

Corpus Christi Aquatic Alliance
Club Estates Marlins
Halloween Spooktacular Swim Meet
October 29, 2016

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Welcome: The Corpus Christi Aquatic Alliance – Club Estates Marlins invites you to join us at the CCISD Natatorium to compete in our long course unclassified. The meet is open to all swimmers registered with USA Swimming or FINA. Designated warm up lanes will be available during the meet.

Location: Corpus Christi Independent School District Natatorium located at 3202 Cabiness Parkway, Corpus Christi, TX 78415 near the intersection of Saratoga and Kostoryz. Pool Telephone numbers: (361) 878-2333x114, (361) 878-2334, or (361) 878-2337.

Directions: From US 77 North, turn right on FM 665 at Driscoll, TX and proceed toward Corpus Christi. The road will change to FM 43. Turn left onto Ayers Street (State Hwy 286). Go straight to Saratoga Blvd., turn right on Saratoga and proceed east toward the Cabaniss Field Athletic Complex. The pool will be on your right in the Cabaniss Field Athletic Complex.

Facility: An indoor 8 lane, 25 yard competition pool with 9 foot lanes with a 6 foot minimum water depth at both the start and turn ends at one and five meters. There is a 6 lane 25 yard continuous warm up cool down area. The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2.C.(3) & (4). If a swimmer expects to, or does break a record, please inform the Meet Director or Referee. In accordance to 104.2.2.C.(4).(c), The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming "Where moveable Bulkhead is used, course measurement of the lane in which the record was set must be confirmed at the conclusion of the session during which the time was achieved." A Daktronics timing and starting system and Hy-Tek Meet Manager software will be utilized. Parking, spectator areas and dressing rooms are available.

Sanction #: **STA-16-84**
Held under the sanction of USA Swimming

Sanction: This meet has been sanctioned by South Texas Swimming and current USA Swimming rules and any relevant sections of the South Texas Policies & Procedures Manual will apply. All swimmers must be registered as athletes for 2016 or 2017 with USA Swimming by the entry deadline. Athletes who register with USA Swimming after the meet entry deadline may deck enter the meet only if they can present their 2016 or 2017 USA Swimming registration card (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), CCAA-Club Estates Marlins, CCISD Natatorium, the City of Corpus Christi and its employees, 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. Damages 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. It may also result in expulsion from the meet.

USA Swimming

Registration: All swimmers, coaches, and officials participating in this competition must be currently (2016/2017) 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 portal (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: All events are timed finals, seeded by time and gender. The events will be swum slowest to fastest with the exception of the 500 free. The 500 free will be deck seeded and will be gender combined. **The meet host reserves the right to cap the number of swimmers entered in each session in order to stay within the four hour rule. Swimmers will be entered in the order entries are received.**

Qualifying**Times:** None**Time Trials:** No time trials will be offered.**Age up Date:** The age of the swimmer will be his/her age on October 29, 2016.**Entry****Restrictions:** Swimmers may enter a maximum of **5** individual events plus two relays. The age of the swimmer will be his/her age on October 29, 2016. Please do not enter individual events with NT; you may estimate a time for your athlete. A good estimated time will ensure your athlete is seeded in the proper heat -- this provides the best competition for all athletes.**Entry****Deadline:** October 18, 2016**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. Please rename the entry file to clearly identify your club code and the file (such as CCAA_Entries.zip). Include a Meet Entry Report of your entries, listing the swimmer, USA Swimming ID, and entries by swimmer. Rename the Meet Entry Report using your club code and the report name (such as CCAA_EntriesByAthlete.pdf).

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.

CCAA-CEM reserves the right to limit the number of swimmers allowed to enter the meet in order to maintain the timeline of the meet as close as possible to fall within the 4 hour rule as prescribed by South Texas and USA Swimming. The entries will be accepted in the order of receipt. The meet director will notify the teams whose entries that do not fall within the four hour rule as soon as possible and no later than October 21, 2016.

Entry Fees: \$5.00 per individual event and \$8.00 per relay event (includes the STSI splash fee of \$1.25 per splash) Please include a Meet Entry Fee report with your payment. Entry fees must be received by October 27, 2016 or your entries will be removed from the meet. Refunds will not be given for any reason.
Make checks payable to: *CCAA-CEM*
Send checks to: Annette DuVall, P.O. Box 270216, Corpus Christi, TX 78427**Deck Entries:** Deck entries will be accepted for open lanes. Additional heats may be created at the discretion of the meet director and/or meet referee. All deck entries will be entered with a NT. You may deck enter at the start of warm up. **Swimmers that are not previously entered in the meet are required to show proof of their current 2016 or 2017 USA Swimming registration** or a coach may present the club's official, watermarked roster from the USA Swimming club portal or by using the USA Swimming deck pass to the Clerk of Course in order to deck enter. Deck entry fees are double per event.

Meet Director/Entries Chair:

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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. 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.

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 changing is prohibited.

Special**Needs:**

Please notify Annette DuVall at 361-946-5815 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 2016/2017 certified and in-training USA Swimming officials are cordially invited to participate. All deck officials must be registered with USA Swimming for 2016/2017 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 one hour prior to the scheduled start time of any session to receive your assignments. The wearing of name tags is strongly encouraged. The uniform will be white polo shirt over khaki shorts, skorts, or pants.

Timers:

The host team will attempt to provide backup timers for this meet but volunteers from visiting teams will be needed. Visiting teams will be assigned timing responsibilities for lanes or based on the number of swimmers entered.

Awards:

Ribbons for first through eighth place will be awarded in the following age group categories: 10 & U, 11-12, 13-14 and 15 and over. The 25/50 back, 25/50 breast, 25 free and 25/50 fly events will be awarded ribbons in the following age group categories – 10 & U, 11-12 only. Relays will be given awards for first – third places.

Daily**Schedule:**

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

Warm up: 8:00 a.m.

Meet Start: 9:00 a.m.

Order of Events

Distances are in SC yards

SATURDAY SESSION

<u>GIRLS</u>			<u>BOYS</u>
1	OPEN	100 Broomstick Relay	2
3	OPEN	200 Free	4
5	OPEN	25 Free	6
7	OPEN	50 Fly	8
9	11 & O	200 Breast	10
11	OPEN	25 Breast	12
13	OPEN	50 Free	14
15	OPEN	100 Back	16
17	OPEN	25 Back	18
17A	OPEN	100 Free	18A
19	OPEN	50 Breast	20
21	9 & O	200 IM	22
23	OPEN	100 Sweatshirt Relay	24
25	OPEN	50 Back	26
27	11 & O	200 Back	28
29	OPEN	25 Fly	30
31	12 & U	100 IM	32
33	OPEN	100 Breast	34
35	OPEN	100 Fly	36
37	OPEN	100 Candy Bucket Relay	38
39	9 & O	500 Free	39

** Swimmers in the 500 Free are required to have their own timer and counter.

Relay Rules:

Broomstick:

- Each leg swims 25 yards
- All swimmers will start in the water
- Each leg will place the “broom” between their legs and ride in an upright seated position
- Next leg can start after the first leg has touched the wall and passed the broom

Sweatshirt:

- The first swimmer will start from the block with the sweatshirt on and all others will start from the deck
- Each swimmer will swim 25 yards
- All swimmers must swim with the sweatshirt properly worn (arms in arm holes; head in the correct opening)
- Swimmers must exit the water BEFORE the sweatshirt exchange can take place
- The race is complete when the final swimmer touches the pad on the finish wall
- Each relay is allowed one additional teammate on each end to assist with the sweatshirt exchange

Candy Bucket:

- Each leg swims 25 yards
- Each leg will start in the water
- Swimmers must hold the bucket above the water by the handle only and not spill any candy out of the bucket
- Next leg can start after the first leg has reached the wall

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Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures

A. WARM-UP PROCEDURES

- I. Assigned Warm-up Procedures (**Prelims**)
 - 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 (**Finals**)

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 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—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 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.