



2021 ShAC 14 & UNDER MEET
Hosted by ShAC
A Short Course Yards – Timed Final Meet
October 30-31, 2021
Sanction # **GU-SC-22-011**



ENTRIES DUE BY 6:00 PM, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021

Location:

Swim Houston Aquatics Center
8454 W. Airport Blvd.
Houston, TX 77071
(map attached)

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Pool:

Eight (8) lane 25-yard outdoor pool with non-turbulent lane lines will be used for warm up and competition. Three (3) 25-meter lanes will be available for warm-up and warm-down.

Special Instructions:

Please Note: This facility does not open for swimmers/spectators until 12:00pm on Saturday. This is an outdoor meet. Spectator set up will be allowed at Shac's outdoor facility in designated areas. Swimmers may bring chairs for outdoor set up around pool deck adhering to the COVID-19 safety protocols (see attached). All spectators/volunteers/swimmers must adhere to the COVID-19 safety protocols (see attached). In the case of inclement weather, the meet will be suspended.

Format:

This is a four (4) session, two (2) day timed final meet. All events will be swum fastest to slowest.

Time and Date:

Session 1 – Saturday, October 30 th : (Ages 10 & Under)	Warm Up Starts at 12:00 PM Meet Starts at 1:00 PM
Session 2 – Saturday, October 30 th : (Ages 11-14)	Warm Up Starts 15 minutes after end of session 1 Meet Starts 1 hour after start of session 2 warm up
Session 3 – Sunday, October 31 st : (Ages 10 & Under)	Warm Up Starts at 7:30 AM Meet Starts at 8:30am

Session 4 – Sunday, October 31st:
(Ages 11-14)

Warm Up Starts 15 minutes
after end of session 3
Meet Starts 1 hour after start
of session 4 warm up

Warm-Up Procedures and Safety Guidelines: (see attachment)
USA/GULF SWIMMING/SHAC DISCLAIMER:

- An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable.
- USA Swimming, Inc., Gulf Swimming, and ShAC cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.
- BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING AND (GULF SWIMMING) EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSESS, OR ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORSEEN OR UNDFORSEEN, IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION.
- Swim Houston Aquatics Center (ShAC) has taken enhanced health and safety measures for the participants, coaches, and volunteers. You must follow all posted instructions while on the property. An inherent risk of COVID-19 exists in any public or private place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By participating in the event at ShAC, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

COVID-19 Procedures: (these are subject to change and will be updated if needed prior to the meet)

- Participants in the meet will abide by ShAC's COVID-19 Preparedness Plans for the meet, ShAC's Return to Competition Plan, and this meet announcement.
- Specified age groups will compete in separate sessions to keep capacity of our facility as low as possible.
- Temperature screenings and face masks are not currently required at ShAC's facility.

Per the CDC, fully vaccinated (must be at least 2 weeks after receiving final recommended vaccine dosage) people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing. If you are not fully vaccinated, the CDC recommendation is to continue to wear a face covering and to continue physical distancing. These guidelines are subject to change and will be updated (if needed) prior to meet.

- Parents will not be allowed inside the pool deck gate (the black wrought iron fence) unless they are a part of the meet personnel, official, coach, or volunteer team. There will be a limited number of adult volunteers that will be necessary to run the meet. Parents will be able to watch the competition from behind the black wrought iron fence. **There will be no set up on the patio for spectators.** The patio area will be a come-and-go area only in order to reduce the number of people gathered but to also allow everyone to see their swimmer's race.
- Spectators will be allowed to set up in designated areas. The grassy area inside the black wrought iron fence will be off limits to spectators. **Swimmers may bring chairs and set up inside the black fenced area.**
- Two watches per lane will be used as a back-up. Teams will be required to furnish timers, and those timing assignments will be published in the heat sheet
- Locker rooms will be available for changing; however, physical distancing is still recommended.
- **Outside locker room/bathroom is for athletes only.** No congregating allowed in the bathrooms/locker rooms.
- The water fountain will not be available during the competition. Swimmers will need to bring their own water bottle filled with them to the meet. *Drinks and Individual Packaged food will be available for purchase at the 2021 ShAC 14 & Under Meet.*
- ShAC will abide by the USA Swimming Code of Conduct, the SafeSport Code for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movements, as well as the MAAP policy at all times.

Meet Type:

This meet will be run utilizing the "Flyover Starts" procedures unless a waiver is received from the Technical Planning Committee Chair. At the conclusion of each heat, the swimmers shall remain in the water until after the next heat is started. Coaches, please remind your swimmers of the "Flyover Start" procedures.

Seeding:

The meet will be pre-seeded with the exception of the 500 Free which will be deck seeded. Heat sheets will be sent out before the meet. Coaches please inform your swimmers of pre-seeded and deck-seeded rules. All events will be seeded with heats in the order of fastest to slowest.

Positive Check-In for the 500 Free:

All swimmers must circle-in for the 500 Free. Circle-In sheets will be made available prior to the start of warm-up for session 4 and will be due 30 minutes before meet start. After the events are officially closed, no one may check-in or scratch. **Swimmers in the 500 FREE must provide their own timers and lap counter.**

On-Deck Entries:

No on-deck entries allowed at this meet.

Entry Information:

Entry Times: Swimmers must enter at their best time. Entry times must be submitted in the course at which the best time was achieved: short course yards (Y), short course

meters (S), or long course meters (L). Do not convert meter (yard) times to yard (meter) times. If entries are made by paper (not using HyTek), swimmers should indicate on their entry the course at which the entry time was made (i.e., Y, S, or L). If swimmers have never competed in a USA Swimming meet before, put NT where a seed time is requested. Times must be from USA Swimming meets.

Cut-off Times: 13-14: must have 2 or less "BB" Times

Qualifying Times: 13-14: must have 2 or less "BB" Times;
12 & Under: no qualifying times

Age: As of October 30, 2021

Number of Events:

Swimmers may compete in up to three (4) individual events per day.

Entries must be sent electronically via e-mail, using the HyTek Meet Manager/ Team Manager computer software.

Deadline:

Entries must be received by Meet Entry Chair no later than 6:00 PM **Friday, October 22, 2021**. No late entries will be accepted.

Eligible Teams:

Open to swimmers in good standing affiliated with Swim Houston Aquatics Center (ShAC) or selected teams as determined by ShAC. Only swimmers attached to these registered Gulf Swimming teams or swimmers in the documented process of transferring to these Gulf Swimming teams may participate in this invitational meet.

Fees:

\$6.00 per individual event and \$6.00 per swimmer surcharge (includes access to Meet Mobile Heat Sheets).

Awards:

Ribbons will be awarded for the top 8 places in each age category (8 & under, 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14)

Scoring:

Individual Events: 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

All events will be swum combined, but scored separately for 13-14, 11-12, 9-10, and 8 & Under.

Rules and Sanction:

The current USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming rules will apply. The meet will be held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming. "It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event." No entries can be accepted unless the entrant is a registered member of USA Swimming as provided in Article 302. On-deck USA Swimming membership registration will not be permitted.

In applying for this sanctioned event, the host, Swim Houston Aquatics Center agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Gulf Swimming, the State of Texas, and Harris County Public Health Department.

Proof of Time:

Any swimmer who cannot prove that he/she was eligible to swim an event will be ineligible to participate in this meet.

Pool Measurement:

The competition course has not been certified in accordance with USA Swimming Rule 104.2.2(C). The pool will be measured before the competition begins to ensure that the course length is correct. The water depth of the competition course is 6 feet 6 inches.

Timing System:

A Colorado Model 6000 electronic timing system will be used. Two watches per lane will be used as a back-up. Teams will be required to furnish timers, and those timing assignments will be published in the heat sheet.

Pool Deck Restriction:

The gates to the pool deck will be closed to spectators. There will be limited adult volunteers that will be necessary to run the competition. Parents will be able to view the competition from behind the pool deck fence. Because of USA Swimming Insurance Safety Regulations, the swimming pool deck, during the operation of all Gulf Swimming sanctioned meets, is closed to all persons except swimmers, coaches, marshals, officials, meet personnel, and timers. All registered non-athletes are required to display their current USA Swimming registration card. If you are asked to leave the deck by any registered personnel, please do so. It is for your safety.

Safe Sport ensures that a parent has access to/or the opportunity to observe their child(ren). Athletes and their families will be able to view the meet from behind the black wrought iron fence that surrounds the pool. The patio area at ShAC will also be available for viewing races.

Deck Changing Prohibition:

Deck changes are prohibited. No changing will be allowed in the locker rooms/bathrooms. Locker rooms will be restroom use only. A changing area will be open in the main building (every other stall only – max of 4 at a time; will be monitored to ensure capacity)

Audio/Video Recording Devices:

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, is not permitted in the area behind the starting blocks, in changing areas, rest rooms, showers or locker rooms.

Drones:

Violators may be reported to law enforcement or other government authorities and/or may be barred from the facility during the sanctioned event. Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, Athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, Coaches, officials and/or spectators are present. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Vice President of Program Operations. PROOF OF TIME: Any swimmer that cannot prove that he/she was eligible to swim an event will be fined \$20.00 for each

event he/she fails to prove. The fine or proof of time is sent to the Administrative Vice-Chair, Paige Sikkema.

MAAP Policy:

All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAP), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

Unaccompanied Swimmers:

Any swimmers 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.

Swimmers with Disabilities:

Coaches and/or swimmers are responsible for notifying the Meet Referee of any disability prior to the competition and for providing their own assistant or equipment. However, Coaches/Swimmers may contact the Meet Director at least two weeks in advance of the meet to reserve Gulf Swimming equipment (remote strobe).

Concessions: There will be limited concessions at this meet. Drinks and individually packaged food items will be available for purchase.

Hospitality: A hospitality area will be provided.

Results: Meet results will be posted on the Gulf Swimming website (www.gulfswimming.org) within three (3) days after the conclusion of the meet

Attachments: Map
Gulf Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures

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Entry Rules

Type of Meet	Timed Finals
Max Number of Individual Events per day	4
Eligible Teams	ShAC & Invited Gulf Teams Only
Qualifying Times	13-14: must have 2 or less "BB" times 12 & Under: no qualifying times
Cut Off Times	13-14: must have 2 or less "BB" times - see attached for "BB" times list
3 – Event Rule	No
Up/Down Rule	No
Fees:	\$6.00 per event \$6.00 per swimmer surcharge (includes access to Meet Mobile Heat Sheets)

**SATURDAY, OCT. 30, 2021
SESSION 1 (10 & Under)**

Girls Event #	Event Description	Course	Boys Event #
1	10&U 50 BREAST	SHORT COURSE	2
3	10&U 200 FREE	SHORT COURSE	4
5	10&U 100 FLY	SHORT COURSE	6
7	10&U 50 FREE	SHORT COURSE	8
9	10&U 100 BACK	SHORT COURSE	10
11	10&U 100 IM	SHORT COURSE	12

**SATURDAY, OCT. 30, 2021
SESSION 2 (11-14)**

Girls Event #	Event Description	Course	Boys Event #
13	11-14 50 BREAST	SHORT COURSE	14
15	11-14 100 BACK	SHORT COURSE	16
17	11-14 200 FREE	SHORT COURSE	18
19	11-14 100 FLY	SHORT COURSE	20
21	11-14 200 BREAST	SHORT COURSE	22
23	11-14 50 FREE	SHORT COURSE	24
25	11-14 200 FLY	SHORT COURSE	26
27	11-14 100 IM	SHORT COURSE	28

**SUNDAY, OCT. 31, 2021
SESSION 3 (10 & Under)**

Girls Event #	Event Description	Course	Boys Event #
29	10&U 50 BACK	SHORT COURSE	30
31	10&U 200 IM	SHORT COURSE	32
33	10&U 100 BREAST	SHORT COURSE	34
35	10&U 100 FREE	SHORT COURSE	36
37	10&U 50 FLY	SHORT COURSE	38

**SUNDAY, OCT. 31, 2021
SESSION 4 (11-14)**

Girls Event #	Event Description	Course	Boys Event #
39	11-14 50 BACK	SHORT COURSE	40
41	11-14 100 FREE	SHORT COURSE	42
43	11-14 200 IM	SHORT COURSE	44
45	11-14 100 BREAST	SHORT COURSE	46
47	11-14 200 BACK	SHORT COURSE	48
49	11-14 50 FLY	SHORT COURSE	50
51	11-14 500 FREE	SHORT COURSE	52

*500 Free will be swum alternating girls and boys heats and swimmer must provide their own timers and lap counter.

GULF SAFETY GUIDELINES AND WARM-UP PROCEDURES

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.
5. Registered coaches of unattached swimmers and registered coaches of non-Gulf teams should notify the meet host by the entry deadline if they will be at the meet, so that they may be assigned to a warm-up lane.

C. Safety Marshals

1. Appointed Safety Marshals are members of USA Swimming and have the authority to remove from the deck for the remainder of the warm-up session, any swimmer or coach who is in violation of safety guidelines or warm-up procedures. **THE MEET REFEREE MAY EXERCISE ADDITIONAL ADJUDICATION AUTHORITY AS NECESSARY.**

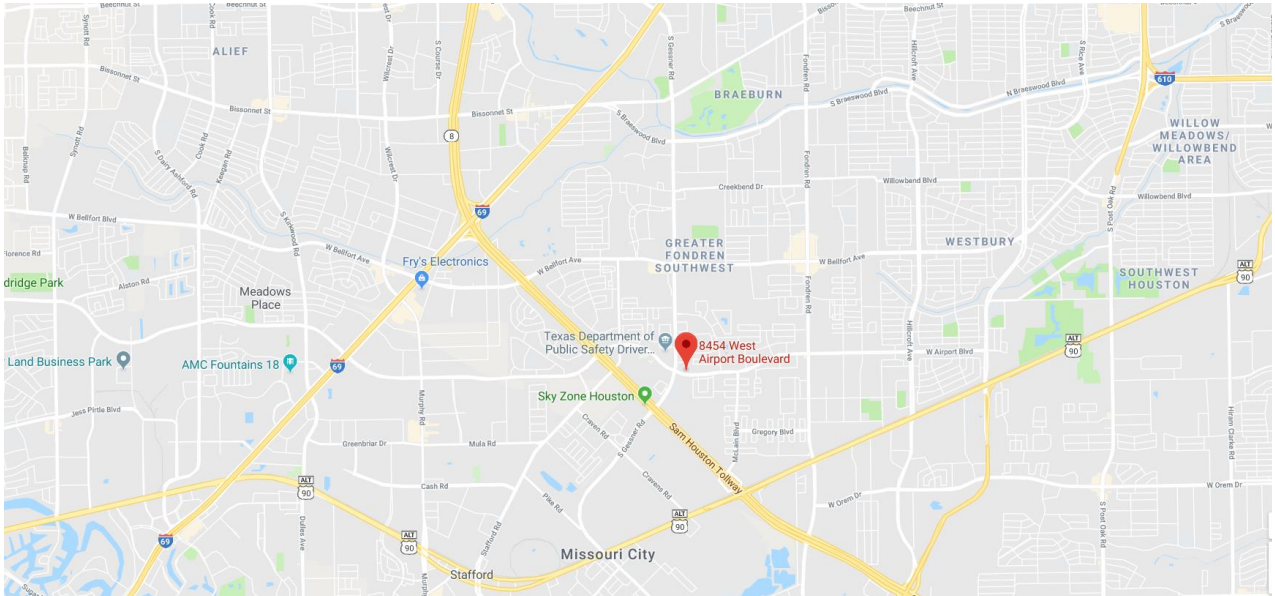
D. Miscellaneous

1. Swimmers should be reminded by coaches that breaststrokes need more lead time than freestyle or butterfly swimmers.
2. Backstrokers shall ensure that they are not starting at the same time as a swimmer on the blocks. Swimmers shall not step up on the starting blocks, when a backstroker is waiting to start.
3. Swimmers shall not jump or dive into the pool to stop another swimmer on a recalled start.
4. Swimmers are required to exit the pool upon completion of their warm-up to allow other swimmers adequate warm-up time. The pool is not for visiting or playing during warm-up periods.
5. Warm-up procedures shall be enforced for any breaks, scheduled or otherwise, during the competition.

E. Pool Rules

1. Smoking or use of other tobacco products is not allowed on the grounds of USA Swimming meets.
2. Glass containers are prohibited.
3. Swimmers, coaches, and spectators are expected to observe all rules and regulations included in the announcement.

8454 W. Airport Boulevard, Houston, Texas



USA Swimming 2021-2024 National Age Group Motivational Times

These are the "BB" Time Standards for 13-14 Girls & 13-14 Boys

13-14 Girls	13-14 Girls	Event	13-14 Boys	13-14 Boys
Course - SCY	Course - LCM		Course - SCY	Course - LCM
30.19	34.49	50 Free	27.79	31.99
1:05.49	1:14.79	100 Free	1:00.89	1:09.89
2:21.29	2:41.79	200 Free	2:12.79	2:32.29
6:18.69	5:40.59	400/500 Free	5:58.99	5:24.09
13:01.79	11:41.99	800/1000 Free	12:23.89	11:13.99
21:43.19	22:23.09	1500/1650 Free	20:43.19	21:27.39
1:11.19	1:23.59	100 Back	1:06.39	1:17.89
2:34.89	2:58.69	200 Back	2:25.09	2:49.09
1:21.69	1:34.79	100 Breast	1:15.49	1:28.09
2:57.29	3:23.99	200 Breast	2:43.99	3:10.79
1:10.89	1:20.39	100 Fly	1:06.09	1:15.49
2:36.89	2:59.19	200 Fly	2:26.89	2:47.99
2:37.59	3:01.79	200 IM	2:28.49	2:51.39
5:37.59	6:25.89	400 IM	5:17.09	6:04.69