

11 – 14 Open
A SHORT COURSE TIMED FINALS MEET

HOSTED BY
BLUE TIDE AQUATICS
FOR GULF GROUP A TEAMS
November 21-23, 2008
SANCTION # GUSC 09-015

LOCATION: Kingwood High School, 2701 Kingwood Dr. Kingwood TX 77339

Directions: Take U.S. 59 North to Kingwood Drive. Turn right (east) on Kingwood Drive. The High School is located approximately 4 miles east of U.S. 59 on the left (north) side of Kingwood Dr. The natatorium is located on the east side of the building. (Map included with invitation)

COACHES: Kevin Milak Head Coach
Head Age Group Coach
Emily Milak

POOL: Eight lane, 25 yard indoor pool with non-turbulent lane lines. There is no separate warm up/down area.

TIME AND DATE: This is a timed finals meet. Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, November 21st, 22nd, & 23rd.
Friday: warm-up at 5:00 p.m. The meet starts at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday: warm-up at 7:30 a.m. The meet starts at 9:00 a.m.

Split warm-ups will be in effect, with assignments posted on the Gulf Swimming website. Lane assignments for warm-ups and timing will be designated in the psych sheet, and posted on the Gulf Swimming website at least three days prior to the start of the meet.

This meet will be run using the "Flyover Start" procedures unless a waiver is received from the Technical Planning Committee Chairman. At the conclusion of each heat, the swimmers shall remain in the water until after the next heat is started. Coaches, please remind your swimmers of the "Flyover Start" procedures.

MEET REFEREE: Tim Axt / taxt1@juno.com

MEET DIRECTOR: John Swank 281-360-9657 / j.swank@shell.com

SAFETY MARSHAL: Meg Oswald

SAFETY GUIDELINES AND WARM-UP PROCEDURES: See attached Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures.

- SEEDING:** The meet will be a deck-seeded meet. Coaches please inform your swimmers of seeding on deck rules.
- CHECK-IN:** All swimmers must check in with the Clerk of the Course for all events. Swimmers are required to circle-in at least 45 minutes before their event. After the events are officially closed, no one may check in or scratch. After circling in, failure to appear at the starting blocks will result in the swimmer being assessed a \$5.00 fine, payable to Gulf Swimming Administrative Vice-Chairman Herb Schwab, for each event in which he/she fails to appear.
- RELAY CARDS:** Relay cards must be turned in to the Clerk of Course by 8:15 a.m. or the entry will be considered scratched.
- ON-DECK ENTRIES:** Late entries will be accepted each day up to 30 minutes before the start of the meet. Those swimmers missing the 6:00 p.m. Friday deadline may enter the meet on deck in the following manner:
1. Swimmers must pay double the entry fee at the time of entry.
 2. Swimmers must supply completed entry forms entered at the swimmers' best times. The swimmers will be seeded into the events according to their best times.
 3. Swimmers must enter all events for the day thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the day's first event.
 4. Swimmers must be qualified to swim the event entered.
 5. Swimmers must not exceed the allotted number of events allowed each day.
 6. Swimmers who on-deck to change an entry time in an event already entered must circle-in on the posted circle-in sheets. The new time will be used for seeding. The on-deck entry fees still apply to these swimmers.

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Entry Times: Swimmers must enter at their best time. Entry times must be submitted in the course at which the best time was achieved – short course yards (Y), short course meters (S), or long course meters (L). Do not convert *meter (yard)* times to *yard (meter)* times. If entries are made by paper (not using Hy-Tek), swimmers should indicate on their entry the course at which the entry time was made (i.e., Y, S, or L). If swimmers have never competed in a USA Swimming meet before, put NT where a seedtime is requested.

Qualifying Times: None.

Cut-off Times: None.

Age: 11 - 14 as of November 21st, 2008.

Number of Events: Swimmers may compete in up to three individual events per day and up to one relay event per day. The 500 & 1650 Free do not count as one of the three events/day.

Deadline: Entries must be in the hands of the Meet Entry Chairman no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 14th, 2008. No late entries will be accepted. Do not send entries via Federal Express, etc., that require a signature; if you must send your entries by express mail, please indicate that a signature is NOT required. E-mail entries should be sent to btameetentries@hotmail.com. Teams are asked to zip the commlink file before attaching to the email. Questions about meet entries should be addressed to Frank Frey at btameetentries@hotmail.com. Entries sent by email must have a check and hard copy of entries post marked within 24 hours

of the meet entry deadline. Make checks payable to BTA. Mail, E-mail or hand deliver entries to the Meet Entry Chairman at:

Frank Frey
3518 Oak Gardens
Kingwood TX 77339
281-358-4298
btameetentries@hotmail.com

Entries: All teams entering 10 or more swimmers MUST submit their entries on a diskette or electronically via e-mail, using the Hy-Tek Meet Manager/Team Manager computer software, along with a hard copy printout of the entries. Teams without Hy-Tek should submit their entries on the enclosed Entry Form. A \$25.00 fee must be included with the entry fees for teams that enter 10 or more swimmers using an entry form only (without sending Hy-Tek files). Include relays and relay-only swimmers on your completed entry form, diskette, or electronic submission.

Eligible Teams: AQUA, BTA, ESA, ETEX, GIST, HCAP, LJAC, LSST, NEHA, NOCH, PACK, PEAK, RICE, SCAT, SPA, TTST, TYES, WHAT.

Fees: \$3.75 per Individual Event, and \$7.50 for each Relay Event. Make checks payable to Blue Tide Aquatics. Entry fees must accompany entries, if delivered by any method other than email.

AWARDS: Individual events: ribbons 1st - 8th place. Relay events: ribbons 1st - 3rd place.

SCORING: Individual Events: 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

Relay Events: 18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

The 11-14 events will be swum combined but scored separately for 13-14 and 11-12.

RULES AND SANCTIONS: The 2008 - 09 USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming rules will apply. The three event rule and the up/down rule do not apply. The meet will be held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming. No entries can be accepted unless the entrant is either registered or certified by USA Swimming. Gulf Zone B teams are not eligible to swim at this meet. The attached entry verification form shall be properly filled out, signed, and sent in with the entries.

POOL MEASUREMENT: The competition course has not been certified in accordance with USASwimming Rule 104.2.2(C). The pool will be measured before the competition begins to ensure that the course length is correct.

TIMING SYSTEM: A Colorado Model 5000 electronic timing system with electronic scoreboard will be used. Two watches per lane will be used as a back-up. Teams will be required to furnish timers based on their percentage of swims at the meet. Timing assignments will be published in the psych sheet. Swimmers in the 500 and 1650 freestyle must provide two timers and lap counter.

POOL DECK RESTRICTION: Because of USA Swimming Insurance Safety Regulations, the swimming pool deck, during the operation of all Gulf Swimming sanctioned meets, is closed to all persons except swimmers, coaches, marshals, officials, meet personnel, and timers. All registered non-athletes are required to display their current USA

Swimming registration card. If you are asked to leave the deck by any registered personnel, please do so. It is for your safety.

PROOF OF TIME: Any swimmer that cannot prove that he/she was eligible to swim an event will be fined \$20.00 for each event he/she fails to prove. The fine or proof of time is sent to the Administrative Vice-Chairman, Herb Schwab.

SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES: Coaches and/or swimmers are responsible for notifying the Meet Referee of any disability prior to the competition and for providing their own assistant or equipment. However, Coaches/Swimmers may contact the Meet Director at least two weeks in advance of the meet to reserve Gulf Swimming equipment (remote strobe).

CONCESSIONS: Concessions will be available at this meet.

HOSPITALITY: A hospitality room will be available. Coaches and Officials must present their membership cards in order to receive complimentary Psych Sheets and for admission to the Hospitality Room.

MERCHANDISE: Swim Shops of the Southwest will be at the meet selling swim apparel and swim gear.

MEET RESULTS: Meet results will be posted on the Gulf Swimming Web Page (www.gulfswimming.org), within three days after the conclusion of the meet.

ATTACHMENTS: **MEET FORMAT**
ENTRY VERIFICATION FORM
GULF SAFETY GUIDELINES AND WARM-UP PROCEDURES
MEET ENTRY FORM
MAP TO POOL

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GROUP A

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Entry rules	
Type of Meet	Timed Finals
Max # individual events per day	Three (3)
(500 & 1650 Free do not count as one of the three events/day)	
Swimmers eligible	Group A
Entry times in	SCY/SCM/LCM
Qualifying times	None
Cut-off times	None
Enter with no time?	Yes
Gulf "three event" rule applies?	Does not apply
Gulf "up/down" rule applies?	Does not apply
Fees	Individual - \$3.75; Relays - \$7.50

Order Of Events

		<u>Friday</u>	
Girls		Event	Boys
1	11-14	50 Fly	2
3	11-14	50 Free	4
5	11-14	50 Breast	6
7	11-14	50 Back	8
9	11-14	400 I.M.*	10

		<u>Saturday</u>				<u>Sunday</u>	
Girls		Event	Boys	Girls		Event	Boys
11	11-14	200 Free Relay	12	25	11-14	200 Medley Relay	26
13	11-14	200 I.M.	14	27	11-14	200 Fly	28
15	11-14	100 Breast	16	29	11-14	200 Back	30
17	11-14	100 Back	18	31	11-14	200 Free	32
19	11-14	100 Free	20	33	11-14	200 Breast	34
21	11-14	100 Fly	22	35	11-14	100 I.M.	36
23	11-14	500 Free*	24	37	11-14	1650 Free *	38

* The 400 I.M., 500, & 1650 Freestyle will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating girls and boys heats. Swimmers in the 500 & 1650 freestyle must provide two timers and lap counter. The 11-14 events will be swum combined but scored separately for 13-14 and 11-12.

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ENTRY VERIFICATION FORM

MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH MEET ENTRY

I, the undersigned coach or team representative, verify that all of the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry forms or entry disk are currently registered with USA Swimming. Additionally, I verify that the on-deck coaches have met the current certification requirements.

Signature

Title

Date

WARM-UP PROCEDURES

- A. General warm-up (Initial portion [1/2] of the warm-up session or with the agreement of all of the coaches in a particular lane.)
 - 1. **NO DIVING OR RACING STARTS** allowed from the blocks edge of the pool. Swimmers must enter the pool feet first cautiously.
 - 2. **NO SPRINTING OR PACE WORK** allowed during this general warm-up session.
- B. Specific warm-up (Last portion [1/2] of the warm-up session or with the agreement of all of the coaches in a particular lane.)
 - 1. **RACING STARTS ONLY**, either from blocks or from backstroke starts.
 - 2. Lanes are **ONE WAY ONLY**.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

- A. Swimmers Responsibilities
 - 1. All swimmers without a registered coach to observe them at the meet, and/or their coaches, should arrange, prior to their arrival at the meet, for a registered coach to observe them during the warm-up, competition and warm-down. Any unattached or unattended swimmers who have not made previous arrangements with a coach to observe them at the meet should contact the Meet Director, Safety Marshal, or Meet Referee for assistance in making such arrangements prior to their participating in the warm-up.
- B. Coaches Responsibilities
 - 1. Coaches shall instruct their swimmers regarding safety guidelines and warm-up procedures as they apply to conduct at meets and practice.
 - 2. Coaches shall stand near the starting end of the pool when starting swimmers on sprint and pace work.
 - 3. Coaches shall actively supervise their swimmers throughout the warm-up session.
 - 4. Coaches shall maintain as much contact with their swimmers as possible, both verbal and visual, throughout the warm-up period.
 - 5. Registered coaches of unattached swimmers and registered coaches of non-Gulf teams should notify the meet host by the entry deadline if they will be at the meet, so that they may be assigned to a warm-up lane.
- C. Safety Marshals
 - 1. Appointed Safety Marshals are members of USA Swimming and have the authority to remove from the deck for the remainder of the warm-up session, any swimmer or coach who is in violation of safety guidelines or warm-up procedures. **THE MEET REFEREE MAY EXERCISE ADDITIONAL ADJUDICATION AUTHORITY AS NECESSARY.**
- D. Miscellaneous
 - 1. Swimmers should be reminded by coaches that breaststrokers need more lead time than freestyle or butterfly swimmers.
 - 2. Backstrokers shall ensure that they are not starting at the same time as a swimmer on the blocks. Swimmers shall not step up on the starting blocks, when a backstroker is waiting to start.
 - 3. Swimmers shall not jump or dive into the pool to stop another swimmer on a recalled start.
 - 4. Swimmers are required to exit the pool upon completion of their warm-up to allow other swimmers adequate warm-up time. The pool is not for visiting or playing during warm-up periods.
 - 5. Warm-up procedures shall be enforced for any breaks, scheduled or otherwise, during the competition.
 - 6. All diving boards and equipment are **OFF LIMITS**.
- E. Pool Rules
 - 1. Smoking or use of other tobacco products is not allowed on the grounds of USA Swimming meets.
 - 2. Glass containers are prohibited.
 - 3. Swimmers, coaches, and spectators are expected to observe all rules and regulations included in the invitation.

Meet Entry Form
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Last Name	First Name	Sex F/M	USA ID#

Event	Time	Event	Time

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