

2023 South Texas Short Course STAGS Championship Meet Information



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Meet: 2023 South Texas Short Course STAGS Championship

Hosted by AAAA-Northside
Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming.

Dates: February 24-26, 2023

**Sanction
Number:** ST-23-07

Venue: NISD Natatorium and Swim Center
8400 N Loop 1604 W
San Antonio, TX 78249
210-397-7525

Eligibility: This meet is open to all South Texas Swimming athletes ages 18 & under who have achieved the "A" or faster qualifying [2021-2024 USA Swimming National Motivational](#) time standards in short course yards, short course meters, or long course meters. Athletes must be currently registered year-round members of USA Swimming in good standing. (Flex members are not eligible to compete at LSC championship meets.)

Athletes with disabilities may enter any event for which they have achieved the [LSC Para Motivational Time Standards](#) as published by the U.S. Paralympic Swimming qualifying time.

Facility: Two eight lane, 25-yard courses. The minimum water depth, measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3, is 6.5 feet at the start end and the turn end is 5.5 feet measured for a distance of 1.0 meter to 5.0 meters from both end walls. The course has been professionally certified IAW 104.2.2C (4). Four lane adjacent pool available for warm-ups and warm downs. All automatic Colorado starting and timing system. Meet Manager 8.0 will be used.

Liability: In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc., South Texas Swimming, Inc. (STSI), the Alamo Area Aquatics Association, Northside Aquatics (NISD), and all meet officials shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. 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.

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 RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING, SOUTH TEXAS SWIMMING, ALAMO AREA AQUATICS ASSOCIATION, NORTHSIDE AQUATICS (NISD) AND SUBSIDIARIES AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, PARTNERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, OR ANY OTHER 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.

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 & Procedures Manual will apply. All adults participating in or associated with this meet acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (“MAAPP”), and that they understand that compliance with MAAPP is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition. All swimmers must be current athlete members in good standing with USA Swimming before the meet start date. Athletes who register with USA Swimming and/or South Texas Swimming after the meet entry deadline may only enter the meet if they can present their current USA Swimming registration card or proof of membership using the USA Swimming app (or a coach may present the club’s official roster from the USA Swimming app). South Texas Swimming does not allow on-deck USA Swimming registrations. Athletes who fail to meet this requirement will not be allowed to compete. Conduct of the sanctioned event shall conform in every respect to all technical and administrative rules of USA Swimming.

Format: Championship Format- preliminaries and finals, except as noted. Preliminary events will be seeded by time and gender, and age combined. The top 16 athletes in each age group will swim in finals. Each event will have a Championship heat and Consolation heat for all individual events with the exception of the 10 & Under 500 Free and 1650 Free, which are timed finals.

Except as noted, all preliminary events will be seeded slowest to fastest, with the three fastest heats of each preliminary event championship seeded. Preliminaries of the 400 IM, 500 Free & 1650 Free will be seeded fastest to slowest.

Positive check-in is required for all distance events (400 IM, 500 Free & 1650 Free). Positive check-in for distance events is by 8:30 AM on the morning of the event. Swimmers must provide their own timer and counter for the 500 Free and 1650 Free prelim events. Swimmers in the 400 IM events must provide their own timer for prelims.

USA Swimming

Registration: All swimmers, coaches, and officials participating in this competition must be currently registered year-round members of USA Swimming in good standing. (Flex members are not eligible to compete at LSC championship meets.) No swimmer will be permitted to compete unless the swimmer is 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 app (or a coach may present the club’s official roster from the USA Swimming app). Current national and LSC regulations do not allow for 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. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer’s legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement. All unaccompanied swimmers will be temporarily assigned to a registered USA coach for warm up, warm down, and competition purposes in order to comply with USA Swimming Rule 202.5.2. The Meet Director or Meet Referee may assist the swimmer in making arrangements for such supervision, but it is the swimmer’s responsibility to make sure arrangements prior to the start of the meet.

Qualifying

Times: The qualifying time standards for all individual events are the traditional dual-age group [2021-2024 USA Swimming National Motivational](#) A and faster times. The 15-16 A time standards will be used for the swimmers in the 15-18 age group. **Qualifying times must be achieved between September 1, 2021 and February 20, 2023.** If entering with a non-conforming time (SCM or LCM), the swimmer must enter with the time achieved in the non-conforming course. Entries will be accepted in SCY, SCM, and LCM. Converted entry times will not be accepted.

Seeding shall be in the following order: yards, long course meters, short course meters (YLS).

Athletes with disabilities may enter any event for which they have achieved the [LSC Para Motivational Time Standards](#) as published by the U.S. Paralympic Swimming qualifying time. There is no age limit for athletes with disabilities who are entering with para motivational times.

Proof of Time: Proof of time must be submitted with the entries. All entry times must be verifiable using the USA-S SWIMS database for sanctioned, approved, or observed meets. (Times in the SWIMS database earned at unsanctioned meets may not be used as proof of time.) All proof of times are the responsibility of the entering teams, not the meet host. Entries without an acceptable proof of time will not be accepted.

Age up Date: The age of the swimmer will be his / her age on February 24, 2023.

Entry

Restrictions: An individual swimmer may enter a maximum of three individual events per day and a maximum of seven individual events for the meet.

Time Trials: Time trials will not be conducted.

Relays: All relays are timed finals and will be contested only in the prelims sessions. There are no qualifying times for relays. Relay entry times may be determined by the sum of the individual team member's times for the like strokes/distances or the actual time of that relay team achieved in sanctioned competition. Teams may enter up to three relay teams per event, but only two relays per event per club will score. Relay cards must be turned in with final relay swimmers by **9:00 AM** of the session in which the event is scheduled. If a relay card is not turned in, the relay will be scratched. The order of swimmers on the relay team will be strictly enforced in accordance with 102.3.7 of the 2022 USA-S Rules and Regulations.

Relay-only swimmers are not permitted. All relay swimmers must be entered in at least one individual event to be eligible to swim on any relay.

Deadlines: There are two entry deadlines for this meet. The first entry deadline is February 13, 2023. The first entry deadline is for athletes who have achieved qualifying times from September 1, 2021 through February 12, 2023. The second (final) entry deadline is February 20, 2023 by 5:00 pm. Only swimmers who have achieved a qualifying time between February 13, 2023 and February 19, 2023 may enter using the second entry deadline. Teams may use the second entry deadline to update swimmer times if necessary.

Entry

Requirements: All entries must contain the following information: the name, email address, and phone number of the person preparing the entries in case clarification is needed; an attachment of the Hy-Tek Team Manager or Team Unify export file; an attached document listing the entries (by swimmer) with proofs of time; and an attached document of the meet entry fees report.

Any team submitting entries under the LSC Para Motivational Time Standards qualifying times may send an email to the entry chair with the team abbreviation, the swimmer's full name (as registered with USA Swimming), the swimmer's USA Swimming ID number, and swimmer's events by number, description, and entry time. Proof of time must be submitted with the entries.

Teams with exceptions will be e-mailed notice of same. Teams and entrants are responsible to check the exception report and correct any errors prior to the deadline given to them by the meet host.

Entry

Procedures: \$12 per individual event and \$24 per relay event – both include the STSI splash fee for \$1.25 per event

Make checks payable to Northside Aquatics c/o Brandon Allenstein 8400 N Loop 1604 W San Antonio, Texas 78249. Entry fees must be received by February 23, 2023. If payment is not received on time the affected swimmers will be scratched from the meet. Please include the meet entry fee report with your check. Once the entry fees are accepted, they will not be refunded for any reason, even if a swimmer should fail to compete. No paper, phone, or fax entries will be accepted. If you do not receive an e-mail confirmation, your entries were not received.

Deck (late)

Entries: Deck entries will be accepted at \$25.00 per individual event (cash only). Swimmers may deck enter for the current session beginning at the start of warm-ups. Deck entries will close 60 minutes prior to the start of each session. Swimmers may deck enter for subsequent sessions after deck entries close for the current session. At the discretion of meet administration, a Heat "Zero" may be added for late entries, if needed. Swimmers *not previously entered in the meet* must present their current USA Swimming proof of membership using the USA Swimming app (or a coach may present the club's official roster from the USA Swimming app) to the Clerk of Course to deck enter. In addition, the swimmer must present proof of time before a deck entry will be accepted.

Scratch

Rules:

There is no penalty for failing to scratch from a pre-seeded, preliminary event. Swimmers who fail to compete in the 400 IM, 500 Free, or 1650 Free events after positive check-in will be barred from all further individual and relay events of that day, and then must positively check in for the remainder of the meet with meet administration, per USA Swimming rule 207.11.6.C. Illness and injury may be excused by the Meet Referee.

The top 16 qualifiers in each preliminary event will be announced and posted shortly after the final heat. **Swimmers who qualify for finals and elect NOT to compete in finals must scratch or declare an INTENT to scratch with the Administrative Official within 30 minutes of the announcement.** Swimmers who declare an intent to scratch will then have 15 minutes after the completion of their last individual event of the session to confirm the scratch. Following the 15-minute deadline, if scratch confirmation is not received it will be assumed the swimmer will compete in the finals event.

Per USA Swimming rule 207.11.6.D, any swimmer who qualifies for a final (by being a "top 16" qualifier) and fails to compete in said final shall be barred from further competition in the remainder of the meet. Illness and injury may be excused by the Meet Referee and this policy does not apply to alternates or athletes seeded in 17th place and below.

Cell Phone

Restrictions:

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. There are no exceptions to this policy. Violators are subject to disqualification from the meet, disbarment from the facility, and arrest.

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.

Drones:

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 Programs and Events Committee Chair or designee.

Deck

Changing:

Deck changes are prohibited.

Special

Needs:

Please notify the Meet Director Brandon Allenstein at brandon.allenstein@nisd.net in advance of this event with the name and age of any member on your team who needs assistance to enter the facility. The host 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 South Texas Swimming, Inc., which 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. Coaches and/or athletes must notify the Meet Referee before the event begins if they are to be considered to be judged under Article 105. Adaptive swimmers who would like their events to be seeded in the lane next to the starter should notify the entry chair by the second entry deadline.

Awards:

Awards will be given by gender in the following age groups: 10 & under, 11-12, 13-14, and 15-18

Individual events: first through third place: Medals

Individual events: fourth through eighth place: Ribbons

Team Awards: first through third place: Banners

Note: Banners will be provided **upon request by the club** (please email the meet director if you would like your banner and it will be shipped to your club).

There will be no awards presentation.

Clubs must pick-up awards during the meet from the awards desk area.

Scoring:

A Finals Place ⇒	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Ind. event points	20	17	16	15	14	13	12	11
B Finals Place ⇒	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Ind. event points	9	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

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

All relay events will swim in the prelims sessions only and will be conducted as timed finals. Only two relay teams per event per club will score.

Meet

Management: Entries Chair: Brandon Allenstein – northsideaquaticsentries@gmail.com
 Meet Director: Brandon Allenstein – brandon.allenstein@nisd.net – 210-397-7516
 Meet Referee: Rudy Chapa - rchapatx@gmail.com
 Admin Official: Mindy Donofrio – mindy311@sbcglobal.net

Officials: All currently certified and in-training USA Swimming officials are cordially invited to participate. All deck and administrative officials must be current members in good standing with USA Swimming and their local LSC. Please email the Meet Referee with your certification level and availability so he can plan accordingly. The uniform will be white polo shirts over khaki pants or skirts for the prelims sessions, and navy polo shirts over khaki pants or skirts for finals sessions on all days. Please report to the Meet Referee at least one hour prior to the scheduled start time of the session for the officials' briefing and to receive your assignments (weight room in the Natatorium office will be the meeting area). The wearing of name tags is strongly encouraged.

Officials

Certification: Application for this meet has been submitted for approval as an Officials Qualifying Meet. Officials who are interested in being evaluated need to submit their completed application (<https://forms.gle/wv7ugDc1ANrJA37f9>) to the Meet Referee.

Daily

Schedule:

Preliminaries		Finals (All days)	
Warm-ups begin	7:00 AM	Warm-ups begin	4:00 PM
Clear competition pool	8:50 AM	Clear competition pool	4:50 PM
Sessions begin	9:00 AM	Sessions begin	5:00 PM

Timers: Each participating team is required to provide back-up timers in proportion to the number of swimmers entered in the meet. Swimmers competing in the 500 & 1650 Free and 400 individual medley events must provide their own back-up timers. Swimmers competing in the 500 & 1650 Free must provide their own lap counters.

Warm-up

Procedures: Warm-ups will be conducted in accordance with the current STSI Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures attached to this meet announcement. Athletes must be directly supervised by a USA Swimming certified coach at all times. The middle 4 lanes and lanes in the dive well will be available for warm-ups throughout the meet.

Medical

Supervision: During the meet, lifeguards and appropriate equipment will be present to provide any necessary medical supervision and treatment for athletes participating in the meet.



2023 STSI Short Course STAGS Championship Order of Events



Women's Event #	Friday February 24, 2023	Men's Event#
1	12 & Under 50 Back	2
3	11-18 200 Fly	4
5	18 & Under 100 Breast	6
7	18 & Under 200 Free	8
9	10 & Under 400 Free Relay	10
11	11-12 400 Free Relay	12
13	13-14 200 Free Relay	14
15	15-18 200 Free Relay	16
10 minute break		
17	11-18 400 IM	18

Swimmers in the 400 IM must provide their own timer in prelims
Positive check-in for the 400 IM is by **8:30 AM Friday**

Women's Event #	Saturday February 25, 2023	Men's Event #	Women's Event #	Sunday February 26, 2023	Men's Event #
19	18 & Under 100 Back	20	41	12 & Under 50 Breast	42
21	12 & Under 50 Fly	22	43	11-18 200 Back	44
23	11-18 200 Breast	24	45	18 & Under 100 Fly	46
25	18 & Under 100 Free	26	47	18 & Under 200 IM	48
27	12 & Under 100 IM	28	49	18 & Under 50 Free	50
29	15-18 400 Free Relay	30	51	10 & Under 200 Medley Relay	52
31	13-14 400 Free Relay	32	53	11-12 200 Medley Relay	54
33	11-12 200 Free Relay	34	55	13-14 400 Medley Relay	56
35	10 & Under 200 Free Relay	36	57	15-18 400 Medley Relay	58
10 minute break			10 minute break		
37	11-18 500 Free	38	59	11-18 1650 Free	60
39	10 & Under 500 Free	40			

Positive check-in for the 500 Free is by **8:30 AM Saturday**

Positive check-in for the 1650 Free is by **8:30 AM Sunday**

Swimmers must provide their own timer & counter for the 1650 Free and 500 Free events for prelims.
The 10 & Under 500 Free and the 1650 Free are timed finals and will swim in the prelims session only.

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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 (0-9)	0 and 9	1, 2, 6, and 7	3 through 5
10 Lanes (1-10)	1 and 10	2, 3, 7, and 8	4 through 6
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 two marshals, with a minimum of one of each gender, 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.