



***Practice with purpose,
compete with passion!***

Meet name: 2020 ST HSC & Springs YMCA Best Times Meet

Sanction

Number: **ST-20-67cm**

Meet Dates: Saturday, October 17 - Sunday, October 18
Session 1 (Saturday; 12&under): warm-ups 1:00pm, meet start 2:00pm
Session 2 (Sunday, 13&over): warm-ups 1:00pm, meet start 2:00pm

Venue: YMCA Camp Moody
1220 Old San Antonio Rd
Buda, TX
(512) 523-9640

Facility: One 10-lane, indoor, heated, 25-yard racing course
Session 1: 8 lanes will be used for competition, w/2 lanes used for warm-up/cool-down
Session 2: 7 lanes will be used for competition, w/2 lanes used for warm-up/cool-down plus a buffer lane left empty
Colorado Timing System Gen 7, touchpads and back-up buttons with one back-up timer, and Hy-Tek Meet Manager software will be used
No concessions will be provided
Please see attached "Return to Competition" plan for participant and spectator expectations

Water Depth: The minimum water depth, measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3, is 6 feet and 9 inches at the start end and the turn end is 4 feet 0 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).

Sanction: This meet has been sanctioned by South Texas Swimming. Current USA Swimming rules, including Minor Athlete Abuse Protection Policy ("MAAPP") and any relevant sections of the South Texas Policies & Procedures Manual, will govern this meet. All swimmers must be registered as athletes for 2020 or 2021 with USA Swimming by the meet start date. Athletes who register with USA Swimming after the meet entry deadline may enter the meet only if they can present their 2020 or 2021 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). South 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 it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc., South Texas Swimming, Inc. (STSI), Hays Swim Club (HSC), the YMCA of Austin, YMCA Camp Moody, 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.

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, SOUTH TEXAS SWIMMING, THE YMCA OF AUSTIN, YMCA CAMP MOODY, HAYS SWIM CLUB, AND SUBSIDIARIES AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, PARTNERS, 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.

USA Swimming

Registration: All swimmers, coaches, and officials participating in this competition must be currently (2020 or 2021) 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.

Meet Format: This meet is a CLOSED meet and only open to swimmers who are currently registered or swimming unattached with Hays Swim Club (HSC-ST) or the Springs YMCA (YMCA-ST)

teams, plus athletes invited by the meet host. All events will be timed finals, swum in one short course yards pool, seeded only by time. All events will be swum from slowest to fastest. We reserve the right to cap the number of swimmers entered in the meet or to combine events by distance in order to limit the meet's timeline to four hours. Swimmers will be entered in the order entries are received. The Meet Director reserves the right to do flyover starts and to combine events.

Qualifying

Times: For races 100 yards and shorter, there are NO QUALIFYING TIMES. For races 200 yards and longer, a B-time standard is required to enter, as listed in the 2021-2024 NAGMTS.

Age-up Date: The age of the swimmer will be his/her age on October 17, 2020.

Entry

Restrictions: Swimmers may enter up to three regular events and one time trial event, if offered.

Entry

Deadline: Wednesday, October 14, 2020

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.

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 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.

Entry Fees: **\$9.50 per event** (includes the STSI splash fee of \$1.25 per splash) plus any surcharge levied by the team. Refunds will not be given for any reason.

Deck (late)

Entries: Deck entries will not be accepted.

Time Trials: ~~There will be no time trials at this meet.~~ Time Trials may be offered at the end of each session and will be posted prior to warm-up.

Scratch

Rules: Swimmers are asked to communicate scratches to the Entries Chair prior to the meet start date, as possible. There is no penalty for scratching from a pre-seeded event, except for loss of the entry fees.

Meet Staff: **Meet Referee:** Rich Zbranak, txson6@gmail.com

Admin Official: Saturday: Brian Albright, brianalbright@utexas.edu, Sunday: Marc Digby, mdigby@aesastuin.com

Meet Director: D. Scott Brown, dsbrown44@gmail.com, 512-801-4806

Entries Chair: Dave Brown, dhbrown.mail@gmail.com, 512-917-9146

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. There are no exceptions to this policy. Violators are subject to disqualification from the meet, disbarment from the facility, and arrest.

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. 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. All unaccompanied swimmers will be temporarily assigned to a registered USA coach for warm up, warm down, and competition purposes in order to comply with USA Swimming Rule 202.5.2.

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.

Deck

Changing: Deck changes are prohibited.

Special

Needs: Please notify D. Scott Brown 512-801-4806 in advance of this event with the name and age of any member on your team who needs assistance to enter the building. The facility 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 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 for 2020 or 2021 and have a current Background Check and Athlete Protection Course acknowledged by USA Swimming. Deck officials are required by rule to prominently display both their USA Swimming ID card and LSC credentials while on deck as an official. Please email the Meet

Referee prior to the meet with your availability and current certifications. Please report to the Meet Referee at least 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of any session to receive your assignments. The wearing of name tags is strongly encouraged. The uniform is white polo shirt and khaki shorts/pants/skirts.

Drones: 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. .

Positive

Check-In Positive check-in is required for the Event 1 (400 IM) by 8:15am and for Event 12 (500 Free) by the start of Event 5. Swimmers in the 500 Free will need two backup timers and one person to count laps.

Timers: Parents of swimmers entered in the meet will be needed as timers.

Awards: No awards will be given.

Daily

Schedule: Warm-ups will be conducted in accordance with the current STSI Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures attached to this meet announcement.

ORDER OF EVENTS

Distances are in short course yards

SESSION 1, SATURDAY Session 1 warm-ups start at 1pm Session 1 starts at 2pm <i>*Events 200yds and longer require B-time standard to enter</i>	
EVENT #	EVENT
1*	12 & Under 200 FR
2	12 & Under 100 IM
3	12 & Under 50 FR
4	8 & Under 25 BK
5	12 & Under 50 FL
6	12 & Under 100 FR
7	12 & Under 50 BK
8	8 & Under 25 FR
9	12 & Under 50 BR

SESSION 2, SUNDAY Session 2 warm-ups start at 1pm Session 2 starts at 2pm <i>*Events 200yds and longer require B-time standard to enter</i> <i>**Event 16 requires positive check-in before the start of the meet</i>	
EVENT #	EVENT
10*	200 IM
11	50 FR
	Break
12	100 FL
13	100 FR
	Break
14	100 BK
15	100 BR

16*	500 FR**
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The Meet Director reserves the right to combine events, depending on entries.

An estimated timeline for the meet will be sent to participants on October 16.

Depending on entries, the Meet Director reserves the right to add and remove breaks, to conduct flyover starts, and to split the meet into additional sessions for safety and/or timeline purposes.

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 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

LANE USE

POOL	PUSH/PACE	DIVES/SPRINTS	GENERAL WARMUP
10 Lanes	1 and 10	2,3 and 8,9	4 through 7
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 backstroke 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