

## 2025 South Texas **Long Course Senior Championship Meet Information**



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2025 South Texas Long Course Senior Championship Meet:

Hosted by AAAA - NE

Held under the sanction of USA Swimming

Dates: July 18-20, 2025

Venue: Bill Walker Pool

> 12002 Jones Maltsberger San Antonio, TX 78216

#### Eligibility / Qualifying times:

This meet is open to all South Texas Swimming athletes ages 18 and under who have achieved the 15-16 year old "A" or faster 2025-2028 USA Swimming National Motivational time standards for in long course meters, short course meters, or short course yards. Qualifying times must be achieved between April 1, 2024 and July 17, 2025. If entering with a non-conforming time (SCM or SCY), the swimmer must enter with the time achieved in the non-conforming course. Entries will be accepted in LCM, SCM, or SCY. Converted entry times will not be accepted. Seeding shall be in the following order: long course meters, short course meters, short course yards (LSY). Athletes must be currently registered year-round members of USA Swimming in good standing. (Flex members are not eligible to compete at LSC championship meets.)

Athletes with disabilities (including 18 & older athletes) may enter any event for which they have achieved the 15-16 "A" and faster times (and 15-16 "BB" times for bonus events) using the 15-16 "A" or faster 2025-2028 LSC P1, P2, or P3 Para Motivational Time Standards for their gender and disability classification. These time standards are posted on the Athletes>Time Standards page on the STX website.

Bonus Events: Athletes may enter up to two individual events with a provable "BB" time for the 15-16 2025-2028 USA Swimming National Motivational time standard for that event. The swimmer must be entered in the meet in at least one individual event with a provable 15-16 "A" or faster time to enter bonus events. All bonus events must have been achieved between the qualifying dates listed above.

#### **Entry**

**Restrictions:** An individual swimmer may enter a maximum of three individual events and one relay event per day and a maximum of seven individual events for the meet, including any bonus or time trial events.

**Entry** 

Deadlines: There are two entry deadlines for this meet. The first deadline is Monday, July 7, 2025. The first entry

deadline is for athletes who have achieved qualifying times from April 1, 2024 through July 6, 2025. The second (final) entry deadline is Monday, July 14, 2025, at 12:00pm. Only swimmers who have achieved a qualifying time between July 7-13, 2025 may enter using the second entry deadline. Teams may use the second entry deadline to update swimmer times if necessary.

Daily Schedule:

Preliminaries Finals (All days)

Warm-ups begin 7:00 AM Warm-ups begin 4:00 PM
Clear competition pool 8:50 AM Clear competition pool 4:50 PM
Sessions begin 9:00 AM Sessions begin 5:00 PM\*

Coaches Meeting will be Thursday night at 8:00 pm. A Zoom link will be sent with the entry confirmation email.

\*Finals will begin one hour earlier on Sunday evening unless the entries are such that it will prohibit an earlier start for finals. In this case, coaches will be notified of this change by Wednesday July 16, 2025.

#### Format:

Championship Format - preliminaries and finals, except as noted. Preliminary events will be seeded by time and gender, and age combined. The top 30 athletes in each event will swim in finals in the A, B, and C heats. The next fastest 10 athletes ages 16 & Under will also swim in finals in the D heat.

Heat 1 - Championship final - fastest 10 overall

Heat 2 - Consolation final - 11th-20th place overall

Heat 3 - Bonus final - 21st-30th place overall

Heat 4 - Bonus final - fastest ten 16 & Under athletes not qualified in previous heats

Except as noted, all preliminary events will be seeded slowest to fastest, with the three fastest heats of each preliminary event championship seeded. Preliminaries of the 400 IM and 400 Free will be seeded fastest to slowest with the fastest 2 heats circle seeded. The 1500 Free will be seeded fastest to slowest.

Positive check-in is required for all distance events (400 IM, 400 Free, & 1500 Free) by 9:00 AM on the morning of the event. Swimmers must provide their own two timers and one counter for the 1500 Free events. Swimmers in the 400 Free and 400 IM events must provide their own two timers.

The 1500 Free will be contested as a timed final event.

There will be a 10-minute break after the relays.

The meet host has the option to run chase starts with the Odd Heats finishing at the South end and the Even Heats finishing at the North end. All 50's will finish at the South end. Any changes will be communicated to the coaches and posted online by Wednesday, July 16.

#### Age up Date:

The age of the swimmer will be his / her age on July 18, 2025.

#### Time Trials:

Time trials may be conducted on Friday and Saturday, time permitting, starting 15 minutes after the conclusion of the prelims session. If offered, time trial entries will be open from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. After the final meet entry deadline has passed, a notice will be sent out to the teams confirming the availability of time trials each day.

Time trial entrants must be entered in the meet to participate. Swimmers may enter up to two (2) time trial events per day and are subject to the same entry limitations for the meet. The meet host will schedule time trials in the most efficient way possible, which might include combining events by stroke, distance, and/or gender. For this reason, swimmers are not guaranteed rest between time trial events.

Participation in a time trial event counts as one of the daily event limit (3) and meet entry limit (7). A qualifying time earned during time trials will NOT qualify a swimmer to swim that event at this meet. Time trial event results will be published with the final meet results. Time trial entry fee for individual events is \$25.00.

#### Relay **Entries:**

All relays are timed finals and will be contested only in the preliminary sessions. There are no qualifying times for relay events. Relay cards are due to the Meet Director or designee on the day of the event by 9:00 AM. Relay team entry times may be determined by the sum of the individual team member's times for the like strokes/distances, or the actual time of that relay team achieved in sanctioned competition.

Teams may enter up to three relay teams per event, but only two relays per event per club will score. It is recommended that relay swimmer names be included with entries to help enter the relays efficiently at the start of the session.

Relay cards must be turned in with final relay swimmers by 9:00 AM of the session in which the event is scheduled. If a relay card is not turned in, the relay will be scratched. The order of swimmers on the relay team will be strictly enforced in accordance with 102.3.7 of the 2025 USA-S Rules and Regulations.

Relay-only swimmers are not permitted. All relay swimmers must be entered in at least one individual 15-16 "A" event to be eligible to swim on any relay. There are no time standards for relay events or for swimmers participating on relay teams.

#### **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 USA Swimming ID number; and an attached document of the meet entry fees report.

> 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.

> 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.

#### **Meet Management:**

Entries Chair: Cory Bolleter	210-356-6929	neatentries@gmail.com
Meet Director: Bill Spurgeon	210-356-6925	wspurg@neisd.net
Facility Director: Bill Spurgeon	210-356-6926	wspurg@neisd.net
Meet Referee: Fabio Caliandro	210-875-2993	f.caliandro@gmail.com
Admin Referee: Didi Byerly	361-549-8887	dbyerly@wbhq.com

#### **Entry**

#### **Procedures:**

\$15.00 per individual event and \$30.00 for relays plus a \$15.00 per swimmer facility surcharge

Please send entries to neatentries@gmail.com.

Make checks payable to N.E.I.S.D Aquatics and mail to:

**NEISD Aquatics** Attn: Bill Spurgeon 12002 Jones Maltsberger San Antonio, TX 78216

Entry fees must be received or arrangements made by July 15, 2025. 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. 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 \$25.00 per individual event and \$50.00 per relay event. Swimmers not already in the meet will also need to pay the \$15.00 athlete surcharge. 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 USA Swimming membership card using the USA Swimming app (or a coach may present the club's official roster from the USA Swimming app) 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, preliminary event. Swimmers who fail to compete in the 400 IM, 400 Free, or 1500 Free events after positive check-in will be barred from all further individual and relay events of that day, including any finals events, and then must positively check in for the remainder of the meet with meet administration, per USA Swimming rule 207.11.6.C. Illness and injury may be excused by the Meet Referee.

Preliminary event results will be posted and the event will be announced shortly after the final heat. Swimmers who qualify for finals and elect NOT to compete in finals must scratch or declare an INTENT to scratch with the Administrative Official within 30 minutes of the announcement. Swimmers who declare an intent to scratch will then have 15 minutes after the completion of their last individual event of the session to confirm the scratch. Following the 15-minute deadline, if scratch confirmation is not received it will be assumed the swimmer will compete in the finals event.

Per USA Swimming rule 207.11.6.D, any swimmer who qualifies for a final and fails to compete in said final shall be barred from further competition in the remainder of the meet. Illness and injury may be excused by the Meet Referee. Athletes may not declare a false start ("DFS") to avoid competing in a finals event and will be subject to the scratch rule penalties. This policy does not apply to alternates or athletes seeded in 41st place and below.

#### Scoring:

A Finals Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Ind. event points	24	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13
B Finals Place	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Ind. event points	11	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

All individual events have A, B, C, and D finals, with the following exceptions. The 1500 Free is timed finals only.

Relay Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Relay points	48	42	40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26
Relay Place	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Relay points	22	18	16	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

All relay events will swim in the prelims sessions only and will be conducted as timed finals. Only two relay teams per event per club will score.

#### Awards:

Awards will be given by gender.

Individual events: first through third place:
Individual events: fourth through eighth place
Relay events: first through third place:
Ribbons
Team Awards: first through third place
Ranners

**Note:** Banners will be provided upon request by the club (please email the meet director if you would like your banner and it will be shipped to your club).

There will be no awards presentation. Clubs must pick up awards at the end of the meet. Awards will not be mailed to teams.

Timers:

Each participating team is required to provide back-up timers in proportion to the number of swimmers entered in the meet. Swimmers competing in the 400 & 1500 Free and 400 Individual Medley events must provide their own back-up timers. Swimmers competing in the 1500 Free must provide their own lap counters.

Facility:

10 x 50-meter lanes indoor grounded pool with lanes 1-8 or 0-9 used for competition. The minimum water depth, measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3, is 7.0 feet at the start end and the turn end is 7.0 feet measured for a distance of 1.0 meter to 5.0 meters from both end walls. The host will ensure the required course dimensions. Six lanes in a separate 25-yard diving well will be available for warmups and warm downs. All automatic Omega/Daktronics starting and timing systems. Meet Manager 8.0 will be used.

#### Athlete Necessary Accommodations:

Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodations or modifications, including the need for personal assistants and/or registered service animals, must provide advance written notice, accompanying their meet entry file, to the Entry Chair or Meet Director and Meet Referee by the entry deadline. A disability is defined as a PERMANENT physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Failure to provide advance notice may limit the meet host's ability to accommodate all requests. The suggested form can be downloaded <a href="here">here</a>. In any meet that may include one or more swimmers with visual, hearing, cognitive, or physical disabilities, the judging of such competitors shall be in accordance with the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, including Article 105.

#### **USA Swimming**

#### Registration:

All swimmers, coaches, and officials participating in this competition must be currently registered yearround members of USA Swimming in good standing. (Flex members are not eligible to compete at LSC
championship meets.) 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 membership 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 membership card using the USA Swimming app (or a coach may present the club's official roster
from the USA Swimming app). 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 202.5.3. 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.

#### **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:** 

Per 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.

Deck

**Changing:** Deck changes are prohibited.

Medical

Supervision: During the meet, lifeguards and an AED device will be present to provide any necessary medical

supervision and treatment for athletes participating in the meet.

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 always supervised by a USA

Swimming certified coach. Lanes will be available for warm-ups throughout the meet.

Liability: In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc., South Texas Swimming,

Inc. (STSI), Alamo Area Aquatics Association, 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.

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 adults participating in or associated with this meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP"), and that they understand that compliance with MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition. All swimmers must be registered as athletes in good standing with USA Swimming as of the meet date(s). Athletes who register with USA Swimming and/or South Texas Swimming after the meet entry deadline may deck enter the meet only if they can present their current USA Swimming membership card using the USA Swimming app (or a coach may present the club's official roster from the USA Swimming app). 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.

Officials: All currently certified and in-training USA Swimming officials are cordially invited to participate. All deck and

administrative officials must be current members in good standing with USA Swimming and their local LSC. Please complete this Google form with your certification level and availability, so we can plan accordingly. The uniform will be white polo shirts over khaki pants, shorts or skirts for prelims sessions, and navy polo shirts over khaki pants or skirts for finals sessions. 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.

Officials

Certification: This meet has been approved as an Officials Qualifying Meet. Officials who are interested in being

evaluated need to submit their completed application to the Meet Referee by June 18th, 2025 using the

Google form for all officials.

Meet

**Documents:** All meet documents, including the heat sheet for each session, the timeline for each session, the warmup schedule, and timer assignments, will be posted on this meet's event page on the South Texas Swimming

website, or the meet host may establish a link from this meet's page on the South Texas Swimming website

to the website where these documents will be posted.

The heat and lane assignments for all sessions and all meet results will also be available on Meet Mobile. The meet host may also choose to sell heat sheets for a fee but must also make this information available

via website and Meet Mobile for free.



## 2025 South Texas Long Course Senior Championship Order of Events



Friday, July 18, 2025							
Women's Event #	Age Group	Event Description	Men's Event #				
1	Open	100 Freestyle	2				
3	Open	200 Backstroke	4				
5	Open	100 Breaststroke	6				
7	Open	200 Freestyle Relay	8				
10-minute break							
9	Open	400 Freestyle *	(Swims Saturday)				
(Swims Saturday)	Open	400 Individual Medley *	10				

Saturday, July 19, 2025							
Women's Event #	Men's Event #						
11	Open	200 Freestyle	12				
13	Open	100 Backstroke	14				
15	Open	200 Butterfly	16				
17	Open	400 Medley Relay	18				
10-minute break							
19	Open	400 Individual Medley *	(Swims Friday)				
(Swims Friday)	Open	400 Freestyle *	20				

Sunday, July 20, 2025							
Women's Event #	Age Group	Event Description	Men's Event #				
21	Open	200 Individual Medley	22				
23	Open	50 Freestyle	24				
25	Open	100 Butterfly	26				
27	Open	200 Breaststroke	28				
29	Open	400 Freestyle Relay	30				
10-minute break							
31	Open	1500 Freestyle *	32				

<sup>\*</sup> Swimmers in the 400 FR, 400 IM, & 1500 FR need their own timers (and counter for the 1500 FR).

\* Positive check-in is required by 9:00am on the day of the event.

#### **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 (0-9)	0 and 9	1, 2, 6, and 7	3 through 5
10 Lanes (1-10	1 and 10	2, 3, 7, and 8	4 through 6
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

- 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 two marshals, with a minimum of one of each gender, 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.

The Restrictions Below DO NOT apply to Athletes, Coaches, Administrators, Officials or Staff. Spectators may not bring outside food or drink items into the facility.



## **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

## Backpack Camera Case Binocular **Fanny Patterned**

## **Approved Bags**



#### **SMALL CLUTCH PURSE**

Approximately the size of your hand, but absolutely no larger than 5.5" x 8.5" (see our small guide sheet) with or without a handle or strap. Can be carried separately or within an approved plastic bag shown above.



Exceptions will be made for: - Bags for medically necessary items

Pack

- News media equipment (for credentialed media)

**Plastic Bag** 

- Official team and other field photographers
- Booster clubs selling items
- Diaper bags

Case

All bags are subject to inspection prior to entry regardless of size or type.