



North East Independent School District Alamo Area Aquatic Association

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Meet Information

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Meet: •2021 Arena Fall Classic **Meet Designator: AFC**
•High School Swimming and Diving* competition in Championship format
•This competition is open to all Public, Private and Parochial High Schools within and without the State of Texas
*Diving information for this meet will be addressed in a separate document

Dates: •Friday and Saturday, November 5th and 6th, 2021

Venues: •Swimming in the Bill Walker Pool and Diving in the Josh Davis Natatorium
•Blossom Athletic Center (Northeast Stadium)
•Jones-Maltsberger Road at Starcrest Drive and / or East Bitters Road
•San Antonio, TX 78216
•210-356-6925

**Absolute entry deadline:
1200, Friday, October 29, 2021
No exceptions and no late entries**

Coaches' Meeting: •Friday, November 5th ONLY – 1100 - Davis Natatorium deck-level Classroom

Daily Schedule:

•Friday: Swimming Preliminaries		•Saturday: Swimming Finals	
•Warm-ups begin	•1130	•Warm-up begin	•0830
•Officials meet	•1200 Walker Conference Room	•Officials meet	•0900
•Sprint lanes (1 - 8) open	•1220	•Sprint lanes (1 - 8) open	•0920
•Push pace lanes (0 & 9) open	•1220	•Push/Pace lanes (0 & 9) open	•0920
•Clear pool	•1245	•Clear Pool	•0945
•National Anthem	•1255	•National Anthem	•0955
•Competition begins	•1300	•Competition begins	•1000

Facilities: •The Bill Walker Pool and the Josh Davis Natatorium are part of the North East School District's Blossom Athletic Center and is also known as the North East Stadium

•WALKER South ↓ Pool (swimming preliminaries and finals):

- Ten-lane by 25-yard racing course
- 2.29-meters (7.5-ft) wide lanes
- All automatic starting and timing with full digital scoreboards
- Sixteen (16) adjacent lanes for warm-ups and cool downs
- Strobe on each starting block
- Off-deck stadium seating for 400 spectators
- Ample deck seating for athletes and coaches.
- Concessions and swim shop in the Davis Natatorium Lobby

•Water depth ↓:

•One-meter from start end	2.35m (7.7ft)	•Five-meters from start end	2.41m (7.9ft)
•One-meter from turn end	1.77m (5.8ft)	•Five-meters from turn end	1.77m (5.8ft)

- Orientation:** •The NORTH Pool backs up to the Piper-Bass Student Center
- The SOUTH ↓ Pool backs up to the Davis Natatorium and has a full-motion scoreboard

Rules: •Except as may be noted elsewhere, the 2021 – 2022 National Federation Swimming and Diving Rules will apply

Swimming Format:

- Standard High School swimming events in a Championship format, i. e. preliminaries and finals
- Consolation ("B") and Championship ("A") finals
- The Federation Whistle Start and No Recall False Start Procedures will be in use at this meet
- Fly-over starts will be utilized in the preliminary sessions - please see the **Fly-over Starts** section below



Fly-over Starts:

- In the preliminary sessions ONLY, fly-over starts will be utilized for most individual events
 - **Exceptions:** 500 Freestyle / Backstroke / Relays
- The purpose of fly-over starts is to conserve time and to establish and maintain meet momentum
- Under ideal conditions and with appropriate cooperation from the athletes, intervals between races can be held to a nominal 25 seconds
- The conditions required:
 - As swimmers finish their race, they MUST stay in the water and close to the wall as the next heat is started over their heads
 - A failure to conform to this requirement may create potentially dangerous situations
 - As soon as the outgoing race is in the water – but not before - the just finished swimmers must promptly exit the pool
- The procedure:
 - When the finishing race is approximately five meters from the wall, the Deck Referee will sound the short whistles, which alerts the next heat to be immediately ready to mount the blocks
 - When the last swimmer in the incoming heat is about to touch the wall, the Deck Referee will sound the long whistle and all swimmers MUST IMMEDIATELY mount the blocks and prepare for a start
 - As soon as the Deck Referee is satisfied the pool is clear and all is in readiness, her / his arm will be extended and the Starter will give the “Take your mark” Command
 - The same process is then repeated for each additional heat
 - Intervals between events are similarly managed, i.e., there will be no delays, exceptions noted above
- Because this procedure is time sensitive with few or no delays, upcoming swimmers must anticipate their next race, have caps and goggles in place, be properly situated behind their blocks and be immediately ready to mount the blocks on hearing the long whistle
- If careful attention is not given to the situation at hand, swimmers can very easily be late for their race and be disqualified for delay – or - miss their race entirely

Spectator Clear Bag Policy:

- Please review the graphic on page six (6)

Spectator Access

- Spectators must enter via the Davis Natatorium front doors

Facility Rules, Regulations and Policies:

- 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 rails in the Davis Natatorium is expressly forbidden
- Filming in the Davis Natatorium may only be accomplished from the blue-rail areas
- Times noted on the scoreboards are never official and must never be regarded as such

National Time

Verification:

- This meet has been Approved for Observation by USA Swimming for National Time Verification (NTV) purposes
- Times achieved by swimmers who are currently (2021 or 2022) and properly registered with USA Swimming, have an accurate and complete USA Swimming ID Number in the Meet Manager Database and conform to the USA Swimming Technical Rules will be loaded into the SWIMS Database
- Observation of all events involving the backstroke, including lead-off splits in the medley relays, will be accomplished “by exception” as all deck officials will be certified by at least one LSC and USA Swimming
 - No other action in this regard will be required of either coaches or athletes
- If required, additional information will be provided at the coaches’ meeting
- *However, coaches / athletes must ensure swimmer’s complete, accurate and valid USA Swimming ID Numbers and full names are in the Meet Manager Database prior to the conclusion of the meet if loading of times into the USA Swimming SWIMS Database is desired*
 - The necessary data is easily available from athlete’s USA Swimming ID Card



Breaks:

- A 15-minute break after the men's 50-yard freestyle in both swimming preliminaries and finals as required by Rule
- Five-minute breaks will be taken after the men's 200-yard medley relay and the 100-yard breaststroke in preliminaries and finals

Meet Setup:

- An HYV File containing the complete meet setup, including qualifying times, will be available for download into Team Manager on the High School Championship Meet Page of the Alamo Area Aquatic Association Web Site at: <http://www.aaaa-sa.org/>
- It will be to each individual swimmer's significant advantage if legal names, dates of birth and proper USA Swimming ID Numbers, if applicable; are included in the participating Team Manager Databases

Swimming 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
- Pre-proof-of-time documentation is also required – please refer to the Proof-of-Time Section below
- 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: **djohns1@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.c12 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:

- David L. Johnson
- Bill Walker Pool
- 12002 Jones-Maltsberger Road
- San Antonio, TX 78216
- 210-356-6925
- djohns1@neisd.net

Entry fees:

- \$ 8.00 per athlete per individual event
- \$15.00 per relay team
- Please make checks payable to: **N.E.I.S.D.**
- Please mail checks to:
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Entry

Restrictions:

- Only "A" and "B" teams per school may enter each relay event
- An individual swimming competitor is permitted to enter a maximum of four (4) events per day, no more than two (2) of which may be individual events
- Individual swimmers must meet the minimum qualifying time standards on page five (5)
- In general, this is a proof-of-time meet
- Each invited school / team, may enter a maximum of six (6) swimmers in each of the women's and men's 50- and 100-yard freestyle events
 - Entries into all other individual events are restricted to four (4) women and men swimmers from each participating team

Entry

Times:

- Individual swimmers must be entered with previously achieved, provable seed times in short course yards only
- Entries with no time (NT) WILL NOT be accepted and any entry fees submitted will not be refunded
- Times converted from long or short course meters are NOT acceptable
- Relay teams must enter with a seed time and conform to the minimum qualifying times on page five (5)
- Relay qualifying times may be of an actual team or in the aggregate

Proof of Time:

- All swimming entries are subject to proof-of time
- The only acceptable sources for proving times are:
 - USA Swimming National SWIMS Database
 - AAAA Results Archives
 - Specific Team manager Proof-of-Time Reports
- Teams with swimmers who fail to swim at least their entered times will be reported in writing to their school's principal and they may be denied entry to this meet in future years
- In cases where the proof-of-time verification process fails to prove the time, the athlete will not be entered into the event and any entry fees submitted will not be refunded



Relays:

- Relay only swimmers ARE permitted
- Only the four (4) swimmers declared on the front of the relay card are permitted to report to the blocks and compete
- If relay swimmers are to be correctly noted in the Final Results, the order of swimming must also be specified
- Relay cards for the preliminary* 200-yard Medley Relay must be turned in to the Official Scorer not later than the beginning of the coaches' meeting
- Relay cards for the preliminary* 200-yard Free 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 preliminary* 400-yard Free Relay must be turned in to the Official Scorer not later than the start of the women's 100-yard breaststroke
- Once relay cards have been turned in to the Official Scorer, no name changes will be permitted
- Designation of the lead-off swimmer may be altered up until the swimmers report to the blocks
- Post-meet corrections or alterations cannot be made
- For the finals* session, if there is no change in the order of swimmers or the makeup of a relay team, the Official Scorer will **NOT** require a new card be submitted
- For the finals* session, if there is a change in **either** the order of the swimmers or the makeup of a relay team a **NEW** card must be prepared and submitted to the Official Scorer as noted above.
 - *In cases where there may be ten (10) or fewer entries for any relay event, it will be contested as a timed final in the finals session only and **NOT** swum in preliminaries – the card submission restrictions noted above will, however, still apply

Qualifying**Times:**

- Individual swimmers and relay teams may enter this meet ONLY if they have at some time (Lifetime best) achieved the qualifying time listed in the Order of Events on page seven (7) for each event entered.
- There are no "free" or "bonus" events
- Swimmers who enter into and / or compete in events for which they have not achieved the qualifying time are therefore ineligible for further competition, previous exceptions noted

Entry**Deadline:**

- 1200, Friday, October 29, 2021
- No Exceptions will be made and no late or deck entries will be permitted
- Question concerning issues with entries should be addressed to the Entries Chair as noted below

Meet**Management:**

- Meet Manager 8.0
- Swimming:
- Meet Director:
- David L Johnson
- 210-356-6925
- djohns1@neisd.net

•Meet Referee:

- Rick Russell
- 210-834-7409
- rd.russ@yahoo.com

•Administrative Official:

- Mindy Donofrio
- 210-391-2024
- mindy311@sbcglobal.net

•Entries Chair:

- Bill Spurgeon
- 210-356-6929
- wspurg@neisd.net

•Administrative Assistant

- Lauren Nutt
- 210-356-6925
- lnutt@neisd.net

Swimming Scratch**Rules:****•Pre-Meet:**

- Please report all known pre-meet scratches to the Meet Director within 24 hours of the Psych Sheet being posted
- That deadline will be noted in the Psych Sheet
- Accuracy of the Heat Sheets cannot be ensured and entry fees will not be refunded if this time constraint is not met

•General:

- There will be no penalty for scratching (no show) from any pre-seeded preliminary event
- No Shows in the finals session will be penalized per rule and as noted below

•For Finals Qualifiers:

- The 30-minute scratch rule will be observed, i. e. after the official announcement and / or posting of the results of any given preliminary event have been made, individual competitors and relay teams who qualify for the finals in Saturday's events must scratch with the Official Scorer within 30 minutes of that announcement / posting, OR they must compete in the finals session under penalty of disqualification from further participation in the meet
- Failures to compete by reason of illness or injury are excepted, as are alternates

- Swimmers and relay teams who qualify for finals events on Saturday, fail to scratch within the 30-minute time limit and subsequently fail to appear for competition will be stripped of all points and awards, including those awarded to any relay team(s) on which an offending swimmer may have participated.
- In addition, their school's Principal will be notified in writing of the incident



- Alternates:**
- Swimmers who may qualify as alternates for final events and wish to compete should no shows occur, must be within an area previously designated by the Meet Referee and be immediately available
 - Immediately is defined as being properly attired, on the block, and ready to swim within 30 seconds of being called

Scoring:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Ind.	24	21	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	11	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Rly.	48	42	40	38	36	34	32	30	28	26	22	18	16	14	12	0	8	6	4	2

Automatic

- Finals:**
- Any swimming event having 20 or fewer entries will be considered as an automatic final and not swum in the preliminary session

- Time trials:**
- None!

- Awards:**
- No individual awards
 - Banners for first, second and third place - Women’s Teams
 - Banners for first, second and third place - Men’s Teams

- Timers:**
- The host facility will attempt to provide backup timers for this meet
 - However, volunteers will be needed, welcome and greatly appreciated

Swimming Officials

Please Make

Special Note:

- All deck officials must be currently (2021 – 2022) registered with Arbiter Sports and passed the current test
- Officials who are not properly registered have no Federation insurance and will not be assigned
- The Meet Referee will make most 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 1800, Sunday, October 31, 2021
- Please specify the sessions for which you will be available
- Please submit your information to: rd.russ@yahoo.com
- You WILL NOT be assigned if your commitment and information are not received by the deadline
- Uniforms for deck officials will be as follows:
 - Preliminaries** – white collared shirts / blouses over khaki trousers, skirts, Bermuda length shorts, or capris (NO JEANS OR FLIP-FLOPS PLEASE)
 - Finals** – navy blue collared shirts / blouses over khaki trousers or skirts (NO SHORTS, JEANS OR FLIP-FLOPS PLEASE)
- Official’s Meetings:**
 - IAW the Daily Schedules on page one (1)

Coaches and Administrators

Please NOTE:

- Buses are required to unload and re-load their athletes at the front doors of the Davis Natatorium.
- Personnel must then enter and exit through those same front doors
- Buses should be parked in the soccer field lot behind the Davis Pool



Order of Events and MINIMUM Qualifying Times

Friday, November 5th Preliminaries – Walker ↓ Pool at 1300 Saturday, November 6th Finals – Walker ↓ Pool at 1000				
Women's Event Number	Faster Than:	Stroke and Distance in Yards	Faster Than:	Men's Event Number
1	2:06.59	200 Medley Relay	1:51.99	2
Five-minute Break				
3	2:06.89	200 Freestyle	1:54.39	4
5	2:21.79	200 Individual Medley	2:09.99	6
7	0:26.49	50 Freestyle	0:23.29	8
Fifteen-minute Break				
11	1:06.29	100 Butterfly	0:57.89	12
13	0:58.09	100 Freestyle	0:50.89	14
15	5:44.59	500 Freestyle	5:10.79	16
17	1:53.59	200 Freestyle Relay	1:42.59	18
19	1:06.79	100 Backstroke	0:59.89	20
21	1:19.69	100 Breaststroke	1:07.79	22
Five-minute Break				
23	4:11.89	400 Freestyle Relay	3:36.49	24



NO PURSES. NO BAGS.

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Prohibited Bags

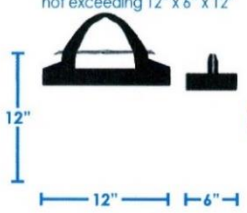
PROHIBITED ITEMS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

- 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



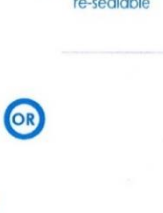
Approved Bags

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



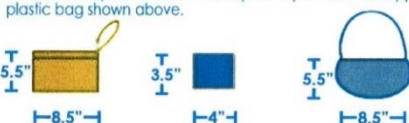
12" height, 12" width, 6" depth

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



OR

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.



5.5" height, 8.5" width, 3.5" height, 4" width, 5.5" height, 8.5" width

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!

