

8 & UNDER GULF CHAMPS INVITATIONAL

December 2, 2017

A Short Course Yards Timed Finals Meet

HOSTED BY

South Texas Aquatics

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Sanction Number # GU-18-050R1

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

- LOCATION:** 1700 Wilson Road
Humble, TX 77338
- DIRECTIONS:** From 59 North, exit Will Clayton Parkway and turn left. At Wilson road, turn left. Turn right into the parking lot of Humble High School. Natatorium is directly in front of the main parking lot. From 59 South, exit Will Clayton Parkway and turn right. At Wilson road, turn left. Turn right into the parking lot of Humble High School. Natatorium is directly in front of the main parking lot.
- SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** There will be outside setup for all teams. There will be concessions available, as well as Swim Shops of the Southwest for all swimming related products needed.
- MEET STAFF:**
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| MEET REFEREE: | Todd Johnson, toddajohnson15@hotmail.com |
| ADMIN OFFICIAL: | Greg Pennington, rgpennington@gmail.com |
| MEET DIRECTOR(S): | Tony Puckett, twpuckett@paalp.com |
| SAFETY MARSHAL: | George Rhodes, gcrhodesjr@gmail.com |
| COACH(ES): | Charlie Fry, coachcfry@gmail.com |
- POOL:** One eight lane, 25 yard indoor pool with non-turbulent lane lines will be used for warm-up and competition.
- 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, November 27, 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 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

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

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.

Individual Event Entry Fee (per event):	\$6.00
Relay Entry Fee (per relay event):	\$9.50
Swimmer Surcharge Fee (per swimmer):	\$2.00
Make entry fee checks payable to:	South Texas Aquatics

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

South Texas Aquatics
5319 Aspen Lake Ct.
Kingwood, Tx 77345

713-865-6978
Bdpcar_g@yahoo.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 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:

Enter Either Statement:

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.

OR:

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

TIMING SYSTEM:

A Colorado Model 6000 (or 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.

[Enter Special Pool Deck Restrictions Here](#)

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.

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.

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), within three days after the conclusion of the meet.

CONCESSIONS:

Concessions will be available, cash is appreciated.

MERCHANDISE:

Swim Shops of the Southwest and Kona Ice

FACILITY RULES:

There is outdoor set up available, and restroom facilities in the lobby of the natatorium for non swimmers, and a dressing/shower room available for all athletes.

ATTACHMENTS:



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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, 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 Facility Surcharge – Enter either \$2.00 *\$2 may be added if free heat sheets are made available

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 Event#	Event Name	Boys 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
23	8 & Under 25 Breast	24
25	8 & Under 100 I.M.	26

