

# South Texas Age Group (STAGS) Championship—Short Course Meet Information

11/13/2014

- Meet:** 2015 South Texas Age Group (STAGS) Championship—Short Course  
San Antonio Wave  
Held under the sanction of USA Swimming.
- Dates:** Friday through Sunday, February 13-15, 2015
- Sanction Number:** STA-15-05
- Venue:** Palo Alto College Natatorium  
1400 W. Villaret Blvd  
San Antonio, TX 78224  
210-486-3000
- Eligibility:** This meet is open to all swimmers who are currently registered with South Texas Swimming and have achieved the qualifying time standards (2013 –2016 USA Swimming National Motivational A or faster times; see pages 9-14) through age 18.
- Facility:** All deep two, 8 lane, 25-yard competition pools with a separate warm-up/cool-down pool. A Daktronics timing system and a Hy-tek Meet Manager Software will be utilized. Seating is available for over 1000. Dressing and locker rooms are available on-site. The Natatorium is on Palo Alto College property. No tobacco or alcohol is allowed including the parking lot. A Concession Stand will be provided.
- The minimum water depth, measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3, is 7 feet at the start end and the turn end is 9 feet measured for a distance of 1.0 meter to 5.0 meters from both end walls.
- The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). )
- Food Drive:** The Athletes Committee of South Texas Swimming will be conducting a food drive in conjunction with the San Antonio Food Bank. Swimmers and their families are asked to make a donation to the San Antonio Food bank. The twelve most wanted items are as follows: peanut butter, cereal, tuna, beans, rice, mac and cheese, chili, canned stews, canned soups, canned luncheon meats, full meals (can or box), and pop top food items. Items requiring refrigeration cannot be accepted. Cash donations will also be accepted.
- Liability:** In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc., South Texas Swimming, Inc. (STSI), The San Antonio Wave, and Palo Alto College, and all meet officials shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.
- Sanction:**
- This meet is sanctioned by South Texas Swimming and the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and any relevant portions of the STSI Policies & Procedures will apply. Conduct of the sanctioned event shall conform in every respect to all technical and administrative rules of USA Swimming.
  - All swimmers must be registered for 2015 with USA Swimming by the first or second entry deadline
    - Athletes who fail to meet this requirement will not be allowed to compete
- Format:**
- Championship Format: preliminaries and finals
  - Prelim events will be contested in two pools: one for girls and one for boys
  - A and B finals for all individual events, unless otherwise noted.
  - Preliminary events will be seeded by time and gender according to the Order of Events on pages 7 and 8, except as noted.
  - Age groups of identical events may be combined in the preliminary sessions at the discretion of the Meet Referee.
  - All preliminary events will be swum fastest to slowest, except as noted. The three fastest heats of each preliminary event, except for timed finals events, will be championship seeded.
  - All finals events will be contested in the specified age groups in the finals sessions.
  - The 1650 Free, 400 IM, and 500 Free events will be seeded on deck. Check-in for these events is required by 0930 on the morning of the event.
  - The 1650 Free and 10 & Under 500 Free events will be contested as timed finals only, age combined, alternating female and male heats, and will swim fastest to slowest.

- For the 10 & Under 500 Free and the 1650 Free, swimmers must indicate whether they want to swim in prelims or finals. The fastest 8 swimmers in each event who elected to do so at check-in will swim in finals. The meet host will notify the fastest 8 swimmers that they will be swimming in finals after the positive check-in deadline.
- Swimmers must provide their own backup timers for the 500 Free, 1650 Free, and 400 IM events, and provide their own lap counters for the 500 and 1650 Free events.
- All relay events will be timed finals and will swim in the preliminary sessions only.
- There will be a 10-minute break after the relay events.
- Meet Management reserves the right to alter meet operations based on the number of participants.

**USA Swimming Registration:** All swimmers, coaches, and officials participating in this competition must be currently (2015) registered with USA Swimming. No swimmer will be permitted to compete unless the swimmer is a member as provided in Article 302. All should also be prepared to present their USA Swimming ID Card (or a coach may present the club's official, watermarked roster from the USA Swimming club portal) as proof of their registration to the Meet Director or designee at any time. Swimmers who **1)** late enter when possible; **2)** need to be late-entered because of clerical errors by the entering team or the meet host; or **3)** are not entered in this meet and choose to enter time trials, if offered, will be required to present their USA Swimming ID card (or a coach may present the club's official, watermarked roster from the USA Swimming club portal). Current national and LSC regulations do not allow for exceptions to these policies. South Texas Swimming does not allow on-deck USA Swimming registrations.

**Unaccompanied Swimmers:** Any swimmer entered in the meet 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. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

**Qualifying Times:**

- The qualifying time standards for all individual events are the traditional dual-age group 2013 – 2016 USA Swimming National Motivational A times or faster. The qualifying time standard for the 15-18 events will be the 15-16 standard for each gender.
- Qualifying times must be achieved prior to the first or second entry deadline.
- There are no qualifying times for relay events.
- If entering with a non-conforming time (SCM or LCM), the swimmer *must* enter with the time achieved in the non-conforming course. Converted entry times will not be accepted.
- Seeding for preliminary heats shall be in the following order: yards, long course meters, short course meters (YLS).

**Age up Date:** The age of the swimmer will be his/her age on February 13, 2015.

**Entry Restrictions:** •An individual swimmer may enter a maximum of three (3) individual and one (1) relay event per day.

**Time Trials:**

- Time trials will be conducted on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the discretion of the meet management (time permitted). Time Trials will start no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the last event. The time trial deadline will be posted at the clerk of course.
- Swimmers must be registered with South Texas Swimming to participate in time trials.
- Time trial entrants who are not already entered in the meet must present their current USA Swimming registration card (or a coach may present the club's official, watermarked roster from the USA Swimming club portal) to enter into events. Swimmers may enter up to three time trial events per day if they are not already entered into the meet. The meet host will schedule time trials in the most efficient way possible without consideration of how many time trial events a single swimmer enters.
- Participation in a time trial event counts as one of the daily total events allowed for swimmers already entered in the meet.
- A qualifying time earned during time trials will NOT qualify a swimmer to swim that event at this meet.
- Time trial event results will be published with the final meet results.
- Time trial entry fees: Individual events \$15.00; Relay events \$20.00

**Entry Deadline:** •Friday January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 11:59PM, you may enter events using our website [www.nitroswimming.com](http://www.nitroswimming.com)

**Entry Fees:** •\$11.00 per individual event. There will be no refunds for any reason including but not limited to injury and/or illness

- Deck (late) Entries:**
- Deck entries will be accepted at \$20.00 per individual event and \$40.00 per relay event.
  - Swimmers may deck enter for the current session beginning at the start of warm-ups.
  - Deck entries will close 45 minutes prior to the start of each session.
  - Swimmers may deck enter for subsequent sessions after deck entries close for the current session.
  - No new heats will be created.
  - Swimmers *not previously entered in the meet* must present their 2015 USA Swimming registration card (or a coach may present the club's official, watermarked roster from the USA Swimming club portal) to the Clerk of Course to deck enter. *No exceptions.*
  - In addition, the swimmer must present a hard copy of the proof-of-time before a deck entry will be accepted.
- Warm-up Procedures:**
- The South Texas Swimming Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures on page 15 will be in effect at this meet.
  - A designated area of the pool will be available for warm-ups throughout the meet.
  - Warm-up times and lane assignments for each team will be posted on the STSI Web site along with the psych sheet.
  - Warm-up times and lane assignments for each team will be posted in the Natatorium, on the San Antonio WAVE website at [www.sawave.org](http://www.sawave.org) and the South Texas Swimming website at [www.stswim.org](http://www.stswim.org), and e-mailed to the coaches no later than 6:00 PM Wednesday February 11, 2015.
  - Warm-ups MUST be under the direct supervision of a coach at all times.
- Scratch Rules:**
- There is no penalty for failing to scratch from a *pre-seeded* preliminary event.
  - The top 16 qualifiers in each preliminary event will be announced and posted shortly after the final heat.
  - ALL* qualifiers have 30 minutes in which to scratch if they do not desire to compete in the finals. As top qualifiers scratch, other swimmers become eligible for finals. So if a swimmer does NOT want to swim in finals, they must scratch their name on the list with the Administrative Official no matter how far down the list their name appears. The athletes swimming in finals will be posted as soon as possible after the 30 minute scratch period.
  - Swimmers who qualify for finals and elect NOT to compete in finals must scratch or declare INTENT to scratch with the Administrative Official within 30 minutes of the announcement.**
  - Swimmers who declare an intent to scratch will then have 15 minutes after the completion of their last individual event of the session to confirm the scratch.
  - Following the 15 minute deadline, if scratch confirmation is not received it will be assumed the swimmer *will compete* in the finals event.
  - Any swimmer who qualifies for a final and does not scratch and then fails to compete in the finals heat will be disqualified from further participation in the meet.
  - Does not apply to alternates
  - Illness and injury may be excused by the Meet Referee
  - In the event the no show is during finals on Sunday, the swimmer will also be fined \$100.
  - A swimmer who fails to compete in a finals event on Sunday will also be barred from competition in subsequent South Texas Swimming sanctioned meets until any such fines are paid to South Texas Swimming.
  - Swimmers who fail to compete in the 1650 freestyle, 500 freestyle, or the 400 IM after positive check-in will be fined \$100 (payable to South Texas Swimming) and banned from further participation in the meet.
  - Illness and injury may be excused by the Meet Referee
  - Scratches may be accomplished ONLY by the swimmer's coach.
- Cell phone Restrictions:**
- The presence or use of cell phones, smart phones, or any other devices capable of producing audio recordings and/or photographic or video images in locker rooms, restrooms, or changing areas is strictly and specifically prohibited at all times. There are no exceptions to this policy. Violators are subject to disqualification from the meet, disbarment from the facility, and arrest.
- Photographs and Videos:**
- There may be one or more photographers and/or videographers on deck at this meet. In the event such personnel are present, parents or guardians of swimmers under the age of 18 who do not wish to have photos or videos of their athletes made are required to contact the Meet Director prior to the beginning of warm-ups. Photographers and videographers are strongly encouraged to stay out of the area immediately behind the starting blocks, but if present are specifically prohibited from making shots during the start phase of any race.
- Deck Changing:**
- Changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is prohibited.

**Special Needs:**

- Please notify the meet director (contact information listed within meet information) in advance of this event with the name and age of any member on your team who needs assistance to enter the building.
- The host 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 South Texas Swimming, Inc., which 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 and/or athletes must notify the Meet Referee before the event begins if they are to be considered to be judged under Article 105.
- Adaptive swimmers who would like their events to be seeded in the lane next to the starter should notify the entry chair and meet director by the second entry deadline.

**Awards:**

Awards will be given by gender in the following age groups: 10 & Under, 11-12, 13-14, and 15-18

\*Note: The 400 IM will be awarded as follows: 12-14 and 15-18

- Individual events: first through third place: Medals
- Individual events: fourth through eighth place Ribbons
- Relay Events: first through third place Ribbons
- Team Awards: first through third place Banners
- There will be no awards presentation.
- Clubs must pick-up awards during the meet from the awards desk area.

**Scoring:**

<b>A Finals Place</b> □	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Ind. event points</b>	20	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
<b>B Finals Place</b> □	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Ind. event points</b>	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

All individual events have A & B finals, with the following exceptions.  
The 10 & Under 500 Free and the 1650 Free are timed finals only.

<b>Relay Place</b> □	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Relay points</b>	40	34	32	30	28	26	24	22
<b>Relay Place</b> □	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Relay points</b>	18	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

All relay events will swim in the prelims sessions only and will be conducted as timed finals. Only two relay teams per event per club will score.

**Officials:**

All currently certified and in training USA Swimming officials are cordially invited to participate. All deck officials must be registered with USA Swimming and their local LSC for 2015 and have a current Background Check and Athlete Protection Course acknowledged by USA Swimming. Please email the Meet Referee with your certification level and availability so he can plan accordingly. The uniform will be white polo shirts over khaki pants, skirts, or shorts for prelims and navy blue shirts/blouses over khaki pants or skirts for finals. Please report to the Meet Referee at least one hour prior to the scheduled start time of the session for the officials' briefing and to receive your assignments. The wearing of name tags is strongly encouraged.

**Officials 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 February 2, 2015. Applications for evaluation can be obtained from the South Texas Swimming website from official's page. The USA Swimming evaluator is Amy Hoppenrath. Officials may apply to be evaluated for the following: stroke and turn (N2, N3), Chief Judge (N2, N3i, N3f), Starter (N2 and N3i), Deck Ref (N2 and N3i) and Administrative Referee (N2 and N3i).

**Daily Schedule:**

**Preliminaries:**  
 Warm-ups begin 7:00 AM  
 Clear competition pool 8:50 AM  
 Coaches' meeting (Fri. only) 8:50 AM  
 Sessions begin 9:00 AM

**Finals\* (Friday and Saturday):**

Warm-ups begin 4:00 PM  
 Clear competition pool 4:45 PM  
 National Anthem 4:57 PM  
 Sessions begin 5:00 PM

**\*Finals on Sunday only will start one hour earlier**

- Check-in times for distance events (400 IM, 500 Free, and 1650 Free) is by 0930 AM on the morning of the event.

- If additional coaches meetings are required, the meet host and meet referee will announce the meeting times.

**Alternates:**

- Swimmers who qualify as alternates for final events and wish to compete should no shows occur, must be within an area previously designated by the Meet Referee and be immediately available.

- Immediately is defined as being properly attired, behind the blocks, and ready to swim within 30 seconds of being called.

**Timers:**

- Each participating team is required to provide back-up timers in proportion to the number of swimmers entered in the meet.

- Swimmers competing in the 500 and 1650 freestyle and 400 individual medley events must provide their own back-up timers. Swimmers competing in the 500 and 1650 freestyle events also must provide their own lap counters.

## 2015 STSI Short Course STAGS Championship Order of Events

Women's Event #	Friday February 13, 2015	Men's Event #
1	11-12 50 Back	2
3	10 & Under 50 Back	4
5	15-18 200 Fly	6
7	13-14 200 Fly	8
9	11-12 200 Fly	10
11	10 & Under 100 Breast	12
13	15-18 100 Breast	14
15	13-14 100 Breast	16
17	11-12 100 Breast	18
19	10 & Under 200 Free	20
21	15-18 200 Free	22
23	13-14 200 Free	24
25	11-12 200 Free	26
27	15-18 200 Free Relay	28
29	13-14 200 Free Relay	30
31	11-12 400 Free Relay	32
33	10 & Under 400 Free Relay	34
<b>10-minute break</b>		
35	15-18 400 IM	36
37	12-14 400 IM *	38

- There will be a 10-minute break after the relay events.
- Swimmers in the 400 IM must provide their own backup timers.
- All relay events are timed final events only and will swim in prelims.
- Check-in time for the distance events (1650 Free, 400 IM, and 500 Free) is by 0930 on the morning of the event.

\* The qualifying time standard for the 12-14 400 IM is 13-14 time standard for each gender.

Note: The time standard for 15-18 events is the 15-16 time standard for each gender.

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Women's Event #	Saturday February 14, 2015	Men's Event #	Women's Event #	Sunday February 15, 2015	Men's Event #
39	11-12 100 Back	40	85	11-12 50 Breast	86
41	10 & Under 100 Back	42	87	10 & Under 50 Breast	88
43	13-14 100 Back	44	89	15-18 200 Back	90
45	15-18 100 Back	46	91	13-14 200 Back	92
47	11-12 50 Fly	48	93	11-12 200 Back	94
49	10 & Under 50 Fly	50	95	10 & Under 100 Fly	96
51	15-18 200 Breast	52	97	15-18 100 Fly	98
53	13-14 200 Breast	54	99	13-14 100 Fly	100
55	11-12 200 Breast	56	101	11-12 100 Fly	102
57	10 & Under 100 Free	58	103	10 & Under 200 IM	104
59	15-18 100 Free	60	105	15-18 200 IM	106
61	11-12 100 Free	62	107	13-14 200 IM	108
63	13-14 100 Free	64	109	11-12 200 IM	110
65	10 & Under 100 IM	66	111	10 & Under 50 Free	112
67	11-12 100 IM	68	113	15-18 50 Free	114
69	15-18 400 Free Relay	70	115	13-14 50 Free	116
71	13-14 400 Free Relay	72	117	11-12 50 Free	118
73	11-12 200 Free Relay	74	119	15-18 400 Medley Relay	120
75	10 & Under 200 Free Relay	76	121	13-14 400 Medley Relay	122
<b>10-minute break</b>			123	11-12 200 Medley Relay	124
77	15-18 500 Free	78	125	10 & Under 200 Medley Relay	126
79	13-14 500 Free	80	<b>10-minute break</b>		
81	11-12 500 Free	82	127	11-18 1650 Free **	128
83	10 & Under 500 Free **	84			

- There will be a 10-minute break after the relay events.
- Check-in time for the distance events (1650 Free, 400 IM, and 500 Free) is by 0930 on the morning of the event.
- Swimmers must provide their own backup timers for the 1650 Free, 400 IM, and 500 Free events, and provide their own lap counters for the 500 and 1650 Free events.
- All relay events are timed final events only and will swim in prelims.

\*\* The 10 & Under 500 Free (events 83 & 84) 1650 Free (events 127 & 128) will be contested as timed finals. These events require positive check-in by 0930 on the day of the event and will be deck seeded. For the 10 & Under 500 Free and the 1650 Free, the fastest heat of swimmers electing to do so when checking in will swim in finals and all other swimmers will swim in prelims.

Note: The time standard for 15-18 events is the 15-16 time standard for each gender.