

**TAPPS Central Region Swimming
Qualifying Meet – District 2
January 29, 2024**



Sponsors: TAPPS and North East ISD

Schedule: Monday, January 29, 2024

- 7:45 am Doors open (pay prior to going into pool)
- 8:00 am Coaches meeting (Josh Davis classroom)
- 8:30 am Warm-up #1 starts
- 9:00 am Warm-up #2 starts
- 9:00 am Officials Meeting in Josh Davis classroom
- 9:30 am Competition Pool (Walker Pool) - Sprint lanes (1-8) open with 0 and 9 as push/pace
- 9:30 am All timers report in lobby outside of pool area (by the stairs)
- 9:50 am Clear Pool
- 9:55 am National Anthem
- 10:00 am Competition begins

Meet Venue: **Bill Walker SOUTH pool**
 Blossom Athletic Center (Also known as North East Stadium)
 Jones-Maltsberger Road at Starcrest/Bitters
 San Antonio, TX 78216
 210-356-6925

Parking & Access:

- Spectators must enter the facility by the Davis Natatorium front doors.
- Buses are required to unload their athletes at the front doors
- Buses are required to park in the BAC Soccer Parking Lot behind the Davis Natatorium
- Buses may move around the facility in order to re-load their athletes from the North End of the Walker Pool
- Athletes and Coaches are required to park in the soccer field lot behind the Davis Natatorium and enter the facility via the front doors of the Davis Natatorium marked **Coaches and Athletes Only**
- Officials must also enter the facility by the Davis Natatorium front doors.

Facility:

- The **Bill Walker Pool** opened in October of 2019.
- It is an indoor, 10-lane facility with off-deck spectator seating for 800.
- The course has been professionally certified IAW Article 104.2.2C(4) and the data is on file with USA Swimming.
- This competition will be conducted in the **SOUTH** 25-yard Pool
- 2.24 meters (7.5-ft) wide lanes.

- Water depth one meter from start end is 7.7 ft
- All automatic starting and timing with full digital scoreboard
- Strobe on each starting block
- Sixteen adjacent lanes for warm-ups and cool downs

Rules, Regulations and Policies:

- 1) The 2023-2024 National Federation of High School Swimming Rules, with the exceptions noted in the current TAPPS Constitution, By-Laws and Contest Rules, will govern this meet.
- 2) **All coaches are responsible for knowing the NFHS rules for the 2023-2024 swim season.**
- 3) This will be run in championship format as stated in the NFHS swimming rules.
- 4) **Swimsuits must completely cover the buttocks, as stated in the NFHS rules.**
- 5) Deck changing is prohibited
- 6) Two-piece swim wear is prohibited at all times
- 7) No writing or marking on body is allowed
- 8) Parents and other spectators are not permitted on deck at any time for any reason – **even after the meet has ended**. We encourage parents to take pictures from the spectator seating area or outside. Flash photography of any sort is expressly forbidden during competition.
- 9) Times noted on the scoreboard and on Meet Mobile are never official and must not ever be regarded as such.
- 10) Coaches are **not allowed** to bring chairs on deck.
- 11) All swimmers are required to wear their approved uniforms and warm-ups
- 12) TAPPS does not allow ANY photography or videography on deck beginning with warm-ups through the end of the meet.
- 13) Hats, body or face painting, costumes, and/or props will not be allowed.

Spectator Clear Bag Policy:

Please see the graphic on page 7

Cell Phone Restrictions:

- The presence and/or use of cell phones, and/or any other equipment capable of producing audio recordings, photographic or video images in locker rooms, rest rooms, changing areas, or anywhere behind the starting blocks is strictly prohibited at all times.
- Violators are subject to disqualification from the meet, disbarment from the facility, and arrest.

Meet Format:

- Timed final swimming competition
- Swimmers will be seeded by time and gender without regard to Division
- Meet Manager will score by Division
- All events will be ordered *slowest to fastest*
- No exhibition swimmers are allowed either in individual or relay events.

National Time Verification:

- This meet will be “Approved for Observation” by USA Swimming for NTV purposes.
- **THE RULES HAVE CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY, SO PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:**

- The coach must enter the swimmer's name EXACTLY as it is on the swimmer's USA-S account. It no longer has to be their legal name, but it must be the name in which they registered.
- Coaches may need to change the swimmer's name and add the new USA ID numbers in the Team Manager database.
- You must enter DOB and Gender in the database
- The correct USA-S ID must be entered – it is a random alphanumeric code that is assigned when the swimmer registers in the SWIMS database.
- Times achieved by swimmers who are currently registered with USA Swimming and have all the accurate information in the high school database will be transferred.
- **See last page on this meet invitation for more information.**

Qualifying Times:

- None required
- However, *coaches are strongly encouraged* to enter slower, inexperienced swimmers only in the **50 and 100-yard freestyle events**.

State Qualification:

- The top 3 fastest times for each event from each Region will advance to the State Meet. The next fastest 7 times from all three regions will also advance to State. No swimmer will advance to state with a time slower than the Upper Limit Qualifying Times listed on the TAPPS website.

Entries: (PLEASE READ THROUGH THIS CAREFULLY)

- Each swimmer is allowed to enter a maximum of four (4) events; no more than two (2) may be individual events. Each team may enter a maximum of four (4) swimmers per event and one (1) relay team per event.
- Entries in Hy-Tek Team Manager must be emailed to: meet.entries@aol.com (Mike Duswalt)
- Schools **must** use their **correct TAPPS code** when entering meet. Go to [TAPPS Swim Codes](#) to check your code.
- Athlete's grade should be **numeric** (9, 10, 11, 12)
- Entries:
 - 1) **Rename** the Hy-Tek Zip file to clearly identify the entering team;
 - 2) The **subject** of your email should be: Code - School – Region (Central) - Division (1, 2, 3)
 Example: **WEC – Eagle Christian Waco – Central - 3**
 - 3) Please attach a pdf copy of your entry report **and** entry fee report with the entry file. Both are found under “reports” in Team Manager.
- Hy-Tek Meet Entry File will be posted to TAPPS website. Go there to download. These will not be emailed to individual teams.
- **Times must be included with all entries. Any event entered with a NT, “No Time”, will be scratched from the meet.**
- **Entries are due** by at 5 PM on January 18th – no exceptions

Relays:

- Eight individuals may be designated as part of the relay

- It will not count as an event unless that individual competes on the relay team.
- Only the four swimmers declared on the front of the relay card (or relay sheet) are permitted to report to the blocks and compete.
- If the swimmers are to be correctly noted in the Final Results, the order of swimming must also be specified. All four swimmers, including the lead-off swimmers, must officially be declared at the specified times (listed below). Rule 3-2-5
 - Relay cards for the 200-yard Medley Relay must be turned into the **Official Scorer** not later than the end of the coaches' meeting.
 - Relay cards for the 200-yard Relay must be turned in to the **Official Scorer** not later than the start of the men's 500-yard freestyle.
 - Relay cards for the 400-yard Free Relay must be turned in to the **Official Scorer** not later than the start of the men's 100-yard backstroke.
- Once relay cards have been turned in to the Official Scorer, no changes will be permitted, and post-meet corrections will not be permitted.

Entry fees:

- **\$25.00 per athlete**
- **\$30.00 per athlete if entered via TAPPS representative. No school with more than 4 swimmers will be entered by TAPPS. Please go to this website for information on how to download the Lite version and enter swimmers.**

[HyTek Team Manager Lite](#)

- Checks payable to: **TAPPS**. Checks will be collected when your team checks in on the morning of the meet.
- **Please note: all swimmers initially entered will required to be included in the payment. If you scratch a swimmer prior to the meet, but have entered him/her, the swimmer must be included in the payment.**

TIMERS:

- Each (three-plus member) teams are required to provide two backup lane timers, who will be assigned by TAPPS.
- ALL first session timers must report on the deck near the starting blocks no later than 9:30 am

Psych Sheet:

A psych sheet will be available on TAPPS.biz (swimming) by January 22nd, 2024.

Scratch Rules:

- Pre-Meet Scratches only (no event changes) are due on January 23rd, 2024 by 5 PM. Email meet.entries@aol.com . *Pre-meet scratches are for swimmers who will not be able to attend the meet.* An event change cannot be made; this includes taking a swimmer out of one of their two entered individual events so he/she may participate in three relays. Any swimmer CAN swim one individual event and three relays; however, this needs to be done when you enter your team.
- This is a High School Championship, timed-final format meet.
- Scratches are not permitted.
- Swimmers who fail to appear for any competition which they have entered, will be disqualified from further competition.
- Previous performances will not be nullified.

- Failures to compete by reason of illness or injury are excepted.
- An individual swimmer or relay team may withdraw from competition without penalty in any given event by declaring a false start (DFS).
- Declared false starts **DO** count as an event. The DFS form **MUST** be given only to the Head Meet Referee two events prior to the event the swimmer is declaring as a false start.

Scoring:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Individual	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Relay	18	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

- **Scoring at State Meets will be 1-16. Please keep this in mind as you place your Regional Swimmers.**

Awards:

- Team awards will be given for 1st - 3rd place in both girls and boys divisions.
- Medals will be given for 1st - 3rd place, and ribbons for 4th - 6th place in both girls and boys divisions in each event.
- We ask that you do not come into the awards room until TAPPS personnel are finished. Any interruption will slow down the process.

Photography:

- TAPPS does not allow any photography or videography on deck from the time warmups begin to the conclusion of the meet.

ORDER OF EVENTS

WOMEN'S EVENT #	DISTANCE (YARDS) AND STOKE	MEN'S EVENT #
1	200 Medley Relay	2
Five Minute Break		
3	200 Freestyle	4
5	200 Individual Medley	6
7	50 Freestyle	8
15 Minute Break		
11	100 Butterfly	12
13	100 Freestyle	14
15	500 Freestyle	16
Five Minute Break		
17	200 Free Relay	18
19	100 Backstroke	20
21	100 Breaststroke	22
Five Minute Break		
23	400 Free Relay	24

OFFICIALS:

- All officials must be properly registered for the 2023 – 2024 Season and have passed the current NFHS exam.
- Officials not currently registered are not covered by NFHS Insurance and will not be assigned.
- The Meet Referee will make all deck assignments BEFORE the meet.
- Therefore, all officials who desire to be assigned to deck positions MUST notify the Meet Referee of their intentions and availability NOT LATER than 6:00 PM, Monday, January 24, 2024.
- Please submit your information to: rd.russ@yahoo.com Rick Russell
- Uniform will be white over khaki.

Entries Chair: Mike Duswalt, meet.entries@aol.com

Meet Director: Bill Spurgeon wspurg@neisd.net

Head Meet Referee: Rick Russell rd.russ@yahoo.com (210-834-7409)

Administrative Official: Mindy Donofrio, mindy311@sbcglobal.net (210-391-2024)

TAPPS Swim Director: Cerise Skinner, ceriseskinner@gmail.com



NO PURSES. NO BAGS.

NEISD BAC PURSE/BAG POLICY



Prohibited Bags

PROHIBITED ITEMS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

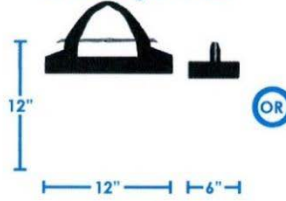
- All purses, bags or containers larger than a small clutch bag
- Backpacks
- Binocular case – Binoculars may be worn around the neck
- Briefcases
- Camera bags
- Cinch bags
- Computer bags
- Coolers
- Fanny packs
- Luggage of any kind



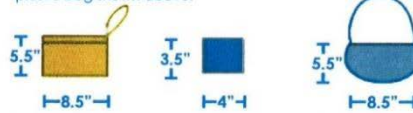
Approved Bags

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 RESITRICTIONS DO NOT APPLY TO ATHLETES, COACHES, ADMINISTRATORS OR OFFICIALS.

HIGH SCHOOL COACHES and ADMINISTRATORS, PLEASE NOTE!

USA Swimming (USA-S) has made significant revisions to its registration process, which in turn have made changes to the National Time Verification (NTV) program necessary. These revisions of policy and procedure directly effect how certain times from high school competition are permitted to be entered into the National SWIMS Database.

Many, if not most of you, have one or more Club swimmers who are, or should be; registered members of USA-S on your High School Team. Each such athlete, by rule and policy, is ostensibly registered with USA-S for the current year. As proof of that registration, each will have a USA-S Identification (ID) card containing information related to the NTV Program about which you need to be familiar.

The important revisions to USA-S registration include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Parents and guardians are now required create USA-S accounts for athletes and may enter the athlete's name in whatever fashion desired.
- Birth Certificates are no longer checked for "full legal name," so a nickname, the last name they use, etc. are now acceptable, e.g., swimmer's "legal" name may be John William Hernandez-Smith but the swimmer goes by Jack Hernandez and the latter is what can now be entered as the name on the USAS side.
- That is also the name high school coaches must now use. On the other hand, if a full legal name was entered, then the high school coach must use it.
- It is imperative that the name in the high school database perfectly matches what is in SWIMS, including the middle initial.
- Consequently, PLEASE do not use "full legal names" any longer as there is no guarantee the swimmer's full legal name is in SWIMS.
- The date of birth and gender must be included
- The correct USAS ID must also be included. The USAS ID is now 14 random, alphanumeric characters. SWIMS will not recognize the older IDs (6 digits followed by 8 characters).
- Athletes must be a member of USA-S in good standing as of the meet start date for the times from observed meets to be loaded to the SWIMS database.
- For athlete members ages 18 and older, a current Athlete Protection Training (APT) is also required.
- Effective September 9, 2023; South Texas Swimming may no longer go back and load times achieved at observed meets by swimmers who were not members of USAS in good standing as of the observed meet's start date even if they later register with USA-S, renew an expired membership, and complete the APT if applicable.

SWIMS Users always endeavor to match athletes to times that will not load, but it is generally unknown if the mismatch is because of the name, birth date or if the athlete is not currently registered. When there is complete and correct data in the high school database, SWIMS Users can almost always match athletes easily.

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