

# Alamo Area Aquatic Association

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## Meet Information

Conducted under Sanction by USA Swimming

Sanction Number: ST-21-42cm

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- Meet**
- 2021 ST AAAA-NE Blossom into Summer
  - Long Course Meter (LCM) Closed Competition
  - Only athletes affiliated with AAAA may enter this meet

**Date:** •Saturday April 3, 2021

- Venue:**
- Bill Walker Pool
  - Blossom Athletic Center (Also known as North East Stadium)
  - Jones-Maltsberger Road at Starcrest and / or Bitters
  - San Antonio, TX 78216 / 210-356-6925

<b>Schedule:</b>	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>
•Doors open	0730	1130
•Coaches meet at	0740	1140
•Warm-ups begin at	0800	1200
•Officials meet at	0830	1215
•Sprint lanes (2 - 8) and Push/Pace lanes (0 and 9) open	0830	1220
•Pools cleared at	0850	1235
•National Anthem	0855	1240
•Competition begins at	0900	1245
• <i>Estimated</i> finish at	1130	1415

**Spectator Restrictions & Admission:**

- In conformance with NEISD Policies concerning COVID-19, the number of spectators must be limited to 250 and face masks will be required.
- Spectators will be permitted to enter 35 minutes prior to the start time of each session
- The admission charge is \$5.00 per person, which includes a Heat Sheet for both sessions

**Format:**

- The meet will be conducted in two sessions on a single day
- Swimmers may enter in *either* session, but *not both*
- Nominally, entries into each session will be limited to 150 swimmers
- However, in order to remain in compliance with the School District's COVID-19 restrictions on facility capacities, the host reserves the right to configure the sessions as may be required once all entries have been received
- All events will be seeded by gender and time, and swum *fastest to slowest*
- Swimmers are permitted to enter four (4) events in the morning session and three (3) in the afternoon

**Facilities:**

- The Bill Walker Pool opened in October of 2019 and is part of the North East School District's Blossom Athletic Center and is also known as the North East Stadium
- It is an indoor facility with a ten-lane 50-meter racing course
- The course has been professionally certified IAW Article 104.2.2C(4) and copies of the data are on file with USA Swimming.
- Water depth:
- One-meter from start end            2.35m (7.7ft)                            •Five-meters from start end            2.41m (7.9ft)
- One-meter from turn end            1.52m (5.0ft)                            •Five-meters from turn end            1.55m (5.1ft)
- Mid-course                                1.75m (5.7ft)
- All automatic starting and timing with full digital scoreboard
- Strobe on each starting block
- Six adjacent lanes and the eight-lane Davis Natatorium next door will be available for warm-ups and cool downs
- Ample deck seating for athletes and coaches.

**Facility Rules, Regulations and Policies:**

- Deck changing is prohibited
- Two-piece swim wear is prohibited
- 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 and disbarment from the facility



- The presence of cell phones, smart phones, iPads, etc. anywhere behind the starting blocks is prohibited at all times during competition
  - Violators are subject to having their devices temporarily confiscated
- The starting blocks will be sanitized regularly during competition
- Swimmers must wear masks when reporting to the blocks
- There will be only one heat allowed behind the block at any one time
- Please review the graphic on page four(4) regarding bags, purses, and back-packs
- Photographers and videographers are specifically prohibited from the area immediately behind the starting blocks
- Parents and other spectators are not permitted on-deck at any time for any reason
- Flash photography of any sort is expressly forbidden at any time during competition
- Standing in front of and / or leaning against the glass rails is expressly forbidden
- Times noted on the scoreboard are never official and must not ever be regarded as such
- Please also see Attachment one (1) on page six (6)

**Age up Date:** •The age of the swimmer will be his / her age on April 3rd, 2021

**Time Trials, Relays and Awards:** •None!

**Drones:** •In accordance with (IAW) 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 and NEISD.

**Liability:** •In granting a Sanction, it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc., South Texas Swimming, Inc. (STSI), the Alamo Area Aquatic Association (AAAA), the North East Independent School District, and all meet officials shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities for claims for damage arising by reason(s) arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this meet

**COVID-19:**

- 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 athletes choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, they may be exposing themselves to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.
  - By attending or participating in this competition, athletes voluntarily assume all risks associated with exposure to COVID-19 and forever hold harmless USA Swimming, South Texas Swimming, Inc. (STSI), the Alamo Area Aquatic Association (AAAA), the North East Independent School District, and all meet officials from any liability or claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property loss; including, but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claims they 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.***
  - Please refer to Attachment one (1) on page six (6) for COVID-19 facility specific protocols and procedures

**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 and Procedures Manual will govern this meet.  
•All swimmers must be registered as athletes for 2021 with USA Swimming by the meet start date.  
•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 - a coach may present the club’s official, watermarked roster from the USA Swimming club portal, or proof of membership using the USA Swimming Deck Pass app  
•South Texas Swimming does not permit on-deck USA Swimming registrations  
•Conduct of the sanctioned events shall conform in every respect to all technical and administrative rules of USA Swimming.

**USA Swimming Registration:**

- 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.



**Cell Phone****Restrictions:**

- The presence and / 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, rest rooms, or changing areas is strictly and specifically prohibited at all times.
- There are no exceptions to this prohibition.
- Violators are subject to disqualification from the meet, disbarment from the facility and arrest.

**Entry****Restrictions:**

- Participation in this meet is open only to swimmers affiliated with AAAA, i.e., Closed Competition Swimmers may enter in either the morning OR afternoon sessions, but not both
- Swimmers may enter four (4) events in the morning session or three (3) in the afternoon

**Entry fees:**

- \$10.00 per event; includes STSI \$1.25 Splash Fee
- \$10.00 per athlete: Facility charge

**Entry****Deadline:**

- Entries must be submitted via Hy-Tek Commlink File and be in the hands of the **Entries Chair** not later than 1200 hours, Tuesday March 23, 2021

**Late/Deck****Entries:**

- Late / deck entries will not be accepted

**Qualifying****Times:**

- None specified
- Team coaches will establish their own criteria and select their entries

**Meet****Management:**

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| •Meet Manager 8.0                       |  |  |
| • <b><u>NEISD Aquatics Director</u></b> | • <b><u>Meet Director:</u></b>           | • <b><u>Entries Chair:</u></b>           |
| •David Johnson                          | •Bill Spurgeon                           | •Bill Spurgeon                           |
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| • <b><u>Meet Referee:</u></b>           | • <b><u>Administrative Official:</u></b> | • <b><u>Administrative Assistant</u></b> |
| •Rick Russell                           | •Mindy Donofrio                          | •Lauren Nutt                             |
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**Warm-ups:**

- Warm-ups will be conducted IAW the current STSI Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures noted on page five (5)

**Unaccompanied****Swimmers**

- Any swimmer entered in this meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or just start each race from within the water without the use of a 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.

**Photographs****And Videos:**


- No team or parent photographers will be allowed on deck.
- In the event such media 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
- Media photographers and videographers are prohibited from the area immediately behind the starting blocks

**Special Needs:**

- Please notify the NEISD Aquatic Center (210-356-6925) 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 by the end of warm-ups if they are to be considered to be judged under Article 105 and / or if any specialized equipment is required.



**Officials:**

- All currently (2021) certified / registered and in-training USA Swimming officials are cordially invited to assist in the conduct of this meet
- The uniform for officials is white collared shirts or blouses over khaki trousers, Bermuda-length shorts, skirts or capris
- No short shorts, jeans or flip-flops, please
- Wearing of name tags is strongly encouraged
- Please report to the Meet Referee in the Walker  Conference Room at 0830 and 1215 to receive assignments

**Timers and**

**Lap Counters:**

- Sign-ups will be required for Lane Timers as volunteers have become unreliable
- If an insufficient number of individuals sign-up / show up, times achieved will not be entered into the SWIMS National Database.

# Order of the Events

Distances are in meters

Saturday April 3rd @ 0900		
Girl's Ev #	Stroke & Distance	Boy's Ev.#
1	400 Free	2
3	100 Fly	4
5	100 Back	6
7	50 Free	8
9	100 Breast	10
11	100 Free	12
13	200 I-M	14

Saturday April 3rd @ 1245		
Girl's Ev #	Stroke & Distance	Boy's Ev#
15	100 Free	16
17	50 Fly	18
19	50 Back	20
21	50 Breast	22
23	50 Free	24
25	200 I-M	26



## NO PURSES. NO BAGS.

NEISD BAC PURSE/BAG POLICY



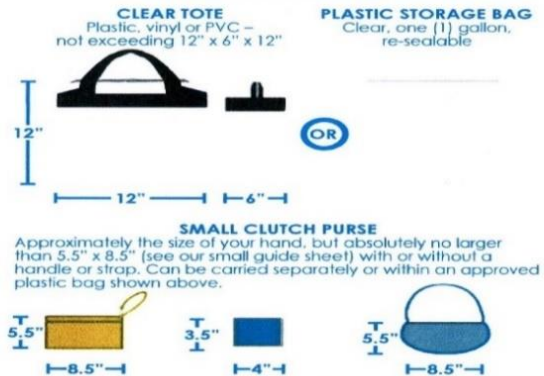
### Prohibited Bags

PROHIBITED ITEMS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- All purses, bags or containers larger than a small clutch bag
- Backpacks
- Binocular case – Binoculars may be worn around the neck
- Briefcases
- Camera bags
- Cinch bags
- Computer bags
- Coolers
- Fanny packs
- Luggage of any kind

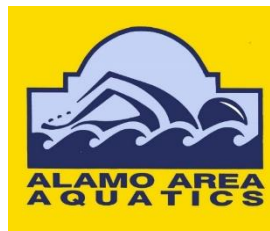


### Approved Bags



To enhance public safety, Blossom Athletic Center has modified its security policy by limiting the size and style of bags allowed into events. An exception will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection at a gate designated for this purpose. Please limit the number of items you bring to the stadium on event days.

**These policies do not apply to Coaches, Athletes Officials Staff and / or Administrators**



# 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	0 and 9	1 and 8	2 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 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.*



## 2021 NEISD Davis Natatorium and Bill Walker Pool Swim Facilities Safety Protocol and Procedures

### ● Age Group Swimmers and Spectators at USA-Sanctioned Swim Meets

- Self-screen for symptoms at home before arriving at Aquatic facilities-see below
- Maintain six feet social distancing (SD) at all times in the water and on deck
- Enter Davis facility front door as marked sign in at facility entrance desk
- Enter Davis deck area through “Entrance Doors” signs will be posted (SD)
- Exit Davis deck area through marked “Exit” doors and exit facility through marked “Exit” doors.
- Go directly to assigned team area / warm-up lanes with coach guidance following guidelines
- Exit Walker through North doors marked “Exit”
- No gatherings or groups congregating together will be allowed
- Showers available (SD), lockers not available, restroom toilets will be accessible
- Bring your own “filled” water bottle; water fountains are not accessible
- No cell phones allowed in facility
- Follow all safety protocol procedures posted at facility
- No “high fives” or handshakes during practices/meets
- No spectators during practices
- Spectators limited to 250 in Walker Pool upstairs bleacher area
- Families may sit together
- Sit in every other row to allow for social distancing
- Masks must be worn at all times
- Those not following NEISD facility protocols will be asked to leave the facility

### ● Covid-19 Screening Symptoms:

- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle Pain
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Fever of 100 degrees or greater
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have Covid-19

