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|  | 2018 South Texas Age Group (STAGS) Championship—Long CourseMeet Information | STbanner |

**Meet: 2018 South Texas Age Group (STAGS) Championship—Long Course**

 **Hosted by San Antonio Streamline Aquatics**

 **Held under the sanction of USA Swimming.**

**Dates:** Thursday through Sunday, July 12-15, 2018

**Sanction**

**Number:** STA-18-46

**Eligibility:** This meet is open to all swimmers who are currently registered with South Texas Swimming and have achieved the STS STAGS Qualifying Time Standards see pages 9-10 through age 18.

**Venue: Palo Alto College Natatorium**

 **1400 W. Villaret Blvd.**

San Antonio, TX 78224

210-486-3000

**Facility:** All deep 8-lane, 50-meter competition pool 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 competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2.C. (3) & (4). The minimum water depth, measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3, is 7 feet 0 inches at the start end and the turn end is 9 feet 0 inches measured for a distance of 1.0 meter to 5.0 meters from both end walls.

 Additional information will be sent out to the participating teams.

**Liability:** In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc., South Texas Swimming, Inc. (STSI), San Antonio Streamline Aquatics, Palo Alto College, Palo Alto College Natatorium 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. Damage to the facility, when proved, will cause the offending swimmer, if unattached, or the offending swimmer’s club, if attached, to be held accountable for repairs.

**Sanction:** This meet is sanctioned by South Texas Swimming and current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and any relevant portions of the STSI Policies & Procedures Manual 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 2018 with USA Swimming by the meet start date. Athletes who fail to meet this requirement will not be allowed to compete. Damage to the facility, when proved, will cause the offending swimmer, if unattached, or the offending swimmer's club, if attached, to be held accountable for repairs.

**Format:** Championship Format: preliminaries and finals. A and B finals for all individual events, unless otherwise noted. Preliminary events will be seeded by time and gender, age combined, according to the Order of Events on page 7-8, except as noted. Events may be combined at the discretion of the Meet Referee. All preliminary events will be swum slowest to fastest, 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, swimming slowest to fastest by age group. Finals heats will swim in oldest to youngest age group order (15-18, 13-14, 11-12, 10 & Under).

The 800 Free, 1500 Free, 400 IM, and 400 Free events will be seeded on deck after positive check-in. Check-in for these events is required by 9:00 on the morning of the event. The 800 Free, 1500 Free and 10 & Under 400 Free events will be contested as timed finals only, age combined, alternating female and male heats, and will swim fastest to slowest. For the 11 & 12 and 13-18 400 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 400 Free, 800 Free, 1500 Free, and 400 IM events, and provide their own lap counters for the 400, 800 and 1500 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 (2018) 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 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 proof of membership using the USA Swimming Deck Pass app (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.

**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 STS STAGS Qualifying Times or faster. Qualifying times must be achieved prior to the deadline. There are no qualifying times for relay events.

If entering with a non-conforming time (SCM or SCY), 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: long course meters, short course meters, and yards (LSY).

**Proof of**

**Time:** Proof of time must be submitted with the entries. All entry times must be verifiable using the USA-S SWIMS database. In cases where a claimed time does not appear in SWIMS due to a clerical or posting error, a copy of the official meet results, signed by the Meet Referee, will be an acceptable proof of time. Times used to enter a meet must have been achieved in a USA-S Sanctioned, Approved, or Observed meet. All proofs of times are the responsibility of the entering teams, not the meet host. Entries without an acceptable proof of time will not be accepted.

**Age up Date:** The age of the swimmer will be his/her age on July 12, 2018.

**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 permitting). 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.

Time trial entrants who are not already entered in the meet must present their current USA Swimming registration card or proof of membership using the USA Swimming Deck Pass app (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.

Swimmers must be registered with South Texas Swimming to participate in time trials. 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 $20.00; Relay events $40.00 - includes the $1.25 STSI splash fee**.**

**Relay**

**Entries:** Relay entries are due by Monday, July 9, 2018. All relays are timed finals and will be contested only in the preliminary sessions. There are no qualifying times for relay events. Relay team entry times may be determined by the sum of the individual team member’s times for the like strokes/distances or the actual time of that relay team achieved in sanctioned competition.

Relay team members must be eligible to swim in the same age group. Swimmers cannot “age up” for relay events. Unlimited number of relays per event per club (A, B, C, etc.) but only two relays per event per club will score. It is recommended that relay swimmer names be included with entries to help enter the relays efficiently at the start of the session.

Relay cards must be turned in to the Admin Official/Referee or designee with final relay swimmers by 8:45 AM on Friday and by 6:30 PM on Friday and Saturday night (for Saturday and Sunday’s relays respectively). If a relay card is not turned in, the relay will be scratched. The order of swimmers on the relay team will be strictly enforced in accordance with 102.3.7 of the 2018 USA-S Rules and Regulations.

Relay-only swimmers are not permitted. All relay swimmers must be entered in at least one individual event to be eligible to swim on any relay.

**Entry**

**Deadline:** There are two entry deadlines for this meet. The first deadline is Monday, July 2, 2018.

The first deadline is for athletes who have achieved a qualifying time prior to this date.

The deadline is required to verify swimmers and times in the SWIMS database and correct any errors.

Final entry deadline is Monday, July 9, 2018 by 12 noon and is dependent on the availability of potential qualifying meets one week prior to the deadline.

Only swimmers who have achieved a qualifying time after the entry deadline may enter using the second entry deadline.

Teams may use the second entry deadline to update swimmer times if necessary.

**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.

Please rename the entry file to clearly identify the meet sanction number, your club code, and the file (such as ST-18-46SASA\_Entries.zip). Include a Meet Entry Report of your entries, listing the swimmer, USA Swimming ID, and entries by swimmer. Rename the Meet Entry Report using the meet sanction number, your club code, and the report name (such as ST-18-46SASA\_EntriesByAthlete.pdf).

Athletes included in improperly identified Commlink Files (Cfile0X.cl2 or zfile00X.zip) or with inaccurate or missing USA Swimming IDs will not be entered into the meet and any entry fees will not be refunded. Athletes will not be entered into Meet Manager if the Meet Entry Report is not received. Athletes will not be permitted to compete in the meet until satisfactory fee payment arrangements have been made with the Meet Director or designee.

Teams will fewer than five swimmers may send an email to the Entries Chair with the team abbreviation, 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. Entries must be sent to Angella Woodard at sasaentries@gmail.com. If you do not receive an email confirmation within 24 hours, your entries were not received.

**Entry Fees:** $11.00 per individual event and $20.00 per relay event—includes the $1.25 STSI splash fee

Checks made payable to Streamline Aquatics. Please mail entries and fees to:

SASA Entries

14514 Majestic Prince Street

San Antonio, TX 78248-1133

Entry fees must be received by July 9, 2018. If payment is not received on time the affected swimmers will be scratched from the meet. Please include the meet entry fee report with your check. Once the entry fees are accepted, they will not be refunded for any reason, even if a swimmer should fail to compete. No paper, phone, or fax entries will be accepted. If you don’t receive an e-mail confirmation, your entries were not received.

**Deck (late)**

**Entries:** Deck entries will be accepted at $20.00 per individual event and $40.00 per relay event which includes the $1.25 STSI splash fee. 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 USA Swimming ID card or proof of membership using the USA Swimming Deck Pass app (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 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 11 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 website along with the psych sheet. Warm-up times and lane assignments for each team will be posted in the Natatorium, on the South Texas Swimming website at www.stswim.org, and e-mailed to the coaches. 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 Referee 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.

Scratches may be accomplished by a coach, swimmer, or parent, but they must use the STSI Scratch from Finals form and it must be signed by the swimmer’s coach. No verbal scratches or scratches made without the official Scratch form and the signature of the swimmer’s coach will be accepted.

**S*wimmers 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.

Swimmers who fail to compete in a positive check-in event after positive check-in will be disqualified from their next individual prelims event. For a no show in a finals event (any swimmer who qualifies for a final and does not scratch and then fails to compete in the finals heat), the penalty is $50 per event and disqualification from the swimmer’s next individual prelims event. When the no-show is on Sunday or if the athlete has no remaining individual events, the fine is $100 per event. Illness and injury may be excused by the Meet Referee and this policy does not apply to alternates.

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.

**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.

**Swimmer**

**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.

**Drones:** Per USA Swimming Rule 103.13, the 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 Programs and Events Committee Chair or designee.

**Deck**

**Changing:** Deck changes are prohibited.

**Special**

**Needs:** Please notify the Meet Director at 870-403-7000 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 is 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 by the entry deadline.

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

**\***Note: The400 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

**Note:** Banners will be provided **upon request by the club** (please email the meet director if you would like your banner and it will be shipped to your club).

There will be no awards presentation. Clubs must pick-up awards from the awards desk area.

**Scoring:**

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| **A Finals Place ⇒** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** |
| **Ind. event points** | 20 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 13 | 12 | 11 |
| **B Finals Place ⇒** | **9** | **10** | **11** | **12** | **13** | **14** | **15** | **16** |
| **Ind. event points** | 9 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

All individual events have A & B finals, with the following exceptions. The 10 & Under 400 Free, the 800 Free and the 1500 Free are timed finals only.

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| **Relay Place ⇒** | **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** | **8** |
| **Relay points** | 40 | 34 | 32 | 30 | 28 | 26 | 24 | 22 |
| **Relay Place ⇒** | **9** | **10** | **11** | **12** | **13** | **14** | **15** | **16** |
| **Relay points** | 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.

**Meet**

**Management:**

**Meet Director Meet Referee Entries Chair Admin Referee**

**Phil Davis Ray Pearce Angella Woodard Angella Woodard**

**870-403-7000 210-326-7332 210-408-7946 210-408-7946**

**uiwsasa@gmail.com****poolsbyray@aol.com****sasaentries@gmail.com**sasaentries@gmail.com

**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 2018 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 June 15, 2018. Applications for evaluation can be obtained from the South Texas Swimming website. The USA Swimming evaluator **TBA**.

**Daily**

**Schedule: Thursday, Timed Finals:**

Warm-ups begin 2:00 PM

 Clear competition pool 3:20 PM

 Session begin 3:30 PM

 Positive Check-in by 2:45 PM

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday Preliminaries: Finals\* (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)**

Warm-ups begin 6:45 AM Warm-ups begin 4:15 PM

Clear competition pool 8:30 AM Clear competition pool 5:00 PM

Coaches’ meeting (Fri. only) 8:30 AM National Anthem 5:12 PM

Sessions begin 8:45 AM Sessions begin 5:15 PM

Positive Check-in by 9:00 AM **\*Finals on Sunday only will start one hour earlier**

Check-in times for distance events (400 IM, 400 Free, 800 Free and 1500 Free) is by 9:00 AM on the morning of the event. If additional coach 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 in the alternate’s area, properly attired, and ready to swim when 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 400, 800 and 1500 freestyle and 400 individual medley events must provide their own back-up timers. Swimmers competing in the 400, 800 and 1500 freestyle events also must provide their own lap counters.

# 2018 STSI Long Course STAGS Championship Order of Events

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| **Women’s** **Event #**  | **Thursday** **July 12, 2018**  | **Men’s** **Event#**  |
| 1  | 12-14 400 IM \* +  | 2  |
| 3  | 10 & Under 400 Free \*  | 4  |
| 5  | 11-18 800 Free \*  | 6  |
| 7  | 11-18 1500 Free \* ++  | 8  |

* The 12-14 400 IM, 10 & Under 400 Free, 800 Free, and 1500 Free events will be contested as timed finals, age combined, alternating male and female and swum *fastest to slowest*. These events require positive check-in and will be deck seeded.
* Check-in time for all events on Thursday is 2:45 PM.

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

++ Swimmers in the 1500 Free can request an 800 split time. Swimmers should notify the Meet Referee in advance to request an 800 split and they must complete the 1500 Free distance.

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| **Women’s** **Event #** | **Friday****July 13, 2018** | **Men’s** **Event #** | **Women’s** **Event #** | **Saturday** **July 14, 2018** | **Men’s** **Event #** |
| 9  | 12 & Under 200 Free Relay  | 10  | 25  | 12 & Under 200 Medley Relay  | 26  |
| 11  | 13-18 400 Medley Relay  | 12  | 27  | 13-18 400 Free Relay  | 28  |
|  | **10-minute break**  |  |  | **10-minute break**  |  |
| 13  | 12 & Under 50 Fly  | 14  | 29  | 12 & Under 50 Breaststroke  | 30  |
| 15  | 18 & Under 100 Free  | 16  | 31  | 18 & Under 200 Free  | 32  |
| 17  | 11-18 200 Backstroke  | 18  | 33  | 18 & Under 100 Backstroke  | 34  |
| 19  | 18 & Under 100 Breaststroke  | 20  | 35  | 11-18 200 Fly  | 36  |
| 21  | 15-18 400 IM \*  | 22  | 37  | 13-18 400 Free \*  | 38  |
| 23  | 11-12 400 Free \*  | 24  |  |   |  |

--There will be a 10-minute break after the relay events.

--Relay events will be conducted as timed finals only in the preliminary sessions.

--There are A & B finals for each individual event, except for the 400 IM (15-18) and the 400 Free (11-12, 13-14, and 15-18), which will have an A final only.

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

* Swimmers in the 400 IM and the 400 Free events must provide their own backup timer.
* The 400 IM and 400 Free events on Friday require positive check-in by 9:00 AM on Friday and will be deck seeded. \* The 400 Free events on Saturday require positive check-in by 9:00 AM on Saturday and will be deck seeded.

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| **Women’s** **Event #**  | **Sunday** **July 15, 2018**  | **Men’s** **Event #**  |
| 39  | 18 & Under 400 Free Relay  | 40  |
| 41  | 13-18 200 Free Relay  | 42  |
|  | **10-minute break**  |  |
| 43  | 12 & Under 50 Backstroke  | 44  |
| 45  | 18 & Under 100 Fly  | 46  |
| 47  | 11-18 200 Breaststroke  | 48  |
| 49  | 18 & Under 50 Free  | 50  |
| 51  | 18 & Under 200 IM  | 52  |

--Relay events will be conducted as timed finals only in the preliminary sessions.

--There will be a 10-minute break after the relay events.

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

**STSI Qualifying Time Standards**



Revised 10/03/17

**\*** The 12-year-old time standard for the 400 IM for **championship meets** is the 13-14 time standard.

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NOTE: If entering with a non-conforming time (SCM or SCY), the swimmer must enter with the time achieved in the non-conforming course. Converted entry times will not be accepted.

**SOUTH TEXAS SWIMMING, Inc.**

**Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures**

A. WARM-UP PROCEDURES

I. Assigned Warm-up Procedures **(Prelims)**

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 shall occur from only the designated end of the pool, swimmers must exit on the opposite end of the pool, and may be done only under the direct supervision of the coach.

II. Open Warm-up Procedures **(Finals)**

**LANE USE**

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| **POOL** | **PUSH/PACE** | **DIVES/SPRINTS** | **GENERAL WARMUP** |
| 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 and from the designated end. Swimmers must exit the pool on the opposite end.

d. There will be no diving in the general warm-up lanes—circle swimming only.

e. No kickboards, pull buoys, or hand paddles may be used.

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: “South 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.

B. MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

I. Backstrokers will ensure that they are not starting at the same time as a swimmer on the blocks. Swimmers shall not step up on the blocks if there is a backstroker waiting to start.

II. Swimmers shall not jump or dive into the pool to stop another swimmer on a recalled start.

III. Swimmers are required to exit the pool on completion of their warm-up to allow other swimmers adequate warm-up time. The pool is not for visiting or playing during the warm-up session.

IV. Warm-up procedures will be enforced for any breaks scheduled during the competition.

V. No hand paddles, fins, or kickboards may be used at any time during general, specific, or between warm-ups unless approved by the Meet Referee.

***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.***

**STSI Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures last Revised 10/9/2016**