

MARS Divisional B/C Invitational

Saturday, June 12, 2021

Sanction #: NT 048-21
Held under the sanction of USA Swimming by North Texas Swimming, Inc.

Invitation limited to MARS, MAC, MTRO-FW (SIGMA), and other invited teams.

MAAPP: 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.

APT: Adult athletes (18 and older) must complete Athlete Protection Training (APT) prior to the first day of the meet and show proof of completion in their Deck Pass account prior to competing. Times achieved by an adult athlete who competes without completing this membership requirement will NOT count for qualification or recognition in individual events or relays.

Venue: Arlington ISD Natatorium, 1001 E Division St, Arlington, TX 76011

Facility: 10 lane, 25 yard competition pool with 14 lane, 25 yard warm-up pool. Colorado Timing System and scoreboard will be in use. Hy-Tek Meet Manager will be in use. Current USA Swimming, Inc. rules will apply. North Texas Swimming safety guidelines and warm-up procedures will be in effect at this meet. **To meet safety regulations, the pool deck is limited to swimmers, coaches, officials, timers, and meet personnel only. This event will be live streamed.**

Water Depth: The minimum water depth, measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3, is 6 feet, 7 inches at the start end and the turn end is 6 feet 7 inches measured for a distance of 1.0 meter to 5.0 meters from both end walls.

Course

Certification: The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).

COVID-19: 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., 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 NORTH TEXAS SWIMMING AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, 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, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION.

Guidelines: [MARS/AISD COVID Policies](#)

SAFE SPORT: Due to COVID-19 we are not allowing spectators in the building. We will be live streaming the event to give parents and guardians an opportunity to watch their athlete compete. Live stream info will be published prior to the start of the meet.

Sanction: This meet has been sanctioned by North Texas Swimming and current USA Swimming rules and any relevant sections of the North Texas Policies & Procedures Manual will apply. All swimmers must be registered as athletes for 2021 with USA Swimming by the meet start date. North Texas Swimming does not allow on-deck USA Swimming registrations. Conduct of the sanctioned event shall conform in every respect to all technical and administrative rules of USA Swimming.

Liability: IN GRANTING THIS SANCTION AND BY ANY PERSON'S PARTICIPATION IN THE MEET IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT USA SWIMMING, INC., NORTH TEXAS SWIMMING, INC., ALL MEET OFFICIALS, AISD, AND MARS SHALL BE FREE FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITIES OR ANY CLAIMS FOR ANY DAMAGES, EVEN IF SUCH LIABILITIES OR CLAIMS ARE DUE TO THE NEGLIGENCE OF SUCH ORGANIZATIONS, ARISING BY REASON OF INJURIES TO ANYONE DURING THE CONDUCT OF THE MEET.

Damage to a facility, when proved, will cause the offending swimmer, if unattached, or the offending swimmer's team, if attached, to be held accountable for repairs.

COVID-19: We have taken enhanced health and safety measures – for you, our employees, swimmers, and members of North Texas Swimming. You must follow all posted instructions while participating in the meet at AISD Natatorium. 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 guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By participating in this meet, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

USA Swimming

Registration: All swimmers, coaches, and officials participating in this competition must be currently (2021) registered with USA Swimming. **All Coaches are required to complete the USADA Coaching Advantage and all officials and coaches are to have completed Concussion Protocol Training.** 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 Deck Pass 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 Deck Pass (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.

Meet Format: Meet will be pre-seeded. Events will be swum as Open. All events will be conducted as timed finals and the meet will be pre-seeded, except 500FR which will be deck seeded. All events will be swum slowest to fastest, except the 500FR which will be swum fastest to slowest alternating heats of girls and boys. **MARS reserves the right to change the number of lanes used in competition pool, update meet warm up times, and any changes necessary to accommodate the size of the meet, including but not limited to; flyover starts, chase starts, change of warm-up sessions depending on meet size, etc.**

Coaches will remain 6 ft. distance from one another and when speaking to swimmers. Both must wear face masks.

For race heats - Swimmers will be staged 6 ft apart on designated spots, with masks on. There will be a designated space for the swimmer to put their mask during their race. Swimmers should have a bag to keep their masks dry. Upon completion of heat, swimmer exits the water and puts on mask.

Each session will be capped at 250 swimmers. Teams will be entered in the order in which they are received. When the session cap is reached, no more entries will be accepted.

Qualifying

Times: Swimmers may only enter events for which they have not yet achieved the "BB" time (2021-24 Motivational Time Standards).

Age up Date: The age of the swimmer will be his/her age on June 12, 2021.

Restrictions: Each swimmer may participate in a maximum of 4 events per day.

Entry

Deadline: All entries shall be received, not later than 6:00PM Central Time, June 3, 2021

Entry

Procedures: All teams with five or more swimmers must submit entries using Hy-Tek Team Manager or its equivalent to the Entries Chair. Email is the preferred method of delivery; if you need to submit entries in another format, please contact the Entries Chair to make other arrangements. Include a Meet Entry Report of your entries, listing the swimmer, USA Swimming ID, and entries by swimmer.

Teams with fewer than five swimmers may send an email to the Entries Chair with the team abbreviation, LSC, the swimmer's full name (as registered with USA Swimming), the swimmer's USA Swimming ID number, and the swimmer's events by number, description, and entry time.

When submitting files to the Entries Chair, please include the name, email address, and phone number of the person submitting the entries. If you do not receive an email confirmation, your entries were not received.

Entries Chair: Brian Dangelmaier
coachbrian@marswim.org
MARS
PO Box 13849
Arlington, TX 76094

Entry Fees: \$6.00 per individual event. A surcharge of \$20.00 per swimmer will apply, \$3.00 of the surcharge will go to North Texas Swimming. Please include a Meet Entry Fee report with your payment. Refunds will not be given for any reason. **Make checks payable to: MARS.**

Please include a Meet Entry Fee report with your payment. Entry fees must be received before the start of the meet or your entries will be removed from the meet. Refunds will not be given for any reason.

Make checks payable to: **MARS**

Send checks to: MARS, PO Box 13849, Arlington, TX 76094

Deck Entries: No Deck Entries allowed.

Meet Staff:

Meet Referee: Robert Steffner (robertsteffner@hotmail.com)

Starter: Tommy Bradford

Stroke & Turn Officials: Henry Chin & Steve Plamondon

Admin Referee: Kenneth Chung

Meet Director: Brian Dangelmaier (817-925-0505)

Head Safety Marshall: Shannon Gillespy

Club Safe Sport Chair: Shannon Gillespy

Cell Phone

Restrictions: Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

Drone

Restrictions: 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.

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 without the use of the backstroke ledge. A racing start includes all forward starts from the block or deck, and any backstroke start, including the use of ledges. 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.

Swimmer

Photographs

and Videos:

By entering and participating in this competition, you agree to be videoed for the purpose of live streaming during the meet for parents and family to observe the competition outside of the venue.

Deck**Changing:** Deck changes are prohibited.**Swimmers with****Disabilities:** Coaches and or swimmers are responsible for notifying the meet referee of any disability prior to the completion and for providing their own assistant or equipment. However, coaches/swimmers may contact the meet director at least 2 weeks in advance of the meet to reserve proper equipment. In any meet sanctioned or approved by North 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. 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.**Officials:** Only assigned (2021) certified USA Swimming officials will be allowed to participate. All deck officials must be registered with USA Swimming for 2021 and have a current Background Check, Athlete Protection Course, and Concussion Protocol Training acknowledged by USA Swimming. Please contact the meet referee at least 7 days before the meet if you are interested in participating. All officials will be preassigned and must register prior to the meet.**Timers:** The host team will provide backup timers.**Awards:** There will be no awards at this meet**Daily****Schedule:** Warm-ups will be conducted in accordance with the current NTSI Safety Guidelines**Locker Rooms:** There will be limited access to locker rooms for changing. Only 8 swimmers at a time will allowed at the same time in locker rooms.**Saturday, June 12, 2021**

Session 1	warm up -	Group 1 7:10-7:40am Group 2 7:40-8:10am	meet start - 8:15am
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Session 2	warm up - 11:30am-12pm	meet start - 12:15pm
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Order of Events

Distances are in SC yards

****Swimmers must not have achieved the "BB" times standard to enter the event**

Saturday, Session 1 (12&U)		
Girls	Event	Boys
1	200FR	2
3	50FL	4
5	50BK	6
7	100FR	8
9	50BR	10
11	50FR	12
13	100IM	14

Saturday, Session 2 (13&O)		
Girls	Event	Boys
15	200FR	16
17	100FL	18
19	100BK	20
21	100FR	22
23	100BR	24
25	50FR	26
27	200IM	28
29	500FR	30

NORTH 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
10 Lanes	1 and 10	2 and 9	3 through 8
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 half 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.

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 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 will have the 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.
 - 3. The host team shall provide signs for each lane at both ends of the pool, indicating their designated use during warm-ups.
 - 4. 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: "North Texas Swimming Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures will be in effect at this meet."

5. 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.
6. Hazards in locker rooms, on deck, or in areas used by coaches, swimmers, or officials will be either removed or clearly marked.

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.