

North Texas Swimming – Registrations for Swim Meet Operations Self-Assessment

1. Ima "Suzie" Susan Wimrock was born on July 8, 1970. She is a registered swimmer in North Texas. What is the format of her USA Swimming ID ?
 - a. 070870IMASWIMR
 - b. IMASWIMR070870
 - c. 700780IMASWIM
 - d. NT03070870ISW
 - e. 070870SUZSWIMR

2. Joe Le was born on February 3, 1990. He is a registered swimmer in North Texas. What is his USA Swimming ID ?
 - a. JOELE020390
 - b. 020390JOE*LE**
 - c. NT020390JZL
 - d. 900203JOELE

3. Which one of the following statements is true ?
 - a. When a swimmer joins a USA-S team, they have 30 days to register. They can compete unregistered within that 30 days.
 - b. For a late entry form without the USA-S ID specified, clerk of course or meet computer ops may fill in the ID without confirming registration
 - c. The Meet Director may act as a deputy registrar and accept athlete registrations at the meet
 - d. A registered North Texas coach may swim in a meet relay without having to register as an athlete
 - e. Masters swimmers may participate in USA-S meets on their USMS registration

4. Which one statement is true about Unattached swimmers ?
 - a. Unattached swimmers should be entered with a team code of "U" followed by the code for the team they practice with (example: UCOPS)
 - b. Unattached swimmers can not earn awards or be eligible for individual high point honors.
 - c. Unattached swimmers cannot swim on a relay.
 - d. Swimmers wanting to change from one team to another must be unattached 120 days after they leave their old team.
 - e. Meet Computer Ops should always change the team code for swimmers to match how they are registered
 - f. None of these statements are true

5. Match each team description below with its Team and LSC code.

a. Texas Lonestar Aquatics [Austin]	1. SWAT-NT
b. The Woodlands Swim Team [The Woodlands]	2. KMSC-OK
c. City of Midland Swimmers [Midland]	3. EPAP-BD
d. Lubbock Swim Club [Lubbock]	4. FA-NT
e. El Paso Aqua Posse [El Paso]	5. TXLA-ST
f. Southwest Aquatics Club [El Paso]	6. COM-WT
g. Frisco Aquatics [Frisco]	7. TWST-GU
h. Southwest Aquatics of Texas [Duncanville]	8. LSC-WT
i. Kerr-McGee Swim Club	9. SWAT-BD

6. Which one of these statements is true about seasonal registrations ?
 - a. Seasonal registrations are only valid for part of a year
 - b. Seasonal swimmers may not compete in any meets at all
 - c. Seasonal swimmers can compete in any meet the same as a year-round swimmer
 - d. The only season is May-June-July

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7. True or False: A valid USA Swimming ID may begin with the number "2" ?
8. True or False: A swimmer may use a nickname ("preferred name") to enter a meet without specifying that name on their USA Swimming Registration.
9. True or False: A swimmer's USA Swimming registration is in effect as soon as the registration form is turned in to their team's Registrations Coordinator.
10. True or False: An athlete is registered for one year (365 days) after their registration form, ID, and payment are received by the LSC Registrar.
11. Which one of the following is not required of meet hosts to verify athlete registrations ?
 - a. Submit a meet database backup to the registrar the Tuesday before the meet (containing all on-time entries)
 - b. Collect photocopies of USA-S athlete registration cards and submit them with meet results to the LSC
 - c. Submit a meet database backup to the registrar following the meet to verify registrations.
 - d. Modify the meet database to reflect correct registration ID information per registrar instructions.
12. Which three of the following are recommended ways to check meet database registration information ?
 - a. Email a meet database backup to the registrar.
 - b. Download a ".RE1" file from North Texas Swimming and use the Exception Reports inside Meet Manager to check
 - c. Upload the meet entries disk files to the North Texas Swimming website and audit them online
 - d. Print a list of registered swimmers and hand-verify the meet database.
 - e. Have the coach sign a statement indicating that the swimmers are entered with a correct and current USA Swimming ID
13. True or False: Swimmers must be registered for the 2005 registration year in order to compete in a meet held in November, 2005.
14. True or False: A swimmer may unattach at any time without submitting a transfer request.
15. "Rocket" Redford is a USA Swimming registered coach for the Fort Worth Fliers. He has 3 fast older boys and needs a 4th swimmer for a relay. Can Rocket swim on the relay ?
16. "Rusty" Gray is a registered Masters swimmer who decides he wants a meet to prepare for his upcoming Nationals competition. He wants to enter a USA Swimming sanctioned meet in the 15 & Over events. Can he do this ?

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Answers

- 1. A.** The format for USA Swimming ID's is MMDDYYFFFMLLLL where MMDDYY is the birthdate and FFFMLLLL are the first characters of the individual's first, middle, and last names. It is always 14 characters long.
- 2. B.** When the names do not have as many characters as are called for in the USA Swimming ID, asterisks are used to "pad" the short names.
- 3. C.** Most North Texas Swimming meets allow deck registrations where a swimmer may register with USA Swimming by presenting a copy of a legal ID (birth certificate), payment, and signed completed paperwork. The Meet Director must postmark these to the North Texas Swimming Membership and Registrations Chair on the first business day following the meet.
- 4. C.** Unattached swimmers cannot swim on a relay. Doing so may cause the relay to be disqualified. They are always entered with a team code of "UN" and the LSC code (eg: "NT") in which they are registered. They cannot earn team points but are eligible for individual points and awards. There must be a 120-day period following their last competition attached to their old team before they can represent a new team, but this 120 days may begin while they are still a member of their former team if the swimmer chooses. It is tied to their last date of attached competition, not their last day of team membership. Meet computer operations must not change a swimmer's affiliation as entered just to match their registration without confirmation from the registrar, coach, or swimmer. However, meet host data entry errors must be corrected.
- 5.** The teams are associated with their correct team code and LSC code below:

a. Texas Lonestar Aquatics [Austin]	5. TXLA-ST
b. The Woodlands Swim Team [The Woodlands]	7. TWST-GU
c. City of Midland Swimmers [Midland]	6. COM-WT
d. Lubbock Swim Club [Lubbock]	8. LSC-WT
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h. Southwest Aquatics of Texas [Duncanville]	1. SWAT-NT
i. Kerr-McGee Swim Club	2. KMSC-OK
- 6. A.** Seasonal registrations are only valid for a part of the year, designated by each LSC to suit its needs. North Texas Swimming presently has one season from April through early August. Seasonal swimmers may compete in meets during their season that are below the Zones / Sectionals level. If they decide to participate beyond the season, their seasonal registration fee cannot be applied towards a year-round registration (no proration). Since the seasonal registration year expires only shortly before the next year-round registration year begins on September 1, swimmers are advised to plan ahead. They may not participate in meets, practices, or other sanctioned events after their seasonal registration expires.
- 7. TRUE.** A USA Swimming ID beginning with the number "2" indicates that another individual has already been registered who has the same birthdate and similar name such that a duplicate ID would have resulted.
- 8. FALSE.** The only preferred names that are used for USA Swimming meets are those that were specified when the athlete registered or completed a change of information form.

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- 9. FALSE.** A swimmer's USA Swimming registration does not take effect until the correct, complete signed paperwork is received by the North Texas Swimming's Membership and Registrations Chair along with complete payment. Swimmers new to USA Swimming must provide a photocopy of a legal ID specifying their date of birth and full legal name. Meet Directors may act as deputy Registrars during a swim meet if deck registrations are allowed.
- 10. FALSE.** A swimmer's USA Swimming year-round registration expires on December 31 of the registration year. A renewal will supercede an existing registration. Registrations begin on September 1 preceding the registration year. So, a swimmer who registers on September 15, 2005 for the 2006 registration year will be valid until December 31, 2006. The same swimmer who registers on August 15, 2005 will register for the 2005 registration year and his registration will expire on December 31, 2005.
- 11. B.** It is not required for the meet host to collect photocopies of USA-S athlete registration cards and submit them with meet results to the LSC. The meet host is to submit a database backup prior to the meet with all on-time entries and submit a post-meet database to the North Texas Registrations Coordinator following the meet. It is recommended to download a.RE1 file just before the meet for verification of deck entries.
- 12. A, B, and C.** The meet host should use electronic registrations verifications as possible instead of relying on a printed list or statement. It is very easy to transpose digits in the USA Swimming ID and not notice it when comparing two lists by hand. While a statement from a coach may relieve the meet host from penalty if a swimmer is found to be unregistered, it does not confirm that they are entered correctly. The electronic verifications must be used with a degree of common sense and if swimmers are reported as unregistered, a followup must be done with the North Texas Swimming Membership and Registrations Chair in case there was a simple error with the registration ID or the electronic databases are not current.
- 13. FALSE.** Swimmers registered for either 2005 or 2006 may compete in a competition held in November, 2005.
- 14. TRUE.** A swimmer may unattach at any time without submitting a transfer request. During a meet they should report to Clerk of Course. Note that their attachment status should be determined on the first day of competition if at all possible if it will be changed during a meet. The converse is not true; when an Unattached swimmer decides to attach to a club, they must submit a Transfer request to the Membership and Registration Chair of the LSC for their new club, along with the applicable transfer fee and proof of name/birthdate (birth certificate). Their attachment status is determined on the first day of a meet for the duration.
- 15. NO.** "Rocket" is registered as a nonathlete. Only individuals with USA Swimming Athlete memberships may participate in USA Swimming sanctioned competition. If Rocket chooses, he can deck-register as a USA Swimming Athlete (providing a copy of his driver's license and a check) and ask the meet director to assign his athletes to another coach since he will not be able to supervise them while he is swimming.
- 16. NO.** "Rusty" is not eligible to participate just on his USMS registration unless the meet was dual-sanctioned with USA Swimming and USMS. However, he can register as an athlete member of USA Swimming and participate in 15&Over or Senior events.