



2021 WESTERN ZONE AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wednesday, August 4 – Saturday, August 7

**Lewisville ISD Westside Aquatic Center
Lewisville, TX**

ENTRY DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY * JULY 28, 2021 * 5:00 pm (PDT)

Held Under the Sanction of North Texas Swimming, Inc. and USA Swimming, Inc.

Sanction # NT 063-21 Officials Qualifying Meet # PENDING

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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.

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IMPORTANT: Information contained in this meet announcement is based on the current COVID-19 guidelines of the state, local government, and the facility as of the date of sanctioning. Final details will be confirmed after the close of regular entries on July 28, 2021 and will be reviewed at the General Meeting.



Hosted by Inland Empire Swimming, Inc

MEET SCHEDULE SUMMARY

MEETING SCHEDULE	
General Meeting	Monday, August 2, 2021 @ 2:00 PM MTN / 10:00 AM HAST via ZOOM
Officials' Meetings	One hour prior to the start of competition * Details, p.12
WZ AG Champs Business Mtg	Monday, August 9, 2021 @ 2:00 PM MTN / 10:00 AM HAST via ZOOM
COMPETITION SCHEDULE	PRELIMINARIES
Wednesday - Saturday August 7 – 10, 2021 Projected Timeline TBA at General Mtg	Assigned Warm-Up @ 7:00-8:15 AM Competition @ 8:30 AM Warm-Up Details p. 9
	FINALS
	Warm-Up 1 hr prior to Finals Competition At least 2 hrs after end of Prelims

Supervised Warm-Ups Competition & warm-up pools will be available Monday & Tuesday, August 2 & 3 * Details: p. 9

Sanction

This meet has been sanctioned by North Texas Swimming, Inc. Current USA Swimming rules and North Texas Swimming Policies & Procedures will apply. All athletes must be currently registered for 2021 with USA Swimming. North Texas Swimming does not allow on-deck USA Swimming registrations. Conduct of the sanctioned event shall conform in every respect to all technical and administrative rules of USA Swimming.

Liability

In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc. shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. It is further understood that North Texas Swimming, Inc., Inland Empire Swimming, Inc., all meet officials, and the LISD Westside Aquatic Center shall be free and held harmless from any and all liabilities or claims for any damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the meet. Damage to the facility, when proved, will cause the offending swimmer, if unattached, or the offending swimmer's team, if attached, to be held accountable for repairs.

MAAPP

All applicable 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 the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

Safe Sport

Due to COVID-19 a limited number of spectators will be allowed in the building, for the Finals sessions only. The number of spectators allowed will be dependent on each Finals session's athlete count. We anticipate being able to provide live streaming of the event to give parents and guardians an opportunity to watch their athlete compete. Please see p. 10, "Important Information for Spectators."

COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Information contained in this meet announcement is based on the current COVID-19 guidelines of the state, local government, and the facility as of the date of sanctioning. **At a minimum, the wearing of face masks will be required of ALL individuals at ALL times, with the exception of athletes who are actively warming up, racing, or warming down.**

Occupancy of the facility is anticipated to be approximately 500 athletes, and 250 non-athletes (coaches, officials, and volunteers) during preliminary sessions. Finals sessions are anticipated to be approximately 300 athletes, 150 non-athletes (coaches, officials, and volunteers), and 300 spectators. These numbers represent approximately 50% of facility capacity to assist with reasonable social distancing expectations.

Final details will be confirmed after the close of regular entries on July 28, 2021 and will be reviewed at the General Meeting.

Facility

Lewisville ISD Westside Aquatic Center
1750 Duncan Lane
Lewisville, Texas 75067
Facility Phone: (214) 222-6940
[Westside Aquatic Center](#)

Competition Course

50M eight lane course for competition; 25Y 6 lane course available for continuous warm up/down during competition. The minimum water depth measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3 is 7 feet - 0 inches at the start end, and 8 feet - 6 inches at the turn end, measured for 1.0 meter to 5.0 meters from both end walls.

Course Certification

The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2 C (4). and is on file with USA Swimming.

MEET FORMAT

- **Meet format** will be LCM Prelims (8 lanes) and LCM Finals (8 lanes). One championship heat and one consolation heat will compete in Finals, except as noted in the Order of Events, (A) below.
- **Order of seeding** will be Long Course Meters (LCM), Short Course Yards (SCY), Short Course Meters (SCM).
Bonus events will be seeded after the above, in the same order: BLCM-BSCY-BSCM.
- **Preliminary Heats of Individual Events and all Individual Timed Finals Events will be seeded and swum Fastest to Slowest.**
See Order of Events, (A) & (B) below, for additional information on Individual Timed Finals Events.
- **Circle-Seeding** Top 3 heats of **preliminary** individual events 200M or less, and top 2 heats of **preliminary** individual events of 400M will be circle-seeded, with the fastest athlete in heat 3 for events 200M or less, and in heat 2 for events of 400M, respectively.
- **Finals Heats of Individual Events** will be seeded and swum **Slowest to Fastest**: Consolation, Championship, except as noted in the Order of Events, (A) below.
- **ALL RELAYS** will be conducted as Timed Finals, swum **Fastest to Slowest**, in event order, **at the conclusion** of their respective Preliminary sessions, and **PRIOR** to the 800 & 1500 Freestyles on Wednesday and Saturday. **NO Relays will be swum in the FINALS sessions.**
- **Chase Starts** will be used for all Individual Preliminary events, **except** the following: all 50M events and the 800M/1500M Freestyles.
 - **ALL 50M** events will start at the **WEST/BULKHEAD** end for both Prelims and Finals.
 - **800M/1500M Freestyles** heats will start at the **EAST** end
- All Relays will start from the **EAST** end of the competition pool
- **Finals Events** will start from the **EAST** end *except for 50M events*, which start at the **WEST/BULKHEAD** end
- **There will be NO Finals Ready Room at this event.** Athletes will **NOT** be paraded to the blocks. Athletes are to report directly to their lane. The Consolation heat will be announced in the water; the Championship heat will be announced at the blocks.

ORDER OF EVENTS

Wednesday * August 4, 2021			Thursday * August 5, 2021		
Girls Event #		Boys Event #	Girls Event #		Boys Event #
1	11-12 400 Individual Medley (A)	2	27	10&U 100 Freestyle	28
3	10&U 50 Breaststroke	4	29	11-12 200 Freestyle	30
5	11-12 50 Breaststroke	6	31	13-14 200 Freestyle	32
7	13-14 100 Breaststroke	8	33	10&U 50 Butterfly	34
9	10&U 200 Freestyle	10	35	11-12 50 Butterfly	36
11	11-12 100 Freestyle	12	37	13-14 100 Butterfly	38
13	13-14 100 Freestyle	14	39	10&U 200 Individual Medley	40
15	10&U 100 Backstroke	16	41	11-12 200 Individual Medley	42
17	11-12 100 Backstroke	18	43	13-14 400 Individual Medley	44
19	13-14 200 Backstroke	20	45	11-12 200 Backstroke	46
21	13-14 800 Freestyle (B)	22	47	10&U 200 Medley Relay	48
23	12&U 400 Freestyle Relay	24	49	12&U 200 Medley Relay	50
25	14&U 400 Freestyle Relay	26	51	14&U 200 Medley Relay	52

Friday * August 6, 2021			Saturday * August 7, 2021		
Girls Event #		Boys Event #	Girls Event #		Boys Event #
53	11-12 200 Butterfly	54	75	13-14 200 Individual Medley	76
55	10&U 100 Breaststroke	56	77	10&U 50 Freestyle	78
57	11-12 100 Breaststroke	58	79	11-12 50 Freestyle	80
59	13-14 200 Breaststroke	60	81	13-14 50 Freestyle	82
61	10&U 50 Backstroke	62	83	10&U 100 Butterfly	84
63	11-12 50 Backstroke	64	85	11-12 100 Butterfly	86
65	13-14 100 Backstroke	66	87	13-14 200 Butterfly	88
67	11-12 400 Freestyle (A)	68	89	11-12 200 Breaststroke	90
69	13-14 400 Freestyle	70	91	13-14 1500 Freestyle (B)	92
71	12&U 400 Medley Relay	72	93	10&U 200 Freestyle Relay	94
73	14&U 400 Medley Relay	74	95	12&U 200 Freestyle Relay	96
			97	14&U 200 Freestyle Relay	98

(A) These events will be conducted as **Timed Finals**, with the **fastest heat** swimming in Finals in event order.

(B) The **800M/1500M Freestyles** will be conducted as **Timed Finals**, at the **conclusion** of their respective Preliminary sessions, following the relays. These events will be **seeded and swum Fastest to Slowest, alternating heats by gender**, unless otherwise combined by the Meet Referee.

2021 Western Zone Age Group Championship Time Standards

Qualifying Time Period: August 7, 2019 through entry deadline, July 28, 2021

De-qual Times:

An athlete who has, within the 30 months prior to the start of the meet, participated in one (1) individual event at a USA Swimming Championship as defined by Article 207 of the USA Swimming Rulebook, excluding Disability Championships and Open Water Championships, may not compete in that event or the related relay leg at this meet.

An athlete who has competed in two (2) or more individual events may not compete at this meet.

Girls			10 & Under	Boys		
LCM	SCM	SCY	Event	LCM	SCM	SCY
0:32.79	0:31.99	0:28.89	50 Free	0:32.79	0:31.99	0:28.89
1:11.99	1:10.39	1:03.39	100 Free	1:11.79	1:10.19	1:03.19
2:36.99	2:33.79	2:18.59	200 Free	2:36.39	2:33.19	2:17.99
0:38.79	0:38.19	0:34.39	50 Back	0:38.99	0:38.39	0:34.59
1:23.59	1:22.39	1:14.19	100 Back	1:24.09	1:22.89	1:14.69
0:43.79	0:42.79	0:38.59	50 Breast	0:44.19	0:43.19	0:38.99
1:35.09	1:33.09	1:23.89	100 Breast	1:36.29	1:34.29	1:24.89
0:35.99	0:35.19	0:31.79	50 Fly	0:36.19	0:35.49	0:31.99
1:22.59	1:21.19	1:13.19	100 Fly	1:22.69	1:21.29	1:13.19
2:56.79	2:53.59	2:36.39	200 IM	2:57.69	2:54.49	2:37.19

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LCM	SCM	SCY	Event	LCM	SCM	SCY
0:29.39	0:28.59	0:25.59	50 Free	0:29.19	0:28.39	0:25.59
1:04.39	1:02.79	0:56.59	100 Free	1:03.79	1:02.19	0:55.99
2:19.79	2:16.59	2:03.09	200 Free	2:18.89	2:15.69	2:02.19
4:54.69	4:48.29	5:30.19	400/500 Free	4:54.39	4:47.99	5:29.89
0:34.19	0:33.59	0:30.29	50 Back	0:34.19	0:33.59	0:30.29
1:13.39	1:12.19	1:05.09	100 Back	1:13.29	1:12.09	1:04.99
2:42.09	2:39.69	2:23.89	200 Back	2:39.39	2:36.99	2:21.49
0:38.19	0:37.19	0:33.49	50 Breast	0:37.79	0:36.79	0:33.09
1:23.29	1:21.29	1:13.19	100 Breast	1:23.29	1:21.29	1:13.19
3:02.39	2:58.39	2:40.69	200 Breast	3:01.09	2:57.09	2:39.59
0:31.99	0:31.29	0:28.19	50 Fly	0:31.89	0:31.19	0:28.09
1:11.19	1:09.79	1:02.89	100 Fly	1:11.49	1:10.09	1:03.09
2:45.89	2:43.09	2:26.89	200 Fly	2:44.89	2:42.09	2:25.99
2:37.69	2:34.49	2:19.19	200 IM	2:36.69	2:33.49	2:18.29
5:45.39	5:37.99	5:04.49	400 IM	5:39.69	5:33.29	5:00.29

13-14

LCM	SCM	SCY	Event	LCM	SCM	SCY
0:28.59	0:27.79	0:25.09	50 Free	0:26.69	0:25.89	0:23.39
1:01.89	1:00.29	0:54.39	100 Free	0:57.99	0:56.39	0:50.79
2:14.29	2:11.09	1:58.09	200 Free	2:06.19	2:02.99	1:50.79
4:40.99	4:34.59	5:14.79	400/500 Free	4:29.69	4:23.29	5:02.09
9:51.29	9:38.49	11:02.49	800/1000 Free	9:28.29	9:15.49	10:36.79
18:51.09	18:27.09	18:28.99	1500/1650 Free	18:07.89	17:43.89	17:46.49
1:10.29	1:09.09	1:02.29	100 Back	1:06.49	1:05.29	0:58.89
2:30.89	2:28.49	2:13.79	200 Back	2:23.59	2:21.19	2:07.19
1:20.09	1:18.09	1:10.39	100 Breast	1:14.69	1:12.69	1:05.49
2:52.69	2:48.69	2:31.99	200 Breast	2:42.59	2:38.59	2:22.89
1:08.19	1:06.79	1:00.19	100 Fly	1:03.59	1:02.19	0:56.09
2:32.79	2:29.99	2:15.09	200 Fly	2:24.09	2:21.29	2:07.29
2:32.09	2:28.99	2:15.09	200 IM	2:22.79	2:19.59	2:05.79
5:22.99	5:16.59	4:45.19	400 IM	5:04.99	4:58.59	4:28.99

RULES

- Current USA Swimming rules will govern this meet. North Texas Swimming Policies & Procedures, including Safety Guidelines and Warm Up Procedures will also apply.
- **The age of the athlete will be his/her age as of August 4, 2021, the first day of competition.**
- All athletes entered in the meet must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach during warm-up, competition, and warm-down.
- Any athlete entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start, including both a Forward Start and a Backstroke Start, or must start each race from within the water without the use of the backstroke ledge.
- It shall be the athletes' and coaches' responsibility to acquaint themselves with all the information in this Meet Announcement and any information and changes announced at the General Meeting.
- Athletes and coaches are responsible for being familiar with this meet's scratch rules and relay confirmation procedures.
- Deck changes are prohibited.
- The use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not allowed in changing areas, restrooms, or locker rooms.
- Photography is not allowed behind the blocks during the start of a race or relay exchange.
- 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.
- **All athletes entered in the competition must comply with current USA Swimming rules regarding swimwear.**

Important Information on USA Swimming's Rules for Tech Suit Use for 12U Athletes can be found [HERE](#) on the Western Zone website. Compliance with these rules is the responsibility of athletes, coaches, and parents.

RESTRICTIONS

- This is a CLOSED-DECK meet.
 - Only athletes, coaches, officials, team chaperones, and assigned meet volunteers will be permitted on the competition deck.
 - Only athletes, coaches, officials, team chaperones, and others with appropriate credentials will be permitted in the Team Areas.
- Tobacco products of any kind, vaping, alcoholic beverages, and glass containers are not allowed in the swimming venue.
- Shaving is not permitted anywhere in the facility.
- Service animals only allowed in the facility.

Athlete Supervision and Safety

Per Western Zone policy, each LSC is required to have at least one adult chaperone in the Team Area supervising their LSC athletes whenever their athletes are in the Team Area. Teams are encouraged to monitor the location of their athletes in the venue when they are not actively competing.

Meet Marshals will be present to assist in the monitoring of athletes in the warm-up area, and on the competition deck. Additionally, occasional sweeps of the locker rooms will be performed (women checking girls locker rooms & men checking boys locker rooms).

Broadcast Statement

Photographs, videotape, audio, and/or other visual recordings of the event created by a spectator may be used solely for such spectator's personal non-commercial use and may not be broadcast, published, disseminated, or used for any commercial purpose without the prior consent of USA Swimming.

Image Authorization

All participants agree to be filmed and photographed by the official photographer(s) and network(s) of the 2021 Western Zone Age Group Championship under the conditions authored by USA Swimming. Event organizers are additionally granted the right to use the pictures, likeness, and biographical information before, during, or after the period of participation in USA Swimming competitions to promote such competition.

ELIGIBILITY

This meet is open to athletes who:

1. Are currently registered year-round members of USA Swimming for 2021. **There will be no on-deck USA Swimming registration.**
2. Are currently registered with a USA Swimming LSC of the Western Zone as of the day meet entries close, July 28, 2021.
3. Are no older than 14 years of age as of the first day of the meet, August 4, 2021.
4. Have been selected by their LSC to participate in this meet as a member of the designated LSC team.
5. Have met the appropriate 2021 qualifying times in competition between August 7, 2019, and the entry deadline, July 28, 2021.
6. Have qualifying entry times achieved at USA Swimming sanctioned, approved, or observed competitions. Entry times not in the SWIMS database must be proven to the Administrative Referee or designated representative by the LSC upon request. Failure to provide such proof of time will result in a \$250.00 fine to the athlete's LSC. The athlete will not be allowed to compete in an event that does not have a proven time. It is the responsibility of the entering LSC to verify that entry times are in SWIMS or to provide proof of times. Proof of relay entry times is not required.
7. An athlete who has, within the 30 months prior to the start of the meet, participated in one (1) individual event at a USA Swimming Championship as defined by Article 207 of the USA Swimming Rulebook, excluding Disability Championships and Open Water Championships, may not compete in that event or the related relay leg at this meet. An athlete who has competed in two (2) or more individual events may not compete at this meet.

8. **Athletes with disabilities:** Each LSC may bring two (2) athletes with disabilities ages 12 and under, and two (2) athletes with disabilities, ages 13-14. Athletes with disabilities are not required to meet the qualifying time standards for their age group; however, they must provide a time for each event entered. Classification of disability does not apply for this meet.
Please identify athletes with disabilities when submitting entries, as well as accommodation requests. Thank you!

ENTRIES

***** Entry Qualifying Time Period: August 7, 2019 to July 28, 2021 *****

All entries must be submitted via email by the competing LSC using a USA Swimming approved Standard Database Interchangeable Format (SDIF) electronic entry file.

Entry Deadline: Wednesday * July 28, 2021 * 5:00 pm (PDT)

- All entries shall be submitted ONLY by the LSC Team Entry Representative, on behalf of the LSC.
- With the submission of entries, the Team Entry Representative attests that all athletes entered are registered with USA Swimming.
- Submitted entries must include an athlete's full legal name, age, USA Swimming ID number, and LSC team code.
- **Altitude Adjustment of Entry Times:** Meet qualifying times are stated at sea level; however, times achieved at an altitude of 3,000 feet or above may be adjusted in accordance with current USA Swimming policies.
- **Designation of Non-Conforming & Bonus Times:**
 - Qualifying **short course times** shall be designated in the entry file with a **"Y"** for short course yards and a **"S"** for short course meters.
 - **Entries not meeting the qualifying time standard shall be designated with a "B" for bonus swim**, in addition to the course designation: "L" – LCM, "Y" – SCY, or "S" – SCM. Eg: 1:01.55BL * 55.55BY * 59.59BS
 - Converted times are not allowed.

Entry Limits

- **Individual**
Athletes may enter up to six (6) individual events total but may not compete in more than three (3) individual events per day.
- **Team**
 - Each LSC athlete roster is limited to no more than **80 athletes total, not including athletes with disabilities.**
 - **Each LSC may enter up to 400 individual events; however no more than 160 may be slower than the qualifying time standards. Entry times slower than the qualifying time standard are to be designated as "Bonus"** (see Entries, above).
 - LSCs with entries exceeding 400 individual events and/or 160 "bonus" events, shall scratch down to the stated limits prior to Wednesday's Scratch Deadline of 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 3rd – see Scratch Procedures, p.8. Failure to comply shall be deemed to **have given the Meet Referee the authority to eliminate entries to comply with the stated limits. "Bonus" swimmers will be scratched first.** Entries for athletes with disabilities are not included in the stated LSC limits.
 - Each LSC is limited to **one (1) "bonus" swim per gender, per age group, for events 400M or longer.** Entries exceeding this limit must be scratched prior to the close of the scratch deadline for the event. If the LSC fails to scratch excessive entries, the Admin Referee shall have the authority to eliminate entries to comply with the stated limits. "Bonus" swimmers will be scratched first. Entries for athletes with disabilities are not included in the stated LSC limits.
- **Relay Entries**
 - Each LSC is limited to two (2) relays per relay event
 - Entry times for relays are required when meet entries are submitted. Proof of relay entry times is not required.
 - Relays must be made up of athletes entered in the meet whose age and gender meet the event description. Athletes are limited to one age group relay per session.
 - Relays will be scored, awards presented, and records kept for the following age groups: 10&U, 12&U, 14&U.

NO REFUNDS will be given for submitted entries that are subsequently scratched by an LSC's coach, the Meet Referee, or the Admin Referee.

Entry Fees

- **\$15.00 per individual event** entry (\$5.00 paid by Inland Empire Swimming to Zone Treasury)
- **\$25.00 per relay entry** (\$5.00 paid by Inland Empire Swimming to Zone Treasury)
- **\$20.00 per athlete COVID surcharge** (for 2021 meet only – approved by WZ BoD)
- **ALL PAYMENTS** due to Inland Empire Swimming for entry fees and other items **will be made ON-SITE** at Registration via CREDIT CARD or CHECK, made payable to Inland Empire Swimming.
- **NO REFUNDS** will be given for submitted entries that are subsequently scratched by an LSC's coach, the Meet Referee, or the Admin Referee.

Entry Deadline

SDIF Entry File must be received via email by 5:00 PM PDT, July 28, 2021

Submit entries via email to the Admin Referee, Mark Brown mark.brown.15@gmail.com

Submitting Entries

- **EMAIL SDIF Meet Entry File** Admin Referee Mark Brown mark.brown.15@gmail.com
- **Include the following as PDF attachments** * Team Staffing may be listed in the body of the email:
 - **Individual and Relay Entries**
 - **Team Entry Fees Summary**
 - **LSC Team Staffing:** Number of Coaches, Managers, and Chaperones attending meet
 - 📄 **Coaches Heat Sheet Fee:** 0 – 6 Coaches * No Charge / 7+ Coaches * **\$5.00 per coach over 6**
- **Receipt of entries is not considered confirmed until the LSC Team Entry Representative receives a confirmation email from Admin Referee Mark Brown.** If an entry confirmation email is not received within 24 hours of the meet entry deadline, contact Admin Referee Mark Brown immediately.
- **PRINT hard copies of Individual and Relay entries submitted** and bring to meet as reference documents.
- **ALL PAYMENTS** due to Inland Empire Swimming for entry fees and other items **will be made ON-SITE** at Registration via CREDIT CARD or CHECK, made payable to Inland Empire Swimming.

Administrative Entry Errors

Entries for an athlete that are incorrect due to administrative error may be corrected if the following requirements are met:

1. The LSC entering the athlete can prove, with documentary evidence, to the satisfaction of both the Meet Referee and the Administrative Referee that the administrative error is exclusively the fault of the LSC and not in any way the fault of the athlete.
2. Such documentary evidence must be submitted to the Meet Referee or the Administrative Referee prior to 6:00 pm, Tuesday, August 3rd (NO exceptions) where it will be subject to approval. If approved, the athlete shall be seeded correctly.

Late Entries

Late entries will only be accepted in accordance with the Western Zone Swimming Championship Regulations, Section VII.9.5.10.

In summary:

An LSC whose entire entry is received no more than 24 hours late, may enter its athletes into the Western Zone Age Group Swimming Championship subject to the following:

- The late LSC shall pay to the meet host an administrative penalty equal to that LSC's total entry fees.
- The late LSC shall not score points for its individual swims but shall receive points from all its swum relays.
- The late LSC's swimmers shall be seeded correctly, shall earn individual awards and times of record.

Meet Entry Questions

Questions concerning meet entries should be directed to Administrative Referee Mark Brown mark.brown.15@gmail.com
Email is requested and preferred.

GENERAL MEETING

- A General Meeting will be held on Monday, August 2, 2021 via ZOOM at 2:00 PM MTN / 10:00 AM HAST. Additional details will be distributed following the close of entries on July 28, 2021.
- **Each LSC must have at least one coach and one team representative in attendance.**

REGISTRATION DESK * Clerk of Course

All athletes, coaches, officials, and team managers participating in this competition must be currently registered for 2021 with USA Swimming.

- All athletes, coaches, officials and team managers should be prepared to present their USA Swimming ID Card or Deck Pass as proof of their registration to the Meet Referee, the Meet Director, or their designee at any time. Photo ID may also be requested.
- All athletes, coaches, officials and team managers (including designated team chaperones) will receive a meet-specific credential, which will serve as a deck pass, and is to be displayed in order to access the competition deck and team areas.

Tuesday, August 3rd: The Registration Desk will be located in the lobby of the facility and will open at 12:00 PM (Noon). Registration will remain open through the end of Supervised Warm-Ups, at 6:00 pm.

- All coaches and officials will be required to sign in and present their current USA Swimming credentials to obtain a meet credential from the Registration Desk on Tuesday.
- Team managers will be required to sign in and present their current USA Swimming credentials to obtain a meet credential from the Registration Desk on Tuesday.
- Upon signing in and receiving their meet credential, Team Managers will also receive the meet credentials for their athletes and team chaperones.

Wednesday – Saturday, August 4th – 7th: Clerk of Course will be open at 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM and will be located in the facility lobby.

Officials arriving after Tuesday should obtain their deck pass at their specific from the Registration Desk prior to working their first session. Refer to **Important Information for Officials**, p. 12 of this meet announcement.

SCRATCH PROCEDURES

**The USA Swimming National Championship scratch procedure and no-show rules will be used at this meet.
These rules are described in the current USA Swimming Rules & Regulations 207.11.6**

In summary:

- Any athlete who fails to compete in an individual preliminary event in which the athlete is entered *and has not properly scratched* will be barred from all further individual and relay events for that day and must check in with the Admin Referee prior to the scratch deadline each day for the remainder of the meet.
- **Athletes will have 30 minutes** after the announcement of finals event qualifiers **to declare their intention to scratch** from final events and must declare their final intention to scratch or swim within 30 minutes of their last individual preliminary event of that session.
- *Any athlete seeded in an individual finals event who does not properly declare their intention to scratch and fails to compete in that finals event will be barred from competition for the remainder of the meet.*

**ALL SCRATCHES FOR THIS MEET MAY BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY TO THE ADMIN REFEREE MARK BROWN
VIA EMAIL mark.brown.15@gmail.com OR TEXT (916) 201-1254**

Scratches may also be submitted in person during the meet

All scratches must be submitted by the stated deadlines – See details, below

Scratch Procedures for Individual Events

- Scratches prior to the seeding of individual events shall be confirmed with Admin Referee Mark Brown prior to the daily scratch deadline by: (1) email, mark.brown.15@gmail.com; (2) via text: (916) 201-1254; OR (3) by properly filling out and depositing a scratch card in the scratch box. Scratch cards will be available at the Admin Desk.
- The Scratch Box will be located at the Registration Desk on Tuesday, August 3rd, and at the Admin Desk for the duration of the meet.

Scratch Deadline for Wednesday's Individual Events - Tuesday, August 3rd at 6:00 PM

- Athletes are considered checked in for ALL individual events on Wednesday including the 800M Freestyle events *unless scratched*.

Scratch Deadline for Thursday – Saturday's Individual Events

- **Athletes are considered checked in for ALL other individual events for the rest of the meet including the 1500M Freestyle events *unless scratched*.**
- Scratch Deadline will be 30 minutes after the start of Finals for the following day's individual events.

ALL RELAYS require submission of completed relay form by 10:00 AM on the day of the relay event *in order to be seeded*.

- Relay entry forms will be distributed each morning with the Preliminary session heat sheets.
- Up to eight athletes may be listed on the relay form, and the order made be changed up to the time the lead athlete is called to the blocks.
- The Meet Referee, in concurrence with the Admin Referee, may re-seed a relay with an unrealistic time to the first heat with a NT (no time) entry.

SCHEDULE SUMMARY – SCRATCHES & RELAY CONFIRMATION		
EVENTS	ACTION REQUIRED	DEADLINE
Wednesday's Individual Events	Scratch	Tuesday, August 3 rd 6:00 PM
Thursday – Saturday's Individual Events	Scratch	30 minutes after the start of Finals For the following day's events
All Relays	Submit relay slips w/names and order to Admin Desk	10:00 AM on the day of the Relay
	Changes to relay order	At the blocks
Announced finalists for championship and console heats	Declaration of intention to scratch to Admin Referee	Within 30 minutes of announcement of qualifiers

Warm-Ups

North Texas Swimming Safety Guidelines and Warm-Up Procedures will be in effect for this meet.

A copy of these guidelines and procedures will be emailed to the Team Entry Contact and will be posted at the facility. The Meet Referee reserves the right to modify warm-ups as determined to be in the best interest of the safety of the athletes and the conduct of the meet.

▪ Pre-Meet Supervised Warm-Ups

- Westside Aquatic Center will be available for pre-meet supervised warm-ups on Monday, August 2nd, 3:00 – 6:00 PM, and Tuesday, August 3rd, 12:00 – 6:00 PM. Both the 50M competition pool and the 25Y warm-up pool will be available; however, **lane space and practice times must be scheduled in advance.**
- LSC team athletes must be supervised by one of their LSC team coaches for the entire length of the practice. The LSC team coach supervising the practice must have a current USA Swimming Coach membership.
- **To schedule lane space and practice times, contact Meet Director Jody Rash: jody.rash@gmail.com**

▪ Meet Warm-Ups: Prelims

- **ASSIGNED** warm-ups will be available in both the 50M competition pool and the 25Y warm-up pool Wednesday – Saturday mornings, 6:30 – 8:15 AM. Assignments will be made by LSC for a specific lane and warm up time and will be distributed no later than the General Meeting.
- **25Y Warm-Up Pool** will be available for general warm-up/warm-down from 8:15 AM until 30 minutes after the completion of the preliminary session. The facility will be closed between Preliminary and Finals sessions.

▪ Meet Warm-Ups: Finals

- **OPEN** warm-ups will be available in both the 50M competition pool and the 25Y warm-up pool Wednesday – Saturday at the start of the published Finals warm-up start time.
- **25Y Warm-Up Pool** will be available for general warm-up/warm-down from the start of the published Finals warm-up time until 30 minutes after the completion of the nightly Finals session. The 50M competition pool will close at the completion of the Finals session each night.

Scoring

Scoring will be on a sixteen (16) place basis. **Individual events:** 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1. **Relays** will score double.

Awards

- **Individual Events:** medals for first (1st) through eighth (8th) place; ribbons for ninth (9th) through sixteenth (16th) place
- **Relay Events:** medals for first (1st) through third (3rd) place; ribbons for fourth (4th) through eighth (8th) place
- **Team Awards:** Trophies for first (1st) through eighth (8th) place ***First Place Trophy: Scottie Aschermann Team Championship Award**
- **Adam Szmidski Team Sportsmanship Award:** Trophy awarded to the team demonstrating superior sportsmanship, total team support, consistent positive attitude throughout the entire meet and unified team appearance (uniform, shirts, suits, etc).
 - Award Selection Committee: Western Zone Director(s), Meet Director(s), One Coach and one Athlete from each LSC
 - Ballots will be distributed to each LSC team at the General Meeting on Tuesday. Ballots are to be cast daily by members of the Selection Committee prior to the start of the Relays in the Finals session.
- **Presentation:** Trophies will be presented on Saturday at the conclusion of Finals. Medal and ribbons may be picked up by a team representative at the Clerk of Course the day after the awards are earned. All awards are to be collected by teams prior to leaving the venue after Saturday Finals. Awards will not be mailed.

Results

Live results will be available via Meet Mobile but are NOT considered official results. Official results for each session will be emailed to each LSC team contact and will be posted to the meet websites listed on p.1 of this meet announcement.

Livestreaming

Details on Livestreaming of this event, if possible, will be shared as soon as they are available.

Time Trials

Time Trials will not be offered at this meet.

Timers

- **Western Zone Policy states that each LSC is to provide two timers for one lane for the duration of the meet.**

Each LSC entered in the meet will be assigned lanes for timing coverage in both Preliminary and Finals Sessions, on a rotating basis. These lane assignments will be managed through an on-line registration process. Implementation of this meet policy will be provided to each LSC no later than July 15, 2021.

Hospitality

A Hospitality Room will be provided by for coaches and officials only, location TBA. Athletes are not permitted in the Hospitality room.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SPECTATORS

Hotels

The meet host has partnered with Team Travel Source, Inc to provide a quick, easy-to-access, on-line hotel booking link for the Lewisville area. This link provides direct reservations at numerous hotel properties located near the facility, as well as providing highly competitive rates, and great savings. Additionally, all rooms booked through the TTS LIVE link will generate room rebate funding for the meet host – please support them by using this link to book your hotel rooms!

Hotel Reservation Link: [Team Travel Source LIVE](#)

Spectator Admission & Seating

Due to Covid-19 safety protocols, spectators will only be allowed at the Finals Sessions of this event, with the estimated maximum number being one spectator per athlete who has qualified for the Finals session that day (approximately 300 spectators). Final details on spectator numbers will be distributed to each LSC no later than July 15, 2021.

Admission & Ticket Sales

Admission for Spectators at Finals Sessions will be charged for this event. Tickets will be sold daily on-site prior to the Finals session each night. Final details on ticket sales will be distributed to each LSC no later than July 15, 2021.

Spectator Seating

- Spectator Seating will be located in a designated section of the spectator area of the competition venue and is handicap accessible. The spectator area will be cleared following each Finals session, and ALL personal items must be removed.
- **This is a CLOSED-DECK meet.** Only CREDENTIALLED athletes, coaches, officials, and assigned meet volunteers will be permitted on the competition pool deck. **There will be NO admission of spectators to the competition deck.**

Parking at the Facility

- The lots in and around the WAC are available for parking. The lower level, closest to the pool, is reserved for meet officials and administration, as well as for any those with a physical disability.
- **RV parking and any overnight parking by any vehicle must be approved in advance by the WAC Facility Director, Shannon Gillespy gillespys@lisd.net. Please contact Shannon via email for prior approval no later than July 25, 2021.**

Lost & Found

Lost & Found items will be taken to the Registration Desk located in the main lobby of the Aquatic Center.

Medical Assistance

The Westside Aquatic Center Lifeguards will provide first-aid assistance on-site. Anyone in need of assistance should contact a Lifeguard, or the Front Desk Staff, who will contact a Lifeguard.

Meet Souvenir Apparel

Northwest Designs Ink www.nwd.ink will be on site to provide the official souvenir t-shirts and apparel for this meet.

Spectator Concessions & Meet Photographer

Information on these items will be distributed no later than July 15, 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR LSC TEAM MANAGERS

Team Areas

Per Western Zone policy, each LSC is required to have at least one adult chaperone in the assigned Team Areas supervising their LSC athletes whenever their athletes are in the Team Area. Teams are encouraged to monitor the location of their athletes in the venue when they are not actively competing.

▪ Preliminary Sessions

Each LSC Team will receive an assigned Team Area for all Preliminary Sessions. Some teams will be assigned to the Spectator Area, and some will be assigned to an area at deck level. Assignments will be determined by team size, and prevailing social distancing protocols in place at the time of competition.

Each team area will be designated by an LSC Team Banner. Coaches' tables / areas on deck are TBD.

▪ Finals Sessions

Each LSC Team with athletes in a Finals session will receive an assigned Team Area at deck level specifically for that Finals Session. These team areas will be indicated with temporary signage. Assignments will be determined by team size, and prevailing social distancing protocols in place at the time of competition.

It is not anticipated that any athletes will be seated in the Spectator area during Finals, as this space will be used to allow Spectators to be present for the Finals sessions.

On-Site Food Options for Athletes

The level of need for on-site food options for athletes is in the process of being determined, along with appropriate resources. Complete information will be distributed to LSC Contacts as soon as it is available.

Opening Ceremonies & Other Traditional WZAG Social Events

The following traditional social events will not be held at this event, in support of Covid Safety Protocols:

- **Opening Ceremonies will not take place on Tuesday night.** A special recognition of all athletes attending the meet will take place at the beginning of the Preliminary Session on Wednesday morning.
- **Saturday Finals "exchange" of team gear.** Due to the nature of Covid Safety Protocols, this athlete tradition is TBD.
- **Saturday Night Athlete Dinner & Social will not be held this year.**

Western Zone Age Group Championship Business Meeting

The Western Zone Age Group Championship Business Meeting will be held on the Monday immediately following the event via Zoom: Monday, August 9, 2021, at 2:00 PM MTN / 10:00 AM HAST. This meeting will not be held in person, nor will there be an associated dinner.

- The purpose of the Western Zone Age Group Championship Business Meeting is to specifically discuss items concerning the WZAG Championships. Questions and agenda items should be sent to Zone Director Dale Ammon dcammon5@gmail.com. Complete information will be distributed to LSC Contacts as soon as it is available.

Hospitality

A Hospitality Room will be provided by for coaches and officials only, location TBA. Athletes are not permitted in the Hospitality room.

Parking at the Facility

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Hotel Reservation Link: [Team Travel Source LIVE](#)

Meet Souvenir Apparel

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Meet Photographer

Information on a meet photographer will be distributed no later than July 15, 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OFFICIALS

General Information

Each LSC is asked to provide at least one (1) deck or administrative official. Officials must be a currently registered member of USA Swimming prior to the start of the competition and at least LSC certified in the position(s) for which they apply.

Officials Briefings

Mandatory Officials Briefings will be held during warm-ups beginning one hour prior to the start of each competitive session.

Officials Dress

- **Preliminaries:** White polo shirt, khaki pants/skirts/short, white deck-friendly shoes, and white socks.
- **Finals:** White polo shirt, khaki long pants/skirts, white deck-friendly shoes, and white socks.

Application to Officiate

- All officials intending to work this meet must complete the Application to Officiate [HERE](#). This link is also available on the Western Zone Age Group Championship event page, [HERE](#).
- Those officials desiring to work the **assigned positions** of Chief Judge, Starter, and Deck Referee must **submit an application** no later than **July 1, 2021**. Preference will be given to those who agree to work all sessions.
- **All others** planning to attend the meet are encouraged to return their application by **July 8, 2021**.
- **Meet Shirt Deadline: July 8th**
Every effort will be made to provide a meet shirt in the requested size to those Officials who apply by the July 8th deadline. Meet shirts may not be available to Officials who apply after the July 8th deadline.

Application for National Certification / Evaluation

- **National Evaluator: Gloria Schuld**

The Western Zone Age Group Championship has been approved as an Officials Qualifying Meet for N2/N3 certification/recertification. Please review the USA Swimming requirements for National Certification and advancement [HERE](#).

All officials are welcome to participate. Even if you do not yet qualify you are encouraged to take advantage of this mentoring opportunity. Complete the Application to Officiate [HERE](#). This link is also available on the Western Zone Age Group Championship event page, [HERE](#). Questions may be directed to the Meet Referee Dale Ammon dcammon5@gmail.com

Officials Reimbursement Fund

This fund provides reimbursement assistance to Officials who work at least 80% of the meet sessions and who are not being reimbursed from another source for their expenses to attend the Western Zone Age Group Championships. The proceeds of this fund are shared equally across all applicants who have met the work requirements. To be eligible, officials must be registered with USA Swimming and in good standing from any LSC in the Western Zone. An application is available from the Western Zone Officials Chair, Mike Dilli mdilli@q.com

Credentials & Deck Access

- **Officials arriving on Tuesday, August 3rd** may obtain their deck pass at the Registration Desk.
- **Officials arriving after Tuesday, August 3rd** should obtain their deck pass at the Registration Desk prior to working their first session.

Officials Social

In support of Covid Safety Protocols, the traditional no-host Officials Social will not be held this year.

Parking at the Facility

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Hotels

The meet host has partnered with Team Travel Source, Inc to provide a special block of rooms for Officials who have confirmed their attendance at this meet. This hotel block will not be shared publicly; information on booking a room will be distributed to Officials by the Meet Referee following confirmation of receipt of the Officials Application [HERE](#)