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# *Aquatics*

## **8 & UNDER GULF CHAMPS INVITATIONAL**

December 2, 2017  
A Short Course Yards Timed Finals Meet  
HOSTED BY

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Sanction Number # GUSC 18-042

**ENTRIES DUE TO GULF TPC CHAIR (TPC@gulfswimming.org) BY 11:59 PM, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017**

**LOCATION:** Lamar Consolidated ISD Natatorium **\*\* (NEW NATATORIUM)**  
1011 Horace Mann Ave  
Rosenberg, TX 77471

**DIRECTIONS:** From Houston: Take Hwy 69/59 South to Richmond/Rosenberg. Exit FM 2218, turn Right and go approximately 1 mile. Turn Left onto Reading Road for approximately 0.8 mile. Turn Left onto Ave I (also known as FM 1640). Sunoco gas station on right corner of this intersection. Go approximately 0.2 mile on Ave I to Horace Mann Ave. Turn right and parking lot and Natatorium will be on the Right.

**NOTE: Ongoing road construction on 69/59 in the Richmond/Rosenberg area.**

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

**FACILITY WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 8:00AM**

**Locker rooms will open at 8:20am.**

**DO NOT PARK ON THE SIDE OF HORACE MANN Dr. OR YOU WILL BE TOWED. DO NOT PARK ON THE DRIVE/STREET DIRECTLY BEHIND THE FACILITY OR YOU WILL BE TOWED.**

There is parking directly in front of the facility. There is additional parking directly across from the facility parking lot next to the LCISD Field house as well as parking next to the Traylor stadium.

Spectator Seating is on a first come first serve basis. **NO SAVING SEATS.**

Spectators are asked to watch your swimmers and then return to the outside of the facility. **NO SET UP IN THE OUTSIDE ATRIUM AREA.**

OUTSIDE SET UP IS WELCOME IN THE BACKSIDE AREA OF THE FACILITY.

Spectators are not permitted to stand next to the glass railing to view the pool deck. We must keep all walk ways free and clear. If anyone does not follow these instructions, you may be asked to leave the facility and your swimmer may be banned from competition and disqualified from the meet at the Meet Referees or Facility Managers' discretion. FOOD is permitted in the bleacher area ONLY but is preferred outside of the facility.

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## **ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD ON DECK.**

**MEET STAFF:**

**MEET REFEREE:** Ron Lusk, [rdl8930@att.net](mailto:rdl8930@att.net)  
Lisa Blok, [eeblok@att.net](mailto:eeblok@att.net)

**ADMIN OFFICIAL:** Linda Brenneke, [entries4meets@yahoo.com](mailto:entries4meets@yahoo.com)  
Mary Spano, [mekspano@gmail.com](mailto:mekspano@gmail.com)

**MEET DIRECTOR(S):** Shannon Woodruff, [s.woodruff01@yahoo.com](mailto:s.woodruff01@yahoo.com) , 832-283-9096

**SAFETY MARSHAL:** Wes Woodruff

**COACH(ES):** Greg Spano-Head Coach

**POOL:** One eight lane, 25 yard indoor pool with non-turbulent lane lines will be used for warm-up and competition. A separate warm-up / warm-down area will be made available during the competition.

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

**Session 1:** Saturday AM

Age groups: 6 & under, 7, 8

**Warm-ups: 8:30-9:45 a.m./Meet Start: 10:00 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 Wednesday, November 29, 2017.

**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 11:59 pm, Friday, November 10, 2017 deadline may enter



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the meet on-deck in the following manner:

1. On deck entries are open to those athletes assigned to the meet location by the TPC Chair through the meet entry procedures.
2. Swimmers must pay double the entry fee at the time of entry.
3. 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.
4. Swimmers must enter all events for the session forty-five (45) minutes prior to the start of the session's first event.
5. Swimmers must be qualified to swim the event entered.
6. Swimmers must not exceed the allotted number of events allowed each day.
7. 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.
8. 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.

**Age:** As of December 2, 2017

**Times Eligibility:** Times must be achieved between Feb 1, 2016 and the entry deadline.

**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 Chair no later than **11:59 PM, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017**. No late entries will be accepted.

Email entries to the designee of the Technical Planning Chairman (Beau Caldwell) at:

**EMAIL: [TPC@gulfswimming.org](mailto:TPC@gulfswimming.org)**

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



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An unattached swimmer not affiliated with a USA Swimming Club must follow the same entry procedures as those swimmers affiliated with a team. In order to be seeded in a Gulf Open meet, an unattached swimmer not affiliated with a USA Swimming Club, must enter by the entry deadline, following the entry procedures in the Meet Announcement, and provide proof of a registered coach responsible for their supervision on deck during the meet. All unattached athletes will be assigned a meet location by the TPC Chair upon assignments being announced.

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| <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>       | <b>Platinum Aquatics</b> |

Mail entry fees (**POSTMARKED BY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017**) to the address below:

**Platinum Aquatics**  
**14211 Windy Ridge Lane**  
**Rosharon, TX. 77583**  
*Attn: Greg Spano*  
**281-638-0235**  
**Email: platcoachspano@gmail.com**

**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.

#### **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



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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 depth of the competition course is 5 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:**

A Daktronics Omnisport 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.

**ONLY AUTHORIZED OFFICIALS, COACHES, SWIMMERS AND MEET PERSONEL ARE ALLOWED ON DECK. USA SWIMMING CREDENTIALS MUST BE VALID UPON REQUEST.**

## **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”.



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## **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. Photography/taking of pictures with any devices behind the starting blocks and the starting block area is strictly prohibited.**

## **DRONES:**

Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, Athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, Coaches, officials and/or spectators are present. Exceptions may be granted with prior Written approval by the Vice President of Program Operations.

## **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 officials, coaches and meet personnel ONLY.

## **OFFICIALS:**

USA Qualified Officials and Apprentices are welcome to come and help officiate the meet. Official attire will be white golf shirts over navy slacks/shirts/shorts (no blue jeans) and white shoes. There will be an officials' briefing one (1) hour before the start of each session.

## **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. MEET MOBILE will provide **Unofficial** real time results, ONLY if Wi-Fi is available.

## **CONCESSIONS:**

Concessions will be available

## **HEAT SHEETS:**

Heat sheets will be for sale in the front lobby area at Clerk of Course for \$5.00

## **MERCHANDISE:**

D&J Sports Katy will be at the meet selling swim apparel and swim gear.



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## FACILITY RULES:

Seating is limited to 600 occupants in the spectator area of the Natatorium. **NO RESERVING OF SEATS IS PERMITTED as seating will be on a first come basis only.** No Lawn chairs or portable seating are allowed.

### **NO SET UP IN THE OUTSIDE ATRIUM AREA.**

OUTSIDE SET UP IS WELCOME IN THE BACKSIDE AREA OF THE FACILITY.  
Children under 15 years of age must be supervised at all times.

Flash photography will not be permitted at the start of each race.

No coolers, glass or other breakable containers, hard plastic toys, tobacco, alcoholic beverages or gum are allowed in the facility.

No balloons permitted in the facility.

Animals are not allowed in the facility with the exception of service animals that are assisting disabled persons

No food or non-water beverages are allowed on pool deck. These items must be consumed outside in front of the building. You may be asked to leave the facility if you are caught eating or drinking on the pool deck.

Please respect the facility and clean up after your team and/or family at the conclusion of each session. Throw your trash in trash containers and recycle items where possible.

Only participants, coaches, event administrators and event volunteers are allowed on the pool deck.

Participants are not allowed to climb over the railings or pass by posted barriers.

Swimming is allowed only when the area is supervised.

No swimming under the bulkheads will be permitted.

No hanging or sitting on the lane lines.

Unauthorized personnel are not allowed to be on or walk across the bulkheads.

No electronics, eating, or loitering in the restrooms or locker rooms.

Blocking or restricting fire lanes or emergency exits and the use of emergency exits for non-emergencies is prohibited. Additionally, no parking on Horace Mann Ave or the street directly behind the natatorium. Park in designated parking spots at the natatorium or stadium.



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All participants and spectators are expected to follow the directions of LCISD staff at all times. Questions about any decision may be directed to the Aquatics Supervisor or his/her representative.

**No standing on the glass rail, ramp, or stairs. Walk ways MUST be free and clear.**

The LCISD staff has final authority on all safety matters and reserves the right to remove anyone for behavior that is deemed unsafe or inappropriate.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Meet Format

Additional information such as facility maps and set up information will be provided in the meet information published on the gulf swimming website the week of the meet.

## 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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## 2017 8 & UNDER GULF CHAMPS INVITATIONAL

December 12, 2017

A Short Course Yards Timed Finals Meet

HOSTED BY

**PLATINUM AQUATICS**

**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, SCM, LCM   |
| 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  |
| Times Eligibility                | Times must be achieved between Feb 1, 2016 and the entry deadline.            |
| Fees                             | Individual – \$6.00, Relay - \$9.50<br>Facility Surcharge –\$3.50 per swimmer |

All events will be seeded fastest to slowest.

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

All relays will be scored as 8 & under.

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



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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.

