

# SOUTHERN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS INVITATIONAL

December 2-5, 2021

Short Course Yards – Prelims / Finals

HOSTED BY

THE WOODLANDS SWIM TEAM



Sanction Number #

**ENTRIES DUE TO THE HOST BY 11:59 PM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

**LOCATION:** CISD Natatorium, 19133 David Memorial Drive, Shenandoah, Texas 77385

**DIRECTIONS:** **From I-45 Northbound:** Exit College Park Dr. (exit 79A). Proceed north on the frontage road and turn right (east) on Ed English Drive (at Discount Tire Co.). Proceed to David Memorial Drive and turn right (south), the Natatorium will be on your left, adjacent to the football stadium. **From I-45 Southbound:** exit Tamina (exit 77). At the intersection of I-45 and Research Forest/Tamina, turn left (east) onto Tamina Road and travel to first stop light. At the stop light turn left (north) onto David Memorial Drive (behind Home Depot), the Natatorium will be on your right.

**MEET STAFF:**

<b>MEET REFEREE:</b>	Claude Humbert, Andrea Walin
<b>ADMIN OFFICIAL:</b>	Manoj Desai, Raman Khan
<b>MEET DIRECTOR:</b>	Jennie Shamburger, Shannon Pope, Staci Stevens, Carla Khan
<b>SAFETY MARSHAL:</b>	Pati Bryant, David Rautenbach
<b>COACH:</b>	Chris Collier, Head Coach, The Woodlands Swim Team

**POOLS:** Two eight lane, 25 yard indoor pools with non-turbulent lane lines will be used for warm-up and competition. Warm-up/warm-down lanes will be available for all sessions.

**TIME AND DATE:** This is a prelim/finals meet with A, B, C and D finals. There will be an E final for 50-100-200 events. Relays, 1000 Free & 1650 Free will be swum as timed finals events. Timing lane assignments will be designated in the psych sheet and posted on the Gulf website by Monday, November 29, 2021. Open warm-up format will be used for all prelim and finals sessions.

Thursday, December 2, 2021      Timed Finals      Warm-up: 3:30 pm  
Meet Start: 5:00 pm

Friday, December 3, 2021      Prelims:      Warm-up: 7:30 am/Start: 9:00 am



	Finals:	Warm-up: 4:30 pm / Start: 5:30 pm
Saturday, December 4, 2021	Prelims	Warm-up: 7:30 am / Start: 9:00 am
	Finals:	Warm-up: 4:30 pm / Start: 5:30 pm
Sunday, December 5, 2021	Prelims	Warm-up: 7:30 am / Start: 9:00 am
	Finals:	Warm-up: 3:30 pm / Start: 4:30 pm

**MEET TYPE:** This meet will be run utilizing the “Flyover Starts” procedures unless a waiver is received from the Technical Planning Committee Chair. At the conclusion of each heat, the swimmers shall remain in the water until after the next heat is started. Coaches, please remind your swimmers of the “Flyover Start” procedures.

**SAFETY GUIDELINES AND WARM-UP PROCEDURES:**

See attached Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures

**OFFICIALS:**

The uniform for all Preliminary sessions will be white polo shirt over khaki shorts / pants / skirt. The Finals uniform will be navy blue polo shirt over khaki pants / skirt (no shorts). Application will be made for this meet to be designated a National Qualifying Meet for Officials. Officials should contact the Meet Referee, (Claude Humbert / Andrea Walin) to apply for an assigned position or to request an evaluation.

**GENERAL MEETING:**

All swimmers must be represented at a general meeting to be held at the Natatorium on Thursday, December 2nd at the conclusion of the session. Any changes to the conduct of the meet will be decided at this meeting. It is each swimmer and coach’s responsibility to be aware of any changes made during this meeting.

**SEEDING:**

The meet will be deck-seeded. Coaches please inform your swimmers of seeding on deck rules. Seeding for all events shall be in the following order: Conforming course entries in time order, followed by non-conforming long course entries in time order, followed by non-conforming short course entries in time order (YLS).

**ORDER OF HEATS:**

The 1000 Free will be swum with heats in the order of fastest to slowest. At Prelims, events will be swum with heats in the order of fastest to slowest. At Finals, events will be swum with heats in the order of slowest to fastest.

**SCRATCHING:**

**Procedures:** Scratches prior to the seeding of heats shall be confirmed by properly filling out a scratch card and depositing in the scratch box at the Clerk of Course table on deck. After the heats have been seeded, any swimmer who fails to compete in an individual event heat in which they have been entered and have not been scratched will be barred from further individual and relay events for that day. No shows will also result in the swimmer being assessed a \$5.00 fine, payable to Gulf Swimming Administrative Vice-Chairman (Paige Sikkema) for each event in which he/she fails to appear.

**Scratch Deadlines:**

**Thursday’s events:** is deck seeded; scratches are made by not circling in for the 1000 free.

**Friday’s events:** 15 minutes after the general meeting is adjourned on Thursday.

**Saturday’s events:** 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec 3



**Sunday's events:** 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec 4

**Location of the Scratch Box:** The scratch box shall be located at the Scratch table on deck.

**Relays:** Properly completed relay cards must be turned in to the Clerk of Course by 8:30 am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday or the entry will be considered scratched.

#### **FINALS AND SCRATCHING:**

The administrative rules for the conduct of Gulf Swimming meets shall follow the Administrative Conduct of USA Swimming Championships, USA Swimming rule 207.11.6D and 207.11.6E, as modified below.

Any finalist who fails to compete in finals or consolation finals, or any other bonus final heat, for which he has qualified and failed to scratch with the Clerk of Course prior to the scratch deadline, shall be banned from further competition in the meet in accordance with the *USA Swimming Rules and Regulations* and will be assessed a fine of \$50.00. A Club, which has not paid the fine, will not be allowed to register for membership in the Gulf LSC until the fine is paid.

In a Prelim/Final meet, the finalists and alternates for finals shall be announced and shall have thirty (30) minutes after the announcement to scratch from finals. Any qualified swimmer in the event (a swimmer is qualified for finals or consolation finals if he has successfully completed the event in Prelims) may be moved into finals due to scratches, therefore all swimmers who will not be present at finals must scratch to avoid a possible suspension from the meet and a fine of \$50.00. Thirty (30) minutes after the announcement, no further scratches shall be accepted, the existing scratches will be tabulated and the finalists and two (2) alternates for the event shall be set. Only the finalists set at this point may be subject to the above fines and banishment from competition, even though any qualified swimmer may be moved into finals. The alternates, after the existing scratches are tabulated, will not be penalized if they are unavailable to compete in finals.

The USA Swimming National Championships Meets "reserve the right to scratch" rule is not applicable to any Gulf Swimming meet. The "intent to scratch" rule is not applicable to any Gulf Swimming meet.

#### **RELAY EVENTS:**

All relays will be timed finals. All relays will be swum in prelims. Teams may enter a maximum of 3 relays per relay event.

#### **1000/1650 FREE EVENTS:**

The 1000 and 1650 freestyle events will be swum as timed finals event. For the 1650 Free events, the fastest 8 women and the fastest 8 men who check-in and do not elect to swim in prelims, will swim during Sunday's finals. All other heats will be swum as the last events of Sunday's prelims session. Swimmers must provide their own timers and lap counters during the prelim session heats and lap counters for finals.

**Deadlines:** Entrants in the 1000 free and 1650 free must check in with the Clerk of Course and confirm their intention to compete. The check-in deadlines are:

**1000 Free:** 45 min. prior to the start of the meet on Thursday December 2.

**1650 Free:** 6:00 p.m., Saturday December 4.



- ON-DECK ENTRIES:** Late entries will be accepted each day up to 45 minutes before the start of each session. Those swimmers missing the 11:59 pm, Thursday, November 18, 2021 deadline may enter the meet on-deck in the following manner:
1. On deck entries are open to those athletes assigned to the meet location by the TPC Chair through the meet entry procedures.
  2. Swimmers must pay double the entry fee at the time of entry. If not already entered in the meet, the swimmer surcharge fee shall also apply.
  3. Swimmers must supply completed entry forms entered at the swimmers' best times. Swimmers entering by the scratch deadline - the day before the session - will be seeded into the events according to their best times.
  4. Swimmers entering on the same day of the session will be allowed to swim in open lanes in the last heat. A heat may be added if necessary.
  5. Swimmers must enter all events for the prelims session forty-five (45) minutes prior to the start of the session's first event.
  6. Swimmers must be qualified to swim the event entered.
  7. Swimmers must not exceed the allotted number of events allowed each day.
  8. Swimmers who on-deck to change an entry time in an event in which they are already entered must still pay the on deck entry fees, but will be seeded with the new time only if entered by the scratch deadline.

**ENTRY INFORMATION:**

**Entry Times:** Entry times must be submitted in the course at which the best time was achieved – short course yards (Y), short course meters (S), or long course meters (L). Do not convert meter (yard) times to yard (meter) times. If entries are made by paper (not using Hy-Tek), swimmers should indicate on their entry the course at which the entry time was made (i.e., Y, S, or L). If swimmers have never competed in a USA Swimming meet before, put NT where a seed time is requested. Times must be from USA Swimming meets.

**Cut-off Times:** None

**Qualifying Times:** Swimmers must have two (2) or more 2021 Southern Senior Champs Qualifying time standards to enter the meet. They can then swim any event.

**Times Eligibility:** Times must be achieved between Feb 1, 2020 and the entry deadline.

**Three Event Rule:** Does not apply.

**Up/down Rule:** Does not apply.

**Beyond IMX Rule:** Does not apply.

**Age:** As of December 2, 2021.

**Number of Events:** Swimmers may compete in up to three (3) individual events per day and two (2) relay event per day. Teams may enter a maximum of 3 relays per event.



**Eligible Swimmers:** All USA Swimming registered swimmers and foreign or other swimmers as permitted by USA Swimming rules. **NOTE: The last team to make 150 out-of-Gulf swimmers will be allowed into the meet.**

**Deadline:** Entries must be in the hands of the Meet Entry Chair no later than 11:59 pm, Thursday, November 18, 2021. No late entries will be accepted. Do not send entries via Federal Express, etc. that require a signature; if you must send your entries by express mail, please indicate that a signature is NOT required. Mail or hand deliver entries to the Meet Entry Chair at:

Jennie Shamburger  
c/o The Woodlands Swim Team  
PO Box 7081  
The Woodlands, TX 77387

Email: coachjenn@itwst.org  
Phone: 936.444.3790

**Entries:** All teams entering 10 or more swimmers MUST submit their entries on a diskette or electronically via e-mail, using the Hy-Tek Meet Manager/Team Manager computer software, along with a hard copy printout of the entries. Teams without Hy-Tek should submit their entries on the enclosed Entry Form. A \$25.00 fee must be included with the entry fees for teams that enter 10 or more swimmers using an entry form only (without sending Hy-Tek files). Include relays and relay-only swimmers on your completed entry form, diskette, or electronic submission.

Teams may electronically mail their Meet Manager files. Payments for the electronic entries and a hard copy print-out of the entries must be submitted or postmarked no later than 24 hours after the entry deadline as stated in the Meet Announcement.

<b>Individual Event Entry Fee (per event):</b>	\$15.00
<b>Relay Entry Fee (per relay event):</b>	\$20.00
<b>Swimmer Surcharge Fee (per swimmer):</b>	\$11.00
	(Free heat sheets will be available through Meet Mobile)
<b>Make entry fee checks payable to:</b>	The Woodlands Swim Team

**TOP 8 FINALISTS:** The top 8 finalists in each individual event (including the 1650 Free) will be paraded to the starting blocks from the ready room.

**CONSOLATION, BONUS & RELAY FINALISTS:** Consolation, bonus and relay finalists should report directly to the starting blocks. Names will be announced after the start of each of these heats, except the 50 freestyle heats. Names will be announced before the start of each 50 freestyle heat.

**AWARDS:** Individual events: Custom Gulf Medals for 1st - 3rd places & Ribbons for 4th - 8th places  
Relay events: Custom Gulf Medals for 1st place - 3rd places  
Combined team: Custom Gulf Trophies for 1st -3rd places  
Individual high point: 1st place and Runner-up Girls / Boys (highest individual points earned)



**SCORING:** Individual Events: 1st through 8th : 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11  
9th through 16th: 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1  
Relay Events: 1st through 8th: 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22  
9th through 16th: 18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

**RULES AND SANCTIONS:**

The current USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming rules will apply. The meet will be held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming. It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. No entries can be accepted unless the entrant is a registered member of USA Swimming as provided in Article 302. On deck USA Swimming membership registration will not be permitted.

**POOL MEASUREMENT:**

The competition course has not been certified in accordance with USA Swimming Rule 104.2.2(C). The pool will be measured before the competition begins to ensure that the course length is correct.

The water depth of the competition course is 7 feet measured from 1 meter to 5 meters on the starting end of the course, and 7 feet measured from 1 meter to 5 meters on the turning end of the course.

**TIMING SYSTEM:**

A Daktronics Model 2000 electronic timing system with electronic scoreboard will be used. Two watches per lane will be used as a back-up. Teams will be required to furnish timers based on their percentage of swims at the meet. Timing assignments will be published in the meet program. Swimmers in the 1000/1650 Free must provide their own timers and lap counters during the prelim session heats and lap counters for finals. Swimmers in the 500 Free must provide their own lap counters during the prelim session heats and for finals.

**POOL DECK RESTRICTION:**

Because of USA Swimming Insurance Safety Regulations, the swimming pool deck, during the operation of all Gulf Swimming sanctioned meets, is closed to all persons except swimmers, coaches, marshals, officials, meet personnel, and timers. All registered non-athletes are required to display their current USA Swimming registration card. If you are asked to leave the deck by any registered personnel, please do so. It is for your safety.

Coaches and Officials must present their membership cards in order to receive complimentary Heat Sheets and for admission to the Hospitality Room. Coaches must supervise their swimmers.

Please see attached "Rules, Regulation, Prohibitions, and Deck Access" of the CISD Natatorium. **All meet entries must be accompanied by a signed copy of CISD's "Healthy Swimming Policy".**

**DECK CHANGES:**

Deck Changes are prohibited. Deck Change definition – "changing, in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one suit in an area other than a permanent or



temporary locker room, bathroom, changing room or other space designated for changing purposes”.

**AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING DEVICES:**

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in the area behind the starting blocks, in changing areas, restrooms, showers or locker rooms. Violators may be reported to law enforcement or other governmental authorities and/or may be barred from the facility during the sanctioned event.

No photography/videography allowed on deck other than by coaches for coaching purposes or by credentialed media personnel approved by the Meet Director prior to the meet start.

**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 Vice President of Program Operations.

**PROOF OF TIME:**

Swimmers are not eligible to swim in this meet if they have not achieved two (2) or more 2021 Southern Senior Champs Qualifying time standards (see standards attached) PRIOR to the entry deadline stated in the meet invitation. Any swimmer that cannot prove that he/she was eligible to swim an event will be fined \$20.00 for each event he/she fails to prove. The fine or proof of time is sent to the Administrative Vice-Chair, Paige Sikkema.

**UNACCOMPANIED SWIMMERS:**

Any swimmers 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.

**SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES:**

Coaches and/or swimmers are responsible for notifying the Meet Referee of any disability prior to the competition and for providing their own assistant or equipment. However, Coaches/Swimmers may contact the Meet Director at least two weeks in advance of the meet to reserve Gulf Swimming equipment (remote strobe).

**HOSPITALITY:**

A hospitality room will be available.

**MEET RESULTS:**

Meet results will be posted on the Gulf Swimming Web Page [www.gulfswimming.org](http://www.gulfswimming.org) within three days after the conclusion of the meet. Unofficial real time results will be available on MEET MOBILE.

**CONCESSIONS:**

A concession stand will be open during the meet in the lobby on the second level.

**MERCHANDISE:**

Swim Shops of the Southwest is located in the lobby and will be open during the meet to sell swim apparel and swim gear.

**FACILITY RULES:**

Reserving seats between or during sessions is not allowed. Chairs and inflatable mattresses are not allowed. Certain items such as coolers and stadium seat are restricted - please see



attached "The CISD Natatorium Rules, Regulation, Prohibitions, and Deck Access" attachment for specific information.

**USA/GULF SWIMMING/TWST DISCLAIMER:**

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., Gulf Swimming, and TWST 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 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, TWST, AND (GULF SWIMMING) EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, 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 THEREWITH.

The Woodlands Swim Team (TWST) has taken enhanced health and safety measures for the participants, coaches, and volunteers. You must follow all posted instructions while on our property. An inherent risk of COVID-19 exists in any public or private 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 guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By participating in this event at TWST you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

**COVID-19 PROCEDURES:** Participants in the meet will abide by TWST's COVID-19 Preparedness Plans for the CISD Natatorium.

This meet will be conducted in compliance with local, state, and USA Swimming COVID 19 restrictions. State restrictions have lifted for Texas as of March 10th. TWST has begun a lifting of restrictions based on the guidelines set forth by CISD. Parents must implement the Daily Self Screening for Swimmers Protocol that TWST has implemented.

PARENTS MUST SCREEN swimmer(s) daily (prior to entering the swim meet) for the following signs and symptoms of COVID-19: 1. Are you experiencing any of the following in a way that is not normal to you? Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.4 F, Loss of taste or smell, Cough, Difficulty breathing, Shortness of breath, Fatigue, Headache, Chills, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Shaking or exaggerated shivering, Significant muscle pain or ache, Diarrhea, Nausea or vomiting, 2. Have you had known, close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 14days? Swimmers, coaches, meet personnel, and spectators must stay home if they answer "yes" to any of the above.

TWST will follow guidelines as set forth by the CISD Natatorium and the State of Texas when it comes to face masks. Individuals may decide what is best for them and/or their children if they choose to wear a face mask. Spectators will be allowed per CISD policy.





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## Entry Rules:

Type of meet	Prelim/Final EDCBA for 200 & Shorter; DCBA for 400s
Max # individual events per day	Three (3)
Swimmers eligible	All USA-S (Limit out of LSC to 150 swimmers or to last team over 150 swimmers)
Entry times in	Any – Seeded per National Rules
Cut-off times	None
Enter with no time?	Yes
Qualifying Times	Yes, Swimmers must have two (2) or more 2021 Southern Senior Champs Qualifying Times to enter this meet. They can then swim any event.
Times Eligibility	Times must be achieved between Feb 1, 2018 and the entry deadline.
Gulf “three event rule” applies?	No
Gulf “up/down rule” applies?	No
Gulf “beyond IMX” rule applies?	No
Fees	Individual – \$15.00, Relay - \$20.00
Facility Surcharge	11.00 per swimmer (Free heat sheets will be available through Meet Mobile )

## Notes:

In prelims, individual events of 200 yards or less will swim fastest to slowest, odd heats in the West pool and even heats in the East pool.

Individual events greater than 200 yards in prelims will swim fastest to slowest, women in the West pool, men in the East pool.

All finals heats will start from the bulkhead (east) end of the pool, and will swim slowest to fastest.

\*\*There will be a 15 minute break after the last individual event and before the start of relays.

#The 1000 Freestyle will be timed finals, swum fastest to slowest. Swimmers must provide 2 timers and a lap counter.

##Swimmers may elect to swim the 1650 Freestyle during prelims. The fastest 8 girls and the fastest 8 boys who check-in for the event, and who do not elect to swim in prelims, will swim during finals. All other heats of the 1650 will be swum as the last heats in prelims, fastest to slowest. Swimmers must provide 2 timers and a lap counter.

###Swimmers in the 500 free must provide their own lap counter for prelims and finals.



**Thursday, December 2, 2021**

Timed Finals: Open Warm-up 3:30 pm, Meet Start 5:00 pm

<b>Women Event#</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Men Event#</b>
1	1000 Free#	2

**Friday, December 3, 2021**

Prelims: Open Warm-ups 7:30 am, Session starts 9:00 am

Finals: Open Warm-ups 4:30 pm, Session starts 5:30 pm

<b>Women Event#</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Men Event#</b>
3	200 Medley Relay	4
5	100 Breast	6
7	200 Free	8
9	100 Fly	10
11	400 IM	12
13	400 Free Relay**	14

**Saturday, December 4, 2021**

Prelims: Open Warm-ups 7:30 am, Session starts 9:00 am

Finals: Open Warm-ups 4:30 pm, Session starts 5:30 pm

<b>Women Event#</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Men Event#</b>
15	200 Fly	16
17	50 Free	18
19	200 Breast	20
21	100 Back	22
23	500 Free###	24
25	800 Free Relay**	26

**Sunday, December 5, 2021**

Prelims: Open Warm-ups 7:30 am, Session starts 9:00 am

Finals: Open Warm-ups 3:30 pm, Session starts 4:30 pm

<b>Women Event#</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Men Event#</b>
27	200 Free Relay	28
29	100 Free	30
31	1650 Free##	32
33	200 Back	34
35	200 IM	36
37	400 Medley Relay**	38



## SAFETY GUIDELINES AND WARM-UP PROCEDURES

### WARM-UP PROCEDURES

- A. General warm-up (Initial portion [1/2] of the warm-up session or with the agreement of all of the coaches in a particular lane.)
  - 1. **NO DIVING OR RACING STARTS** allowed from the blocks edge of the pool. Swimmers must enter the pool feet first cautiously.
  - 2. **NO SPRINTING OR PACE WORK** allowed during this general warm-up session.
- B. Specific warm-up (Last portion [1/2] of the warm-up session or with the agreement of all of the coaches in a particular lane.)
  - 1. **RACING STARTS ONLY**, either from blocks or from backstroke starts.
  - 2. Lanes are **ONE WAY ONLY**.

### SAFETY GUIDELINES

- A. Swimmers Responsibilities
  - 1. All swimmers without a registered coach to observe them at the meet, and/or their coaches, should arrange, prior to their arrival at the meet, for a registered coach to observe them during the warm-up, competition and warm-down. Any unattached or unattended swimmers who have not made previous arrangements with a coach to observe them at the meet will not be allowed on deck and will not compete in the meet.
- B. Coaches Responsibilities
  - 1. Coaches shall instruct their swimmers regarding safety guidelines and warm-up procedures as they apply to conduct at meets and practice.
  - 2. Coaches shall stand near the starting end of the pool when starting swimmers on sprint and pace work.
  - 3. Coaches shall actively supervise their swimmers throughout the warm-up session.
  - 4. Coaches shall maintain as much contact with their swimmers as possible, both verbal and visual, throughout the warm-up period.
  - 5. Registered coaches of unattached swimmers and registered coaches of non-Gulf teams should notify the meet host by the entry deadline if they will be at the meet, so that they may be assigned to a warm-up lane.
- C. Safety Marshals
  - 1. Appointed Safety Marshals are members of USA Swimming and have the authority to remove from the deck for the remainder of the warm-up session, any swimmer or coach who is in violation of safety guidelines or warm-up procedures. **THE MEET REFEREE MAY EXERCISE ADDITIONAL ADJUDICATION AUTHORITY AS NECESSARY.**
- D. Miscellaneous
  - 1. Swimmers should be reminded by coaches that breaststrokes need more lead time than freestyle or butterfly swimmers.
  - 2. Backstrokers shall ensure that they are not starting at the same time as a swimmer on the blocks. Swimmers shall not step up on the starting blocks, when a backstroker is waiting to start.
  - 3. Swimmers shall not jump or dive into the pool to stop another swimmer on a recalled start.
  - 4. Swimmers are required to exit the pool upon completion of their warm-up to allow other swimmers adequate warm-up time. The pool is not for visiting or playing during warm-up periods.
  - 5. Warm-up procedures shall be enforced for any breaks, scheduled or otherwise, during the competition.
  - 6. All diving boards and equipment are **OFF LIMITS**.
  - 7. No equipment in the warmup pools.
  - 8. The warmup pool will close 15 minutes after the conclusion of the last heat.
- E. Pool Rules
  - 1. Smoking or use of other tobacco products is not allowed on the grounds of USA Swimming meets.
  - 2. Glass containers are prohibited.
  - 3. Swimmers, coaches, and spectators are expected to observe all rules and regulations included in the announcement.



## The CISD Natatorium Rules, Regulation, Prohibitions, and Deck Access

1. All participants must follow the CDC “Healthy swimming policy” and shower before warm-up, no exception.
2. Shaving is not permitted anywhere within the entire CISD Natatorium Complex.
3. No chewing gum, food or color based drinks will be allowed on the pool deck, water only.

- Security personnel are empowered to enforce any and all regulations established by CISD Natatorium Policy.
- Only participants, coaches, event administrators, and event volunteers are allowed on the pool deck – all spectators and parents must remain in the grandstand.
- Participants in swim suits are not allowed in the Grandstand-seating area. Participants and spectators are not allowed to lean against glass the rails, climb over banisters / railings, or pass any posted barriers.
- Participants and spectators are not allowed to use other areas of the CISD Natatorium complex during this event without securing a pass at the Services Desk located in the facility lobby.
- Lawn Chairs are not allowed in the CISD Natatorium Grandstand-seating area, Stadium seats shall not exceed 17” wide x 13”deep.
- Each competing team is permitted one temporary banner, placed at the discretion of the Aquatic Director. Team banners must not exceed 5’ by 8’. No handmade signage is allowed.
- Absolutely no tobacco, alcohol products, or glass containers are allowed on Conroe School District property. This applies to the parking lot.
- Spectators are allowed (1) Cooler for medical use only, dimensions not to exceed 13” wide x 11” deep x 12” tall. The cooler must be placed directly under their seating area. Participant /Teams are allowed an Ice-Chest (1) PER GENDER on the deck provided they do not contain glass items, bottled water is allowed.
- Betting and gambling is strictly prohibited.
- Teams are expected to police their respective areas at the conclusion of the competition.
- Participating or any activity that can be interpreted or described as “risky” or “horseplay” is prohibited throughout the entire CISD Natatorium Complex.
- Diving equipment such as trampoline, spotting rigs, dry-board apparatus, and the warm-pool are not to be used unless authorized by the CISD Natatorium Director.
- The use of flash cameras or noise-makers at the start, during or end of any race is prohibited.
- Blocking or restricting fire lanes or emergency exits, and the use of emergency exits for non-emergency use is prohibited.

### **Access to the deck of the CISD Natatorium is restricted by pass to the following:**

- Athletes from competing teams • Administrative support personnel • Coaches of competing teams • Facility/District Staff • Officials • Marshals • Timing System operators • Security personnel • Computer systems operators • Lifeguards • Lane timers • Service and supply vendors • Credentialed media personnel • Hospitality personnel • One photographer from each competing team • Medical support personnel • Other personnel on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Meet Coordinator, the Meet Director, or the Meet Referee.



## CISD Healthy Swimming Policy

CISD is committed to the health and safety of all patrons. *The CISD Natatorium* utilizes advanced training and technology and has adopted the Centers for Disease Controls (CDC) “*Healthy Swimming Policy*”. This policy protects our patrons and spectators from poor air or water quality hazards typical with indoor-swimming pools caused by microorganisms and chloramines. The cornerstone of this policy is based on guidelines which mandate safe practices such as requiring all participants to shower before entering the CISD Natatorium.

## “Healthy Swimming Policy” Acknowledgement Form

### Receipt Form

**Organization:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Representative Name and Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

By my signature below I agree, on behalf of my organization that:

- I have received a copy of both the “*Healthy Swimming Policy*” and the CISD Natatorium General Operating Procedures. I understand the responsibility for ensuring that all members of the organization and their guests comply with these rules. I understand that additional copies are available in the office of The Natatorium Coordinator, clerk at the front desk, or at the Facility Manager’s office at the CISD Administration Building.
- I affirm that all required staff members of my organization have current CPR/First Aid certifications and specific training or liability certification requirements needed by the organization’s national governing body.
- I understand that the District may from time to time modify its policies and I agree to abide by those changes.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
**Head Coach Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

ENTRY VERIFICATION



I, the undersigned coach or team representative, verify that all of the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry forms or entry disk are currently registered with USA Swimming. Additionally, I verify that the on-deck coaches have met the current certification requirements.

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Signature

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Title

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Date



**Individual Entry Form**

Team Name:					Team Code:		
Head Coach:							
Team Address:							
Phone:							
Email:							
Last Name	First Name	MI	USA ID	M/F	Event#	Event Description	Entry Time



## Relay Entry Form

Team Name:		Team Code:	
Head Coach:			
Team Address:			
Phone:			
Email:			
Event #		Event Description:	
Entry Time:		Relay (A, B, C...)	
Swimmer	Last Name	Frist Name	USA ID
1			
2			
3			
4			
Event #		Event Description:	
Entry Time:		Relay (A, B, C...)	
Swimmer	Last Name	Frist Name	USA ID
1			
2			
3			
4			
Event #		Event Description:	
Entry Time:		Relay (A, B, C...)	
Swimmer	Last Name	Frist Name	USA ID
1			
2			
3			
4			
Event #		Event Description:	
Entry Time:		Relay (A, B, C...)	
Swimmer	Last Name	Frist Name	USA ID
1			
2			
3			
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