



May Madness
Saturday May 12th, 2012
McAllen Swim Club
ST-12-55



Location: The swimming pool is located at the corner of Nicholson and West 15th St. in Mission, Texas. **DIRECTIONS TO THE MISSION HIGH SCHOOL POOL:**
Route 83 West Exit at CONWAY in Mission Go north on CONWAY for 1.4 miles At 7th traffic light, turn left onto Cleo Dawson Drive (18th Street) Continue on Cleo Dawson Street and then turn left onto Nicholson Ave. The pool is on the left side of the street at the corner of Nicholson Ave and W. 15th Street.

Facilities: The meet will be conducted in an eight lane outdoor swimming pool with a 50-meter course, using a Colorado timing system and the Hy-Tek Meet Manager 4.0 software. The minimum water depth, measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3, is 13 feet, at the start end and 4 1/2 feet, at the turn end. Starting platforms are located at the deep end of the pool, there is no cool-down/warm-up lanes (or pool) available. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). Parking, spectator, and restroom space is adequate. Food and beverages will be available at the concession stand. Signs will be posted. There are few trees, (little shade) therefore shade tarps and folding chairs are recommended.

Liability: In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc., South Texas Swimming, Inc. (STSI), McAllen Swim Club, the City of Mission and its employees, and all meet officials and volunteers shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

USA Swimming Registration: All swimmers, coaches, and officials participating in this competition must be currently (2012) registered with USA Swimming. 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; will be required to present their USA Swimming ID card. Current national and LSC regulations do not allow for exceptions to these policies.

Rules: This meet is sanctioned by South Texas Swimming, Inc. Current 2012 USA Swimming Rules and relevant sections of the STSI Handbook will apply.

Meet Format: All events will be timed finals, swum in one long course meter pool, seeded only by time and gender. Check in is required for the 400-meter IM. The time for positive check-in will be announced. Age groups will be combined alternating girls and boys' heats. These events shall be swum fastest to slowest. All other events shall be swum slowest to fastest.

Meet Behavior: It is expected that all persons attending the meet respect the facilities and remember that they represent themselves, their respective clubs, and South Texas Swimming, Inc. Damage to the facility, when proved, will cause the offending swimmer, if unattached, or the offending club if attached, to be held accountable and liable for repairs. It also may result in expulsion from the meet.

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."

USAS Diving Rule: By entering swimmers in this meet, each coach certifies that their swimmers 10 years and younger and/or swimmers with less than one year of experience has satisfactorily completed the racing start learning progression as set forth by USA Swimming. For swimmers 11 years and older with more than one year of experience, certification has been completed based on the coach's observation that the swimmer is capable of safely controlling the depth of their dives. The coach also certifies that all records of such certification is in their possession and is available for attachment to any incident form if needed.

**Swimmer
Photographs:**

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.

Eligibility: All swimmers must be currently registered athletes with USA Swimming for the year 2012. Participating teams and clubs must be registered with USA Swimming. Swimmers will be scored in age groups based on their ages as of the first day of the meet (May 12th, 2012).

Swimmers with Disabilities: In any meet sanctioned or approved by this LSC that 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. Note: So that we can properly accommodate disabled swimmers, please ensure that coaches notify the Meet Referee and/or Meet Director prior to the start of the meet on the day a swimmer competes. A disability is defined as a PERMANENT physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

Entries: Swimmers may compete in a maximum of five individual events per day. Swimmers will be seeded by times and age groups. Enter in long course meter times. Team Manager should be used to convert yard and short course meter times to long course meter times for seeding purposes. Teams are encouraged to use the HYV file provided at the STSI website to aid in the entry procedure.

Deck Entries: Deck Entries will be accepted on the day of the meet up until 30 minutes before each session. Cost of Deck Entries will be **\$12.00/event \$24.00/relay**. Deck Entries will only be accepted to fill empty lanes in a heat. No new heats shall be created.

Entry Fees: **\$6.00** per event **\$12.00** per relay (This includes the South Texas \$1.25 splash fee) Checks should be made payable to: McAllen Swim Club (MSC) and sent to MSC, P.O. Box 5111 North 10th St. PMB #131, McAllen, TX 78504.

Entry Procedures: **The DEADLINE for meet entries is Saturday, May 5th, 2012.** Entries must be entered into HY-TEK or compatible disk. Hard copy and fees must accompany entries and once accepted will not be refunded. **The entry fees need to be received by Saturday, May 12th, 2012.** An entry report file in word format needs to be attached to your email and needs to be received by the entry deadline. The entry chair will e-mail you back within 24 hours of receiving your entry. If you do not receive this e-mail, call the entry chair immediately. Please include a club contact person's phone number and e-mail.

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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.

aagroup (8 and under, 9,10,11,12, 13,14, and 15 and over).

Warm-up Procedures: The South Texas Swimming Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures will be in effect at this meet. Violators may be disqualified.

WARM-UPS BEGIN: 7:00 a.m. MEET BEGINS: 8:00 a.m.

Timers: Each competing team may be asked to supply 2 timers. Volunteer timers will be greatly appreciated.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS SATURDAY 5/12/2012



EVENT GIRLS

1	400 IM (12-O)
3	200 IM (12-U)
5	200 Free (Open)
7	100 Free (Open)
9	200 Fly (11-O)
11	100 Fly (Open)
13	200 Breast (11-O)
15	100 Breast (Open)
17	50 Free (Open)
19	200 Back (11-O)
21	100 Back (Open)
23	400 Free (12-O)
25	200 Free Relay (12-U)
27	400 Free Relay (13-O)

EVENT BOYS

2	400 IM (12-O)
4	200 IM (12-U)
6	200 Free (Open)
8	100 Free (Open)
10	200 Fly (11-O)
12	100 Fly (Open)
14	200 Breast (11-O)
16	100 Breast (Open)
18	50 Free (Open)
20	200 Back (11-O)
22	100 Back (Open)
24	400 Free (12-O)
26	200 Free Relay (12-U)
28	400 Free Relay (13-O)



SOUTH 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
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 ½ 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.
- f. No kick boards, 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 (4) 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 must be members of United States Swimming.
 3. Marshals will have 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.
 4. The host team shall provide signs for each lane at both ends of the pool, indicating their designated use during warm-ups.
 5. 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."
 6. 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.
 7. Hazards in locker rooms, on deck, or 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.
- VI. No hand paddles, fins, or kickboards may be used at any time during general, specific, or between warm-ups unless approved by the 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 29-SEP-04