

FALL CHAMPS
hosted by
HARRIS COUNTY AQUATICS PROGRAM
Group A
December 5-7, 2008
SANCTION #GUSC 09-024

LOCATION: Kashmere High School Natatorium
6900 Wileyvale @ Bennington
Houston, Texas 77028

Directions: Travel East or West on Loop 610. Take the Homestead Road exit. Proceed north on Homestead Road to Bennington Street (1st street to left). Turn left on Bennington. Proceed on Bennington and enter parking lot to right. The natatorium is the standalone building.

COACHES: Head Coach - Johnnie Means
Assistant Coaches – Marion Oliver, Paul Rodgers, Falon Hopkins, Rodney Rodgers, Mike McMahan & Asdrubal Gutierrez

POOL: Eight lane, (25 yard, indoor pool with non-turbulent lane lines) with separate warm up/down area.

TIME AND DATE: This is a timed-finals meet.

Session 1: Friday, December 5, 2008
Warm-up: 5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.
Meet Starts: 6:30 p.m.

Session 2: Saturday, December 6, 2008
Warm-up: 7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Meet Starts: 9:00 a.m.

Session 3: Sunday, December 7, 2008
Warm-up: 7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Meet Starts: 9:00 p.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.

MEET TYPE: 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: Gary Baker gary.baker@shell.com

MEET DIRECTORS: John Beaudion 713.748.7333 john_beaudion@co.harris.tx.us

SAFETY MARSHAL: Lorraine Gantt

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 are due by 10:00 a.m. each day 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 times to yard 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 seed time is requested.

Cut-off Times: 2008 Gulf Champs times are included with this invitation. Swimmers must not have equaled or bettered the cut-off times attached.

Qualifying Times: None.

Age: As of December 5, 2008.

Number of Events: Swimmers may compete in up to 4 individual events per day and up to 1 relay event per day.

Deadline: Entries must be in the hands of the Meet Entry Chairman no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday, November 28, 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. Mail or hand deliver entries to the Meet Entry Chairman at:

Connie Thomas, Meet Entry Chairperson
2727 El Camino
Houston, Texas 77054
713.748.7333 work OR 713.870.6582 cell
Connie_Thomas@co.harris.tx.us

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.

Teams may electronically mail their Meet Manager files. Payments for the electronic entries and a hard copy print-out of the entries must be submitted or postmarked no later than 24 hours after the entry deadline as stated in the Meet Invitation.

Eligible Teams: AQUA, COOG, DADS, HCAP, HSC, KATY, LJAC, PEAK, SCAT, SPA, SS & UH.

Fees: \$4.00 per Individual Event and \$7.50 for each Relay Event. Make checks payable to Harris County Aquatics Program. Entry fees must accompany entries, if delivered by any method other than email.

AWARDS: Individual events: Custom Medals 1st - 3rd place Ribbons 4th - 8th place
Relay events: Custom Medals 1st place Ribbons 2nd - 3rd place
Teams: High point trophies for 1st - 3rd place
Individual high point awards will be given to each boy and girl in each age group earning the highest points.

SCORING: Individual Events: 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
Relay Events: 18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

RULES AND SANCTIONS: The 2008-09 USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming rules will 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 Zones B & C are not eligible to swim at this meet. The three (3) event rule and up/down rule do not apply. Swimmers are not eligible to swim an event, if they have times equal to or better than the listed cut-off times for that event. Once swimmers have qualified for a particular division in an event, prior to the entry deadline stated in the meet invitation, they may not swim that event in a slower division. Swimmers entering events in a slower division are subject to disqualification from the meet by the Referee.

Any swimmer is eligible to be a swimmer of a relay team competing at a meet as long as the swimmer is not competing in a stroke and distance in which they have equaled or bettered the cut-off time for the division in which the relay is competing. Further swimmers aged 13 and over are not eligible to swim the breast, back or fly leg in a 200 yard/meter medley relay if they have equaled or bettered the cut-off time in the 100 yard/meter distance of that stroke for the division in which the relay is competing.

POOL MEASUREMENT: The competition course has not been certified in accordance with USA Swimming 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 & 1650 freestyle must provide 2 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.

Coaches and Officials must present their membership cards in order to receive complimentary Psych Sheets and for admission to the Hospitality Room.

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 are not eligible to swim an event if they have times faster than the cut-off. Once swimmers have qualified for a particular division in a particular event, PRIOR to the entry deadline stated in the meet invitation, they MAY NOT swim that event in a slower division. Swimmers entering events in a slower division are subject to disqualification from the meet by the Meet Director or the Referee. Swimmers shall be fined \$50.00 for each event in which they competed and are over qualified.

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 during the meet.

HOSPITALITY: A hospitality room will be available for coaches and officials only. Coaches and officials must show their credentials for admission.

MERCHANDISE:

Texas Swim Shop 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.

Entry Rules	
Type of Meet	Timed Finals
Maximum # individual events per day	Four (4)
Swimmer eligible	Group A
Entry times in	SCY/SCM/LCM
Qualifying times	None
Cut-off times	Gulf Champs times
Enter with no time?	Yes
Gulf "three event" rule applies?	Does not apply
Gulf "up/down" rule applies?	Does not apply
Fees	Individual \$4.00; Relays \$7.50

Friday, December 5, 2008

Girls	(LCM)	(SCM)	(SCY)	Event	(SCY)	(SCM)	(LCM)	Boys
1	5:43.59	5:33.09	4:57.19	13-14 400 I.M.*	4:47.39	5:20.29	5:54.79	2
3	2:45.79	2:47.19	2:31.49	11-12 200 I.M.	2:37.99	2:53.49	2:56.39	4
5	3:25.59	3:15.89	2:57.49	9-10 200 I.M.	3:01.19	3:20.09	3:25.99	6
7	5:16.59	5:05.59	5:53.89	11-12 500 Free*	5:58.29	5:10.09	5:25.79	8
9	4:57.39	4:49.09	5:29.69	13-14 500 Free*	5:26.89	4:38.99	4:53.29	10

Saturday, December 6, 2008

Girls	(LCM)	(SCM)	(SCY)	Event	(SCY)	(SCM)	(LCM)	Boys
11	3:03.49	2:57.09	2:40.29	9-10 200 Free	2:39.29	2:56.29	3:00.69	12
13	2:29.49	2:27.99	2:14.29	11-12 200 Free	2:18.09	2:28.29	2:37.49	14
15	2:21.49	2:17.29	2:04.59	13-14 200 Free	2:01.79	2:13.09	2:17.49	16
17	1:50.29	1:47.99	1:36.79	9-10 100 Breast	1:37.99	1:48.59	1:52.99	18
19	1:31.99	1:30.89	1:21.69	11-12 100 Breast	1:22.99	1:31.29	1:38.99	20
21	1:27.19	1:25.19	1:16.29	13-14 100 Breast	1:14.19	1:21.19	1:24.49	22
23	36.09	37.09	33.19	9-10 50 Free	33.09	36.69	38.69	24
25	31.69	31.09	28.09	11-12 50 Free	28.79	31.99	33.79	26
27	30.19	29.59	26.69	13-14 50 Free	25.49	27.09	29.09	28
29	46.09	43.59	39.19	9-10 50 Back	38.69	42.59	45.39	30
31	38.19	37.09	33.29	11-12 50 Back	34.29	37.99	40.29	32
33	2:45.09	2:37.09	2:21.29	13-14 200 Back	2:19.09	2:34.49	2:42.19	34
35	1:42.39	1:38.99	1:29.89	9-10 100 Fly	1:31.29	1:39.09	1:45.99	36
37	1:18.19	1:18.39	1:11.29	11-12 100 Fly	1:13.99	1:20.69	1:25.99	38
39	1:13.29	1:12.09	1:04.99	13-14 100 Fly	1:02.29	1:08.29	1:11.99	40
41				9-10 200 Medley Relay				42
43				11-12 200 Medley Relay				44
45				13-14 200 Medley Relay				46

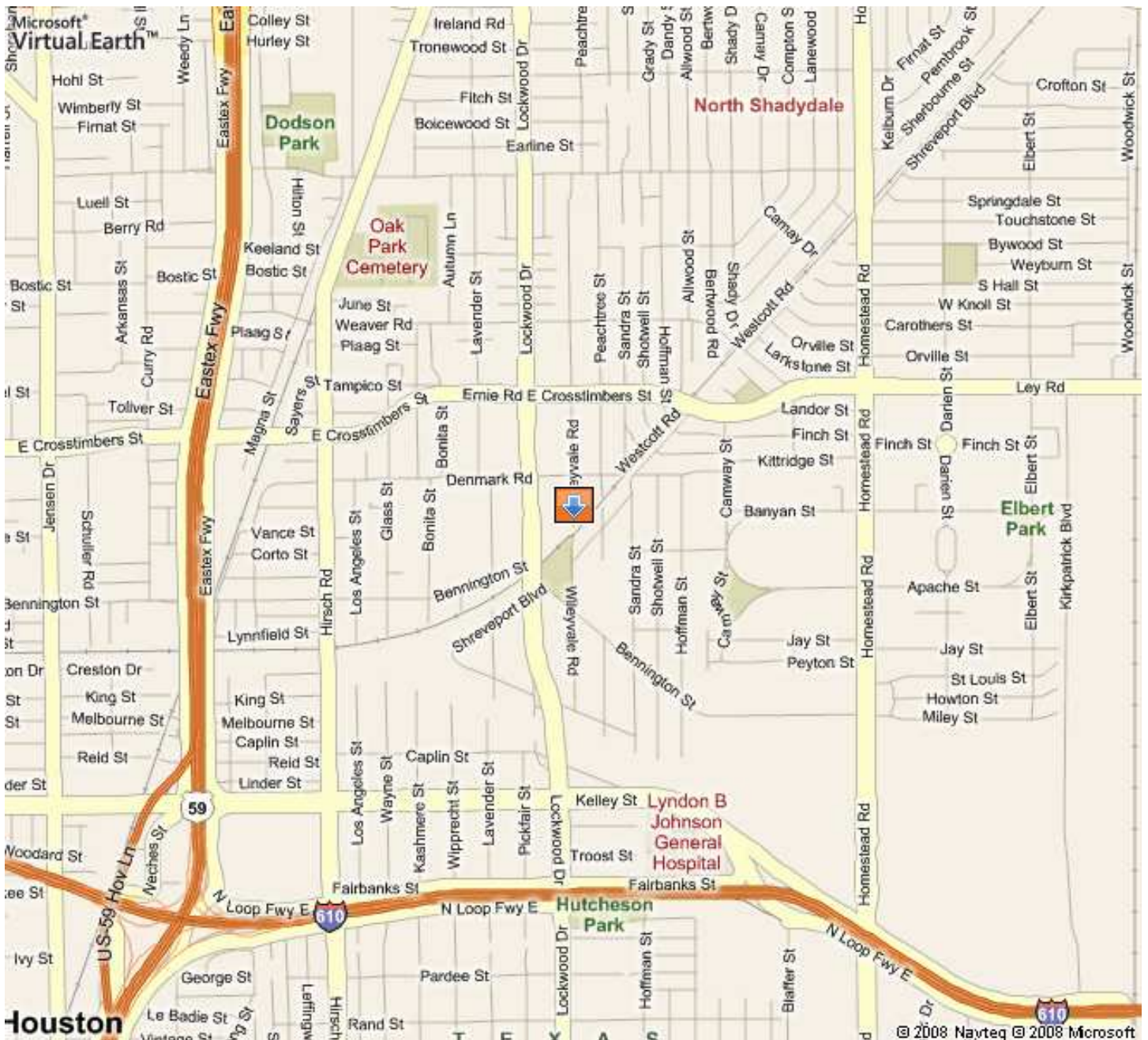
Sunday, December 7, 2008

Girls	(LCM)	(SCM)	(SCY)	Event	(SCY)	(SCM)	(LCM)	Boys
47	2:40.79	2:35.19	2:20.69	13-14 200 I.M.	2:15.49	2:30.09	2:37.89	48
49		1:18.79	1:11.59	11-12 100 I.M.	1:13.19	1:21.69		50
51		1:32.29	1:23.99	9-10 100 I.M.	1:22.99	1:31.69		52
53	3:04.79	3:04.49	2:44.99	13-14 200 Breast	2:40.29	3:03.09	3:07.39	54
55	42.89	41.59	37.39	11-12 50 Breast	38.79	42.99	44.99	56
57	49.79	48.59	43.79	9-10 50 Breast	44.19	49.29	51.39	58
59	1:04.99	1:03.99	58.19	13-14 100 Free	55.49	1:00.99	1:02.39	60
61	1:07.99	1:07.59	1:01.89	11-12 100 Free	1:04.99	1:10.29	1:12.59	62
63	1:19.99	1:17.29	1:10.29	9-10 100 Free	1:12.19	1:20.39	1:23.89	64
65	1:16.69	1:12.69	1:06.29	13-14 100 Back	1:04.09	1:10.29	1:13.29	66

67	1:21.29	1:18.49	1:11.39	11-12 100 Back	1:13.99	1:21.99	1:24.79	68
69	1:34.49	1:32.29	1:23.79	9-10 100 Back	1:28.79	1:35.69	1:39.99	70
71	2:52.59	2:40.79	2:26.29	13-14 200 Fly	2:21.59	2:34.89	2:46.59	72
73	35.19	35.09	31.79	11-12 50 Fly	33.59	37.09	37.59	74
75	43.49	41.99	37.69	9-10 50 Fly	38.59	42.69	44.99	76
77				13-14 200 Free Relay				78
79				11-12 200 Free Relay				80
81				9-10 200 Free Relay				82
83	20:39.79	19:16.69	19:29.19	13-14 1650 Free*	19:05.79	18:44.79	20:14.39	84

*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 2 timers and lap counter.



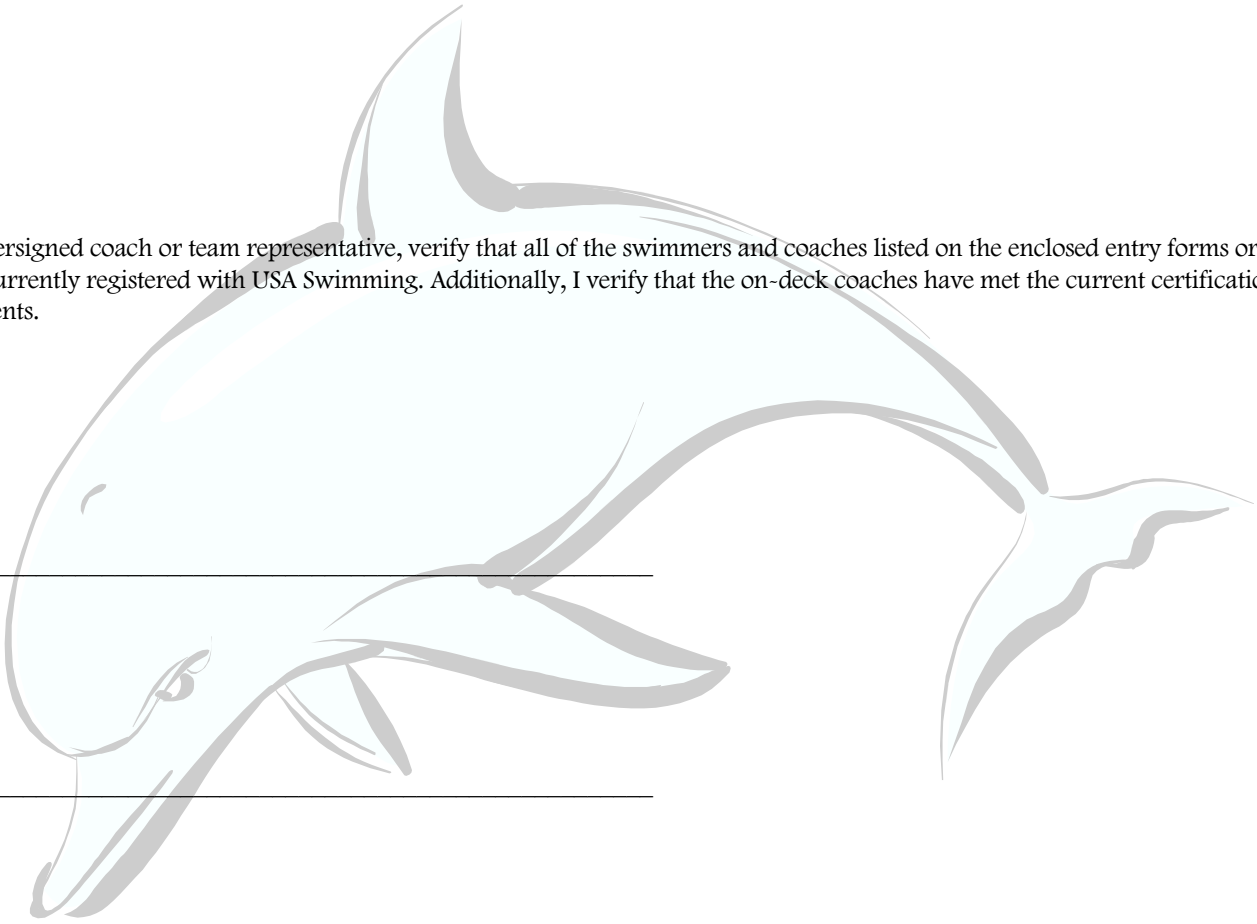
ENTRY VERIFICATION

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



SAFETY GUIDELINES AND WARM-UP PROCEDURES

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.

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Team _____ Abbrev. _____ Entry Chairman _____ Phone _____

Coach (Or Rep.) _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Entries For: Boys _____ Girls _____

Swimmer	USA #	Age	Event	Time	Event	Time	Event	Time	Event	Time	Event	Time	Swims	Fees
TOTALS														