



2021 South Texas Short Course STAGS Championship—South Meet Information



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Meet: 2021 South Texas Short Course STAGS Championship South

Hosted by Surge Aquatics

Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming.

Team Alignments—South Meet: AAAA, AQSA, BAS, CBA, CCAA, CLAN, CLUB, GLAA, HAT, HOT, HPAC, HSC, LIFE, MMA, MSC, PRGN, SAS, SASA, SEAL, SRG, SYS, VTAC, WAVE, WWAC, UN

Dates: February 26-28, 2021

**Sanction
Number:** ST-21-33

Venue: Surge Aquatics, Das Rec Natatorium, 345 Landa Dr. New Braunfels TX, 78130

Eligibility: This meet is open to all South Texas athletes ages 22 & under who are attached/unattached to the teams in the Team Alignments section above, and who have achieved the “A” or faster qualifying [2021-2024 USA Swimming National Motivational](#) time standards in short course yards, short course meters, or long course meters.

Athletes with disabilities may enter any event for which they have achieved the [LSC Para Motivational Time Standards](#) as published by the U.S. Paralympic Swimming qualifying time.

Facility: Eight FINA-width (2.75-meter) lanes plus three additional warm-up lanes. Colorado timing system. Full scoreboard with heat and event display. Bleacher seating is limited. *City of New Braunfels - Sec. 86-4.- Additional rules and regulations for control of parks and recreation areas and facilities. It shall be unlawful to stake any item into the ground including tents and hammocks. Only free-standing canopies with no bottoms are allowed.

The indoor pool depths, measured from the start end, is seven feet two inches and from the turn end is four feet three inches both measured at one and five meters from either end wall.

Liability: In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc., South Texas Swimming, Inc. (STSI), Surge Aquatics, 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, SURGE AQUATICS, 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.

Sanction: This meet has been sanctioned by South Texas Swimming and current USA Swimming rules, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (“MAAPP”), and any relevant sections of the South Texas Policies & Procedures Manual will apply. All swimmers must be registered as athletes for 2021 with USA Swimming by the meet start date. If deck entries are allowed by USA Swimming rules in effect at the time of the meet, athletes who register with USA Swimming after the meet entry deadline may deck enter the meet only if they can present their 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. Athletes who fail to meet this requirement will not be allowed to compete. Conduct of the sanctioned event shall conform in every respect to all technical and administrative rules of USA Swimming.

Format: All events will be conducted as timed finals. Events will be seeded gender-mixed according to the Order of Events, except as noted. All events will be swum fastest to slowest. The 500 Free, 1650 Free, and 400 IM will be seeded on deck after positive check-in. Check-in for these events is required (see order of event for check-in time). Swimmers must provide their own backup timers for the 500 Free, 1650 Free, and 400 IM events, and provide their own lap counters for the 500 and 1650 Free events. Meet Management reserves the right to alter meet operations based on the number of participants. The 1650 Free event will be swum in 6 lanes with 2 open lanes for continuous warm-up and cool down.

USA Swimming

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

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. The Meet Director or Meet Referee may assist the swimmer in making arrangements for such supervision, but it is the swimmer’s responsibility to make sure arrangements prior to the start of the meet.

Qualifying

Times: The qualifying time standards for all individual events are the traditional dual-age group [2021-2024 USA Swimming National Motivational](#) “A” and faster times. Athletes ages 19-22 must have the “A” or faster time for the 17-18 age group to enter.

Athletes with disabilities may enter any event for which they have achieved the [LSC Para Motivational Time Standards](#) as published by the U.S. Paralympic Swimming qualifying time.

Qualifying times must be achieved prior to the first or second entry deadlines. If entering with a non-conforming time (SCM or LCM), the swimmer must enter with the time achieved in the non-conforming course. Converted entry times will not be accepted. Seeding shall be in the following order: yards, long course meters, short course meters (YLS).

Proof of Time: Proof of time must be submitted with the entries. All entry times must be verifiable using the USA-S SWIMS database for sanctioned, approved, or observed meets. (Times in the SWIMS database earned at unsanctioned meets may not be used as proof of time.) All proof 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 February 26, 2021.

Entry

Restrictions: An individual swimmer may enter a maximum of five individual events per day and a maximum of 10 individual events for the meet.

Time Trials: There will be no time trials at this meet

Relays: There are no relays at this meet.

Deadlines: There are two entry deadlines for this meet. The first entry deadline is February 18, 2021. The first entry deadline is for athletes who have achieved qualifying times prior to this date. The second (final) entry deadline is February 22, 2021 by 6pm. Only swimmers who have achieved a qualifying time after the first entry deadline may enter using the second entry deadline. Teams may use the second entry deadline to update swimmer times if necessary.

Entry

Requirements: All entries must contain the following information: the name, email address, and phone number of the person preparing the entries in case clarification is needed; an attachment of the Hy-Tek Team Manager or Team Unify export file; an attached document listing the entries (by swimmer) with proofs of time; and an attached document of the meet entry fees report.

Any team submitting entries under the LSC Para Motivational Time Standards qualifying times may send an email to the entry chair with the team abbreviation, the swimmer's full name (as registered with USA Swimming), the swimmer's USA Swimming ID number, and swimmer's events by number, description, and entry time. Proof of time must be submitted with the entries.

Teams with exceptions will be e-mailed notice of same. Teams and entrants are responsible to check the exception report and correct any errors prior to the deadline given to them by the meet host.

Entry

Procedures: \$10 per individual event – includes the STSI splash fee of \$1.25 per event. \$5 per athlete surcharge.

Make checks payable to Surge Aquatics and mailed to Derek Howorth c/o Surge Aquatics, 2911 Oakleaf Drive. San Antonio, Texas 78209. Entry fees must be received by Wednesday, February 24. 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 or if the meet occurs on the meet's indicated "backup" date. No paper, phone, or fax entries will be accepted. If you do not receive an e-mail confirmation, your entries were not received.

Deck (late)

Entries: Deck entries will be accepted at \$20 per individual event, plus the \$5 athlete surcharge for swimmers not already entered in the meet. 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. At the discretion of meet administration, a Heat "Zero" may be added for late entries, if needed. Swimmers *not previously entered in the meet* must present their 2021 USA Swimming 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. In addition, the swimmer must present proof of time before a deck entry will be accepted.

Scratch

Rules: There is no penalty for failing to scratch from a pre-seeded event. Swimmers who fail to compete in the 400 IM, 500 Free, or 1650 Free events after positive check-in will be disqualified from their next individual event and must positively check in for the remainder of the meet with meet administration. If the swimmer has no additional events in the meet, or the missed event occurs on Sunday, the swimmer will be fined \$100. Illness and injury may be excused by the Meet Referee. Fines must be paid to the hosting team.

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.

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:

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 Referee (Tom Schultz – tschultz@gvtc.com – 210-284-8116) in advance of this event with the name and age of any member on your team who needs assistance to enter the facility. 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 if 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 second entry deadline.

Awards: There will be no awards at this meet.

Scoring: This meet will not be scored.

Meet Management: Entries Chair: Nabil Kebbab – coachkebbab@surgeaquatics.org 210-355-9621
Meet Director: Jeremy Block – coachblock@surgeaquatics.org – 210-831-1348
Meet Referee: Tom Schultz – tschultz@gvtc.com – 210-284-8116
Admin Official: Diane Byerly – didibyerly@yahoo.com – 361-549-8887

Officials: All currently certified and in-training USA Swimming officials are cordially invited to participate. All deck and administrative officials must be registered with USA Swimming and their local LSC for 2021 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 or skirts. 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.

Daily Schedule: Friday – Warmups begin at 5:00pm, sessions start at 6:00pm.

Saturday and Sunday – Sessions will be based on athlete numbers with approximately 250 athletes per session. Warmups will start 90-120 minutes prior to the meet start time based on the number of athletes entered in each session. The exact session start times and warmup schedules may be adjusted depending on session sizes. Teams will be notified of the warmup schedule no later than February 25.

- Option A – Start time 8:30am with a combination of single and/or combined age group sessions with a target of 250 athletes per session.
- Option B - 12&under 8am start, 13&Over warm-up starts immediately following the completion of the 12&under session.

Timers: Timer assignments will be based on number of entries. Swimmers competing in the 500 and 1650 freestyle and 400 individual medley events must provide their own back-up timers. Swimmers competing in the 500 and 1650 freestyle events also must provide their own lap counters.

Warm-up Procedures: Warm-ups will be conducted in accordance with the current STSI Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures attached to this meet announcement. Athletes must be directly supervised by a USA Swimming certified coach at all times.





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Note: Meet Management reserves the right to combine or split sessions and/or combine events based on age groups (10 & under, 11-12, 13-14, and 15-22), and based on the number of entries received. Sessions will be limited to approximately 250 athletes per session. Warmups will start 90-120 minutes prior to the meet start time based on the number of athletes entered in each session. The exact session start times and warmup schedules may be adjusted depending on session sizes. Teams will be notified of the warmup schedule and any changes to the event order or sessions on or no later than February 25.

Session One: All Ages Friday, February 26, 2021, 6:00pm

Mixed Event #	Event
1	11-22 1650 Free*

* Positive check-in for the 1650 Free is required by 5:15pm.

* Swimmers in Event 1 on Friday must provide their own backup timers, and a lap counter.

Session Two: All Ages Saturday, February 27, 2021, 8:30am

Mixed Event #	Event
2	22 & Under 200 Freestyle
3	22 & Under 100 Butterfly
4	12 & Under 50 Backstroke
5	11-22 200 Breaststroke
6	12 & Under 100 Individual Medley
7	22 & Under 50 Freestyle
8	22 & Under 100 Breaststroke
9	11-22 400 Individual Medley +

+ Positive check-in for the 400 IM is required by start of the session two.

+ Swimmers in the 400 IM must provide their own backup timers.

Session Three: All Ages Sunday, February 28, 2021, 8:30am

Mixed Event #	Event
10	22 & Under 200 Individual Medley
11	22 & Under 100 Backstroke
12	12 & Under 50 Breaststroke
13	11-22 200 Butterfly
14	22 & Under 100 Freestyle
15	11-22 200 Backstroke
16	12 & Under 50 Butterfly
17	22 & Under 500 Freestyle **

** Positive check-in for the 500 Free is required by start of the session three.

** Swimmers in the 500 Free must provide their own backup timers and a lap counter.

The qualifying time for all events at this meet is the 2021-2024 National Age Group Motivational “A” and faster Time Standard by age and gender, in short course yards, short course meters, or long course meters.

[2021-2024 National Age Group Motivational Times](#)

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

POOL	PUSH/PACE	DIVES/SPRINTS	GENERAL WARMUP
10 Lanes	0 and 9 or 1 and 10	1 and 8 or 2 and 9	2 through 7 or 1 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 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.

Return to Competition Document

Below are SURGE AQUATICS plans for running a swim meet beginning August 2020.

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The Meet will be pre-seeded and no deck entries permitted. No Relays will be allowed. All Das Rec facility COVID-19 procedures, rules etc must be followed. These are located at

www.dasrec.com

The USA Swimming Code of Conduct and the SafeSport Code for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movements continue to apply in full.

The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) continues to apply in full.

USA Swimming Safe Sport Best Practice Guidelines state that parents should be encouraged to appropriately support their child(ren)'s swimming experience and that all swimming practices should be open to observation by parents. This also applies to meet participation.

Meet Operations:

- All racing must be in lanes 1-8 of the competition pool
- Two (2) Timers in each lane should do their best to maintain social distancing and wearing of face covering.
- All swimmers must wear a mask or face shield when not racing, warming up/down, or walking from the race to the warm up/down pool area.
- Everyone who enters Das Rec must wear a face mask and/or face shield.
- All swimmers, coaches, officials and volunteers should maintain social distancing per most current CDC guidelines
- All swimmers, coaches, officials and volunteers entering the Swim Center must be COVID screened for symptoms and temperature prior to entering the building
- No parent may enter the building to view a race, talk with a coach, official or volunteer. Parents are kindly asked to seek help at the front door.
- All event participants and parents in the parking lot must use social distancing requirements per current CDC guidelines

Swimmer Ingress/Egress:

- Once a swimmer has completed their warm-up, race and warm-down must exit the swim center after discussing their race with their coach (social distancing applies)
- Swimmers coming back into Das Rec after being screened the first time, may enter by the shallow end doors that go outside.
- All swimmers must arrive in their swimsuit. The locker rooms will remain closed throughout the swim meet. Family bathrooms will be available as needed.
Volunteers need to contact coach K at coachkebbab@surgeaquatics.org to get added to the list; first come first served.

Marshalls: two (2) for the entire meet: one (1) for the entrance/exit door and one (1) “Roaming” to monitor and help swimmers keep with the social distancing)

Timers: we will need 16 timers plus one (1) backup timer for the duration of the meet.

Ready Bench: 4, to help the flow of athletes heading towards the blocks

Other important information:

We will not have the lobby open at all, and the Locker rooms will remain closed. Volunteers need to bring in their own filled water bottles to drink. Water fountain will be available.
Swim meet will be streamed live on YouTube.