

The University of Texas at Austin and



**LONGHORN AQUATICS
2013 New Year's Classic
January 4-6, 2013**

Important Meet Facts



Meet Date: January 4-6, 2013

Entries Open: For ALL teams at noon, Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Entries Close: Monday, December 17, 2012

Entry Fees: \$10.00 per event, \$20.00 per relay.

Meet Format: This is a 3-day, Prelim/Final Meet.

Qualifying times: USA Swimming "BB" time standards.

New Deck Entry/Scratch Rule: Deck entries for Saturday will be accepted before the Scratch Deadline on Friday. Deck entries for Sunday will be accepted before the scratch deadline on Saturday. No deck entries will be accepted the day of the event.

Deck Entry Fees: \$20.00 per event

Deck Entry/Scratch Deadlines:

Saturday Deck Entry/Scratch deadline- Friday, January 4th 6:30 PM
Sunday Deck Entry/Scratch deadline-Saturday, January 5th 6:30 PM

Positive Check in Deadlines: Positive check-in will be available as athletes enter the pool deck and will close 1 hour before the event. Swimmers that check-in for an event and fail to swim will be fined \$30 payable to the University of Texas.

New Parking Info: (new parking link coming 9/1/12)

New Address: 1900 Red River Street, Austin TX 78712

New Timer Rule: Teams must provide timers per number of swimmers. Timer assignments will be posted on the Longhorn Aquatics Upcoming Meets page no later than January 3rd, 2013.

Warm Up Assignments: 12 & Under warm up times & lanes will be assigned. Assignments will be posted on the Longhorn Aquatics Upcoming Meets page no later than January 3rd, 2013. 13 & Over will have general warm ups.

All meet information & updates can be found at:

<http://www.utexas.edu/longhornaquatics/meets/upcoming-meets/>

Welcome: Longhorn Aquatics invites you to join us at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center (Swim Center) to compete in our 2013 New Year's Classic. This meet is open to all USA Swimming registered swimmers and will be conducted in two 25 yard courses, using Daktronics Timing System and Hy-Tek Meet Manager software.

Facility: The Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center has an indoor 8 lane 50 meter competition pool. The pool is considered one of the fastest pools in the world due to its depth, gutter system, high filtration rate and lane width. There are two movable, power-operated bulkheads. For the January 2013 meet the competition course *has not* been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).

The Swim Center is located on the University of Texas Campus, 1900 Red River Street, one block west of I-35 on the northwest corner of the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Red River Street.

Water Depths: The Start end is 9 feet, and the turn end is 9 feet.

Liability: USA Swimming, South Texas Swimming, The University of Texas, the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center, and Longhorn Aquatics accept no responsibility for liability or injuries sustained by any individual, athlete, coach, official, meet volunteer, or spectator while traveling to and from or while participating in the meet. 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.

TSC Rules: As guests of The University of Texas, all must adhere to the Texas Swim Center (TSC) rules. Coaches must supervise their swimmers. Chewing gum and glass containers are not permitted in the building. Locks may not be left on lockers overnight. Wet swimmers cannot leave pool deck. Children must be supervised at all times.

Spectators and athletes may not bring food or drink into the Texas Swim Center from outside sources. Teams ARE permitted to bring two (2) coolers on to the deck.

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.

Cell phone restrictions: The presence or use of cell phones, smart phones or any other devices capable of producing audio recordings, 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.

Sanction: This meet has been sanctioned by South Texas Swimming and 2012 rules will apply. All swimmers must be registered as athletes for 2013 with USA Swimming by the entry deadline. Athletes that register with USA Swimming after the entry deadline may deck enter the meet only if they can present their 2013 USA card.

USA Swimming Registration: All swimmers, coaches, and officials participating in this competition must be currently (2012 or 2013) 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.

Schedule: We reserve the right to split the sessions differently or to combine sessions based on the entries received. Warm-ups may be split if a large number of swimmers enter the meet.

Friday	Prelims	Warm Up:	7:30AM	Start:	9:00AM
	Finals	Warm Up:	5:00PM	Start:	6:00PM
Saturday	Prelims	Warm Up:	7:30AM	Start:	9:00AM
	Finals	Warm Up:	5:00PM	Start:	6:00PM
Sunday	Prelims	Warm Up:	7:30AM	Start:	9:00AM
	Finals	Warm Up:	4:00PM	Start:	5:00PM

Qualifying Times: There are qualifying times for ALL events, 2013-2016 "BB" [National Age Group Motivational Time Standards](#). These Time Standards are provided by USA Swimming. Only yard times in the SWIMS database can be used as proof of time. **If a swimmer enters the meet and swims slower than the qualifying time he/she must be able to prove that they have previously achieved the time via the SWIMS database or be subject to a \$30.00 penalty. Swimmers will be barred from competition at the Swim Center until fines are paid.**

Meet Format: Both prelim and final events will swim in two short course yard pools. During prelims, even heats will swim in the North end (Flag end) and odd heats will swim in the South end (Non-Flag end). Prelim events will be seeded by time and gender only. Age groups will be combined. All events will swim fastest to slowest, with the first 3 heats being circle seeded.

During finals, boys will swim at the South end (Non-Flag end) and girls will swim at the North end (Flag end). In finals, events will swim 10 & under heats, 11/12 heats, 13/14 heats, 15 & over heats. If the meet is undersized we reserve the right to run finals in one pool.

Relays are timed final events. The fastest two heats will swim in finals. All other relays will swim in the prelim session. Teams are limited to two relay teams per event. Relay cards are due to the Clerk of Course by the end of the prelim session on the day the relay will swim. We will assume you are scratching your relay if a relay card is not turned in by the end of the prelim session.

The 1000 on Friday is a timed final. This event will be limited to the fastest four heats of boys and the fastest four heats of girls. No deck entries will be accepted for the 1000. Times in the 1000 will be pre-proved. Only yard times in the SWIMS database can be used as proof of time. Swimmers in the 1000 must also indicate if they intend to swim in prelims or finals. The fastest 8 swimmers of each gender who indicated their desire to swim in finals will swim in the evening session. The remaining heats will swim in prelims, fastest to slowest, alternating heats of girls and boys. All 1000 swimmers must provide their own timers and lap counters.

In finals, events will be separated by gender and age, and seeded by time. The number of heats qualifying for finals in 50 and 100 yard events is as follows:

10 & Under	2 heats
11-12	2 heats
13-14	2 heats (excludes 50's)
15 & Over	2 heats (excludes 50's)

In 200 yard events, the number of heats qualifying for finals is as follows:

10 & Under	1 heat (200 Free and 200 IM only)
11-12	2 heats
13-14	2 heats
15 & Over	2 heats

In 400 and 500 events, the number of heats qualifying for finals is as follows:

11-12	1 heat
13-14	2 heats
15 & Over	2 heats

We reserve the right to cap the number of swimmers in prelims to stay within the four hour rule. Swimmers will be entered in the order entries are received.

Finals: The top qualifiers in each event will swim finals. Swimmers qualifying for finals have 30 minutes after the announcement of preliminary results to either scratch or declare an intent to scratch with the Administrative Official. Swimmers that timely indicate an intent to scratch must declare their final intention within 30 minutes following their last individual preliminary event.

Any finalist who does not scratch and fails to compete in finals will be barred from their next individual event whether in finals or prelims. Failure to compete in finals on Sunday will result in a \$50 fine. Fines are payable to The University of Texas at Austin. Teams and/or swimmers will be barred from competition at the Swim Center until fines are paid.

The scratch box for prelims will be located at the Clerk of Course. Any scratches for finals will be done with Administrative Official at the console table.

Check-in: Positive check-in is required for the 500 free, 400 IM and 1000 free. Positive check-in will be available as athletes enter the pool deck and will close approximately 1 hour before the event is scheduled to swim. Exact times will be posted at Clerk of Course on the day of the event. Swimmers that check-in for an event and fail to swim will be fined \$30 payable to the University of Texas. These swimmers, and their team, will be barred from competition at subsequent TXLA meets at the Swim Center until the fines are paid. Swimmers in these events must provide their own timer (and counter for the 500 and 1000). For these 3 distance events, we will swim girls at the flag end of the pool and boys at the non-flag end of the pool. If we run out of boys' heats, the girls will swim at both ends -- even heats at the flag end and odd heats at the non-flag end.

Deck Entry/Scratch Rule: With the exception of Friday, January 4th, each session will be seeded the evening before. Deck entries and scratches for Saturday will be accepted before the Scratch Deadline on Friday. Deck entries and scratches for Sunday will be accepted before the scratch deadline on Saturday. No deck entries will be accepted the day of the event. Please scratch any event you will not swim the next day. There is not a penalty for failing to scratch a prelim event; this is a courtesy to the other swimmers by eliminating an empty lane in prelims.

Deadlines:

Saturday Deck Entry/Scratch deadline: Friday, January 4th 6:30 PM

Sunday Deck Entry/Scratch deadline: Saturday, January 5th 6:30 PM

The deck entry fee is \$20.00 per event. **Swimmers not previously entered in the meet must present their 2013 USA Swimming registration card** at Clerk of Course to be able to deck enter.

Racing Start Proficiency: (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.

Entry Dates: Entries will ALL teams open at noon (Central Standard Time) on Wednesday, December 12, 2012. Entries will not be accepted before these times.

You should not make nonrefundable travel arrangements before you know your entries are accepted – entries will be processed in the order received.

Entries will close the earlier of:

- a) Monday, December 17th, 2012 at 4 PM or
- b) When a session reaches an estimated 4 hours in length. Individual sessions may close before the entire meet closes. If we have to close a session early, this will be posted on our website (<http://www.utexas.edu/longhornaquatics/meets/upcoming-meets/>).

Entries: Swimmers may enter a maximum of 3 individual events per day, and 7 maximum events for the meet. The age of the swimmer will be his/her age on January 4th, 2013. Enter all events with previous best times achieved in short course yards.

All teams with five or more swimmers entered in the meet must submit their entries using Version 4 or 5 of Hy-Tek Team Manager or Team Unify software.

Email entries to Bridgette Rhoades at bridgette.rhoades@austin.utexas.edu. When you email the entries, also attach a report of the entries by swimmer. Entries/emails with only a zip file (i.e. without the entry report) will not be accepted. If you don't receive an email confirmation, your entries were not received. Teams with fewer than five swimmers may send an email including the team, team abbreviation, LSC, the swimmers full name (as registered with USA Swimming), USA ID, event numbers, event description, and entry times for each swimmer.

Entry fees must be postmarked by Monday, December 17th. Please include the meet entry fees report with your check. Please do NOT send a copy of the entries you emailed earlier.

No paper, phone or fax entries will be accepted. Entries received without accurate USA Swimming registration numbers will **NOT** be accepted or processed.

Entry Fees: \$10.00 per individual event, and \$20.00 per relay. This includes the South Texas Swimming splash fee of \$1.25 per splash. Please send only one check per team location please. Refunds will not be given for any reason.

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Awards: Ribbons, first through eighth place will be awarded according to the following age groupings: boys and girls 8 and under, 9 – 10. No other awards will be given. Coaches are responsible for picking up their teams ribbons at the end of the meet. Ribbons will not be mailed out.

Meet Referee: Herb Schwab (281) 242-1334 Herb.Schwab@gmail.com

Head Coach: Mike Laitala (512) 507-8969 mike.laitala@austin.utexas.edu

**Meet Director
& Entry Chair:** Bridgette Rhoades (814) 602-8254 bridgette.rhoades@austin.utexas.edu

Special Needs: Please notify the Texas Swimming Center at 512-471-7703 in advance of this event with the name and age of any member on your team who needs assistance to enter the building. The Texas Swimming Center Staff will make reasonable accommodations for swimmers coaches, or spectators who wish to enter and use our facility. A disability is defined as a PERMANENT physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. 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. 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: All currently certified and in training USA Swimming officials are cordially invited to participate. All deck officials must be registered with USA Swimming and STSI Swimming for 2013 and have a current Background Check acknowledged by USA Swimming. Please email the Meet Referee, Herb Schwab at Herb.Schwab@gmail.com, with your certification level and availability so he can plan accordingly. The uniform for all preliminary sessions will be white polo shirts over khaki pants, skirts or shorts, as appropriate. The uniform for all finals sessions will be navy blue polo shirt over khaki pants, skirts, (NO shorts) as appropriate. Please report to the Meet Referee at least 45 minutes 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.

Deck Access: Only currently registered coaches and officials will be allowed access beyond the front desk of the Texas Swimming Center. Coaches and officials will be required to show their current USA Swimming registration card at the front desk in order to be on deck. Volunteers will be given a pass to access the deck and help for that specific purpose. Please be aware that swimmers will not be allowed on the deck until one of their team coaches has checked in and is on deck.

Any non-registered individuals not respecting these rules will be removed from that area or from the facility at the discretion of the Meet Director, Longhorn Aquatics Program Director or Texas Swimming Center staff.

Parking: Please visit <http://www.utexas.edu/longhornaquatics/meets/upcoming-meets/> as we get closer to the meet for more information on parking.

Deck Changing: Except where venue facilities require otherwise, changing into or out of swimsuits other than in locker rooms or other designated areas is not appropriate and is strongly discouraged.

Order of Events

Friday, January 4, 2013
All Ages

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
1	100 Fly	2
3	11 & Over 200 Breast	4
5	12 & Under 50 Back	6
7	100 Free	8
9	11 & Over 400 Medley Relay	10
11	11 & Over 1000 Free**	12

*Positive check-in required.

*Swimmers must provide their own timer.

Saturday, January 5, 2013
All Ages

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
13	200 Free	14
15	100 Breast	16
17	12 & Under 50 Fly	18
19	11 & Over 200 Back	20
21	12 & Under 100 IM	22
23	11 & Over 400 IM***	24
25	400 Free Relay	26

* Positive check-in required.

*Swimmers must provide own timer.

*Event will swim at the end of Prelims.

Sunday, January 6, 2013
All Ages

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
27	200 IM	28
29	50 Free	30
31	11 & Over 200 Fly	32
33	12 & Under 50 Breast	34
35	100 Back	36
37	11 & Over 500 Free***	38
39	200 Free Relay	40

*Positive check-in required.

*Swimmers must provide own counter & timer.

*Event will swim at the end of Prelims

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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! Dive sprints may only be done under the direct supervision of the coach.
- d. There will be no diving in the general warm-up lanes. Circle swimming only.
- e. No kick boards, pull buoys, or hand paddles may be used.

3. 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. 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

1. Backstrokers will ensure that they are not starting as 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.
2. Swimmers shall not jump or dive into the pool to stop another swimmer on a recalled start.
3. 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.
4. Warm-up procedures will be enforced for any breaks scheduled during the competition.
5. No hand paddles, fins, or kickboards may be used at any time during general, specific, or between warm-up 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.

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