

GULF May Open Invitational Meet

May 13-15, 2016

A Long Course Meters Timed Finals Meet

HOSTED BY

Pearland Aquatics



Sanction Number # GULC 16-011R2

ENTRIES DUE TO THE TPC CHAIR (gulftpc@gmail.com) BY 6:00 PM, SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016

- LOCATION:** Pearland Recreation Center and Natatorium
4141 Bailey Road
Pearland, TX 77584
- DIRECTIONS:** Take south Sam Houston Tollway to Pearland Parkway. Go south on Pearland Parkway. Turn right on Oiler Drive (Pearland High School stadium on your right), which turns into Bailey Road at next intersection (Highway 35). Continue straight on Bailey Road and cross bridge; Natatorium will be on your right at the corner of Bailey Road and Veterans Road. Parking is available in front of Natatorium and behind the facility off of Veterans Road.
- SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** Parking is available in front of Natatorium and behind the facility off of Veterans Road. **There is no meet parking in front of the Recreation Center, as this is reserved for Pearland Recreation Center members only.** Overflow parking is available at the neighboring high school on Bailey Rd.
- MEET STAFF:**
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| MEET REFEREE: | Keith Rudy | klrudy1957@gmail.com |
| ADMIN OFFICIAL: | Francis Sanes | fjsanes@gmail.com |
| MEET DIRECTOR(S): | Charles Hoffman | kirkhoffman14@gmail.com |
| SAFETY MARSHAL: | Peggy Zhang | elezhang@gmail.com |
| COACH(ES): | John Burke, Head Coach
Caitlin Cunningham, Assistant Coach
Natalie Melenric, Assistant Coach
Charyl Teal, Assistant Coach
Ann Burke, Assistant Coach
Maksims Pimenovs, Assistant Coach | |
- POOL:** One eight lane, 50 meter indoor pool with non-turbulent lane lines will be used for warm-up and competition. An additional 4 lanes/25 yards adjacent to the competition pool will be available during the meet for warm-up/down. Facility will open to swimmers and spectators 15 minutes prior to the start of each warm-up session.



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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—May 13, 2016

Age Groups: 11 & Over girls and boys

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

Session 2: Saturday AM – May 14, 2016

Age Groups: 13 & Over girls and boys

Warm-up*: 7:30 – 8:45 am / Meet Start: 9:00 am

Session 3: Saturday Mid-day – May 14, 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 4: Saturday PM – May 14, 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 – May 15, 2016

Age Groups: 13 & Over girls and boys

Warm-up*: 7:30 – 8:45 am / Meet Start: 9:00 am

Session 6: Sunday Mid-day – May 15, 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 7: Sunday PM – May 15, 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, May 9, 2016.

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

100 and 200 meter events will be run utilizing chase starts alternating odd and even heats. All girls' heats will be swum first utilizing both ends of the pool followed by the boys' heats utilizing both ends of the pool. Odd heats will start at the activity end of the pool and even heats will start at the diving board end of the pool.

All 400 meter events will be swum fastest to slowest using chase starts, alternating girls and



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boys heats. Girls' heats will start at the activity end of the pool and the boys' heats will start at the diving board end of the pool.

All 50's will start at the diving board 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, Saturday, April 23, 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 – long course meters (L), short course meters (S), or short course yards (Y). 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., L, S, or Y). 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 May 13, 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 Hy-Tek Meet Manager/Team Manager computer software.



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Deadline: Entries must be in the hands of the Gulf TPC Chair no later than **6:00 PM, SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016**. 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 or swimmers in the documented process of transferring to a Gulf Swimming team may participate in this invitational meet.

Individual Event Entry Fee (per event): \$6.00
Swimmer Surcharge Fee (per swimmer): \$6.50
Make entry fee checks payable to: Pearland Aquatics

Mail entry fees (**POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2016**) to the address below:

Karen Gapsiewicz, PEAK Treasurer
Pearland Aquatics
PO Box 1957
Pearland, TX 77588

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.

1500 FREE: The 1500 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. Odd heats start from the activity end of the pool, even heats from the diving board end. Chase starts will be utilized unless 2 swimmers per lane is required.

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 been certified in accordance with USA Swimming Rule 104.2.2C(4). The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.

The water depth of the competition course is 13' measured from 1 meter to 5 meters on the starting end of the course, 6'7" 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. Swimmers in the 400 Free, 1650 Free, and 400 IM must provide 2 timers and a lap counter where applicable.

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.

Swimmers are required to remain with their team on pool deck during each session; bleachers are available on deck for team seating. Coaches must supervise their swimmers. Swimmers may bring portable seating on the pool deck, if space permits, but may not block walkways. Swimmers may also have small portable coolers (no rolling coolers) on deck with drinks. Teams are not allowed to setup on the computer room side of the pool. Food and drinks from concession stand are not allowed on deck; shaded patio seating is available behind the natatorium. Timing volunteer will be permitted to access the deck and help for that specific purpose. See complete facility rules attached to this invitation.

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



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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), within three days after the conclusion of the meet. Unofficial real time results will be available on MEET MOBILE.

CONCESSIONS:

Concessions will be available

MERCHANDISE:

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

FACILITY RULES:

As attached at the end of this announcement.

ATTACHMENTS:

Meet Format, Gulf Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures, Entry Verification Form
Hotel Information, Pearland Recreation and Natatorium Rules, Pearland Natatorium
Healthy Swimming Policy



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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	LCM, SCM, SCY
Qualifying times	11-12 must have A time standard in 400/500 free to enter the 1500 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 – \$6.00 Facility Surcharge –\$6.50 per swimmer

Girls	Friday PM—May 13, 2016				Boys
Event#	Event Name				Event#
1	11 & Over	400	Free*		2
3	11 -12	200	I.M.		4
5	13 & Over	400	I.M.*		6

All events will be seeded fastest to slowest.

*The 400 free and 400 I.M. will be swum alternating girls and boys heats. Swimmers must provide their own timers.

All 11 & Over events will be swum combined but scored separately as 11-12, 13-14 and 15 & Over.



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Girls Event#	Saturday AM – May 14, 2016			Boys Event#
	Event Name			
7	13 & Over	100	Breast	8
9	13 & Over	50	Free	10
11	13 & Over	200	Fly	12
13	13 & Over	200	Back	14
15	13 & Over	200	Free	16

Girls Event#	Saturday Mid-day – May 14, 2016			
	Event Name			
17	11 & Over	1500	Free***	

Girls Event#	Saturday PM – May 14, 2016			Boys Event#
	Event Name			
19	11-12	200	Breast	20
21	10 & Under	100	Breast	22
23	12 & Under	50	Free	24
25	12 & Under	100	Fly	26
27	12 & Under	50	Back	28
29	12 & Under	200	Free	30
31	11-12	100	Breast	32
33	10 & Under	400	Free*	34

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Swimmers will swim on the right-hand side of the lane with respect to their start end. Swimmers must provide their own timers and lap counters for the 1500 free. Odd heats start from the activity end of the pool, even heats from the diving board end. Chase starts will be utilized unless 2 swimmers per lane is required.

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Girls Event#	Sunday AM – May 15, 2016			Boys Event#
	Event Name			
35	13 & Over	100	Back	36
37	13 & Over	200	Breast	38
39	13 & Over	100	Free	40
41	13 & Over	100	Fly	42
43	13 & Over	200	I.M.	44

Sunday Mid-day – May 15, 2016				Boys Event#
Event Name				
	11 & Over	1500	Free***	46

Girls Event#	Sunday PM – May 15, 2016			Boys Event#
	Event Name			
47	11-12	200	Back	48
49	10 & Under	100	Back	50
51	12&Under	50	Breast	52
53	12&Under	100	Free	54
55	12&Under	50	Fly	56
57	11-12	200	Fly	58
59	10 & Under	200	I.M.	60
61	11-12	100	Back	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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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.



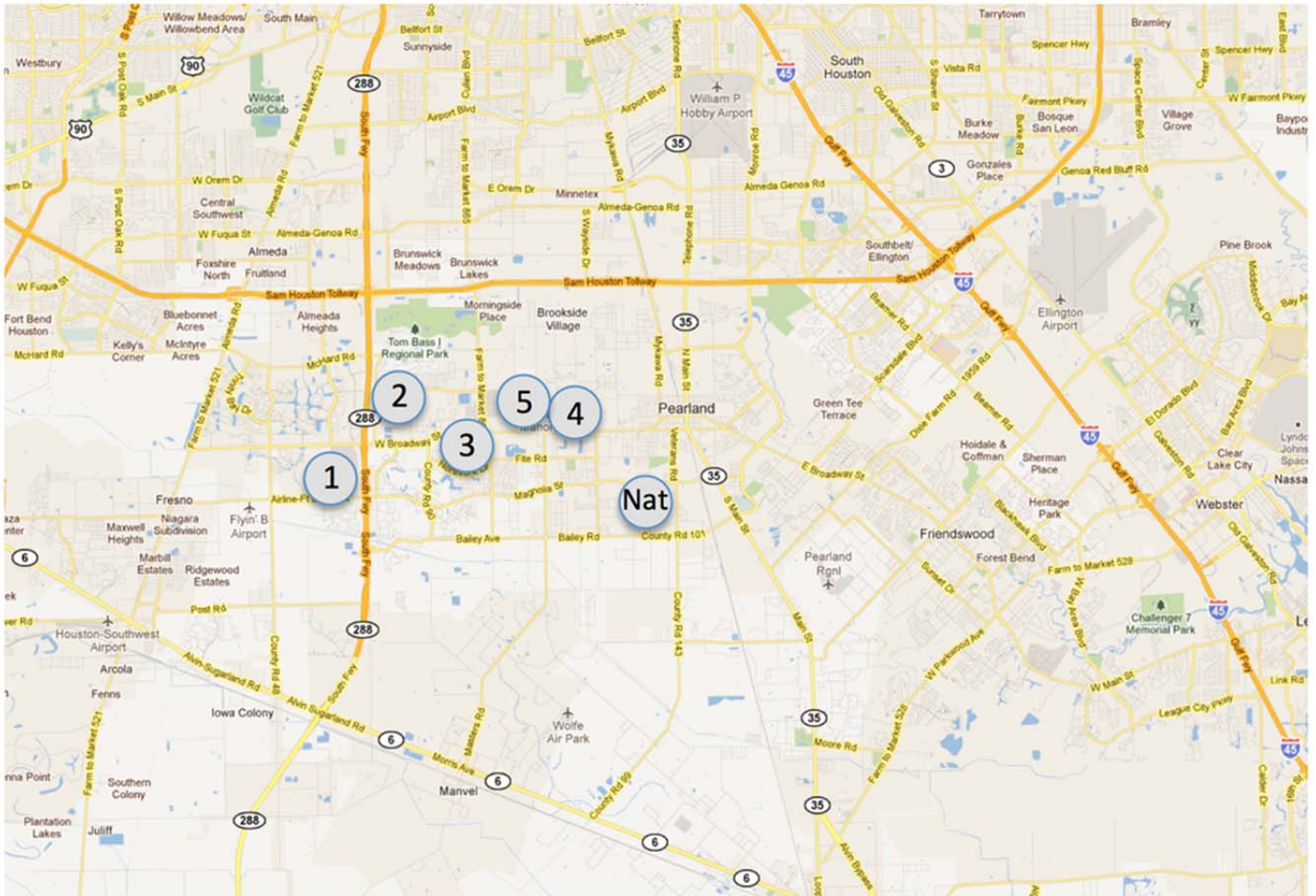
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Hotel Information



1. Courtyard Marriott Pearland - 11200 Broadway, Pearland, TX 77584
2. Comfort Suites Pearland - 2806 Miller Ranch Rd. CR 94, Pearland, TX 77584
3. La Quinta Inn & Suites Pearland - 9002 Broadway, Pearland, TX 77584
4. Hampton Inn Houston-Pearland - 6515 Broadway Street, Pearland, TX 77581
5. Candlewood Suites Pearland - 9015 Broadway, Pearland, TX 77584



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Nat: Pearland Recreation Center and Natatorium

Pearland Recreation Center & Natatorium Rules, Regulation, Prohibitions, and Deck Access

- All participants must follow the CDC “Healthy Swimming Policy” and shower before warm-up, no exception.
- Event personnel are empowered to enforce any and all regulations that have been established by the City of Pearland.
- Only participants, coaches, event administrators, and event volunteers are allowed on the pool deck – all spectators and parents must remain in the viewing stands.
- Participants are not allowed to climb over banisters or railings, or pass any posted barriers.
- Participants and spectators are not allowed to use other areas of the Pearland Recreation Center & Natatorium complex during this event without purchasing a Day Pass at the Services Kiosk located within the Recreation Center.
- Each competing team is permitted one temporary banner, placed at the discretion of the Aquatics Manager. Team banners must not exceed 5’ by 8’.
- Absolutely no tobacco, alcohol products, or glass containers are allowed anywhere within the Pearland Natatorium. This also applies to the parking lot.
- Portable coolers only (no rolling coolers) are allowed on the pool deck, provided they do not contain glass items; no coolers allowed in the spectator bleacher area.
- No flash photography is allowed at the start of any race. Video or photo capable devices are prohibited in the men’s and women’s locker rooms.
- Teams are expected to clean up their respective areas at the conclusion of the competition.
- Running or any other sort of activity that might be interpreted or described as “horseplay” is prohibited.
- Folding/portable chairs are not allowed in the spectator area. The walkways must stay clear at all times, as per Fire Marshall regulations. Blocking or restricting fire lanes or emergency exits, and the use of emergency exits for non-emergencies is prohibited.
- Face-painting or body painting of any kind is not permitted at the Natatorium.

Access to the deck of the PEARLAND Natatorium is restricted by pass to the following:

Athletes • Administrative support personnel • Coaches • Facility/District Staff • Officials • Marshals • Service and supply vendors • Credentialed media personnel • Hospitality personnel • Medical support personnel • Other personnel on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Meet Director or the Meet Referee.



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**Pearland Recreation Center & Natatorium
Healthy Swimming Policy**

The City of Pearland is committed to the health and safety of all patrons. The Pearland Parks and Recreation Center & Natatorium utilizes advanced training and technology and has adopted the Centers for Disease Control's "Healthy Swimming Policy." The policy protects our patrons and spectators from poor air or water quality hazards typical with indoor swimming pools caused by microorganisms and chloramines. The cornerstone of this policy is based on guidelines which mandate safe practices such as requiring all participants to shower before entering either pool located within the Pearland Recreation Center & Natatorium.

"Healthy Swimming Policy"
Acknowledgement Form

Organization: _____

Representative Name and Title: _____

By my signature below I agree, on behalf of my organization that:

- I have received a copy of the "Healthy Swimming Policy" and understand the Pearland Recreation Center & Natatorium's "Healthy Swimming Policy" Procedure; as coach or sponsor I understand the responsibility for ensuring that all members of the organization and their guests comply with these rules. I understand that additional copies are available upon request.
- I affirm that all required staff members of my organization have current CPR/First Aid certifications and specific training or liability certification requirements needed by the organization's national governing body.
- I understand that the City of Pearland may from time to time modify its policies and I agree to abide by those changes.

Team Official/Head Coach

Date



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