



Event: **SWAToberfest** **October 30-31, 2021**

Host: SWAT Swim Club

Sanction: Held under the sanction of USA Swimming, Inc. and Border Swimming, Inc.
Sanction #BD 21-11

Purpose: The purpose of SWAToberfest is to provide swimmers an opportunity early in the season to obtain official swim times in shorter distances in the age group morning and afternoon sessions while getting longer swim opportunities in the midday open sessions. All current USA Swimming rules will be enforced.

Disclaimer: In granting this sanction, it is understood and agreed by all parties that USA Swimming, Border Swimming, SWAT Swim Club, and the City of El Paso shall be free and held harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this event.

Heat Sheets: Heat sheets will be published at no cost on the Meet Mobile app. Heat sheets will be provided to coaches and will be posted throughout the venue for use by swimmers and spectators. Entry Fees include a \$2.00 Heat Sheet Fee as part of the Swimmer Surcharge to make digital versions of all session's heat sheets available to everyone at no additional cost.

Location: [City of El Paso Westside Natatorium](#)
(915) 212-0458
650 Wallenberg Drive
El Paso, TX 79912

Directions: Directions to the Natatorium using I-10 West:
Take I-10 West to the Sunland Park Drive Exit 13. Exit I-10, follow the frontage road and merge right before the traffic signal onto Sunland Park Drive. Stay in the right hand lane. Just before the second signal, turn right and merge onto S. Mesa Hills Drive. Continue along S. Mesa Hills Drive to the second signal. At the traffic signal, turn right onto Wallenberg Drive. Take the first driveway to the right to enter the natatorium parking lot.

Directions to the Natatorium using I-10 East:
Take I-10 East to the Sunland Park Drive Exit 13. Exit I-10, onto the frontage road and turn left at the traffic signal onto Sunland Park Drive. After passing through the next

intersection, merge onto the right hand lane. Continue to just before the second signal, turn right and merge onto S. Mesa Hills Drive. Continue along S. Mesa Hills Drive to the second signal. At the traffic signal, turn right onto Wallenberg Drive. Take the first driveway to the right to enter the natatorium parking lot.

Facility: City of El Paso Westside Natatorium includes an indoor 50 meter by 25-yard competition pool, 3,907 feet altitude, with movable bulkhead, configured for eight, twenty-five yard (25yd) racing lanes with non-turbulent lane lines and turn flags in place. Racing lanes include sloped starting blocks with adjustable track start footrests, and lane speakers under each block. Ten additional twenty-five yard (25yd) lanes will be available for warm up/cool down during warmups and the meet in the non-racing portion of the pool. Separate changing rooms with showers and lavatories for men and women.

Natatorium has upstairs grandstand seating for spectators. City of El Paso charges a spectator fee of \$3/adult and \$2/children. No reserved seating is allowed. Bleachers for swimmers and tables, chairs and open areas for coaches are available on the deck of the pool. Parents and spectators are not allowed on the pool deck, unless they are assisting with backup timing or lap counting. Athletes should remain on deck with their team, as no wet athletes are allowed in the grandstands. Swimmers going up to the spectator areas must dry off and cover up before leaving the pool deck or changing rooms. Food and drinks, other than water, are not allowed on the pool deck. Spectators are allowed one small cooler in the grandstands that can be placed directly under their seating area. Teams are allowed two ice chests on deck for bottled water provided they do not contain glass items. The complete City of El Paso Westside Natatorium Rules and Regulations are attached at the end of this invitation.

Electronic timing equipment (Colorado Timing and Hy-Tek Meet Manager software) with full color LED video display scoreboard will be used with touchpads at the finish end of the pool and Dolphin backup watches. The minimum water depth, measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3, is 9 feet at the start end and turn end measured for a distance of 1.0 meter to 5.0 meters from each end wall. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USASwimming.

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Sessions: The meet directors reserve the right to re-arrange or combine sessions based on the number of swimmers entered, and may cap the number of entries based on the following considerations: order received; age group of swimmers; and number of events entered. Meet Directors will consult with affected coaches if changes are required.

Eligibility: All swimmers must be USA Swimming registered athletes for 2021-2022. There will be no on deck registration. No swimmer will be permitted to compete unless the swimmer is a member as provided in Article 302. Flex Membership Registered Swimmers are eligible to enter as long as they have not already participated in two (2) USA Swimming sanctioned meets this membership year. This sanctioned meet will count towards that limit. Disabled swimmers are welcome. The swimmer or coach should contact the Meet Referee if any special considerations are needed.

- Entries:** Athletes will compete in **SWAToberfest** based on their age on October 30, 2021.
- Entry Fees:** Entry fee is \$12.50 surcharge per swimmer per meet plus \$6 per event. Relays are \$8 and must be pre-registered. The entry fee includes a \$1 fee for Border Scholarships.
- Deck Entries:** Deck entries will be accepted on a lane available basis until 30 minutes prior to the start of each session. Extra heats will not be created. Late entries will be \$9.00 per event plus the \$12.50 per swimmer surcharge if not already entered in the meet. All swimmers who deck enter will be required to show proof of current USA Swimming registration.
- Time Standard:** No time standards are in effect for this meet.
- Entry Limits:** Max events 5 (4 Individual plus 1 Relay) Per Day (5 in AM/PM, or 4 in AM/PM, 1 in Midday, or 3 in AM/PM, 2 in Midday).
- Open Events are limited to swimmers 9 and older for the 500 Free and 11 and older for the 200 Fly, 200 Breast and 400 IM per USA Swimming age group meet recognized events. 200 Free and 200 Back will be available for all ages.
- Rules:** 2021 USA Swimming and Border Swimming rules and regulations will govern the meet. The USA whistle start and no recall procedure will be used throughout the meet. Coaches and officials will be required to display their 2021 registration cards.
- The Meet Director has the authority to modify this invite as needed. 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 without the use of the backstroke ledge. 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.
- All participants, athletes and non-athletes, must adhere to the USA Swimming Code of Conduct as described in Article 304 of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.
- The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms, locker rooms, and immediately behind the starting blocks, at either end of the racing course (s) while they are in use for "race starting purposes" during competition and warmups.
- Changing into or out of swimsuits is prohibited by COVID facility use guidelines. Deck changes are prohibited under USA Swimming rules. (202.4.111).
- The pool deck will be closed to spectators. Only swimmers, coaches, officials, and meet volunteers will be allowed on the pool deck during the competition.
- Only water is permitted on deck. All other food and drink must be consumed in spectator areas or on patios.
- Operation of a drone, or any flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas, and open-ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches and officials and/or spectators are present.
- Alcoholic beverages, smoking and use of other tobacco products are prohibited in all areas of the venue.

- Safe Sport:** 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 (“MAAPP”), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.
- Entry Forms:** Team entries are to be submitted in Hy-Tek Team Manager format by email. Teams with less than five (5) swimmers may submit hard copy entries or manual entries by email. Each athlete’s USA Swimming ID number, full name, and date of birth must appear in the entry. Checks are to be made payable to SWAT. **The USA-S membership affidavit must be signed and returned with entries.** The entries will be returned if the affidavit and entry fees are not submitted.
- Seeding:** This meet is a pre-seeded, timed finals events. Most events will be seeded slowest to fastest, except individual events 400 Yards and longer will be deck-seeded fastest to slowest, alternating girls/boys heats with partial heats being combined when possible.
- Distance Events:** Swimmers must Positive check in for the 400 IM, 500 Free and 1000 Free events.
- Relays:** Each team is asked to pre-enter relays teams and will be permitted to modify order, scratch, or add additional relays on deck using relay cards provided by the host team. All relays will be deck seeded, timed final events. All relay cards are due at 8:30 am.
- Scoring:** The age of the swimmer as of October 30, 2021 will be the age group in which that swimmer will compete and score.
Age groups for **SWAToberfest** are 6 & Under, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15 & Over.

Points will be awarded for 1st – 16th place in each individual event. Points are double for relays.
- Awards:** 1st-3rd will receive medals. Ribbons for 4th-8th place per age group for each individual event and 1st-3rd place ribbons for each relay event.

10 and under sessions will award a Ducky for the winner of each heat.

Awards will be given to the top three High Point winners for each age group at the conclusion of the meet. Ties for Individual High Points will be broken using the Hy-Tek Single Age Group Point System. Awards will go to the top three teams.
- Entry Deadline:** The entry deadline for **SWAToberfest** will be 11:59 pm on October 20, 2021. Entries received after the deadline will be considered Late Entries. Late entries and changes will be accepted on a lane available basis via email through 11 pm, Wednesday, October 27, 2021.
- Email Entries:** Stephanie Otero fsxotero@gmail.com
- Swimwear:** All swimwear must comply with current FINA and USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.
- Sportsmanship:** No competitive contest can be held without competent and impartial officials. Officials must have the respect and support of coaches, athletes, and spectators. Likewise, officials must conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner toward coaches, athletes and the public. On and/or off-record criticism of officials to swimmers or the public shall be considered unethical behavior. For a coach to address uncomplimentary remarks to any official during the progress of the meet, or indulge in behavior which might incite competitors

or spectators against officials shall be considered conduct unworthy of a member of the coaching profession and will result in the removal of the offender from the facility as well as further disciplinary action. The same is true for officials.

Warm-ups: Border Swimming mandatory warm-up policies will be in effect. The policies are included below in the invitation and will be posted and enforced at the meet.

Lap Counters: Swimmers competing in the 500 and 1000 Free must make their own arrangements for lap counter operators.

Concessions: Will be available.

Hospitality: A hospitality area will be available for all coaches, officials and meet volunteers.

BORDER WARM-UP AND MEET SAFETY PROCEDURES

WARM-UPS:

1. All Coaches will serve as marshals during warm ups and will be responsible for monitoring and enforcing safety rules and regulations in assigned warm up lanes.
2. All meet warm ups shall be scheduled for two 30 minute sessions. Teams shall be assigned a warm up session and notified of such session by the host team. When the number of swimmers does not warrant splitting the session, one warm up session may be held.
3. The first twenty (20) minutes of each session shall be designed as a GENERAL WARM UP SESSION. There shall be FEET FIRST ENTRIES ONLY AND AT ALL TIMES during the general warm up session. Lanes may be used for pace, circle, or return swim only. Swimmers shall not mount the starting blocks at any time. The pace shall be carefully controlled by the coaches. Loitering and visiting in the lanes is not allowed.
4. During the last ten (10) minutes of each warm up session, you may use your assigned lane as a sprint lane.

MEET:

1. Meet officials working the meet shall serve as safety marshals.
2. Warm up and warm down lanes, if provided by the host team, will operate under the same rules and regulations and general warm-up lanes, with the exception that a maximum of 10 swimmers will be allowed in the warm-up/down lane at any one time.

GENERAL:

1. No running, fighting, or horseplay will be allowed.
2. Dangerous objects are banned, including but not limited to the following: skateboards, hard balls, rocks, marbles, guns, glass, slingshots, appliances or radios using anything other than batteries, chewing gum or candy (in the water), and any other object deemed unsafe by a coach, chaperone, or safety official.
3. No towel popping.
4. Smoking and/or use of other tobacco products and/or the consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all areas of the venue, including, but not limited to, the pool deck, locker rooms, spectator seating or standing areas, and in all areas used by swimmers.
5. No swimming perpendicular to lane lines.
6. The coach, chaperones, or safety marshal in charge must remain on the premises until all other participants have departed.

**EVENTS FOR SWAToberfest
Saturday, October 30th**

Warm up: 8:00 am

Meet Start: 9:15 am

SESSION #1 West Pool

Girls Event #	Events	Boys Event #
1	10 & Under 200 Mixed Medley Relay	2
3	10-U 100 Back	4
5	10-U 50 Breast	6
7	10-U 100 Free	8
9	10-U 100 IM	10
11	10-U 50 Fly	12

SESSION #2 West Pool

Girls Event #	Events	Boys Event #
13	Open 500 Free	14
15	Open 200 Fly	16
17	Open 200 Breast	18
19	Open 1000 Free	20

SESSION #3 West Pool

21	11-Over 200 Mixed Medley Relay	22
23	11-Over 100 Back	24
25	11-Over 50 Breast	26
27	11-Over 100 Free	28
29	11-Over 100 IM	30
31	11-Over 50 Fly	32

Sessions #2 and #3 will be followed immediately by a 30 minute break for warm up of the preceding session. Please refer to Meet Timeline

**EVENTS FOR SWAToberfest
Sunday, October 31st**

Warm up: 8:00 am

Meet Start: 9:15 am

SESSION #4 West Pool

Girls Event #	Events	Boys Event #
33	10-U 200 Free Relay	34
35	10-U 50 Back	36
37	10-U 100 Breast	38
39	10-U 50 Free	40
41	10-U 100 Fly	42

SESSION #5 West Pool

Girls Event #	Events	Boys Event #
43	Open 200 Free	44
45	Open 200 Back	46
47	Open 400 IM	48

SESSION #6 West Pool

Girls Event #	Events	Boys Event #
49	11-Over 200 Free Relay	50
51	11-Over 50 Back	52
53	11-Over 100 Fly	54
55	11-Over 100 Breast	56
57	11-Over 200 IM	58
59	11-Over 50 Free	60

Session #5 and #6 will be followed immediately by a 30 minute break for warm up of the preceding session. Please refer to Meet Timeline.