

BTA Invitational Meet

November 12-13, 2016

A Short Course Yards Timed Finals Meet

HOSTED BY

BLUE TIDE AQUATICS



Sanction Number # GUSC 17-030R4

- LOCATION:** KINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
2701 Kingwood Dr.
Kingwood, Texas 77339
- COACH:** Mike Yearwood headcoach@swimbluetide.org
- 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.
- TIME & DATE:**
- Session 1:** Saturday- November 12, 2016
Warm-up: 12:00 p.m. (split sessions)
Meet Starts: 1:30 p.m.
- Session 2:** Saturday- November 12, 2016(Distance session only)
Warm-up: 5:30 p.m.(Or immediately following the conclusion of the Session 1)
Meet Starts: 1 hour following the conclusion of Session 1
- Session 3:** Sunday-November 13, 2016
Warm-up: 7:30 a.m. (split sessions)
Meet Starts: 9:00 a.m.
- Session 4:** Sunday-November 13, 2016(8 & under)
Warm-up: 12.30 p.m.(Or immediately following the conclusion of the AM session)
Meet Starts: 1 hour following the conclusion of the AM session
- 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.

MEET REFEREE: Tom Jones twjones@earthlink.net

ADMIN OFFICIAL: Gabriele Sausnock gsausnockbta@gmail.com

MEET DIRECTOR: Harold Lloyd Harold.lloyd@colfaxfluidhandling.com

SAFETY MARSHAL: Cynthia Cantrell cynthiacantrell@yahoo.com

POOL: One eight lane, 25 yard indoor pool with non-turbulent lane lines will be used for warm-up and competition.

SAFETY GUIDELINES AND WARM-UP PROCEDURES:

See attached Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures

SEEDING: The meet will be pre-seeded. 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.

POSITIVE CHECK-IN : All swimmers must check-in with the Clerk of Course for events 400 yards or longer. Check-in for all positive check-in events will be available at the start of warm-ups for the session and due (1) hour before the event is scheduled to begin. After positive check-in closes, no one may check-in or scratch. After checking in, any swimmer who fails to appear at the starting blocks will be assessed a \$5.00 fine for each event, payable to Gulf Swimming.

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 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.
 - a. Swimmers that on-deck enter to change their entry time in a deck seeded event, 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.

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.

The meet director reserves the right to limit the 400 IM and 500 free as to not exceed the gulf swimming 4-hour rule. The number of heats allowed to compete will be based on the number of swimmers who positively check-in for those events. Any swimmer not permitted to compete in the 400 IM or 500 free may enter an alternate event as long as there is an available lane; no new heats will be created.

Cut-off Times: None

Qualifying Times: None

Age: As of November 12, 2016

Number of Events: Swimmers may compete in up to four (4) 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.

Deadline: Entries must be in the hands of the Meet Entry Chairman no later than 6:00 PM, Saturday November 5, 2016.

Send via email to:
btameetentries@hotmail.com
281-635-9655

Eligible Teams: BTA, ESA, FINS and all teams as timeline permits.

Individual Event Entry Fee (per event): \$5.75

Relays(per relay): \$9.00

Swimmer Surcharge Fee (per swimmer): \$2.00

Make entry fee checks payable to: Blue Tide Aquatics

Mail entry fees **postmarked by November 7th** to the address below:
Blue Tide Aquatics
P.O. Box 5625
Kingwood, TX 77325

AWARDS: **Individual Events:** Ribbons 1st through 8th for 14&U swimmers
Relay Events: Ribbons 1st through 3rd for 14&U swimmers

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 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.

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 11 feet measured from 1 meter to 5 meters on the starting end of the course, and 4.0 feet measured from 1 meter to 5 meters on the turning end of the course.

TIMING SYSTEM:

A Colorado Model 6000 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 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. 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, 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 for coaches and officials.

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

ORDER OF EVENTS

Girls	Saturday PM/Session 1 Event	Boys
1	Open 200 Free	2
3	9-12 50 Breast	4
5	Open 100 Back	6
7	11 & over 200 Breast	8
9	Open 100 Fly	10
11	Open 200 IM	12
13	Open 50 Free	14
15	Open 200 Free Relay	16
17	Open 400 IM	18

Girls	Saturday PM/Session 2 Event	Boys
19	11 & over 1650	20

Girls	Sunday AM/Session 3 Event	Boys
21	Open 200 Medley Relay	22
23	11 & over 200 Back	24
25	9-12 50 Fly	26
27	Open 100 free	28
29	9-12 50 Back	30
31	11 & over 200 Fly	32
33	9-12 100 IM	34
35	Open 100 Breast	36
37	Open 500 Free	38

Girls	Sunday PM/Session 4 Event	Boys
39	8/Under 25 Free	40
41	8/Under 50 Fly	42
43	8/Under 25 Breast	44
45	8/Under 50 Back	46
47	8/Under 100 Medley Relay	48
49	8/Under 25 Back	50
51	8/Under 50 Free	52
53	8/Under 25 Fly	54
55	8/Under 50 Breast	56
57	8/Under 100 Free Relay	58

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Type of Meet	Timed Finals
Max # events per day	Four(4) not including relays
Eligible swimmers	All USAS registered swimmers
Entry Times in	SCY/SCM/LCM
Qualifying times	None
Cut-off times	None
Enter with no time?	Yes
Fees	Individual \$5.75 Relays \$9.00 Swimmer Surcharge \$2.00

All events will be seeded fastest to slowest.

All OPEN *events except the 400IM & 500 free* will be swum combined but scored separately as 8 & under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14

The 400IM & 500 free will be swum and scored combined.

All 9-12 events will be swum combined but scored separately as 9-10, 11-12

All 11 & over events will be swum combined but scored separately as 11-12, 13-14

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

All Relays will be swum combined but scored as 8 & under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14

*The 400IM, 500 free and 1650 free will be swum alternating girls, then boys heats. Swimmers must provide two timers and a lap counter if needed.

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 PACEWORK** 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 announcement.

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

