

# 8 & UNDER GULF CHAMPS INVITATIONAL

December 12, 2015

A Short Course Yards Timed Finals Meet

HOSTED BY

North Channel Aquatics



Sanction Number # GUSC 16-038R1

**ENTRIES DUE TO GULF TPC CHAIR (GULFTPC@GMAIL.COM) BY 6:00 PM, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015**

- LOCATION:** Galena Park ISD Natatorium  
15025 Wallisville Rd.  
Houston TX, 77049  
832-386-4343
- DIRECTIONS:** The Pool is located just one mile west of Beltway 8 on the east side of Houston.  
See attached maps.
- SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** Parking will be available in front of the football stadium to leave the natatorium parking lot open for spectator set up. There will be no spectator set up in the spectator stands. Several sets of bleachers will be available for temporary seating while viewing swimmers races. There should be no set up in areas where signage is posted NO SET UP. No food is allowed on the pool deck or in the dressing rooms. Food may be eaten in the spectator stands and in the lobby.  
No chairs, blankets, coolers will be allowed in the temporary spectator seating.
- MEET STAFF:**
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| <b>MEET REFEREE:</b>   | Matt Sale             | <a href="mailto:matt.j.sale@gmail.com">matt.j.sale@gmail.com</a>                 | 713-870-2768  |
| <b>ADMIN OFFICIAL:</b> | Jessica Francis       | <a href="mailto:jess.francis@ymail.com">jess.francis@ymail.com</a>               |               |
| <b>MEET DIRECTOR:</b>  | Paige Sikkema,        | <a href="mailto:nochswimcoachpaige@gmail.com">nochswimcoachpaige@gmail.com</a> , | (832)360-3456 |
| <b>SAFETY MARSHAL:</b> | Julian Flores         |  |               |
| <b>COACHES:</b>        | Head Age Group Coach: | Mark Martinez  |               |
|                        | Assistant Coach:      | Kelli Northern   |               |
- POOL:** One eight lane, 25 yard indoor pool with non-turbulent lane lines will be used for warm-up and competition. A four lane, separate warm-up / warm-down area will be made available during the competition.



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**TIME AND DATE:** This is one session, one day timed-finals meet.

**Session 1:** Saturday AM

Age groups: 6 & under, 7, 8

Warm-up: 7:30-8:45 a.m./Meet Start: 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 heat sheet, and posted on the Gulf Swimming website by Monday, December 7, 2015.

**MEET TYPE:** This meet will be run utilizing the “Flyover Starts” procedures unless a waiver is received from the Technical Planning Committee Chair. 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.

**SAFETY GUIDELINES AND WARM-UP PROCEDURES:**

See attached Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures

**SEEDING:** The meet will be pre-seeded, with the exception of relays, which will be deck seeded events. Coaches please inform your swimmers of pre-seeded and deck seeded rules. All events, including relays, will be seeded with heats in the order of fastest to slowest. As a courtesy to the host, coaches should inform the clerk of course of swimmers not attending the meet. Empty lanes will be used for deck entries.

**RELAY CARDS:** Relay cards must be turned in to the Clerk of Course 45 minutes before the start of the session in which the event is scheduled to swim or the entry will be considered scratched.

**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, Saturday, November 21, 2015 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. 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



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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.

**Age:** As of December 12, 2015

**Number of Events:** Swimmers may compete in up to four (4) individual events per day and two (2) relay events per day.

**Entries:** All teams MUST submit their entries electronically via e-mail, using the Hy-Tek Meet Manager/Team Manager computer software.

**Deadline:** Entries must be in the hands of the designee of the Technical Planning Chairman no later than **6:00 PM, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015**. No late entries will be accepted. Email entries to the designee of the Technical Planning Chairman (Joel Beard) at:

**EMAIL: GULFTPC@GMAIL.COM**

**Eligible Teams:** Venues will be balanced by team numbers. The team lists will be posted on the Gulf website. 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.

<b>Individual Event Entry Fee (per event):</b>	\$6.00
<b>Relay Entry Fee (per relay event):</b>	\$9.50
<b>Swimmer Surcharge Fee (per swimmer):</b>	\$3.50
<b>Make entry fee checks payable to:</b>	NOCH

Mail entry fees (**POSTMARKED BY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2015**) to the address below:

North Channel Aquatics  
13839 Woodforest Blvd.  
Houston, TX 77015

(832)-360-3456  
[Legerpartyof3@comcast.net](mailto:Legerpartyof3@comcast.net)

**AWARDS:** Individual events: Custom Gulf Medals for 1st - 3rd places & Ribbons for 4th - 8th places  
Relay events: Custom Gulf Medals for 1st place & Ribbons for 2nd - 3rd places  
Combined team: Custom Gulf Trophies for 1st -3rd places  
Individual high point: Girls / Boys 6 & under, 7, 8 (highest individual points earned)

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

All events will be swum combined but scored separately as 6 & under, 7, 8.



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**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.

**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 13 feet measured from 1 meter to 5 meters on the starting end of the course, and 5 feet measured from 1 meter to 5 meters on the turning end of the course.

**TIMING SYSTEM:**

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.

**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.

Parents will not be allowed on the pool deck unless volunteering for NOCH or timing for their team in their assigned lane. Visiting parents are asked to abide by the Safety Marshals' instructions throughout the meet.

**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:**

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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, 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](http://www.gulfswimming.org)), within three days after the conclusion of the meet.

**CONCESSIONS:**

Concessions will be available. Maui Wowi will be on site with smoothies and Hawaiian Coffee.

**MERCHANDISE:**

Swim apparel and swim gear will be available by D & J Sports at the meet.

**FACILITY RULES:**

No coolers, blankets, chairs etc. Will be allowed inside the facility. There is also no eating on the pool deck. No smoking or alcohol beverages allowed in the facility or in the parking lot.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

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



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## Entry Rules:

Type of meet	Timed Finals
Max # individual events per day	Four (4)
Swimmers eligible	Gulf teams assigned to this venue
Entry times in	SCY, LCM, SCM
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 – \$6.00, Relay - \$9.50 Facility Surcharge –\$3.50 per swimmer

All events will be seeded fastest to slowest.

All events will be swum combined but scored separately as 6 & under, 7, 8.

Girls Event#	Event Name	Boys Event#
1	8 & Under 100 Free	2
3	8 & Under 25 Back	4
5	8 & Under 50 fly	6
7	8 & Under 25 Free	8
9	8 & Under 50 Breast	10
11	8 & Under 100 Medley Relay	12
13	8 & Under 50 Back	14
15	8 & Under 25 Fly	16
17	8 & Under 50 Free	18
19	8 & Under 25 Breast	20
21	8 & Under 100 I.M.	22
23	8 & Under 100 Free Relay	24



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## GULF 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 breaststrokes 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 announcement.



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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.

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Signature

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Title

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Date



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