

The University of Texas at Austin and



LONGHORN AQUATICS

New Year's Classic

Held under the sanction of USA Swimming

Important Meet Facts

Meet Date: January 12-14, 2024

Entries Open: Noon, Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Entries Close: 5:00 PM, Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Entry Email: txlameetentries@gmail.com

Entry Fees: \$12.50 per event. A \$5.00 per swimmer facility surcharge will be charged.

Age Restriction: Athletes 5 years of age and younger are not permitted to swim in this meet.

Qualifying Times: ALL events require a provable "BB" SCY qualifying time. Only yard times in the SWIMS database can be used as proof of time. *Long course and converted times cannot be used as qualifying times.* The qualifying times are from [USA Swimming's 2021-2024 National Age Group Motivational Times](#). **NT's are NOT permitted for any event.** **NT's and unprovable times will be scratched.** *Times must have been swum since January 12, 2023.*

Positive Check-In Deadlines: Positive check-in will be available as athletes enter the pool deck and will close at 5:30 PM on Friday. Positive check-in for the 500 on Saturday will close at the conclusion of warm-ups of the respective sessions. Swimmers that check-in for an event and fail to swim will be fined \$50 payable to the University of Texas.

Deck Entry Fees: No deck entries will be taken.

Address: 1900 Red River Street, Austin TX 78712

Timer Rule: Teams should come prepared with volunteer timers if called upon.

Parking: The University of Texas requires a UT permit for parking along Trinity and San Jacinto. Parking garages and daily rates can be found [here](#). Specific parking information will be sent out in the pre-meet email to coaches.

Facility: The Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center has an indoor 8 lane 50-meter competition pool. The pool is considered one of the fastest pools in the world due to its depth, gutter system, high filtration rate and lane width. The host will ensure the required course dimensions in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).

Water Depths: The minimum water depth, measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3, is 9 feet at the start end and the turn end is 9 feet measured for a distance of 1.0 meter to 5.0 meters from both end walls.

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Medical Supervision: During the meet an EMT, lifeguards and AED devices will be present to provide any necessary medical supervision and treatment for athletes participating in the meet.

COVID-19: 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.

USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS FROM: USA SWIMMING, SOUTH TEXAS SWIMMING, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, LONGHORN AQUATICS AND SUBSIDIARIES AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, PARTNERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, OR

ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION.

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.

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.

Cell phone restrictions: The presence or use of cell phones, smart phones or any other devices capable of producing audio recordings, photographic or video images in locker rooms, restrooms or changing areas is strictly and specifically prohibited at all times. There are no exceptions to this policy. Violators are subject to disqualification from the meet, disbarment from the facility and arrest.

Sanction: Held under the sanction of USA Swimming; this meet has been sanctioned by South Texas Swimming and current USA Swimming rules, including 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 for 2024 with USA Swimming by the meet start date. Athletes who register with USA Swimming after the meet entry deadline may deck enter the meet only if they can present their 2024 USA Swimming registration card or proof of membership using the USA Swimming app. South 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.

USA Swimming Registration: All swimmers, coaches, and officials participating in this competition must be currently (2024) registered with USA Swimming. All should also be prepared to present their USA Swimming ID 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 deck enter, if offered, will be required to present their USA Swimming ID card or proof of membership using the USA Swimming app or a coach may present the club's official roster from the USA Swimming website. Current national and LSC regulations do not allow for exceptions to these policies. South Texas Swimming does not allow on-deck USA Swimming registrations.

Meet Format: All events will be mixed gender events and the seeding will be based solely on time. All events will be timed finals. All events will be swum fastest-to-slowest. Depending upon the size of the meet, events may swim in one pool, otherwise, even heats will swim at the flag end of the pool, odd heats at the non-flag end of the pool. Meet administration reserves the right to use flyover starts. The Meet Director and Meet Referee reserve the right to modify the operations of the meet. These decisions will be communicated in the pre-meet email to coaches.

Schedule: Friday is 11& Over. 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 ages 14& Over and the afternoon sessions for swimmers 13& Under. We reserve the right to split the sessions/warm-ups differently or to combine sessions based on the entries received. Officials, coaches, athletes and volunteers will not be allowed on deck until the college teams have cleared the pool deck on Friday & Saturday.

Friday	11& Over	Warm Up:	5:00 PM	Start:	6:00 PM
Saturday	14& Over	Warm Up:	9:00 AM	Start:	10:00 AM
	13& Under	Warm Up:	**	Start:	**
Sunday	14& Over	Warm Up:	9:00 AM	Start:	10:00 AM
	13& Under	Warm Up:	**	Start:	**

Coaches Meeting: If meet administration finds it necessary to have a coach's meeting an announcement will be made during warm-ups.

Time Trials: No time trials will be offered.

Deck Entries: No deck entries will be taken.

Awards: No awards will be given out.

Deck Changing: Deck changes are prohibited.

Entry Dates: Entries will open at noon on Wednesday, January 3, 2024. Entries will not be accepted before that date & time. **You should not make nonrefundable travel arrangements before you know your entries are accepted – entries will be processed in the order received.** Entries will close the earlier of:

- a) Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 5:00 PM or
- b) When a session reaches an estimated 4 hours in length. Individual sessions may close before the entire meet closes.

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Entries: Swimmers may enter a maximum of 3 individual events per day, and 7 maximum events for the meet. The age of the swimmer will be his/her age on January 12, 2024. Enter all events with previous best times achieved in short course yards. Entries will only be accepted from teams. **All teams must submit entries using the latest version of Hy-Tek Team Manager or Team Unify software.**

Email entries to the TXLA Meet Entry Chair at xlameetentries@gmail.com When you email entries, also attach a report of the entries by swimmer, including their USA ID. If you don't receive an email confirmation, your entries were not received. Entries will not be accepted thru any other email address.

Entry fees must be postmarked by Monday, January 8. Please include the meet entry fees report with your check. DO NOT send a copy of the entries you emailed earlier. No paper or phone entries will be accepted.

Entry Fees: \$12.50 per individual event. A \$5.00 per swimmer facility surcharge will be charged. This includes the South Texas Swimming splash fee of \$1.25 per splash. Only one check per team. **Refunds will not be given for any reason.**

Make checks payable to: The University of Texas at Austin

Mail to:
Longhorn Aquatics
New Year's Classic
The University of Texas at Austin
1900 Red River Street, D4050
Austin, TX 78712-0364

Racing Start Proficiency: (Unaccompanied Swimmers) Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA swimming member-coach as being proficient in performing a forward racing start or must start each race from within the water and proficient in performing a backstroke start with or without ledges. 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.

Meet Referee:	Herb Schwab	herb.schwab@gmail.com
Admin:	Trey Prinz	t.prinz.a@gmail.com
Meet Director:	Bridgette Laitala	bridgette.rhoades@austin.utexas.edu

Officials: All attending officials must be registered with USA Swimming, their respective LSCs for 2024 and have a current credentials acknowledged by USA Swimming. Please email the Meet Referee, Herb Schwab, at herb.schwab@gmail.com for appropriate planning purposes. The uniform will be white polo shirts over khaki pants, skirts or shorts. The wearing of name tags is strongly encouraged.

Special Needs: A disability is defined as a PERMANENT physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Please notify the Texas Swimming Center at 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. The Texas Swimming Center 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 South Texas Swimming, Inc., which 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. Coaches and / or athletes must notify the Meet Referee before the event begins if they are to be considered to be judged under Article 105.

Deck Access: Only currently registered coaches and officials will be allowed access beyond the front desk of the Texas Swimming Center. Coaches and officials will be required to show their current USA Swimming registration card at the front desk in order to be on deck. Volunteers will be given a pass to access the deck and help for that specific purpose.

Any non-registered individuals not respecting these rules will be removed from that area or from the facility at the discretion of the University of Texas Athletics staff, Meet Director or Texas Swimming Center staff.

Concealed Carry 30.06: (Campus Carry) Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun. For more information visit <http://campuscarry.utexas.edu/>.

Pets/Service Animals: Trained service animals or service animals in training with identifiable vests will be allowed. Service animals must remain on leash or in a harness at all times.

Results: Results can be found on Meet Mobile or on the [Longhorn Aquatics Live Results link](#).

Parking: The University of Texas requires a UT permit for parking along Trinity and San Jacinto. Parking garages and daily rates can be found [here](#). Specific parking information will be sent out in the coach's email.

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 Events Programs Committee or designee.

New Year's Classic: Order of Events

All events will be swimming in SCY

Friday PM: 11 & Over Age Groups

Event #	Event
1	400 IM (11&Over) (positive check in required; must provide own timer)
2	1650 Free (13& Over) (positive check in required; must provide own timer & counter)

Saturday AM: 14& Over Age Groups

Event #	Event
3	200 Back
4	100 Free
5	200 Breast
6	100 Fly
7	500 Free (positive check in required; must provide own timer & counter)

Saturday PM: 13& Under Age Groups

Event #	Event
8	200 Back (11-13 only)
9	100 Free
10	50 Fly
11	200 Breast (11-13 only)
12	100 Fly
13	50 Breast
14	500 Free (11-13 only) (positive check in required; must provide own timer & counter)

Sunday AM: 14& Over Age Groups

Event #	Event
15	200 Free
16	100 Breast
17	200 Fly
18	100 Back
19	200 IM
20	50 Free

Sunday PM: 13& Under Age Groups

Event #	Event
21	200 Free
22	100 Breast
23	50 Back
24	200 Fly (11-13 only)
25	100 Back
26	200 IM
27	50 Free

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

- 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 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 backstroke 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.