

*The University of Texas at Austin***LONGHORN AQUATICS**

**2008 Longhorn Aquatics New Years Classic  
January 19-21, 2008**

**Welcome:** Longhorn Aquatics invites you to join us at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center (Swim Center) to compete in our Prelims/Finals meet. This meet is open to all USA registered swimmers who meet the qualifying times where applicable. The meet will be conducted in two indoor 25 yard courses, using a Colorado Timing System and Hy-Tek Meet Manager software. Designated warm-up lanes will be available during the meet.

**Location:** The Swim Center is located on the University of Texas Campus, one block west of I-35 on the northwest corner of the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Red River Street.

**Schedule:** Preliminaries are in the morning, finals are in the evening each day.

|          | <u>Morning</u>                 | <u>Evening</u>                   |
|----------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Saturday | Warm-up 7:30AM<br>Start 8:30AM | Warm-up 5:00 PM<br>Start 6:00 PM |
| Sunday   | Warm-up 7:30AM<br>Start 8:30AM | Warm-up 5:00 PM<br>Start 6:00 PM |
| Monday   | Warm-up 7:30AM<br>Start 8:30AM | Warm-up 4:00 PM<br>Start 5:00 PM |

**Qualifying Times:** There are qualifying times to enter all events 200 yards and longer. The qualifying times are the 2005 – 2008 “B” National Age Group Motivational times. Where there are not times listed for 10 & Unders, they must meet the 11-12 time standard in order to enter.

Other than the 1650, times will not be pre-proved. For 200 yard events and longer, athletes that do not finish within the qualifying time will be required to prove their entry time. A website or hard copy of results for any sanctioned or approved USA Swimming meet will be accepted as proof. Swimmers that cannot prove an entry time (in yards) will be fined \$25 payable to the University of Texas. These swimmers will be barred from competition (at this or subsequent TXLA meets at the Swim Center) until the fines are paid.

For the 50 and 100 yard events (which do not have qualifying times and therefore cannot be subject to a penalty), do not enter with a NT. A good estimated SCY time will ensure your athlete is seeded in the proper heat -- this provides the best competition for all athletes.

**Sanctions:** This meet is sanctioned by South Texas Swimming and 2008 rules apply. All swimmers must be registered as athletes for 2008 with USA Swimming by the entry deadline. Athletes that register with USA Swimming after the entry deadline may deck enter the meet only if the meet director is given the okay by Angella Woodward, South Texas' Executive Secretary.

**Meet Format:** Both prelim and final events will be swum in two short course yard pools, unless a session is small, in which case we reserve the right to swim in only one pool. During prelims, even heats will be swum in the North end (American Flag end) and odd heats will be swum in the South end (Texas Flag end). Prelim events will be seeded by time and gender only. Age groups will be

combined. All events will swim fastest to slowest. We reserve the right to split the warm-up session based on the number of entries.

During finals, boys will swim at one end and girls will swim at the other end. In finals, events will swim slowest to fastest.

Relays are timed final events and will be swum as the first events in finals. Teams are limited to two relay teams per event. Relay cards are due to the Clerk of Course by the end of the prelim session on the day the relay will swim. We will assume you are scratching your relay if a relay card is not turned in by the end of the prelim session.

**Scratch Rule:** The top qualifiers in each preliminary event will be posted and announced after the final heat. All swimmers, including the top qualifiers, have 30 minutes to decide whether they will swim in finals. If they don't want to swim in finals, they must scratch, or declare an intent to scratch, at the clerk of course within 30 minutes following the announcement. Parents are not allowed on deck for this purpose.

As top qualifiers scratch, other swimmers becomes eligible for finals. So if a swimmer does NOT want to swim in finals, they should scratch their name on the list at clerk of course **no matter how far down the list their name appears**. The athletes swimming in finals will be posted as soon as possible after the 30 minute scratch period.

Any swimmer included in finals who fails to report to the starting blocks in finals will be subject to a penalty of \$50. Swimmers will be barred from competition at the Swim Center until fines are paid.

There is no penalty for failing to scratch from a pre-seeded preliminary event.

In finals, events will be separated by gender and age, and seeded by time. The number of heats qualifying for finals in 50 and 100 yard events is as follows:

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| 10 & Under | 2 heats |
| 11-12      | 2 heats |
| 13-14      | 2 heats |
| 15 & Over  | 2 heats |

In 200 yard events, the number of heats qualifying for finals is as follows:

|            |         |
|------------|---------|
| 10 & Under | 1 heat  |
| 11-12      | 2 heats |
| 13-14      | 2 heats |
| 15 & Over  | 2 heats |

In 400 and 500 events, the number of heats qualifying for finals is as follows:

|           |         |
|-----------|---------|
| 11-12     | 1 heat  |
| 13-14     | 2 heats |
| 15 & Over | 2 heats |

We reserve the right to cap the number of swimmers in prelims to stay within the four hour rule. Swimmers will be entered in the order entries are received.

The 1650 on Saturday is a timed final event. This event will be limited to the fastest four heats of boys and the fastest four heats of girls. No deck entries will be accepted for the 1650. Proof of time is required and should be submitted to the entry chair with entries. Entries in the mile submitted without proof, will not be entered. The fastest heat will swim in the evening during finals; the 3 remaining heats will swim in prelims, fastest to slowest. 1650 swimmers must provide their own timers and lap counters.

### Check-in:

Positive check-in is required for the 1650 Free, 400IM and 500 Free. 1650 swimmers must check-in with the Clerk-of-Course 30 minutes prior to the start of the session. Check in for the 400IM and 500 Free will be available 2 hours before the events are scheduled to be swum and due 1 hour later. These times will be announced and posted on deck on the day of the event.

Swimmers that check-in for an event and fail to swim will be fined \$25 payable to the University of Texas. These swimmers will be barred from competition (at this or subsequent TXLA meets at the Swim Center) until the fines are paid.

**Entry Deadline:** Entries must be received by **Monday, January 7, 2008 at 6 PM.**

**Entry fees must be received by Friday, January 11, 2008** or your entries will not be accepted.

**Entries:**

Swimmers may enter a maximum of 3 individual events per day. The age of the swimmer will be his/her age on January 19, 2008. Enter all events with previous best times achieved in short course yards. For the 50 and 100 yard events (which do not have qualifying times and therefore cannot be subject to a penalty), do not enter with a NT. If you need to estimate a SCY time for your athlete, please do so. A good estimated SCY time will ensure your athlete is seeded in the proper heat -- this provides the best competition for all athletes.

All teams with five or more swimmers entered in the meet must submit their entries using Version 3 or 4 of Hy-Tek Team Manager software.

Email entries to Rhonda Dirvin at [jrdirvin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrdirvin@sbcglobal.net). When you email the entries, also attach a Word document of the Hy-Tek Meet Entry Report by swimmer. If you don't receive an email confirmation, your entries were not received.

Teams with fewer than five swimmers may send an **email** including the team, team abbreviation, LSC, the swimmers full name (as registered with USA Swimming), USA ID, event numbers, event description, and entry times for each swimmer.

**Entry fees must be received by Friday, January 11, 2008.** Please send one check per team. Please include the meet entry fees report with your check. You do NOT need to mail a copy of the entries you emailed earlier.

No paper, phone, or fax entries will be accepted. Entries received without accurate USA Swimming registration numbers will NOT be accepted or processed.

**Entry Fees:** \$8.00 per individual event, \$10 or relays. This includes the South Texas Swimming splash fee of \$1.25 per splash. Once check per team please.

Make checks payable to **The University of Texas at Austin** and  
Mail to: Meet Director—New Year's Classic  
Rhonda Dirvin  
1218 Havre Lafitte Dr  
Austin, TX 78746

**Deck Entries:** Deck entries will be accepted only for open lanes. No new heats will be created. You may deck enter for the current session beginning at the start of warm-up. Deck entries will close 30 minutes before the start of each session. You may deck enter the future sessions' events after deck entries close for the current session.

The deck entry fee is \$15.00 per event. Relay deck entry fees are \$20 per relay. **Swimmers not previously entered in the meet must present their USA swimming registration card** at Clerk of Course to be able to deck enter.

**Awards:** Ribbons, first through eighth place will be awarded according to the following age groupings: boys and girls 10 and under , and 11 -12. No other awards will be given.

**Meet Referee:**  
Mark Mueller  
512 258-5119  
webmaster@stswim.org

**Meet Director:**  
Rhonda Dirvin  
512-327-3537  
[jrdirvin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrdirvin@sbcglobal.net)

**Head Coach:**  
Randy Reese  
512-471-7433

# Order of Events

## Saturday, January 19, 2008

| Girls | Events                | Boys |
|-------|-----------------------|------|
| 1     | 100 Freestyle         | 2    |
| 3     | 50 Backstroke         | 4    |
| 5     | 200 Breaststroke (a)  | 6    |
| 7     | 100 Butterfly         | 8    |
| 9     | 1650 Freestyle (a) ** | 10   |

(a) This event has a qualifying time. See "Qualifying Times" on page 1 of the meet announcement.

\*\* Swimmers must provide their own counter and timer. Positive check-in is required.

## Sunday, January 20, 2008

| Girls | Events                                  | Boys |
|-------|---|------|
| 11    | 10& Under 200 Medley Relay**            | 12   |
| 13    | 11& Over 400 Medley Relay**             | 14   |
| 15    | 200 Freestyle (a)                       | 16   |
| 17    | 50 Butterfly                            | 18   |
| 19    | 100 Breaststroke                        | 20   |
| 21    | 100 Individual Medley                   | 22   |
| 23    | 200 Backstroke (a)                      | 24   |
| 25    | 12& Under 400 Individual Medley (a) (b) | 26   |
| 27    | 13& Over 400 Individual Medley (a) (b)  | 28   |

(a) This event has a qualifying time. See "Qualifying Times" on page 1 of the meet announcement.

\*\* Relays are timed final events and will be swim as the first events in the evening session.

(b) Requires positive check-in.

Events 25 and 27 and events 26 and 28 may be combined.

## Monday, January 21, 2008

| Girls | Events                       | Boys |
|-------|------------------------------|------|
| 29    | 200 Freestyle Relay **       | 30   |
| 31    | 200 Butterfly (a)            | 32   |
| 33    | 50 Breaststroke              | 34   |
| 35    | 200 Individual Medley (a)    | 36   |
| 37    | 100 Backstroke               | 38   |
| 39    | 50 Freestyle                 | 40   |
| 41    | 12 & Under 500 Freestyle (a) | 42   |
| 43    | 13 & Over 500 Freestyle (a)  | 44   |

\*\* Relays are timed final events and will swim as the first events in the evening session.

(a) This event has a qualifying time. See "Qualifying Times" on page 1 of the meet announcement.

Events 41 and 43 and events 42 and 44 may be combined.

Swimmers in the 500 Freestyle must provide their own counters and timers.

**Officials:** Help from visiting officials is always welcome. Visiting officials are asked to email the meet referee so he can plan accordingly. Visiting officials are asked to email the Meet Referee with their certification level and availability so he can plan accordingly. Nametags are very helpful, please bring and wear yours if you have one.

**Timers:** We will fill as many timer slots as possible with Longhorn Aquatics parents, but we almost always fall a little short. Please help us keep the meet running smoothly by promptly responding to a call for timers.

**Special Needs:** Please notify the Jamail Texas Swimming Center Staff (512-471-7703) in advance of this event with the name and age of any member on your team who needs assistance to enter the building. TSC staff will make reasonable accommodations for swimmers, coaches, or spectators who wish to enter and use our facility.

In any meet sanctioned or approved by this LSC that may include one or more swimmers with visual, hearing, mental, or physical disabilities, the judging of such competitors shall be in strict accordance with the current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, i.e., Article 105. A disability is defined as a PERMANENT physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

**Deck Access:** Only USA Swimming registered athletes entered in the meet, coaches, officials and volunteers will be allowed access beyond the front desk of the Texas Swimming Center. Those wishing to volunteer as a timer will be given a pass to access the deck and help for that specific purpose. Coaches and officials will be required to show their current USA Swimming registration card at the front desk in order to be on deck.

Please be aware that swimmers will not be allowed onto the deck until one of their team coaches has checked in and is on deck.

Any non-registered individuals not respecting these rules will be removed from that area or from the facility at the discretion of the meet director, Longhorn Aquatics Program Director or Texas Swimming Center staff.

**Liability:** USA Swimming, South Texas Swimming, The University of Texas, The Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center, and Longhorn Aquatics accept no responsibility or liability for injuries sustained by any individual, athlete, coach, official, meet volunteer, or spectator while traveling to and from or while participating in the 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.

**TSC Rules:** As guests of The University of Texas, all must adhere to the Texas Swim Center (TSC) rules. Coaches must supervise their swimmers. Chewing gum and glass containers are not permitted in the building. Locks may not be left on lockers overnight. Wet swimmers cannot leave pool deck. Children must be supervised at all times.

**Spectators and athletes may not bring food nor drink into the Texas Swim Center from outside sources. Teams ARE permitted to bring two (2) coolers on to the deck.**

**Parking:** After 5:45 PM on weekdays and all day Sunday parking is open on a space available basis on the surface lots surrounding the Swim Center. Please read all signs carefully as some spaces are reserved "At All Times." Parking in these spaces will likely result in a parking citation. For more information, check the Parking and Transportation web site at <http://www.utexas.edu/parking/> or call the TSC Front Desk at 512-471-7703.

More detailed parking information will be posted on the Longhorn Aquatics website (<http://www.utexas.edu/longhornaquatics>) closer to the meet.

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**Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center**  
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Austin, Texas 78712-0363

**2007-2008 Sponsor Hotels**

**Radisson Hotel & Suites on Town Lake**

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**Contact: Emily Hastings**  
(512) 478-9611

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**Contact: Divya Siaghal**  
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**DoubleTree Club Hotel**

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Austin, Texas 78702



**Contact: RaDell Gibbs**  
(512) 479-4000 ext. 7020  
[radell\\_gibbs@hilton.com](mailto:radell_gibbs@hilton.com)

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Austin, TX 78752



**Contact: Amber Lamb** (group reservations)  
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**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 may be done only under the direct supervision of the coach
- II. Open warm-up procedures.

**LANE USE**

| <b>POOL</b> | <b>PUSH/PACE</b> | <b>DIVES/SPRINTS</b> | <b>GENERAL WARMUP</b> |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 ½ 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. One way only! Dive sprints may only be done under the direct supervision of the coach.
- d. There will be no diving in the general warm-up lanes. Circle swimming only.
- e. No kick boards, pull buoys, or hand paddles may be used.

**3. 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 (4) 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 must be members of United States Swimming.
  - 3) Marshals will have 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.
  - 4) The host team shall provide signs for each lane at both ends of the pool, indicating their designated use during warm-ups.
  - 5) Warm-up times and lane assignments will be published in the meet information and posted at several locations around the pool area. 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."
  - 6) 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.
  - 7) Hazards in locker rooms, on deck, or areas used by coaches, swimmers, or officials will be either removed or clearly marked.

**B. MISCELLANEOUS NOTES**

- 1. Backstrokers will ensure that they are not starting as 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.
- 2. Swimmers shall not jump or dive into the pool to stop another swimmer on a recalled start.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Warm-up procedures will be enforced for any breaks scheduled during the competition.
- 5. No hand paddles, fins, or kickboards may be used at any time during general, specific, or between warmup unless approved by the 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.***

**STSI Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures**