

The University of Texas at Austin**LONGHORN AQUATICS**
2008 Texas Open
July 4 – July 6, 2008

Welcome: Longhorn Aquatics invites you to join us at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center (Swim Center) to compete in our long-course swim meet. 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, one block west of I-35 on the northwest corner of the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Red River Street.

Schedule: On Saturday and Sunday, the meet will be split into morning and afternoon sessions based on age. On Friday, all ages are combined into one session. 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.

Friday	All Swimmers	Warm-Up	12:00 PM
		Start	1:00PM
Saturday	12 & Under	Warm-up	7:30 AM
		Start	8:30 AM
	13 & Over	Warm-up	1:00 PM *
		Start:	2:00 PM *
Sunday	12 & Under	Warm-up	7:30 AM
		Start	8:30 AM
	13 & Over	Warm-up	1:00 PM *
		Start	2:00 PM *

* These are estimated times. The warm-up for the afternoon session will begin immediately after the morning session. The diving well will be available for warm-up before the end of the morning session.

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 qualifying time will be required to prove their LCM entry time. A website address or hard copy results of a Sanctioned, Approved or Observed USA Swimming meet will suffice. **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.

Approval: This meet has been Approved by South Texas Swimming and 2008 rules apply. There will 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 and South Texas Swimming. Foreign athletes must notify the

meet director for FINA approval before the entry deadline. All US swimmers must be registered as athletes for 2008 with USA Swimming before the entry deadline.

Meet Format: All events are timed finals, swum 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 over/under starts may be used. Even heats will finish at the American Flag and odd heats will finish at the Texas Flag. Some events require positive check-in, see below. South Texas Warm-Up procedures will be used (details attached).

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, assuming entry fees are received on time.

Check-in: Positive check-in is required for the 400 Free on Friday, the 400 IM on Saturday 1500 Free on Sunday. Check-in sheets will be available approximately 2 hours before the event will swim and will close one hour before the event should swim. Exact times will be posted on the day of the event.

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.

The following limitations shall apply:

The fastest 40 Girls and 40 Boys entered in the 12 and under 400 Free, the fastest 56 Women and 56 Men in the 13 and Over entered in 400 free, the fastest 16 Girls and 16 Boys entered in the 11 and 12 400 IM, the fastest 40 Women and 40 Men entered in the 13 and Over 400 IM, the fastest 24 Women and 24 Men entered in the 1500 Free.

A psych sheet shall be posted shortly after the entry deadline to allow swimmers not making the cuts to select another event. This choice will be open **no longer than 12 hours** after the psych sheet has been posted. No refunds will be given.

Entry Deadline: Entries must be received by **Monday, June 23, 2008 at 6 PM.**

Entries: Swimmers may enter a maximum of 5 individual events per day. The age of the swimmer will be his/her age on July 4, 2008. Enter all events with previous best times achieved in Long Course meters. Do NOT convert times.

All teams with five or more swimmers entered in the meet must submit their entries using Version 3 or 4 of Hy-Tek Team Manager software and must pay using one check with the team name listed somewhere on that check.

Email entries to Dorothy Palmore at dgpalmore@gmail.com. When you email the entries, also attach a Word document or PDF of the Hy-Tek Meet Entry Report **by swimmer**. Include a second report of any unattached swimmers entering with your team. If you do not 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. These teams must still submit one check for payment.

Entry fees must be received by Friday, June 27, 2008 or your entries will be removed from the meet database and you will have to deck enter. Please include the meet entry fees report with your check. You do NOT need to mail 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 \$1.50 per splash. No refunds will be given.

Make checks payable to **The University of Texas at Austin** and
Mail to: Meet Director—Texas Open
Dorothy Palmore
11109 Miramar Dr
Austin, TX 78726

Deck Entries: Deck entries will be accepted only for open lanes. No new heats will be created. You may deck enter for the current session 15 minutes before the start of warm-up. Deck entries will close 30 minutes before the start of each session. You may deck enter the future sessions' events after deck entries close for the current session.

The deck entry fee is \$15.00 per event. **Swimmers not previously entered in the meet must present their 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 single year age groupings: boys and girls 8 and under, 9, 10, 11, and 12. No other awards will be given.

Meet Referee: Herb Schwab
512 258-5119
Herb.Schwab@shell.com

Meet Director: Dorothy Palmore
512-918-1889
dgpalmore@gmail.com

Head Coach: Randy Reese
512-301-0026

- Timers:** We will fill as many timer slots as possible with Longhorn Aquatics parents, but we almost always fall a little short. Please help us keep the meet running smoothly by promptly responding to a call for timers.
- 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.
- Liability:** USA Swimming, South Texas Swimming, The University of Texas, The Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center, and Longhorn Aquatics accept no responsibility or liability for 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.
- 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 on the surface lots surrounding 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. 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.

Officials:

All currently certified and in training USA Swimming officials are cordially invited to participate. Officials are required to prominently display both their STSI and USA Swimming credentials while on deck. Please check-in with the Meet Referee not later than the start of warm-up for each session. Officials check-in is located in the hospitality room. A quick email to the meet referee letting him know you plan to work would be greatly appreciated.

Order of Events

Friday, July 4, 2008

Session 1

All Swimmers

Girls Event #	Qualifying Time (LCM)	Event	Qualifying Time (LCM)	Boys Event #
1	3:03.08	13 & Over 200 IM	3:03.08	2
3	3:38.08	12 & Under 200 IM	3:38.08	4
5		Open 50 Fly		6
7		Open 50 Back		8
9		Open 50 Breast		10
11		Open 50 Free		12
13	6:15.08	*12 & Under 400 Free	6:15.08	14
15	5:33.09	*13 & Over 400 Free	5:33.09	16

* Positive check-in required approx 2 hours before the event is scheduled to swim

SATURDAY, July 5, 2008**Session 2****12 & Under**

Girls Event #	Qualifying Time (LCM)	Event	Qualifying Time (LCM)	Boys Event #
17	3:15.08	12 & Unders 200 Free	3:15.08	18
19		50 Breast		20
21		100 Fly		22
23		50 Free		24
25	3:31.08	200 Back	3:31.08	26
27		100 Breast		28
29	6:59.79	400 IM*	6:59.79	30

*** Positive check-in required approx 2 hours before the event is scheduled to swim**

SATURDAY, July 5, 2008**Session 3****13 & Over**

Girls Event #	Qualifying Time (LCM)	Event	Qualifying Time (LCM)	Boys Event #
31	2:54.08	200 Free	2:54.08	32
33		50 Back		34
35	3:05.09	200 Back	3:05.09	36
37		50 Breast		38
39		100 Fly		40
41		100 Breast		42
43		50 Free		44
45	5:40.08	*400 IM	5:40.08	46

*** Positive check-in required approx 2 hours before the event is scheduled to swim**

SUNDAY, July 6, 2008**Session 4****SESSION 3 - 12 & Under**

Girls Event #	Qualifying Time (LCM)	Event	Qualifying Time (LCM)	Boys Event #
47		100 Free		48
49		50 Fly		50
51	3:50.08	200 Breast	3:50.08	52
53		100 Back		54
55		50 Breast		56
57	3:32.08	200 Fly	3:32.08	58
59		50 Free		60

SUNDAY, July 6, 2008**Session 5****13 & Over**

Girls Event #	Qualifying Time(LCM)	Event	Qualifying Time (LCM)	Boys Event #
61		100 Free		61
63		50 Fly		64
65	3:30.08	200 Breast	3:30.08	66
67		100 Back		68
69		50 Breast		70
71	3:10.08	200 Fly	3:10.08	72
73		50 Free		74
75	22:30.08	1500 free* **	22:30.08	76

* Positive check-in required approx 2 hours before the event is scheduled to swim

**Swimmers must provide their own timers and counters

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Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center
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Austin, Texas 78712-0363

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111 Cesar Chavez
Austin TX 78701



Contact: Emily Hastings
(512) 478-9611

ehastings@radissonaustin.com

Located in the heart of downtown Austin, minutes from the UT Swim Center, Home of Starbucks coffee and home of T.G.I. Fridays restaurant

Holiday Inn Town Lake

20 N IH-35
Austin, TX 78701



Contact: Bridgette Ards
bards@pacificahost.com
(512) 634-1274

Located directly on the Town Lake hike and bike trail, minutes from the UT pool, with free parking

Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown

200 San Jacinto
Austin, Texas 78701



Contact: Carrie Bond (512) 744-0825

cbondvalencia@aol.com

Complimentary breakfast, fitness room, pool, walk to over 75 restaurants, and only 1 mile to the swim center

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Contact: Cynthia Garcia (512) 356-6602

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Contact: RaDell Gibbs
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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.