

GULF April Open Invitational Meet

April 15-17, 2016

A Long Course Meters Timed Finals Meet

HOSTED BY

AGGIE SWIM CLUB



Sanction Number # GULC 16-003R2

ENTRIES DUE TO HOST (Entry Chair Email) BY 6:00 PM, TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016

LOCATION: Texas A&M University, Student Recreation Center Natatorium, Olsen Boulevard, College Station, TX 77843

For more information about the TAMU Student Recreation Center Natatorium, visit:
<http://recsports.tamu.edu/>

DIRECTIONS: See attachment and map.

LOCAL INFORMATION: **Parking:** Before 5pm Friday, everyone must pay for parking by parking in the West Campus Garage across from the Rec Center (\$2/hour before 5pm – \$0.50/hour after 5pm). Parking is free after 5pm on Friday and on Saturday and Sunday, except where designated. The pay-by-number spaces in front of the Rec Center are never free.

Sponsoring Hotels: See attachment and map. Reservations at sponsoring hotels must be made by the cut-off dates. For additional hotel information, contact the Bryan-College Station Convention and Visitors Bureau at (979) 260-9898 or visit their website at <http://visitaggieland.com/>

MEET STAFF:

MEET REFEREE:	Herb Schwab
ADMIN OFFICIAL:	Paul De Figueiredo, Kelly Waguespack, Yunlong Zhang
MEET DIRECTORS:	Henry Clark, email: clark@comp.tamu.edu , phone: (979) 220-2703 Gayden Darnell, Christine Johnson
SAFETY MARSHAL:	Denyce Quave
COACHES:	Shannon Clark, Ryan Goodwyn, Jordan Lieberman

POOL: One eight lane, 50 meter indoor pool with non-turbulent lane lines will be used for warm-up and competition. A separate eight lane 25 meter diving well will be available for warm-up and warm-down.



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TIME AND DATE: This is seven session, 2 ½ day, timed-finals meet with a PM session on Friday, AM/ Mid-day/PM sessions on Saturday and Sunday.

Session 1: Friday PM—April 15, 2016

Age Groups: 11 & Over girls and boys

Open Warm-up: 4:30-5:45 pm / Meet Start: 6:00 pm

Session 2: Saturday AM – April 16, 2016

Age Groups: 13 & Over girls and boys

Warm-up*: 8:15 – 9:30 am / Meet Start: 9:45 am **(The Rec Center opens at 8:00 a.m.)**

Session 3: Saturday Mid-day – April 16, 2016

Age Groups: 11 & Over boys

Warm-up: Immediately upon the completion of the AM session.

Meet Start: Approximately 30 mins after the conclusion of the AM session.

Session 4: Saturday PM – April 16, 2016

Age Groups: 12 & Under girls and boys

Warm-up*: Immediately upon the completion of the Mid-day session.

Meet Start: Approximately 1 hour after the conclusion of the Mid-day session.

Session 5: Sunday AM – April 17, 2016

Age Groups: 13 & Over girls and boys

Warm-up*: 8:15 – 9:30 am / Meet Start: 9:45 am **(The Rec Center opens at 8:00 a.m.)**

Session 6: Sunday Mid-day – April 17, 2016

Age Groups: 11 & Over girls

Warm-up: Immediately upon the completion of the AM session.

Meet Start: Approximately 30 mins after the conclusion of the AM session.

Session 7: Sunday PM – April 17, 2016

Age Groups: 12 & Under girls and boys

Warm-up*: Immediately upon the completion of the AM session.

Meet Start: Approximately 1 hour after the conclusion of the PM session.

*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 heat sheet, and posted on the Gulf Swimming website by Monday, April 11, 2016.

MEET TYPE: This meet will be run utilizing chase start procedures unless a waiver is received from the Technical Planning Committee Chair.

100, 200, 400 IM and 800 meter Free events will be run utilizing chase starts alternating odd and even heats. Odd heats will start at the Dive Well end of the pool and even heats will start at the Scoreboard end of the pool.

The 400 meter Free events will be swum alternating girls and boys heats. Girls heats will



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start at the Dive Well end of the pool and the boys heats will start at the Scoreboard end of the pool.

All 50 meter events will start at the Scoreboard end of the pool.

SAFETY GUIDELINES AND WARM-UP PROCEDURES:

See attached Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures

SEEDING:

The meet will be deck seeded. Coaches, please inform your swimmers of seeding on deck rules. Once the check-in period closes at 45 min. BEFORE the session begins, all events will be seeded. All events will be seeded with heats in the order of fastest to slowest.

ON-DECK ENTRIES:

Late entries will be accepted each day up to 45 minutes before the start of each session. Those swimmers missing the 6:00 pm, Tuesday, April 5, 2016 deadline may enter the meet on-deck in the following manner:

1. Swimmers must pay double the entry fee at the time of entry. Swimmers not already entered in the meet must also pay the swimmer surcharge fee.
2. Swimmers must supply completed entry forms. The swimmers will be seeded into open lanes in the pre-seeded events and according to their best times in deck seeded events.
3. Swimmers must enter all events for the session forty-five (45) minutes prior to the start of the session'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 that on-deck enter to change their entry time in a deck seeded event,
 - a. must circle-in on the posted circle-in sheets,
 - b. the on-deck entry time will be used for seeding, and
 - c. the on-deck entry fees still apply to these swimmers.
7. Heats will be added, if necessary and if the timeline permits.

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 seed time is requested. Times must be from USA Swimming meets.

Cut-off Times: None

Qualifying Times: None

Age: As of April 15, 2016

Number of Events: Swimmers may compete in up to three (3) individual events per day.

Entries: All teams MUST submit their entries electronically via e-mail, using the



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Hy-Tek Meet Manager/Team Manager computer software.

Deadline: Entries must be in the hands of the meet host no later than **6:00 PM, TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016**. No late entries will be accepted.

Eligible Teams: AGS, AMBU, ATAC-ST, BBSC, BTA, CATS, CFSC, CLAA—LA, FINS, HSC, HUNT, MAC, MARC, PACK, RICE, SST, TAMU, TTST, USA, WAVE--ST. Only swimmers attached to a registered Gulf Swimming team, swimmers in the documented process of transferring to a Gulf Swimming team may participate in this invitational meet.

Individual Event Entry Fee (per event): \$7.00
Swimmer Surcharge Fee (per swimmer): \$6.50
Make entry fee checks payable to: Aggie Swim Club

Mail entry fees (**POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2016**) to the address below:

Shannon Clark
9465 Barrow Court
College Station, TX 77845

Phone: (979) 220-2703
Email: clark@comp.tamu.edu

AWARDS: Individual events: Ribbons 1st-8th place

SCORING: Individual Events: 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
All 11&Over events will be swum combined but scored separately as 11-12, 13-14 and 15 & Over.
All 13&Over events will be swum combined but scored separately as 13-14 and 15 & Over.
All 12 & Under events will be swum combined but scored separately as 10 & Under and 11-12.

800 FREE: The 800 meter Free may be swum two (2) swimmers per lane if the size of the meet is unusually large. Swimmers will swim on the right-hand side of the lane with respect to their start end. 11-12 swimmers must have an A time in the 400/500 Free to enter this event.

RULES AND SANCTIONS:

The current USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming rules will apply. The meet will be held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming. It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. No entries can be accepted unless the entrant is a registered member of USA Swimming as provided in Article 302. On deck USA Swimming membership registration will not be permitted. Gulf Swimming teams assigned by the Technical Planning Chairman may only participate in this invitational meet.

The Gulf Swimming three (3) event rule and up/down rule do not apply.



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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.

The water depth of the competition course is 7 feet measured from 1 meter to 5 meters on the starting end of the course, and 9 feet measured from 1 meter to 5 meters on the turning end of the course.

TIMING SYSTEM:

A Daktronics Model 2000 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 400 Free and 400 IM must provide 2 timers. 800 Free swimmers must provide a 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 Heat Sheets and for admission to the Hospitality Room. Coaches must supervise their swimmers.

DECK CHANGES:

Deck Changes are prohibited. Deck Change definition – “changing, in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one suit in an area other than a permanent or temporary locker room, bathroom, changing room or other space designated for changing purposes”.

AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING DEVICES:

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in the area behind the starting blocks, in changing areas, restrooms, showers or locker rooms. Violators may be reported to law enforcement or other governmental authorities and/or may be barred from the facility during the sanctioned event.

UNACCOMPANIED SWIMMERS:

Any swimmers 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.

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,



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Coaches/Swimmers may contact the Meet Director at least two weeks in advance of the meet to reserve Gulf Swimming equipment (remote strobe).

HOSPITALITY: A hospitality room will be available.

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. Unofficial real time results will be available on MEET MOBILE.

CONCESSIONS: Concessions will be available behind the lobby.

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

FACILITY RULES: TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY STUDENT RECREATION CENTER NATATORIUM RULES:

- Participants and spectators are not allowed to use other areas of the Student Recreation Center Complex during this event.
- Swimming is allowed only when the area is supervised.
- NO glass containers, tobacco, or alcoholic beverages are allowed within the natatorium area.
- Only participants, coaches, event administrators, and event volunteers are allowed on the pool deck. All spectators and parents must remain in the grandstand.
- Participants are not allowed to climb over the grandstand railings or pass any posted barriers.
- Don't hang on the lane lines.
- There will be NO SHAVING within the Student Recreational Complex. All shaving should be completed prior to arrival at the natatorium. Safety marshals will be monitoring the locker rooms and restrooms to enforce this policy.
- Safety rules will be enforced during warm-ups before each event session and in the diving well during the meet. The diving well is a warm-up area. Recreational swimming is prohibited.
- Diving Boards will be closed and off-limits to all competitors and spectators.
- Please be neat. Throw your trash in the trash containers.
- NO LAWN CHAIRS are allowed in the facility.
- The Texas A&M Recreational Sports staff has final authority on all safety matters and reserves the right to remove anyone for behavior that is deemed unsafe or inappropriate.
- Blocking or restricting fire lanes or emergency exits, and the use of emergency exits for non-emergencies is prohibited. Team Banners must not exceed 5'X 8' and will be hung by event staff. No handmade signs are allowed in the facility.

No pets allowed in the Rec Center complex or on the pool deck.

ATTACHMENTS: Meet Format, Gulf Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures, Entry Verification Form



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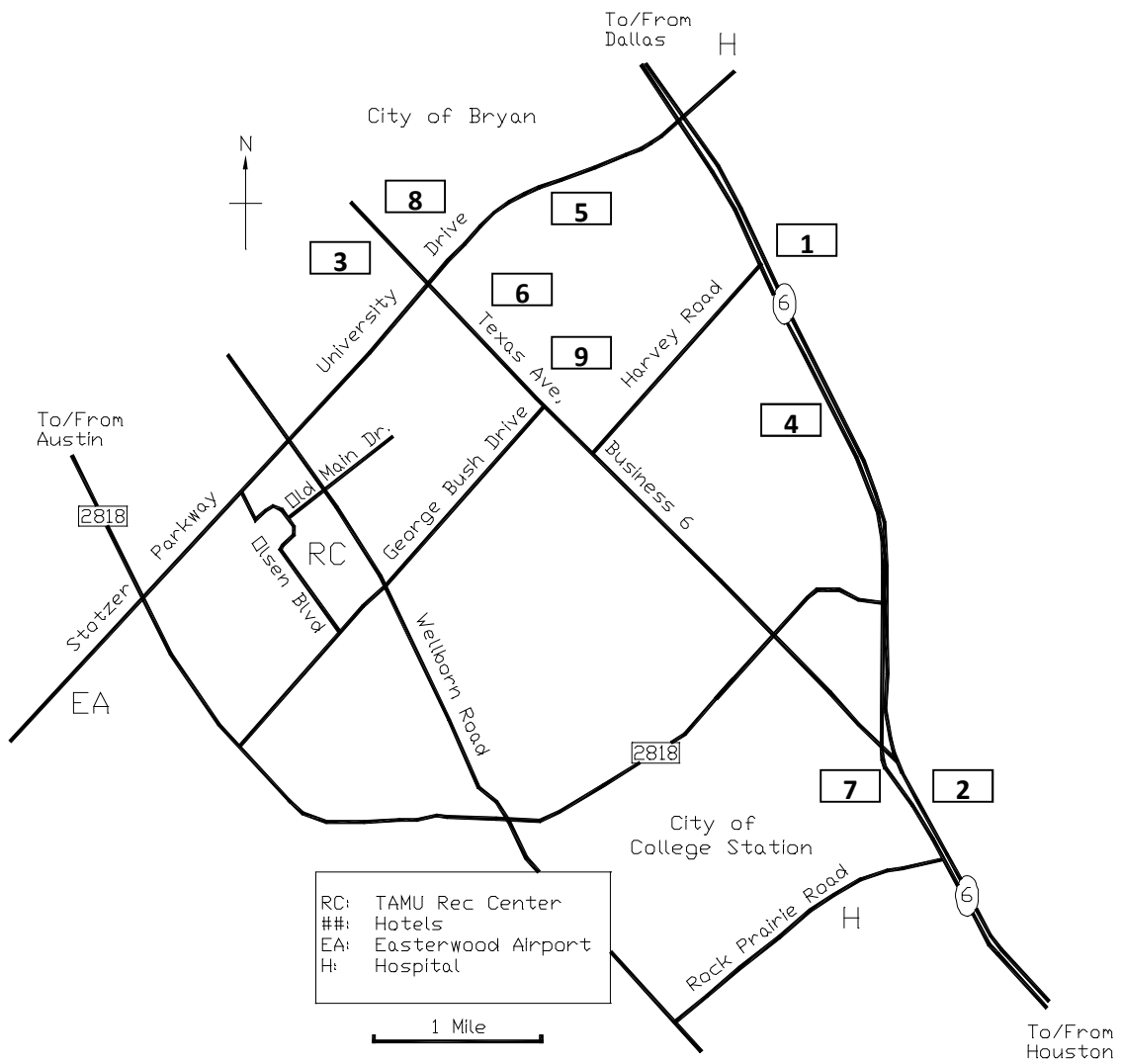
SPONSORING HOTELS:

Hotel	Phone Number	Rate/night	#on Map	Group Name	Cut-off Date
<u>Baymont Inn & Suites</u> 2611 Harvey Road College Station, TX 77845	(979) 680-3000	\$109	1	April Open Swim Meet	3/18/16
<u>Courtyard by Marriott</u> 3939 SH 6 South College Station, TX 77845	(979) 695-8111	\$149	2	April Open Swim Meet	3/11/16
<u>Hampton Inn</u> 320 Texas Ave South College Station, TX 77840	(979) 846-0184	\$124	3	April Open Swim Meet	4/1/16
<u>Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites</u> 2500 Earl Rudder Fwy College Station, TX 77840	(979) 485-8300	\$149	4	April Open Swim Meet	3/11/16
<u>Hyatt Place / Hawthorn Suites</u> 1100/1010 University Dr East College Station, TX 77840	(979) 846-9800	\$139	5	April Open Swim Meet	3/18/16
<u>La Quinta Inn</u> 607 Texas Avenue College Station, TX 77840	(979) 696-7777	\$103	6	April Open Swim Meet	3/25/16
<u>Quality Suites</u> 3610 Texas 6 Frontage Road College Station, TX 77845	(979) 695-9400	K - \$109 Q - \$119	7	April Open Swim Meet	4/1/16
<u>Super 8</u> 301 Texas Avenue College Station, TX 77840	(979) 846-8800	\$82	8	April Open Swim Meet	3/16/16
<u>Vineyard Court Designer Suites</u> 1500 George Bush Dr East College Station, TX 77840	(979) 693-1220	\$109	9	April Open Swim Meet	4/1/16

An entire listing of Bryan/College Station area accommodations can be found at <http://visitaggieland.com/>



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Entry Rules:

Type of meet	Timed Finals
Max # individual events per day	Three (3)
Swimmers eligible	Gulf teams assigned to this venue
Entry times in	SCY, LCM, SCM
Qualifying times	11-12 must have A time standard in 400/500 Free to enter the 800 Free
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 – \$7.00 Facility Surcharge – \$6.50 per swimmer

Girls Event#	Friday PM—April 15, 2016			Boys Event#
	Event Name			
1	11 & Over	200	I.M.	2
3	11 & Over	400	Free*	4

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	Event Name			
5	13 & Over	100	Back	6
7	13 & Over	200	Breast	8
9	13 & Over	100	Free	10
11	13 & Over	100	Fly	12
13	13 & Over	400	I.M.**	--

Saturday Mid-day – April 16, 2016				Boys Event#
Event Name				
	11 & Over	800	Free***	16

Girls Event#	Saturday PM – April 16, 2016			Boys Event#
	Event Name			
17	11-12	200	Back	18
19	10 & Under	100	Back	20
21	12 & Under	50	Breast	22
23	12 & Under	100	Free	24
25	12 & Under	50	Fly	26
27	11-12	200	Fly	28
29	10 & Under	200	I.M.	30
31	11-12	100	Back	32

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	Event Name			
33	13 & Over	100	Breast	34
35	13 & Over	50	Free	36
37	13 & Over	200	Fly	38
39	13 & Over	200	Back	40
41	13 & Over	200	Free	42
--	13 & Over	400	I.M.**	44

Girls Event#	Sunday Mid-day – April 17, 2016			Boys Event#
	Event Name			
45	11 & Over	800	Free***	

Girls Event#	Sunday PM – April 17, 2016			Boys Event#
	Event Name			
47	11-12	200	Breast	48
49	10 & Under	100	Breast	50
51	12&Under	50	Free	52
53	12&Under	100	Fly	54
55	12&Under	50	Back	56
57	12&Under	200	Free	58
59	11-12	100	Breast	60
61	10 & Under	400	Free*	62

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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



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