



Alamo Area Aquatic Association

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Meet Information

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- Meet:**
- 2020 AAAA-NE Arena Holiday Unclassified Invitational
 - Timed Final, gender-mixed competition for Age Group swimmers
 - Swimmers are allowed to enter three events per day

- Date:**
- Friday, December 4, 2020 11 and under swimmers
 - Saturday, December 5, 2020 12 and older swimmers

- Venue:**
- Bill Walker ↑ North Pool
 - Blossom Athletic Center (Northeast Stadium)
 - Jones-Maltsberger Road at Starcrest Drive or East Bitters Road
 - San Antonio, TX 78216
 - 210-356-6925

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- Daily Schedule:**
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Friday Afternoon: •Coaches meet at 1540 Davis deck-level classroom •Warm-ups begin at 1600 •Officials meet at 1615 Walker ↑ Conference Room •Clear pool at 1640 •Competition begins at 1645 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Saturday Afternoon: •Warm-ups begin at 1400 •Officials meet at 1415 •Clear pool at 1440 •Competition begins at 1445 |
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- Meet Format:**
- Mixed gender Timed Finals
 - All events will be seeded fastest to slowest by time alone, i.e., gender mixed
 - Only the 25-yard North ↑ Walker pool will be utilized
 - The Walker South ↓ Pool will be available for warm-ups and cool downs
 - Entries received without a seed time (NT) will not be accepted and any entry fees will NOT be refunded
 - No relays
 - No time trials
 - Swimmers must enter the starting areas from the west (stands) side and exit to the east side

- Facilities:**
- The Bill Walker Pool is part of the North East School District’s Blossom Athletic Center and is also known as the North East Stadium
 - Two (2) ten-lane by 25-yard racing courses by 7.5 feet (2.29-meters) wide
 - This competition will be conducted in the North ↑ 25-yard course, which has been professionally certified and the data filed with USA Swimming IAW with Article 104.2.2C(4)
 - Water depth ↑:**

•One-meter from start end 1.52m (5.1ft)	•Five-meters from start end 1.58m (5.2ft)
•One meter from turn end 1.74m (5.7ft)	•Five-meters from turn end 1.71m (5.6ft)
 - All automatic timing with full digital scoreboards
 - Strobe on each starting block
 - Off-deck stadium seating for 800 spectators
 - Ample deck seating for athletes and coaches.
 - Concessions and swim shop in the Davis lobby
 - Orientation:**
 - The **SOUTH** ↓ Pool backs up to the Davis Natatorium and has a full-motion scoreboard
 - The **NORTH** ↑ Pool backs up to the Piper-Bass Student Center

Facility Rules, Regulations and Policies:

- Number of spectators is limited to a maximum of 250
- All COVID-19 Protocols must be observed including masks **on** at all times
- Deck changing is prohibited
- Two-piece swim wear is prohibited
- The presence or use of cell phones, smart phones or any other devices capable of producing audio recordings, photographic or video images in locker rooms, restrooms or changing areas is strictly and specifically prohibited at all times.
 - There are no exceptions to this policy.
 - Violators are subject to disqualification from the meet and disbarment from the facility
- The presence of cell phones, smart phones, iPads, etc. anywhere behind the starting blocks is prohibited at all times during competition
 - Violators are subject to having their devices temporarily confiscated
- Photographers and videographers are specifically prohibited from the area immediately behind the starting blocks



- Parents and other spectators are not permitted on-deck at any time for any reason
- Flash photography of any sort is expressly forbidden during competition
- Standing in front of and / or leaning against the glass railings is expressly forbidden
- Times noted on the scoreboards are never official and must never be regarded as such

Entry

Deadline: •1200 hours, Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Age-up Date: •December 4, 2020

Awards: •NONE!

Drones: •Per USA Swimming Rule 103.13, the 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 Program and Events Chair or designee.

Liability: •In granting a sanction for this meet, it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc., South Texas Swimming, Inc. (STSI), the Alamo Area Aquatic Association (AAAA), the North East Independent School District, and all meet officials shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damage arising by reason(s) of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this meet.
•Damage to the facility, when proved, will cause the offending swimmer, if unattached, or the offending swimmer's club, if attached, to be held accountable for repairs.

COVID-19: •An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death.
•According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable.
USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease

- Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

•By attending or participating in this competition, you voluntarily assume all risks associated with exposure to COVID-19 and forever hold harmless USA Swimming, South Texas Swimming, Inc. (STSI), the Alamo Area Aquatic Association (AAAA), the North East Independent School District, and all meet officials from any liability or claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property loss; including, but not limited to claims of negligence and give up any claims you may have to seek damages; whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, in connection with exposure, infection, and/or spread of COVID-19 related to participation in this competition.

- Please refer to Attachment one (1) on page six (6) for COVID-19 facility specific protocols and procedures.

Sanction: •This meet has been sanctioned by South Texas Swimming and current USA Swimming rules, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (“MAAPP”), and any relevant sections of the South Texas Policies and Procedures Manual will govern this meet.
•All swimmers must be registered as athletes for 2020 with USA Swimming by the meet start date.
•Athletes who register with USA Swimming after the meet entry deadline may deck enter the meet only if they can present their 2020 USA Swimming registration card – OR - a coach may present the club’s official, watermarked roster from the USA Swimming club portal, or proof of membership using the USA Swimming Deck Pass app
•South Texas Swimming does not permit on-deck USA Swimming registrations
•Conduct of the sanctioned events shall conform in every respect to all technical and administrative rules of USA Swimming.

Swimmer Photographs And Videos:

- There may be one or more photographers and / or videographers on deck at this meet.
- In the event such personnel are present, parents or guardians of swimmers under the age of 18 who do not wish to have photos or videos of their athletes made, are required to contact the Meet Director prior to the beginning of warm-ups.
- Photographers and videographers are strongly encouraged to stay out of the area immediately behind the starting blocks, but if present, are specifically prohibited from making shots during the start phase of any race.

Entry

Procedures: •Entries may be made ONLY via Hy-Tek Commlink File
•Entries will be accepted ONLY by e-mail or hand-delivery
 •Under no circumstances will entries be accepted via FAX, U. S. Postal Service, FedEx, UPS, etc.
•Hand-written entries will not be accepted
•If you choose to submit entries via e-mail please review the section below
•In addition to the required Commlink File, entries must also include a Meet Entry Report and an Entry Fee Report
•Entries received without a seed time or times slower than the minimums specified will not be entered into the meet and any entry fees will NOT be refunded.



- E-Mail Entries:**
- Entries in Commlink Format only, MUST be sent to: wspurg@neisd.net
 - Please rename the Commlink File to clearly identify the entering team - the shorter the better
 - Athletes included in improperly identified Commlink Files (cfile0X.cl2 or zfile00X.zip) will not be entered into the meet and any entry fees will not be refunded.
 - Athletes **WILL NOT** be entered into Meet Manager until the Meet Entry, Entry Fee Reports and appropriate pre-proof-of-time documentation are received or hand-delivered and fees are paid.
 - Do not assume your entries have been received without confirmation
 - Most e-mail programs have provisions for requesting a return receipt

Submit

- Entries To:**
- Bill Spurgeon
 - Bill Walker Pool
 - 12002 Jones-Maltsberger Road
 - San Antonio, TX 78216
 - 210-356-6925
 - wspurg@neisd.net
- Entry fees include the STSI \$1.25 Splash Fee:**
- \$8.00** per athlete per individual event
 - \$10.00** per swimmer Facility Fee
 - Please make checks payable to: **N.E.I.S.D. Aquatics**
 - Please mail or hand-deliver checks to:
 - David L. Johnson
 - Bill Walker Pool
 - 12002 Jones-Maltsberger Road
 - San Antonio, TX 78216

- Restrictions:**
- Entries will be **capped** at 120 athletes per session
 - Swimmers may enter a maximum of three (3) events
 - Entries with no time (NT) will be seeded last by lot
 - NO Late Entries will be accepted

Qualifying

- Times:**
- NONE – This meet is unclassified

- Proof of Time:**
- None required

USA Swimming

- Registration:**
- All swimmers, coaches, and officials participating in this competition must be currently (2020 or 2021) registered with USA Swimming or FINA
 - Swimmers will NOT be permitted to compete unless registered as a member as provided in Article 302.
 - All should also be prepared to present their USA Swimming ID Card as proof of their Registration to the Meet Director or designee at any time
 - Swimmers who **1)** late enter when possible; **2)** need to be late-entered because of clerical errors by the entering team or the Meet Host; or **3)** are not entered in this meet and choose to enter time trials, if offered, will be required to present their USA Swimming ID card or proof of membership using the USA Swimming Deck Pass app
 - Or, a coach may present the club’s official, watermarked roster from the USA Swimming club portal
 - South Texas Swimming does not permit on-deck USA Swimming Registrations
 - National and LSC Regulations do not allow for any exceptions to these policies

Unaccompanied

- Swimmers:**
- Any swimmer 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 without the use of the backstroke ledge.
 - It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer’s legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

- Scratches:**
- This meet will be entirely pre-seeded and there is no penalty for scratching from a pre-seeded event

- Warm-ups:**
- Warm-ups will be conducted in accordance with the current STSI Policies and Procedures on page six (6)

Meet

- Management:**
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| •Meet Manager 8.0 | • Meet Referee: | • Entries Chair: | • Administrative Official: |
| • Meet Director: | •Rick Russell | •Bill Spurgeon | •Mindy Donofrio |
| •Bill Spurgeon | •210-834-7409 | •210-256-6929 | •210-391-2024 |
| •210-356-6929 | •rd.russ@yahoo.com | •wspurg@neisd.net | •mindy311@sbcglobal.net |
| •wspurg@neisd.net | | | |

Spectator Clear

- Bag Policy:**
- Please review the graphic on page four (4)

Parking:

- Because of football in the Commlander Stadium, all attendees for the Friday session are requested to please park in the soccer lot behind the Davis Natatorium
- There will be no parking restrictions for the Saturday session

Facility

Access

- Spectators must enter via the Davis Natatorium **FRONT** doors
- Parking for Athletes, Coaches, Officials and Staff is adequate in front of the facilities as well as in the nearby soccer field lot



- Meet Setup:** •An HYV File containing the complete meet setup will be available for download into Team Manager on the Club Calendar and Results Page of the Alamo Area Aquatic Association Web Site at: <http://www.aaaa-sa.org/>
- Timers:** •The host facility will attempt to provide backup timers for this meet
•However, volunteers will be needed, welcome and greatly appreciated
•Volunteers / Timers without proper credentials are not permitted on deck at any time for any reason
- Officials** •All deck officials must be currently (2020 – 2021) registered with USA Swimming
•Uniform for officials will be as follows:
 •White collared shirts / blouses over khaki trousers, skirts, Bermuda length shorts, or capris (NO JEANS OR FLIP-FLOPS PLEASE)
•Officials, please meet with the Referee IAW the Schedule on page one (1) to be briefed and receive assignments

Order of Events

Friday, December 4th at 1645		Saturday, December 5th at 1445	
11 and Under Swimmers		12 and Older Swimmers	
Event #	Stroke and Distance in Yards	Event #	Stroke and Distance in Yards
1	200 Freestyle	11	200 Freestyle
2	50 Butterfly	12	100 Breaststroke
3	100 Breaststroke	13	400 Individual Medley
4	50 Freestyle	14	200 Backstroke
5	100 Butterfly	15	50 Freestyle
6	100 Backstroke	16	100 Butterfly
7	100 Individual Medley	17	100 Backstroke
8	50 Backstroke	18	500 Freestyle
9	100 Freestyle	19	200 Breaststroke
10	50 Breaststroke	20	100 Freestyle
		11	200 Butterfly
		12	200 Individual Medley

NO PURSES. NO BAGS.

NEISD BAC PURSE/BAG POLICY

Prohibited Bags

PROHIBITED ITEMS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- All purses, bags or containers larger than a small clutch bag
- Backpacks
- Binocular case – Binoculars may be worn around the neck
- Briefcases
- Camera bags
- Cinch bags
- Computer bags
- Coolers
- Fanny packs
- Luggage of any kind



Approved Bags

CLEAR TOTE
Plastic, vinyl or PVC –
not exceeding 12" x 6" x 12"

PLASTIC STORAGE BAG
Clear, one (1) gallon,
re-sealable

SMALL CLUTCH PURSE
Approximately the size of your hand, but absolutely no larger than 5.5" x 8.5" (see our small guide sheet) with or without a handle or strap. Can be carried separately or within an approved plastic bag shown above.

To enhance public safety, Blossom Athletic Center has modified its security policy by limiting the size and style of bags allowed into events.
An exception will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection at a gate designated for this purpose.
Please limit the number of items you bring to the stadium on event days.

These restrictions DO NOT apply to Athletes, Coaches, Staff, Administrators or Officials!



SOUTH TEXAS SWIMMING, Inc.

Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures

A. WARM-UP PROCEDURES

- I. Assigned Warm-up Procedures
 - a. Warm-up lanes and times will be assigned to competing teams based on number of entrants.
 - b. All warm-up activities will be coordinated by the coach(es) supervising that lane.
 - c. Dive sprints shall occur from only the designated end of the pool, swimmers must exit on the opposite end of the pool, and may be done only under the direct supervision of the coach.
- II. Open Warm-up Procedures

LANE USE

POOL	PUSH/PACE	DIVES/SPRINTS	GENERAL WARMUP
10 Lanes	0 and 9	1 and 8	2 through 7
8 Lanes	1 and 8	2 and 7	3 through 6
6 Lanes	1 and 6	2 and 5	3 and 4

- a. The first half of the assigned warm-up time shall be general warm-up for all lanes.
 - b. Push/Pace lanes will push off one or two lengths from starting end.
 - c. Sprint lanes are for diving from blocks or for backstroke starts in specified lanes at designated times and from the designated end. Swimmers must exit the pool on the opposite end.
 - d. There will be no diving in the general warm-up lanes—circle swimming only.
 - e. No kickboards, pull buoys, or hand paddles may be used.
- III. Safety Guidelines
- a. Coaches are responsible for the following:
 1. Instructing swimmers regarding safety guidelines and warm-up procedures as they apply to conduct at meets and practices.
 2. Actively supervising their swimmers throughout the warm-up sessions, at meets, and all practices.
 3. Maintaining as much contact with their swimmers AS POSSIBLE, both verbal and visual, throughout the warm-up period.
 - b. The host team will be responsible for the following:
 1. A minimum of four marshals who report to and receive instructions from the Meet Referee and/or Director shall be on deck during the entire warm-up session(s).
 2. Marshals will have the authority to remove from the deck for the remainder of a warm-up session, any swimmer or coach found to be in violation of these procedures.
 3. The host team shall provide signs for each lane at both ends of the pool, indicating their designated use during warm-ups.
 4. Warm-up times and lane assignments will be published in the meet information and posted at several locations around the pool area and the following statement will appear in the meet information: “South Texas Swimming Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures will be in effect at this meet.”
 5. An announcer will be on duty for the entire warm-up session to announce lane and/or time changes and to assist with the conduct of the warm-up.
 6. Hazards in locker rooms, on deck, or in areas used by coaches, swimmers, or officials will be either removed or clearly marked.

B. MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- I. Backstrokers will ensure that they are not starting at the same time as a swimmer on the blocks. Swimmers shall not step up on the blocks if there is a backstroker waiting to start.
- II. Swimmers shall not jump or dive into the pool to stop another swimmer on a recalled start.
- III. Swimmers are required to exit the pool on completion of their warm-up to allow other swimmers adequate warm-up time. The pool is not for visiting or playing during the warm-up session.
- IV. Warm-up procedures will be enforced for any breaks scheduled during the competition.
- V. No hand paddles, fins, or kickboards may be used at any time during general, specific, or between warm-ups unless approved by the Meet Referee.

NOTE: Host Clubs, with the consent of the Meet Referee, may modify the time schedule or recommended lane assignments depending on pool configuration, number of swimmers, or other considerations; so long as safety considerations are not compromised. Any such changes will be announced and/or prominently posted in the pool area.



2020 – 2021 NEISD Davis Natatorium and Bill Walker Pool Swim Facilities Safety Protocol and Procedures

● Age Group Swimmers and Spectators at USA-Sanctioned Swim Meets

- Self-screen for symptoms at home before arriving at Aquatic facilities-see below
- Maintain six feet social distancing (SD) at all times in the water and on deck
- Enter Davis facility front door as marked sign in at facility entrance desk
- Enter Davis deck area through “Entrance Doors” signs will be posted (SD)
- Exit Davis deck area through marked “Exit” doors and exit facility through marked “Exit” doors.
- Go directly to assigned team area / warm-up lanes with coach guidance following guidelines
- Exit Walker through North doors marked “Exit”
- No gatherings or groups congregating together will be allowed
- Showers available (SD), lockers not available, restroom toilets will be accessible
- Bring your own “filled” water bottle; water fountains are not accessible
- No cell phones allowed in facility
- Follow all safety protocol procedures posted at facility
- No “high fives” or handshakes during practices/meets
- No spectators during practices
- Spectators limited to 250 in Walker Pool upstairs bleacher area
- Families may sit together
- Sit in every other row to allow for social distancing
- Masks must be worn at all times
- Those not following NEISD facility protocols will be asked to leave the facility

● Covid-19 Screening Symptoms:

- Cough
- Shortness of Breath
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle Pain
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Fever of 100 degrees or greater
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have Covid-19

