 p.m.	Scratch deadline for Friday's prelim events.
6:00 p.m.	Relay cards due to Clerk of Course for Friday relays

FRIDAY, JULY 22

7:00 to 7:30 a.m.	Group 1 Warm up
7:30 to 8:00 a.m.	Group 2 Warm up
8:00 to 8:30 a.m.	Group 3 Warm up
8:30 to 8:45 a.m.	Dive/Sprint/Pace for all athletes
9:00 a.m.	Parade of athletes
9:15 a.m.	Preliminaries start
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.	General Warm up
5:00 to 5:50 p.m.	Finalist Warm up
6:00 p.m.	Finals start for today's events
6:00 p.m.	Scratch deadline for Saturday's prelim events
6:00 p.m.	Relay cards due to Clerk of Course for Saturday relays

SATURDAY, JULY 23

7:00 to 7:30 a.m.	Group 2 Warm up
7:30 to 8:15 a.m.	Official's National Certification Clinic
7:30 to 8:00 a.m.	Group 3 Warm up
8:00 to 8:30 a.m.	Group 1 Warm up
8:30 to 8:45 a.m.	Dive/Sprint/Pace for all athletes
9:00 a.m.	Preliminaries start
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.	General Warm up
5:00 to 5:50 p.m.	Finalist Warm up
6:00 p.m.	Finals start for today's events
6:00 p.m.	Scratch deadline for Sunday's prelim events
6:00 p.m.	1500 Free positive check-in and am/pm preference due
6:00 p.m.	Sunday relay am/pm preference due
6:00 p.m.	Relay cards due to Clerk of Course for Sunday relays

SUNDAY, JULY 24

7:00 to 7:30 a.m.	Group 3 Warm up
7:30 to 8:00 a.m.	Group 1 Warm up
8:00 to 8:30 a.m.	Group 2 Warm up
8:30 to 8:45 a.m.	Dive/Sprint/Pace for all athletes
9:00 a.m.	Preliminaries start
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.	General Warm up
5:00 to 5:50 p.m.	Finalist Warm up
6:00 p.m.	Finals start for today's events

There will be a minimum two-hour break between the end of the Preliminary Session and the start of the Final Session. The Finals Session will start no earlier than 4:30 PM but may start later, based on the end of the Preliminary Session.

2011 TAGS Long Course Order of Events and LCM Q Times

LCM Qualifying Times			Girls Event #	Wednesday, July 20	Boys Event #	LCM Qualifying Times		
10 & U	11-12	13-14		Timed Finals, Fast to Slow		13-14	11-12	10 & U
-	-	9:45.19	1	13 - 14 800 Free (a)	2	9:18.09	-	-
				15 minute break				
-	-	9:26.59	3	13 - 14 800 Free Relay	4	9:09.19	-	-

The 800 Free requires positive check-in. The event will alternate girls and boys. Swimmers must provide their own counters

LCM Qualifying Times			Girls Event #	Thursday, July 21	Boys Event #	LCM Qualifying Times		
10 & U	11-12	13-14				13-14	11-12	10 & U
3:01.49	2:44.69	2:34.29	5	200 IM (b)	6	2:25.09	2:41.89	3:03.39
39.59	35.39	-	7	12 & under 50 back (b)	8	-	35.49	40.19
1:13.79	1:06.49	1:02.59	9	100 Free (b)	10	58.79	1:05.09	1:13.39
-	2:48.99	2:36.99	11	11 & over 200 Fly (b)	12	2:27.19	2:48.79	-
-	5:13.69	4:53.49	13	11 & over 400 Medley Relay (c)	14	4:37.79	5:16.09	-

(b) IN FINALS this event will swim youngest to oldest -- 10 & under, 11- 12, 13-14

(c) The fastest heat of boys and girls in each age group (11-12 and 13-14) will swim in finals

LCM Qualifying Times			Girls Event #	Friday, July 22	Boys Event #	LCM Qualifying Times		
10 & U	11-12	13-14				13-14	11-12	10 & U
2:38.49	2:22.69	2:15.99	15	200 Free (b)	16	2:08.49	2:21.59	2:39.09
45.49	40.09	-	17	12 & under 50 breast (b)	18	-	39.89	45.69
1:26.79	1:14.49	1:10.59	19	100 Fly (b)	20	1:05.39	1:14.09	1:28.59
-	-	5:28.59	21	13-14 400 IM	22	5:09.89	-	-
5:13.59	4:37.19	4:20.29	23	400 Free Relay (c)	24	4:05.79	4:39.69	5:27.39

(b) IN FINALS this event will swim youngest to oldest -- 10 & under, 11- 12, 13-14

(c) The fastest heat of boys and girls in each age group (10 & under, 11- 12 and 13- 14) will swim in finals

LCM Qualifying Times			Girls Event #	Saturday, July 23	Boys Event #	LCM Qualifying Times		
10 & U	11-12	13-14				13-14	11-12	10 & U
-	2:41.89	2:33.39	25	11 & over 200 back (b)	26	2:24.89	2:41.59	-
37.59	33.09	-	27	12 & under 50 Fly (b)	28	-	33.29	37.69
1:37.89	1:27.19	1:22.29	29	100 Breast (b)	30	1:15.99	1:26.19	1:39.99
-	5:00.39	4:43.79	31	11 & over 400 Free (c)	32	4:31.69	5:00.69	-
5:33.69	-	-	33	10 & under 400 Free (timed final)	34	-	-	5:39.29
2:20.39	2:04.59	1:59.29	35	200 Free Relay (c)	36	1:51.39	2:04.59	2:25.39

(b) IN FINALS this event will swim youngest to oldest -- 10 & under, 11- 12, 13-14

(c) The fastest heat of boys and girls in each age group (10 & under, 11- 12 and 13-14) will swim in finals

LCM Qualifying Times			Girls Event #	Sunday, July 24	Boys Event #	LCM Qualifying Times		
10 & U	11-12	13-14				13-14	11-12	10 & U
-	3:08.09	2:57.59	37	11 & over 200 breast (b)	38	2:46.49	3:07.19	-
33.69	30.49	28.89	39	50 Free (b)	40	27.19	29.89	33.09
1:25.29	1:15.89	1:11.79	41	100 back (b)	42	1:07.59	1:16.59	1:26.59
-	-	18:55.69	43	13-14 1500 Free (d)	44	18:14.69	-	-
2:44.79	2:21.79	2:14.59	45	200 Medley Relay (c)	46	2:06.79	2:24.19	2:47.49

(b) IN FINALS this event will swim youngest to oldest -- 10 & under, 11- 12, 13-14

(c) The fastest heat of boys and girls in each age group (10 & under, 11-12 and 13-14) will swim in finals

(d) The 1500 Free requires positive check-in. The fastest 8 boys and girls electing to swim in finals will swim at night.

Long prelims the 1500 will swim fast to slow, alternating heats of girls and boys after the 200 Medley Relay and a 10 minute break.

Officials: All deck officials must be currently registered and certified by USA Swimming and their LSC, and have a current background check verified by USA Swimming. Help from visiting officials is always welcome. Visiting officials are asked to email the Meet Referee, Ron Zolno, with their certification level and availability so they can plan accordingly (rzolno@brsgroup.com). All officials must attend a mandatory meeting one-hour before each session. The uniform for all preliminary sessions will be white polo shirt over khaki shorts/pants/skirt, as appropriate. Finals uniform will be navy blue polo shirt over khaki pants/skirt (NO shorts), as appropriate. All officials will be issued credential tags. Only persons with credential tags will be allowed access to the deck. Officials should prominently display their meet credential while on deck. The wearing of nametags is encouraged.

Official

Certification: This meet will be a National Qualifying Meet for Officials. Officials who are interested in being evaluated need to submit a completed application to the Meet Referee by July 13, 2011. Applications for evaluation can be obtained from the Southern Zone website or by contacting the Southern Zone Officials Chair - Gloria Schuldt (schuldt@earthlink.net). The evaluators will make it possible to attain "final evaluations" for all N3 positions.

Special

Needs: Please notify the Swim Center staff (512-471-7703) in advance of the event with the name and age of any member on your team who needs assistance to enter the building. TSC staff will make reasonable accommodations for swimmers, coaches, or spectators who wish to enter and use our facility.

In any meet sanctioned or approved by this LSC that may include one or more swimmers with visual, hearing, mental, or physical disabilities, the judging of such competitors shall be in strict accordance with the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, i.e., Article 105. A disability is defined as a PERMANENT physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Coaches should email both the Meet Director and Meet Referee in advance of the meet with the name of any swimmer that will need modifications.

Unaccompanied

Swimmers: Any swimmer entered in the meet, unaccompanied by a USA Swimming member coach, must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

Parking: The University of Texas now requires a UT permit for parking along Trinity and San Jacinto as well as C Lot 80 in front of the Swim Center. We are exploring other parking options, hoping to find free or at least cheaper parking close to the Swim Center. Please go to our website as we get closer to the meet for more information on parking. For more information, check the Parking and Transportation web site at <http://www.utexas.edu/parking/>.

Cell Phones: The presence and/or use of cell phones, and any other equipment capable of producing photographic or video images, in the locker rooms is strictly and specifically prohibited at all times. There are no exceptions to this prohibition. Violators are subject to disqualification from the meet and disbarment from the facility.

Photographs: The only photographers allowed on deck are those that the meet host has credentialed by issuing a deck pass. There may be one or more photographers on deck at this meet. In the event that photographers are on deck, parents or guardians of swimmers under the age of 18 who do not wish to have photographs of their athletes taken are required to contact the Meet Director prior to the beginning of the competition. Photographers must gain **consent from the Meet Director prior to the start of the meet**.

TSC Rules: As guests of The University of Texas, all must adhere to the Texas Swim Center (TSC) rules. Coaches must supervise their swimmers. Chewing gum, glass containers, helium balloons and shoes with wheels are not permitted in the building. Locks may not be left on lockers overnight. Wet swimmers cannot leave pool deck. Children must be supervised at all times.

Spectators and athletes may not bring food nor drink into the Texas Swim Center from outside sources. Teams ARE permitted to bring two (2) coolers on to the deck.

SOUTH TEXAS SWIMMING, Inc.

Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures

A. WARM-UP PROCEDURES

I. Assigned warm-up Procedures.

- a. Warm-up lanes and times will be assigned to competing teams based on number of entrants.
- b. All warm-up activities will be coordinated by the coach(es) supervising that lane
- c. Dive sprints may be done only under the direct supervision of the coach

II. Open warm-up procedures.

LANE USE

POOL	PUSH/PACE	DIVES/SPRINTS	GENERAL WARMUP
8 Lanes	1 and 8	2 and 7	3 through 6
6 Lanes	1 and 6	2 and 5	3 and 4

- a. The first ½ of the assigned warm-up time shall be general warm-up for all lanes.
- b. Push/Pace Lanes will push off one or two lengths from starting end.
- c. Sprint lanes are for diving from blocks or for backstroke starts in specified lanes at designated times - one way only!
- d. Dive sprints may only be done under the direct supervision of the coach.
- e. There will be no diving in the general warm-up lanes - circle swimming only.
- f. No kick boards, pull buoys, or hand paddles may be used.

III. Safety Guidelines

a. Coaches are responsible for the following:

1. Instructing swimmers regarding safety guidelines and warm-up procedures as they apply to conduct at meets and practices
2. Actively supervising their swimmers throughout the warm-up sessions, at meets, and all practices.
3. Maintaining as much contact with their swimmers AS POSSIBLE, both verbal and visual, throughout the warm-up period.

b. The host team will be responsible for the following.

1. A minimum of four (4) marshals who report to and receive instructions from the Meet Referee and/or Director shall be on deck during the entire warm-up session(s).
2. Marshals must be members of United States Swimming.
3. Marshals will have authority to remove from the deck for the remainder of a warm-up session, any swimmer or coach found to be in violation of these Procedures.
4. The host team shall provide signs for each lane at both ends of the pool, indicating their designated use during warm-ups.
5. Warm-up times and lane assignments will be published in the meet information and posted at several locations around the pool area and the following statement will appear in the meet information: "South Texas Swimming Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures will be in effect at this meet."
6. An announcer will be on duty for the entire warm-up session to announce lane and/or time changes and to assist with the conduct of the warm-up.
7. Hazards in locker rooms, on deck, or areas used by coaches, swimmers, or officials will be either removed or clearly marked.

B. MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- I. Backstrokers will ensure that they are not starting at the same time as a swimmer on the blocks. Swimmers shall not step up on the blocks if there is a backstroke waiting to start.
- II. Swimmers shall not jump or dive into the pool to stop another swimmer on a recalled start.
- III. Swimmers are required to exit the pool on completion of their warm-up to allow other swimmers adequate warm-up time. The pool is not for visiting or playing during the warm-up session.
- IV. Warm-up procedures will be enforced for any breaks scheduled during the competition.
- VI. No hand paddles, fins, or kickboards may be used at any time during general, specific, or between warm-ups unless approved by the Referee.

NOTE: Host Clubs, with the consent of the Meet Referee, may modify the time schedule or recommended lane assignments depending on pool configuration, number of swimmers, or other considerations; so long as safety considerations are not compromised. Any such changes will be announced and/or prominently posted in the pool area.