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The University of Texas at Austin and  
LONGHORN AQUATICS  
2012 New Years' Classic  
January 20-22, 2012

**Welcome:** Longhorn Aquatics invites you to join us at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center (Swim Center) to compete in our 2012 New Years' Classic. This meet is open to all USA Swimming registered swimmers and will be conducted in two 25 yard courses, using Daktronics Timing System, and Hy-Tek Meet Manager software.

**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. There are two movable, power-operated bulkheads. For the 2012 New Year's Classic meet, the length of the short course competition pools will NOT be certified before the start of the meet. However, in accordance with the 2012 USA Swimming Rules (Article 104), if a US or World record is broken at this unclassified meet, we will have the course measured and certified by a qualified, licensed professional immediately following the session during which the time was achieved. There have been many US and/or World records broken at the Texas Swim Center and the measured length of the course has never been an issue.

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.

**Water Depths:** The Start end is 9 feet, and the turn end is 9 feet.

**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 proven, 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 or drink into the Texas Swim Center from outside sources. Teams ARE permitted to bring two (2) coolers on to the deck.

**Sanction:** This meet has been sanctioned by South Texas Swimming and 2012 rules will apply. All swimmers must be registered as athletes for 2012 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 2012 USA card.



Saturday and 200 Free Relay by 10:00 AM Sunday. We will assume you are scratching your relay if a relay card is not turned in by the end of the prelim session. **No relay only swimmers are permitted at this meet.**

All events Friday are Timed Finals. The 1650 will be limited to the fastest four heats of boys and the fastest four heats of girls. No deck entries will be accepted for the 1650. Times in the 1650 will be pre-proved. Only yard times in the SWIMS database can be used as proof of time. All 1650 swimmers must provide their own timers and lap counters.

In finals (Saturday & Sunday), events will be separated by gender and age, and seeded by time. The number of heats qualifying for finals in 50 and 100 yard events is as follows:

10 & Under 2 heats

11-12 2 heats

13-14 2 heats

15 & Over 2 heats

In 200 yard events, the number of heats qualifying for finals is as follows:

10 & Under 1 heat (200 Free and 200 IM only)

11-12 2 heats

13-14 2 heats

15 & Over 2 heats

In 400 and 500 events, the number of heats qualifying for finals is as follows:

11-12 1 heat

13-14 2 heats

15 & Over 2 heats

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

**Check-in:** Positive check-in is required for the 500 free (13 & Over), 400 IM, and 1650 free. Positive check-in will be available as athletes enter the pool deck and will close 1 hour before the event is scheduled to swim. Exact times will be posted at Clerk of Course on the day of the event.

Swimmers that check-in for an event and fail to swim will be fined \$30 payable to the University of Texas. These swimmers, and their team, will be barred from competition at subsequent TXLA meets at the Swim Center until the fines are paid. Swimmers in these events must provide their own timer (and counter for the 500, and 1650). The meet director and meet referee reserve the right to separate or combine entries as they see fit.

### **Scratch Rule:**

Prelims -- Each prelim session will be seeded the evening before. All deck entries (individual and relay) for the next day's events received before 5:30 PM will be seeded. For prelims there is a courtesy scratch. By 5:30 PM please scratch events that you will not swim the next day. There is not a penalty for failing to scratch a prelim event; this is a courtesy to the other swimmers by eliminating an empty lane in prelims. Swimmers that check-in for the 400 IM, 500 free or 1650 and do not swim will be subject to a penalty of \$30.

Finals -- The top qualifiers in each preliminary event will be posted and announced after the final heat. All swimmers, including the top qualifiers, have 30 minutes to decide whether they will swim in finals. If they don't want to swim in finals, they must scratch, or declare intent to scratch, at clerk of course within 30 minutes following the announcement. Parents are not allowed on deck for this purpose.

As top qualifiers scratch, other swimmers become eligible for finals. So if a swimmer does NOT want to swim in finals, they should scratch their name on the list at clerk of course no matter how far down the list their name appears. The athletes swimming in finals will be posted as soon as possible after the 30 minute scratch period.

Any swimmer included in finals who does not swim will be subject to a penalty of \$30. Swimmers will be barred from competition at the Swim Center until fines are paid.

**Racing Start Proficiency: (Unaccompanied Swimmers)** Swimmers entered in this meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from in the water. 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.

**Entry Dates:** Entries are due via [www.nitroswim.com](http://www.nitroswim.com) by 11:59 p.m. CST on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Please contact your primary group coach with any entry questions.

**Entries:** Swimmers may enter a maximum of 3 individual events per day, and 7 event limit for the meet, excluding relays. The age of the swimmer will be his/her age on January 20th, 2012. Enter all events with previous best times achieved in short course yards. Entries with NT will not be accepted.

**Entry Fees:** \$11.00 per individual event, \$25.00 for relays. This includes the South Texas Swimming splash fee of \$1.25 per splash. Refunds will not be given for any reason, including illness and/or injury. All entry fees will be charged to your account on file with Nitro Swimming.

**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 the start of the current session. Deck entries for the next day's session will be seeded if they are received before the 1650 Freestyle on Friday or the 400 IM on Saturday.

The deck entry fee is \$20.00 per event, \$30 per relay. **Swimmers not previously entered in the meet must present their 2012 USA Swimming registration card at Clerk of Course to be able to deck enter.** Swimmers will need to prove that they qualify for that event. Only yard times in the SWIMS database can be used as proof of time.

**Awards:** Ribbons, first through eighth place will be awarded according to the following age groupings: boys and girls 10 and under, 11–12. No other awards will be given. Coaches are responsible for picking up their teams ribbons at the end of the meet. Awards will not be mailed out.

**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.

**Officials:** All currently certified and in training USA Swimming officials are cordially invited to participate. All deck officials must be registered with USA Swimming and STSI Swimming for 2012 and have a current Background Check acknowledged by USA Swimming. Please email the Meet Referee, Ray Pearce, with your certification level and availability so he can plan accordingly. The uniform for prelims will be a white polo shirts over khaki pants, skirts or shorts. The uniform for finals will be a navy blue polo over khaki pants, skirts, or shorts. Please report to the Meet Referee at least 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the session for the officials' briefing and to receive your assignments. The wearing of name tags is strongly encouraged.

After Prelims on Saturday, January 21, 2012, Ron Zolno will be leading a Starters' Clinic for all current and potential Starters who are interested in attending. Please contact Ron Zolno (rzolno@brsgroup.com) if you intend to attend so he can plan accordingly.

**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 2012 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.

Please be aware that swimmers will not be allowed on 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.

**Swimmer Photographs:** There may be one or more photographers on deck at this meet. In the event photographers are on deck, parents or guardians of swimmers under the age

of 18 who do not wish to have photographs of their athletes taken, are required to contact the Meet Director prior to the beginning of competition.

**Cell phone/recording device restrictions:** The presence and/or use of cell phones, and any other equipment capable of producing photographic or video images, in locker rooms is strictly and specifically prohibited at all times. There are no exceptions to this prohibition. Violators are subject to disqualification from the meet, disbarment from the facility and arrest. The use of audio or visual recording devices, including cell phones, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

**Parking:** The University of Texas requires a UT permit for parking along Trinity and San Jacinto as well as C Lot 80 in front of the Swim Center. They will be charging \$12 for parking in the Trinity garage. Please go to our website, [www.utexas.edu/longhornaquatics](http://www.utexas.edu/longhornaquatics) as we get closer to the meet for more information on parking.

## Order of Events

Friday PM Timed Finals  
January 20, 2012

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
1	500 Free (12&Under)*!	2
3	50 Back	4
5	50 Breast	6
7	50 Fly	8
9	200 Free relay	10
11	1650 Free*# (13 & Over)	12

\*Positive check-in required.

! Swimmers must provide their own counter.

#Swimmer must provide their own counter and timer.

Saturday, January 21, 2012

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
13	200 Free	14
15	100Breast	16
17	200 IM	18
19	200 Fly (11 & Over)	20
21	100 Back	22
23	50 Free	24
25	200 Med. Relay	26
27	500 Free*# (13 & Over)	28

\*Positive check in required.

#Swimmers must provide own counter and timer.

Sunday, January 23, 2012

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
29	200 Back (11 & Over)	30
31	100 Fly	32
33	200 Breast (11 & Over)	34
35	100 Free	36
37	100 IM (12 & Under)	38
39	400 Free Relay	40
41	400 IM (13 & Over)	42

\*Positive check-in required.

\*Swimmers must provide own timer.

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 at 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 warm-up 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.