

TAPPS 2026 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Sponsors: TAPPS and North East ISD

Dates: Division 3 - February 09, 2026
Division 2 - February 10, 2026
Division 1 - February 11, 2026

Daily

Schedule: **Monday (2/09), Tuesday (2/10), Wednesday (2/11)**

7:30 am	Doors open for COACHES and Teams (Teams should go upstairs until warm-ups begin. Teams have assigned seating on the deck.)
8:00 am	Coaches meeting (Josh Davis classroom)
8:45 am	Warm-ups start. All teams will get 15 minutes of warm-up in competition pool so we will have one session of warm-ups.
9:00 am	Officials Meet in Davis Classroom
9:00 am	Doors open for SPECTATORS
9:30 am	All timers report to weight room on the deck.
9:30 am	Competition Pool - Sprint lanes (2-7) open with 1 and 8 as push/pace
9:40 am	Clear Pool
9:45 am	Event #1 Relays report to blocks
9:45 am	First Session Timers report
9:55 am	National Anthem
10:00 am	Competition begins

Venue: Josh Davis Natatorium
Blossom Athletic Center
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 will enter the facility through the Davis Natatorium front doors.

General Information:

- Because of limited deck space, please do NOT bring extra swimmers who are not in the meet or alternates on the deck. They can sit in the spectator section to watch the meet.
- There will be assigned team seating on deck.
- Teams are allowed 2 coolers. We ask that you keep your areas (up and down) clean.

Facility – JOSH DAVIS NATATORIUM

- Eight FINA-width (2.25-meters) lanes
- 2.25-meters (7.5-ft) wide lanes ranging in depth from 7.7-ft at the start end to 13-ft. at the turn end
- All automatic starting and timing
- Strobe on each starting block
- Full, real-time video scoreboard
- Stadium seating for 1500

Facility Rules, Regulations, and Policies:

- The 2025-2026 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.
- **All coaches are responsible for knowing the NFHS rules for the 2025-2026 swim season.**
- Times noted on the scoreboard or on MeetMobile are never official and must not ever be regarded as such.
- Swimmers may not wear club-affiliated gear/attire at any time during this meet.
- This will be run in championship format as stated in the NFHS swimming rules.
- **Swimsuits must completely cover the buttocks, as stated in the NFHS rules. See-through swimsuits are inappropriate and will not be allowed. Two-piece swim wear is prohibited at all times (including during warmups). See-through suits are considered inappropriate and will not be allowed.**
- Deck changing is prohibited.
- No writing or marking on body is allowed.
- No shaving on-site.
- **CHAIRS** – Coaches are **NOT ALLOWED** to bring chairs on deck.
- Parents and other spectators are not permitted on deck at any time for any reason – **even after the meet has ended. You may take pictures from the stands or outside by the TAPPS flags/sign.**
- Hats, body or face painting, costumes, and/or props will not be allowed.
- 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.
- No flash photograph of any sort is allowed during competition.
- TAPPS does not allow ANY photography or videography on deck beginning with warm-ups through the end of the meet, this includes swimmers, coaches, managers, or timers.
- There is a “Clear Bag” policy for spectators. Please see page 6.

Meet Format:

- Timed final swimming competition
- Swimmers will be seeded in heats relative to their Region Meet times.

- All events will be swum slowest to fastest.
- See page 5 for event order and breaks.

National Time Verification:

- This meet will be “Approved for Observation” by USA Swimming for NTV purposes, which means times achieved by properly registered and entered USA Swimming athletes can be loaded into the SWIMS National Database.
- In order for a time from a high school championship or season culminating meet to be entered into the USA Swimming (USA-S) National SWIMS Database, the athlete must be currently (2026) registered with USA-S AND the athlete’s USA Swimming ID Number, name (first, last, middle initial) and birthdate must be completely and accurately entered into the TAPPS State Meet Manager Database.
- If done correctly, no further action by either the coach or the athlete is necessary. If coaches completed these requirements in the Regional Entries, these will transfer to the State Database.
- All swims involving the backstroke, butterfly, and breaststroke will be observed by USA Swimming Certified Officials. Exceptions to the technical rules will be noted to the NTV Officer on deck.

Entries

- Entries will automatically be transferred to the State Database from the Regional Meets

Relays:

- A Relay form will be posted on the TAPPS site. Please fill these out by **TUESDAY, February 3rd , 2026, by 5pm**. All schools with relays must fill these out.
- Eight individuals (4 swimmers and 4 alternates) may be designated as part of the relay. Please include them on your relay entries if they are relay-only swimmers.
- Relay-only swimmers who are not listed on this form, will not be able to compete.
- It will not count as an event unless that individual competes on the relay team.
- Only the swimmers declared on the relay card/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.
- Relay cards/relay sheets for the 200-yard Medley Relay must be turned into the Official Scorer one hour prior to the start of the meet.
- Relay cards/relay sheets 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/relay sheets 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 into the Official Scorer, no changes will be permitted, and post-meet corrections will not be permitted.

Entry fees:

- **\$35.00 per athlete** (including alternates and relay-only swimmers)
- Checks payable to: **TAPPS**. Checks will be collected when your team checks in on the morning of the meet.

- Please note: all swimmers advancing to the State Meet will be required to be included in the payment. This includes Relay-only swimmers. If you scratch a swimmer prior to the meet, but have entered him/her, the swimmer must be included in the payment.

TIMERS:

- We will have two timers per lane and two head-timers. A timer's sheet will be posted on the TAPPS website. Please check this and arrange for timers prior to the meet. There will be one break (after the 50 free) to change to Session Two timers.
- Coaches are responsible for getting timers for their team prior to the meet.
- Timers will meet in the weight room on the deck to be trained. All timers need to be at this meeting.

Psych Sheet:

- A psych sheet will be available on TAPPS.biz (swimming) no later than **MONDAY, February 2nd, 2026**. This will only be posted once the State Qualifier List is published.
- It is the coach's responsibility to read the psych sheet and report any problems.

Scratch Rules:

- **Pre-Meet Scratches** only (no event changes) are due by **TUESDAY, February 3rd, 2026, by 5 pm**. Scratch Form is posted on TAPPS site. 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.
- This is a High School Championship, timed-final format meet.
- Scratches past the pre-meet scratch date 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.
- Declared False Start (DFS) will count as an event. At the TAPPS State Meet the "Fair Effort" Rule will apply. A swimmer must swim every event, relay, swim-off for which they qualify, except when an illness or injury forces a competitor to withdraw. A DFS form should be filled out and given to the Meet Referee. Failure to compete for any reason other than illness or injury shall disqualify the competitor from any further competition in the meet. A competitor may be reinstated by the referee in a later event after illness/injury if a physician or referee verifies recuperation.

Scoring:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Individual	20	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Relay	40	34	32	30	28	26	24	22	18	14	12	10	8	6	4	2

Awards:

- Team awards will be given for 1st - 4th place in both girls and boys divisions.
- Medals will be given for 1st - 3rd place in both girls and boys divisions in each event. See the schedule on page 5 for award presentation times.

Photography:

- Only the TAPPS photographer/videographer and approved media photographers/reporters will be allowed.

OFFICIALS:

- All officials must be properly registered for the 2025 – 2026 Season and have passed the NFHS current 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, Tuesday, February 3rd , 2026.
- Please submit your information to: rd.russ@yahoo.com Rick Russell
- Uniform will be navy blue over khaki.

ORDER OF EVENTS

WOMEN'S EVENT #	DISTANCE (YARDS) AND STROKE	MEN'S EVENT #
1	200 Medley Relay	2
10-Minute Break		
Recognize Region Top Swimmers		
3	200 Freestyle	4
5	200 Individual Medley	6
7	50 Freestyle	8
15 Minute Break		
Award Presentation for 200 Free, 200 IM, 50 Free		
11	100 Butterfly	12
13	100 Freestyle	14
15	500 Freestyle	16
10-Minute Break		
Award Presentation for 100 Fly, 100 Free		
17	200 Free Relay	18
19	100 Backstroke	20
21	100 Breaststroke	22
10-minute Break		
Award Presentation for 500 Free, 100 Back, 100 Breast		
23	400 Free Relay	24
<u>Award Presentations</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 200 Medley Relay, 200 Free Relay, 400 Free Relay Competitor of the Year – Boy and Girl Team Awards 		

Entries Chair: Cory Bolleter: cbolle@neisd.net
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Meet Referee: Rick Russell: rd.russ@yahoo.com
Meet Administrative Official: Mindy Donofrio: Mindyjdonofrio@gmail.com
TAPPS Swim Director: Cerise Skinner: ceriseskinner@gmail.com

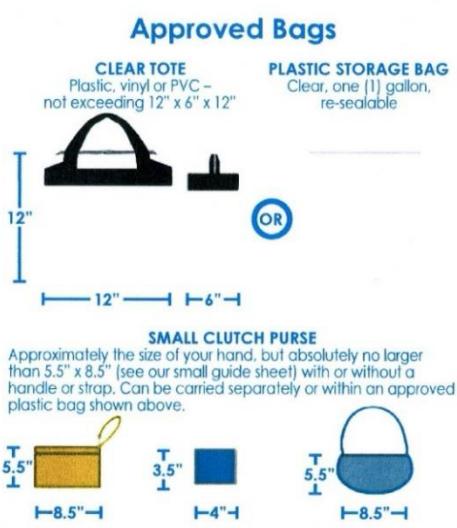
 **NO PURSES. NO BAGS.**
NEISD BAC PURSE/BAG POLICY



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