

North Texas Swimming Open Water Zones Application & Selection Criteria

Event: 2025 Southern Zone Open Water Championships

Date: April 25-27, 2025

Location: Lynn Hall Memorial Park, Fort Myers Beach, FL

Team Composition:

- **Age Groups:** 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, Open
- **Team Size:** Up to 6 athletes per age group and gender

Eligibility Criteria:

1. **USA Swimming Registration:** All athletes must be registered with USA Swimming (North Texas Swimming).
2. **Qualifying Standards:** Athletes must have achieved at least a **AA time standard** based on the 2025-2028 USA Swimming Motivational Time Standards.
 - **11-12:** 500 Free (top 6 per gender)
 - **13-14:** 1650 Free (top 6 per gender)
 - **15-16:** 1650 Free (top 6 per gender)
 - **Open:** 1650 Free (top 6 per gender)
3. **Proof of Time:** Times must be from sanctioned USA Swimming meets and verifiable through the USA Swimming SWIMS database.
4. **Time Achievement Deadline:** Qualifying times must be achieved no later than **March 10, 2025**.

Application Process:

- **Deadline:** March 3, 2025
- **Required Documents:**
 - Completed application [form](#)
 - Signed code of conduct- provided after selection process
- **Application Requirement:** Athletes must apply no later than March 3rd to be considered for selection.
- Athletes will be notified no later than March 17th.

Travel & Expenses:

- Athletes are responsible for all travel arrangements and costs.
- **No group travel:** Athletes will travel with their parents/families.

- **LSC Support:** A North Texas Swimming coach representative will attend the event.
- **Team Gear:** Each athlete will receive a team cap and shirt.

Selection Criteria:

- Top 6 applicants per gender in each age group based on qualifying times.
- In case of tie-breakers, the fastest swimmer in the LCM version of the event (400/ 1500) will be taken.
- Converted times will not be accepted.

Additional Information:

- **Check-in & Race Procedures:** Athletes must comply with all event regulations as outlined in the [meet information packet](#).
- **Health & Safety:** Athletes are expected to follow all safety protocols.

For questions, please contact [Jaime Lewis](#).