

The University of Texas at Austin**LONGHORN AQUATICS**
2009 Texas Open
July 3 - 5, 2009

Welcome: Longhorn Aquatics invites you to join us at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center (Swim Center) to compete in our 2009 Texas Open. This meet is open to all USA Swimming registered swimmers and will be conducted in one 50 meter course, using a Colorado Timing System and Hy-Tek Meet Manager software. Designated warm-up lanes will be available during the meet.

Location: The Swim Center is located on the University of Texas Campus, 1900 Robert Dedman Drive, one block west of I-35 on the northwest corner of the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Red River Street.

Liability: USA Swimming, South Texas Swimming, The University of Texas, the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center, and Longhorn Aquatics accept no responsibility for liability or injuries sustained by any individual, athlete, coach, official, meet volunteer, or spectator while traveling to and from or while participating in the meet. 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.

Approval: This meet has been approved by South Texas Swimming and 2009 rules will apply. There may be athletes competing who are not members of USA Swimming but the USA Swimming technical rules will be observed and all deck officials will be certified by USA Swimming. Foreign athletes must notify the meet director prior to the entry deadline for FINA approval. All US swimmers must be registered as athletes for 2009 with USA Swimming by the entry deadline. Athletes that register with USA Swimming after the entry deadline may deck enter the meet only if they can present their 2009 USA card.

Schedule: Saturday and Sunday the meet will be split into morning and afternoon sessions based on age. The morning sessions each day are planned for swimmers 12 & under and the afternoon sessions for swimmers 13 & over. However, we reserve the right to split the sessions differently or to combine sessions based on the entries received. Warm-ups may be split if a large number of swimmers enter the meet.

Friday	All Swimmers	Warm-up	1:30	Start	3:00 PM
Saturday	12 & Under	Warm-up	7:30 AM	Start	9:00 AM
	13 & Over	Warm-up	**	Start:	**
Sunday	12 & Under	Warm-up	7:30 AM	Start	9:00 AM
	13 & Over	Warm-up	**	Start	**

** The warm-up for the afternoon session will begin immediately after the morning session. The exact time will be posted on the Longhorn Aquatics' website no later than June 23 (the day after entries close).

Swim Wear Restrictions: Swimsuits worn by males in all 14 and under STSI Age Group competition shall not extend above the waist and nor extend further down the legs than to the top of the kneecap (patella). Swimsuits worn by females in all 14 and under STSI Age Group competition shall not extend past the top of the shoulder, cannot cover any part of the arms nor extend further down the torso than the buttocks. Violators will be barred from competition until the swimmer's swimsuit meets the requirements of this paragraph.

During the afternoon sessions, results will not be broken out by age group nor will any awards be given based on age groups, so the swim wear restrictions will not apply to the afternoon sessions on Saturday and Sunday.

Qualifying Times: There are qualifying times for events of 200 meters and longer. Refer to the order of events for specific qualifying times. Athletes who do not finish an event within the LCM qualifying time will be required to prove their LCM entry time. Only times in the USA Swimming database can be used as proof of time. **Swimmers that can not prove their entry time will be fined \$25** payable to the University of Texas. These swimmers will be barred from competition (at this and/or subsequent meets at the Swim Center) until the fines are paid.

Meet Format: The 100 free is a shoot-out event and is a prelim/semi/final event. All other events are timed finals. All events will swim in one long course meter pool, seeded only by time and gender. Age groups will be combined. All events will swim fastest to slowest. Depending on the number of swimmers, chase starts and/or flyover starts may be used. If there are enough swimmers to run both ends of the pool, then even heats will finish at the American Flag end and odd heats will finish at the Texas Flag end.

The 400 free, 400 IM, and the 1500 free require positive check-in and will swim alternating heats of girls and boys. Effectively this means that boys will swim at the Texas Flag end of the pool, girls will swim at the American Flag end of the pool UNTIL we run out of boys heats and then the girls will swim at both ends, even heats at the American Flag end and odd heats at the Texas Flag end. Swimmers in these events must provide their own timer (and counter for the 1500).

We reserve the right to cap the number of swimmers entered in order to stay within the four hour rule. Swimmers will be entered in the order entries are received.

100 Shoot-Out: The 100 free (events 1 – 4) is a shoot-out event. Prelims of the 100 free will swim on Friday. The fastest 64 swimmers in prelims (16 12 & under girls, 16 12 & under boys, 16 13 & over girls and 16 13 & over boys) will advance to semi-finals on Saturday. The semi-final event will not count in the swimmer's max # of events. The fastest 32 swimmers from semi-finals (8 12 & under girls, 8 12 & under boys, 8 13 & over girls and 8 13 & over boys) will swim in finals on Sunday. The final event will swim as the first event on Sunday and will not count in the swimmer's max # of events. The 1st place finisher in finals will each receive a \$10 gift card.

Swimmers that qualify for the next round of the shoot-out but are unable to swim the next day, must scratch at clerk of course within 30 minutes of the finish of the 100 free.

Scratches: Please help us eliminate empty lanes by scratching any event you will not swim the next day. Coaches, please help us out and scratch any athletes that will not attend the meet the next day.

Before you leave the session, PLEASE scratch events you will not swim tomorrow.

There is no penalty for failing to scratch an event, BUT our experience with this courtesy scratch during long course season will shape our decision about positive check-in for all events in the future.

Check-in: Positive check-in is required for the 400 free, 400 IM and 1500 free. Check-in sheets for the 400 free and 400 IM will be available on the day of the event as swimmers enter the pool for warm-up and will close approximately one hour before the event is scheduled to swim. Exact times will be posted at Clerk of Course on the day of the event. Check-in sheets for the 1500 free will be available with the 400 IM on Saturday and will close at the end of the session on Saturday.

Swimmers that check-in for an event and fail to swim will be fined \$25 payable to the University of Texas. These swimmers will be barred from competition (at this or subsequent TXLA meets at the Swim Center) until the fines are paid.

Entry Dates: Entries will open at noon on Monday, June 1st. No entries will be accepted prior to this date and time. You should **not** make nonrefundable travel arrangements before you know your entries are accepted – entries will be taken in the order received. Entries will close the earlier of:

- a) Monday, June 22, 2009 at 6 PM or
- b) when a session reaches an estimated 4 hours in length. Individual sessions may close before the entire meet closes.

Entries: Swimmers may enter a maximum of 4 individual events per day and a maximum of 8 individual events for the meet. The semi-final and finals of the 100 free do not count toward these maximums. The age of the swimmer will be his/her age on July 3, 2009. Enter all events with previous best times achieved in long course meters. **Athletes may not enter an event a NT.** For the 50 and 100 meter events, please estimate a time if necessary. A good estimated time will ensure your athlete is seeded in the proper heat.

All teams with five or more swimmers entered in the meet must submit their entries using Version 4 or 5 of Hy-Tek Team Manager or Team Unify software.

Email entries to Debbie Norval at anorval@austin.rr.com. When you email the entries, also attach a report of the entries by swimmer. Entries/emails without the report will not be accepted. If you don't receive an email confirmation, your entries were not received.

Teams with fewer than five swimmers may send an email including the team, team abbreviation, LSC, the swimmers full name (as registered with USA Swimming), USA ID, event numbers, event description, and entry times for each swimmer.

Entry fees must be received by Friday, June 26, 2009. Please include the meet entry fees report with your check. Please do NOT send a copy of the entries you emailed earlier.

No paper, phone or fax entries will be accepted. Entries received without accurate USA Swimming registration numbers will **NOT** be accepted or processed.

Entry Fees: \$7.50 per individual event. This includes the South Texas Swimming splash fee of \$1.25 per splash. Please send only one check per team location please. Refunds will not be given for any reason.

Make checks payable to The University of Texas at Austin and
Mail to: Jonathan Salazar
Longhorn Aquatics
The University of Texas at Austin
1 University Station D 4050
Austin, TX 78712-0364
512-471-7703

Deck Entries: Deck entries will be accepted only for open lanes. No new heats will be created. You may deck enter the current session beginning at the start of warm-up. Deck entries will close 30 minutes before the start of each session. You may deck enter events for later sessions after deck entries close for the current session. Deck entries for tomorrow's session will be seeded if they are received before the scratch deadline (i.e. deck entries for Sunday morning must be received before the end of Saturday morning's session to be seeded).

The deck entry fee is \$20.00 per event. **Swimmers not previously entered in the meet must present their 2009 USA Swimming registration card** at Clerk of Course to be able to deck enter.

Awards: Ribbons, first through eighth place will be awarded according to the following age groupings: boys and girls 8 and under, 9, 10, 11, and 12. The 1st place finishers in finals of the 100 free will each receive a \$10 gift card. No other awards will be given.

Volunteers: All teams entering 30 or more swimmers must provide one timer per session. All teams entering 60 or more swimmers must provide 2 timers per session. Lanes will be assigned to these teams. The assignments will be available on our website after the entry deadline.

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(713) 245-7855
Herb.Schwab@shell.com

Head Coach: Doug Rusk
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Meet Director: Debbie Norval
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Order of Events Friday July 3, 2009 Session 1 – All Ages

Girls Event #	12 & under Q time	13 & over Q time	Event	13 & over Q time	12 & under Q time	Boys Event #
1			13 & over 100 Free - prelim			2
3			12 & under 100 Free – prelim			4
5	3:40.00	3:09.77	200 IM	3:04.09	3:40.00	6
7			50 Fly			8
9			50 Back			10
11			50 Breast			12
13			50 Free			14
15	6:00.00	5:25.00	400 Free (a)	5:26.00	6:00.00	16

(a) Positive check-in required. Swimmers must provide their own timer.
We reserve the right to split this event into 12 & under and 13 & over.

Saturday July 4, 2009 Session 2 - 12 & Under

Girls Event #	12 & under Q time	Event	12 & under Q time	Boys Event #
17	3:17.74	200 Free	3:25.71	18
19		50 Back		20
21		100 Fly		22
	fastest 16 from Friday	100 Free - semi-final	fastest 16 from Friday	
23	3:20.00	200 Back	3:20.00	24
25		100 Breast		26
27	7:21.00	400 IM (a)	7:39.00	28

(a) Positive check-in required. Swimmers must provide their own timer.

Saturday July 4, 2009 Session 3 - 13 & Over

Girls Event #	13 & over Q time	Event	13 & over Q time	Boys Event #
29	2:57.40	200 Free	2:53.71	30
31		50 Back		32
33		100 Fly		34
	fastest 16 from Friday	100 Free - semi-final	fastest 16 from Friday	
35	3:08.70	200 Back	3:11.95	36
37		100 Breast		38
39	5:35.08	400 IM (a)	5:35.08	40

(a) Positive check-in required. Swimmers must provide their own timer.

Sunday July 5, 2009 Session 4 - 12 & Under

Girls Event #	12 & under Q time	Event	12 & under Q time	Boys Event #
	fastest 8 from Saturday	100 Free - final	fastest 8 from Saturday	
41		50 Fly		42
43	3:45.00	200 Breast	3:45.00	44
45		100 Back		46
47		50 Breast		48
49	3:39.00	200 Fly	3:39.00	50
51		50 Free		52

Sunday July 5, 2009 Session 5 - 13 & Over

Girls Event #	13 & over Q time	Event	13 & over Q time	Boys Event #
	fastest 8 from Saturday	100 Free - final	fastest 8 from Saturday	
53		50 Fly		54
55	3:30.00	200 Breast	3:30.00	56
57		100 Back		58
59		50 Breast		60
61	2:59.00	200 Fly	2:59.00	62
63		50 Free		64
65	21:00.00	1500 Free (a)	19:30.00	66

(a) Positive check-in required. Swimmers must provide their own timer and counter.

Officials: Help from visiting officials is always welcome. Visiting officials are asked to email the Meet Referee with their certification level and availability so he can plan accordingly. Nametags are very helpful; please bring and wear yours if you have one.

Special Needs: Please notify the Jamail Texas Swimming Center Staff (512-471-7703) in advance of this event with the name and age of any member on your team who needs assistance to enter the building. TSC 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 this LSC that 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.

Deck Access: Only USA Swimming registered athletes swimming in the meet, coaches, officials and volunteers will be allowed access beyond the front desk of the Texas Swimming Center. Those wishing to volunteer as a timer will be given a pass to access the deck and help for that specific purpose. Coaches and officials will be required to show their current USA Swimming registration card at the front desk in order to be on deck.

Please be aware that swimmers will not be allowed onto the deck until one of their team coaches has checked in and is on deck.

Any non-registered individuals not respecting these rules will be removed from that area or from the facility at the discretion of the meet director, Longhorn Aquatics Program Director or Texas Swimming Center staff.

TSC Rules: As guests of The University of Texas, all must adhere to the Texas Swim Center (TSC) rules. Coaches must supervise their swimmers. Chewing gum and glass containers are not permitted in the building. Locks may not be left on lockers overnight. Wet swimmers cannot leave pool deck. Children must be supervised at all times.

Spectators and athletes may not bring food nor drink into the Texas Swim Center from outside sources. Teams ARE permitted to bring two (2) coolers on to the deck.

Parking: After 5:45 PM on weekdays and all day Saturday and Sunday parking is open on a space available basis San Jacinto and Trinity Streets below the Swim Center. Please read all signs carefully as some spaces are reserved "At All Times." Parking in these spaces will likely result in a parking citation.

The University of Texas began charging for parking in surface lots as well as the garages beginning in January, however it is not always enforced. For more information, check the Parking and Transportation web site at <http://www.utexas.edu/parking/> or call the TSC Front Desk at 512-471-7703.

More detailed parking information will be posted on the Longhorn Aquatics website (<http://www.utexas.edu/longhornaquatics>) closer to the meet.

The University of Texas at Austin

Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center 2008-2009 Sponsor Hotels

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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 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
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 ½ 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! Dive sprints may only be done under the direct supervision of the coach.
- d. There will be no diving in the general warm-up lanes. Circle swimming only.
- e. No kick boards, pull buoys, or hand paddles may be used.

3. 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 (4) 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 must be members of United States Swimming.
 - 3) Marshals will have 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.
 - 4) The host team shall provide signs for each lane at both ends of the pool, indicating their designated use during warm-ups.
 - 5) Warm-up times and lane assignments will be published in the meet information and posted at several locations around the pool area. 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."
 - 6) 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.
 - 7) Hazards in locker rooms, on deck, or areas used by coaches, swimmers, or officials will be either removed or clearly marked.

B. MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

1. Backstrokers will ensure that they are not starting as 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.
2. Swimmers shall not jump or dive into the pool to stop another swimmer on a recalled start.
3. 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.
4. Warm-up procedures will be enforced for any breaks scheduled during the competition.
5. No hand paddles, fins, or kickboards may be used at any time during general, specific, or between warmup unless approved by the 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.

STSI Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures