

LONGHORN AQUATICS
2013 Texas Age Group Swimming Long Course Championships
TAGS
July 24-28, 2013

- Welcome:** Longhorn Aquatics invites you to join us at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center to compete in the Texas Age Group Swimming Long Course Championships. This meet is open to all qualifying USA registered swimmers as a member of one of the five Texas Local Swimming Committees (LSC's). The meet will be conducted in one indoor 50 meter course, using a Daktronics Timing System and Hy-Tek Meet Manager software. Designated warm-up lanes will be available during the meet.
- 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 TAGS meet the competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C (4).
- Location:** The Swim Center is located on the University of Texas Campus, 1900 Red River Street, 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:** In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc., South Texas Swimming, Inc. (STSI), The University of Texas, the Lee and Joe Jamail Swimming Center, Longhorn Aquatics, and all meet officials shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. 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 or drink into the Texas Swim Center from outside sources. Teams ARE permitted to bring two (2) coolers on to the deck.
- 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.
- Sanctions:** This meet has been sanctioned by South Texas Swimming and 2013 rules will apply. All swimmers must be registered as athletes for 2013 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 2013 USA card.

USA Swimming Registration: All swimmers, coaches, and officials participating in this competition must be currently (2013) 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 2) need to be late-entered because of clerical errors by the entering team or the meet host will be required to present their USA Swimming ID card. Current national and LSC regulations do not allow for exceptions to these policies.

Eligibility: Swimmers must be currently registered as athletes for 2013 with USA Swimming by the entry deadline and must be registered as a member of one of the five Texas Local Swimming Committees (LSC's). Swimmers age 14 and under on July 24, 2013 are eligible to compete. The age of the swimmer will be his/her age on July 24, 2013. All swimmers must meet the 2013 TAGS time standards established for each event they enter and must have achieved those times between June 1, 2012 and July 17, 2013. LCM time standards are shown on the order of events. Non-conforming qualifying times can be found on the Texas Swimming Association website - <http://www.tsaswim.org/TAGS%20Time%20Standards%202013.pdf> Swimmers who achieve a qualifying time standard for the first time between July 18 and July 21 may enter the meet but special entry procedures apply. See "First Q Time/Special Entry Procedures" below. Swimmers with a Senior National cut may not swim that event or a relay leg of that stroke. Swimmers may compete with a team that is registered with any of the five Texas LSC's. The team must be a member of the Texas Swimming Association (TSA) to compete for team points and awards. A swimmer may swim "unattached" if he/she is a member of an unregistered team or is ineligible to represent a team with whom they swim. Unattached swimmers may not earn team points, or swim on relay teams, however they are eligible for individual high point awards. All teams must comply with all TSA entry requirements. Should a team be delinquent with TSA dues and/or fines at the start of the meet, all team members will swim unattached for the duration of the meet.

Meet Operations: Current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations govern this meet. TSA rules will apply where allowed. TSA rules prevail over any inconsistencies between this Meet Information and current TSA rules.

Meet Format: Individual events in prelims will be conducted using both ends of the 50-meter pool –odd heats finishing at one end (closest to the men's locker room) and even heats finishing at the other end (closest to the women's locker room). However, we reserve the right to run events on Wednesday evening from only one end of the pool. Chase starts and fly-over starts may be used at the discretion of the meet referee. Preliminary events will be seeded fastest to slowest. Events on Wednesday, the 1500 Free on Sunday and all preliminary events will swim fastest to slowest. The 800 and 1500 Free require positive check-in and will swim alternating heats of girls and boys. There will be a 15 minute break on Wednesday between the 800 Free and the 800 Free Relay. There will be a 10 minute break during prelims on Sunday after the relay and before the start of the 1500 Free. In prelim/final events, one heat in the 10 & under age group, and two heats for the 11-12 and 13-14 age groups, will advance to finals. All relays, the 800 Free, 10 & Under 400 Free and 13-14 1500 Free are timed finals. In the 10 & under 400 Free and 13-14 1500 Free, the fastest heat of girls and boys will swim during finals. However, swimmers in the 1500 Free on Sunday may elect a morning swim. This election is due by 6 PM on Saturday. If no indication is made, the entry will be seeded as if it is available for an evening swim. All other heats of the 1500 Free will swim as the final event in Sunday's prelim session, fast to slow, alternating girls and boys. There will be a 10 minute break after the 200 medley relay before the start of the 1500.

Positive Check In: The 13-14 800 and 1500 Free will be deck seeded and require positive check in. Failure to check in at clerk of course before the deadline will result in the swimmer being scratched from the event. See the Meet Schedule for exact check-in times.

Scratch Rule: Scratching for preliminaries is required. Each evening we will run heat sheets for the next morning. You must scratch a prelim event you will not swim the next day (i.e. on Wednesday by 4

PM you must scratch any event you will not swim on Thursday; on Thursday by 6 PM you must scratch any event you will not swim on Friday, etc.) Refer to the Meet Schedule for exact times each day. Failure to scratch an event means that event (whether you swim or not) will count as one of your seven allowed events for the meet. As a courtesy, swimmers with fewer than 7 events are asked to scratch events they will not swim at those times as well.

Scratching for all final events is required as outlined in the current USA Swimming rules 207.11.6D and 207.11.6E

Opening Ceremonies: There will be a short opening ceremony on Friday, July 26, 2013 at 9:00 AM at the start of the preliminary session. Each team will be introduced and recognized. Team representatives may carry team banners or flags. The opening ceremony will conclude at 9:15 AM and will be followed promptly by the first meet event. Team pep rallies and demonstrations may be held BEFORE the playing of the National Anthem and after the start of the first event at each session, but not between the two.

Entry Deadline: The entry deadline is 11:59PM SUNDAY, July 14, 2013. The event file will automatically close at that time.

Entries: You may enter via the www.nitroswim.com website. Swimmers may enter as any events as they are qualified to swim but they may only compete in a total of 7 individual events during the entire meet with no more than 3 individual events during any one day, plus 1 relay event per day. Time trial events will count as one of the 3 events allowed per swimmer per day, but not as one of the seven 7 individual meet events. If you enter more than 7 events, you must scratch the events you don't want to swim. Refer to the "Scratch Rule" above.

Distance Events: A swimmer with a qualifying time in the 1500 Free automatically qualifies for the 800 Free. If entering the 800 Free with the 1500 qualification, the swimmer should be entered at their 1500 Free time. If the swimmer has not entered both the 1500 and 800, they must provide proof of time in the 1500. An email with the proof of time information for the 1500 (meet, date and qualifying time) should be sent to the entry chair at the time entries are completed in OME. A 13-14 medley relay with a qualifying time in the 400 automatically qualifies for the 200 medley relay. If entering the 200 medley relay with the 400 medley qualification, enter at the 200 medley qualifying time.

Entry Fees: \$11.00 per individual event. A \$3.00 per swimmer surcharge will be charged. Time Trials are \$20.00 per individual event. Deck Entries are \$20.00 per event.
There will be no refunds for any reason including but not limited to injury and/or illness.

Deck Entries: Deck entries will be accepted. The deck entry fee is \$20 per event (individual or relay). You may deck enter for the current session beginning at the start of warm-up. Deck entries will close 30 minutes before the start of each session. Swimmers who deck enter must pre-prove a qualifying time with the Admin Referee and will be entered in an open lane. A zero heat will be added if necessary, but there will be no standbys for open lanes. Swimmers not previously entered in the meet must also present their 2013 USA swimming registration card. If you are deck entering a relay, all swimmers must already be in the database –no new swimmers will be added to the meet for a relay.

Time Trials: Time Trials will be held, time permitting, for TAGS participants between preliminaries and finals on Friday and Saturday. Time Trial entries will be accepted at the Clerk of Course located on deck from 9AM -11AM on Friday and Saturday. There will be no time trials on Wednesday, Thursday or Sunday. The entry fee is \$20 per event. A swimmer may swim a maximum of one time trial per day. The 800 Free will only be offered for Time Trial on Friday and the 1500 Free will only be offered for Time Trial on Saturday. Time trial events count towards a swimmer's maximum events per day as outlined in the "Entries" section. Time Trial results will be published

with the Final Results: however, these times cannot be considered for state records. Event order will be determined by the Time Trial Referee. A qualifying TAGS time earned during time trials will NOT qualify a swimmer to swim that event at TAGS (time trials is past the qualifying period). Credentials/Registration: All coaches, officials and participating athletes will be issued credential tags. Only people with credential tags will be allowed access to the deck. Coaches must register in OME for a deck pass. Coaches may pick up their team's credential tags at the registration desk on Wednesday, July 24 between noon and 2:00 PM. The registration desk will be located on the second level of the Swim Center across from the store. Credential tags not picked up at these times will be available at Clerk of Course. Replacement credential tags will be available at a cost of \$20.

Deck Access: Only people with credential tags will be allowed access to the deck. Those wishing to volunteer as a timer will be given a pass to access the deck and help for that specific purpose. 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. Coaches must register in OME for a deck pass. Deck passes are only available for coaches. Deck passes will be limited based on a Team's number of swimmers entered in individual events. Teams with 1 –4 swimmers will be allowed 1 deck pass; 5 –8 swimmers 2 deck passes, 9 –18 swimmers 4 deck passes, 19 –40 swimmers 5 deck passes and 41+ swimmers 7 deck passes. 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.

Timers: Each team entered in the meet will be responsible for providing timers. Timing Assignments will be made on a pro-rata basis. Each team will be responsible for providing 1 timer for every 10 swimmers entered in the meet. However, each team must provide at least 1 timer. Timing assignments will be printed in the heat sheet.

Awards:

- Individual Events:** Medals 1st through 8th
- Relay Events:** Medals 1st through 3rd, ribbons 4th through 8th
- Teams:** TAGS Flags will be awarded to teams that finish in 1st through 8th place. The First Place team will receive the Leo Cancellare Award, TAGS traveling trophy.
- High Point Award:** A high point trophy will be given to the outstanding boy and girl swimmer in each age group based upon the total number of points in individual events during the meet.
- Team Age Group Award:** A white flag with red printing will be given to the first place girl's and boy's teams in the following age groups using individual and relay events only: 10 & Under, 11-12, and 13-14.
- Horizon Award:** Given to the team that has the greatest place improvement in the team standings. No previous score is necessary, but the team must have been entered and recognized in the meet. This award will be computed from last year's Long Course TAGS team rankings. No physical award is given.

All individual event and relay awards will be ready to be distributed to the swimmer or his/her coach daily up to one hour after the conclusion of the meet. Team Flags, Outstanding Swimmer plaques, and High Point Trophies will be awarded within one hour of the conclusion of the meet. Coaches, teams, and athletes failing to pick up their awards within one hour after the conclusion of the meet shall make arrangements to receive the awards with the Meet Director at no expense to Longhorn Aquatics within 24 hours of the conclusion of the meet. If the awards are not available within one hour of the conclusion of the meet, the awards will be distributed to the team at the expense of Longhorn Aquatics.

Scoring: All events will be scored by age group (10 & under, 11-12, 13-14). The top 16 places will score.

Individual Events: 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

Relay Events: 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

Team points will not be awarded for a relay performance that does not meet or better the minimum time standard for that event.

Spectator Seating: Reserving seats before, between or during sessions is not allowed. Deck Seating & Team Signs: RESERVING OF SEATS ON DECK IS NOT ALLOWED. Coaches only may ring chairs on deck. Each competing team is permitted one temporary banner, placed at the discretion of the

	Warm-Up Schedule**			
	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
7:00 to 7:30	Group 2	Group 3	Group 1	Group 2
7:30 to 8:00	Group 3	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3
8:00 to 8:30	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 1
8:30 to 8:45	Dive/Sprint Pace for all athletes			
Group 1	Group 2	Group 3		
South Texas	North Texas	West Texas		
Gulf (except Woodlands)	Border	The Woodlands		

A 10 & under warm up area will be designated in the diving well.

** Please be advised that the Meet Director and the Meet Referee MAY adjust teams to maintain balance at all three warm-ups. Teams asked to move will be notified by email and changes will be posted on both the Longhorn Aquatics and TSA website by Monday, July 22, 2013.

MEET SCHEDULE

The following schedule will be used as a guideline for all activities.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

2:00 to 9:00 p.m.	Pool opens for warm-up.
3:00 p.m.	800 Free positive check-in deadline
3:00 p.m.	Relay cards due to Clerk of Course for today's session
3:00 to 3:45 p.m.	Warm-up for 800 Free (there will be a 15 min. break before the relay)
4:00 p.m.	Meet Start
4:00 p.m.	Scratch deadline for Thursday's prelim events
Earlier of 6 p.m. or the end of the session	Relay cards due for tomorrow's relay events
10 min. after end of session	Pre-TAGS General Meeting –on deck at the Flag end of the pool

THURSDAY, JULY 25

7:00 to 7:30 a.m.	Group 2 Warm up
7:30 to 8:00 a.m.	Group 3 Warm up
8:00 to 8:30 a.m.	Group 1 Warm up
8:30 to 8:45 a.m.	Dive/Sprint/Pace for all athletes
9:00 a.m.	Preliminaries start
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.	General Warm up
5:00 to 5:50 p.m.	Finalist Warm up
6:00 p.m.	Finals start for today's events
6:00 p.m.	Scratch deadline for Friday's prelim events.
6:00 p.m.	Relay cards due to Clerk of Course for Friday relays

FRIDAY, JULY 26

7:00 to 7:30 a.m.	Group 3 Warm up
7:30 to 8:00 a.m.	Group 1 Warm up
8:00 to 8:30 a.m.	Group 2 Warm up
8:30 to 8:45 a.m.	Dive/Sprint/Pace for all athletes
9:00 a.m.	Parade of athletes
9:15 a.m.	Preliminaries start
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.	General Warm up
5:00 to 5:50 p.m.	Finalist Warm up
6:00 p.m.	Finals start for today's events
6:00 p.m.	Scratch deadline for Saturday's prelim events
6:00 p.m.	Relay cards due to Clerk of Course for Saturday relays

SATURDAY, JULY 27

7:00 to 7:30 a.m.	Group 1 Warm up
7:30 to 8:15 a.m.	Official's National Certification Clinic
7:30 to 8:00 a.m.	Group 2 Warm up
8:00 to 8:30 a.m.	Group 3 Warm up
8:30 to 8:45 a.m.	Dive/Sprint/Pace for all athletes
9:00 a.m.	Preliminaries start
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.	General Warm up
5:00 to 5:50 p.m.	Finalist Warm up
6:00 p.m.	Finals start for today's events
6:00 p.m.	Scratch deadline for Sunday's prelim events
6:00 p.m.	1500 Free positive check-in and am/pm preference due
6:00 p.m.	Sunday relay am/pm preference due
6:00 p.m.	Relay cards due to Clerk of Course for Sunday relays

SUNDAY, JULY 28

7:00 to 7:30 a.m.	Group 2 Warm up
7:30 to 8:00 a.m.	Group 3 Warm up
8:00 to 8:30 a.m.	Group 1 Warm up
8:30 to 8:45 a.m.	Dive/Sprint/Pace for all athletes
9:00 a.m.	Preliminaries start
4:00 to 5:00 p.m.	General Warm up
5:00 to 5:50 p.m.	Finalist Warm up
6:00 p.m.	Finals start for today's events

There will be a minimum two-hour break between the end of the Preliminary Session and the start of the Final Session. The Finals Session will start no earlier than 4:30 PM but may start later, based on the end of the Preliminary Session.

2013
 Long Course TAGS Order of Events
 Wednesday July 24, 2013

GIRLS EVENT #	EVENT DESCRIPTION	BOYS EVENT #
1	13/14 800 free*	2
3	13/14 800 FreeRelay**	4

*The 800 Free requires positive check-in. The event will alternate girls and boys. Swimmers must provide their own counters** The 800 Free Relay requires positive check-in. The event will alternate girls and boys.

Thursday July 25, 2013
 Prelims: Meet Starts 9:00 AM
 Finals: Meet Starts 6:00 PM

GIRLS EVENT #	EVENT DESCRIPTION	BOYS EVENT #
5	10/U 200 IM	6
7	11/12 200 IM	8
9	13/14 200 IM	10
11	10/U 50 Back	12
13	11/12 50 Back	14
15	13/14 100 Free	16
17	11/12 100 Free	18
19	10/U 100 Free	20
21	13/14 200 Fly	22
23	11/12 200 Fly	24
25	13/14 400 Medley Relay*	26
27	11/12 400 Medley Relay*	28

*The fastest heat of boys and girls in each age group (11-12 and 13-14) will swim in finals

Friday July 26, 2013
 Prelims: Meet Starts 9:15AM
 Finals: Meet Starts 6:00 PM

GIRLS EVENT #	EVENT DESCRIPTION	BOYS EVENT #
29	10/U 200 Free	30
31	11/12 200 Free	32
33	13/14 200 Free	34
35	10/U 50 Breast	36
37	11/12 50 Breast	38
39	13/14 100 Fly	40
41	10/U 100 Fly**	42
43	11/12 100 Fly	44
45	13/14 400 IM	46
47	10/U 400 Free Relay*	48
49	11/12 400 Free Relay*	50
51	13/14 400 Free Relay*	52

*The fastest heat of boys and girls in each age group (10 & under, 11-12 and 13-14) will swim in finals

Saturday July 27, 2013
 Prelims: Meet Starts 9:00 AM
 Finals: Meet Starts 6:00 PM

GIRLS EVENT #	EVENT DESCRIPTION	BOYS EVENT #
53	11/12 200 Back	54
55	13/14 200 Back	56
57	10/U 50 Fly	58
59	11/12 50 Fly	60
61	13/14 100 Breast	62
63	10/U 100 Breast	64
65	11/12 100 Breast	66
67	13/14 400 Free	68
69	10/U 400 Free	70
71	11/12 400 Free	72
73	13/14 200 Free Relay*	74
75	10/U 200 Free Relay*	76
77	11/12 200 Free Relay*	78

*The fastest heat of boys and girls in each age group (10 & under, 11-12 and 13-14) will swim in finals

Sunday July 28, 2013
 Prelims: Meet Starts 9:00 AM
 Finals: Meet Starts 6:00 PM

GIRLS EVENT #	EVENT DESCRIPTION	BOYS EVENT #
79	13/14 100 Back	80
81	11/12 100 Back	82
83	10/U 100 Back	84
85	13/14 1500 Free**	86
87	11/12 200 Breast	88
89	13/14 200 Breast	90
91	10/U 50 Free	92
93	11/12 50 Free	94
95	13/14 50 Free	96
97	10/U 200 Medley Relay*	98
99	11/12 200 Medley Relay*	100
101	13/14 200 Medley Relay*	102

* The fastest eat of boys and girls in each age group (10 & under, 11-12 and 13-14) will swim in finals** The 1500 Free requires positive check-in. The fastest 8 boys and girls electing to swim in finals will swim at night. During prelims the 1500 will swim fast to slow, alternating heats of girls and boys after the 200 Medley Relay and a 10 minute break.

Officials: All deck officials must be currently certified by USA Swimming and their LSC, and have a current background check. Help from visiting officials is always welcome. Visiting officials are asked to email the Meet Referee, Trey Prinz, with their certification level and availability so they can plan accordingly (Trey.Prinz@netapp.com). All officials must attend a mandatory meeting one-hour before each session. The uniform for all preliminary sessions will be white polo shirt over khaki shorts/pants/skirt, as appropriate. Finals uniform will be navy blue polo shirt over khaki pants/skirt (NO shorts), as appropriate. All officials will be issued credential tags. Only persons with credential tags will be allowed access to the deck. Officials should prominently display their meet credential while on deck. The wearing of nametags is encouraged.

Official Certification: This meet has been approved as an Officials Qualifying Meet. Officials who are interested in being evaluated need to submit a completed application to the Meet Referee by July 15, 2013. Applications for evaluation can be obtained from any of the LSC Officials Chairs or by contacting the Meet Referee (Trey.Prinz@netapp.com).

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.

Unaccompanied Swimmers: Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA swimming member-coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within 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.

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. Please go to our website, <http://www.utexas.edu/longhornaquatics/2013/01/tags-july-24-28-2013/> as we get closer to the meet for more information on parking.

Heat Sheets: Heat sheets will be posted on the Longhorn Aquatics website for FREE at: <http://www.utexas.edu/longhornaquatics/2013/01/tags-july-24-28-2013/>. Hard copies will also be sold at the Longhorn Aquatics store, located on the 2nd floor of the Swim Center.

Admission: Adult (18 +) all session pass \$30
Child (3-17) all session pass \$15
Adult (18+) single session \$4
Children (3-17) \$2

Results: Results can be found posted on the 3rd floor of the Texas Swim Center, on the Longhorn Aquatics website under Live Results, and also through the Meet Mobile