

# TAPPS 2024 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Sponsors:** ●TAPPS and North East ISD

**Dates:** ●Division 1 - February 12, 2024  
●Division 2 - February 13, 2024  
●Division 3 - February 14, 2024

**Meet Designators:** TS14 / TS24 / TS34

**Daily**

**Schedule:** ●Monday (2/12), Tuesday (2/13), Wednesday (2/14)

- 0745 Doors open for teams and their coaches<sup>1</sup>
- 0815 Coaches meet in the Davis deck-level classroom
- 0900 Officials meet in the Davis deck-level classroom
- 0900 Doors open to spectators
- 0900 Warm-ups begin<sup>2</sup>
- 0930 Timers, please report to the dec-level weight room
- 0945 Sprint lanes two – seven open
- 0945 Push / pace lanes one and eight open
- 1000 Pool clears
- 1010 National Anthem
- 1015 Competition begins
  - <sup>1</sup> ●Teams are to proceed upstairs until warm-ups begin. There will be assigned team seating on deck
  - <sup>2</sup> ●There will be a single warm-up session and each team will be accorded 15 minutes in the Davis pool

**Venue:** ●Josh Davis Natatorium  
●Blossom Athletic Center  
●Jones-Maltsberger Road at Starcrest or East Bitters  
●San Antonio, TX 78216  
●210-356-6925

**Parking and Access:**

- Spectators must enter the facility via 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 via 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 two(2) coolers -. Please keep your areas (up and down) clean and tidy

## 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 Swiss Timing
- Strobe at each starting block
- Full, real-time video scoreboard
- Stadium seating for 1500

## Facility Rules, Regulations, and Policies:

- 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.
- **All coaches are responsible for knowing the NFHS rules for the 2023-2024 swim season.**
- Times noted on the scoreboard, on Meet Mobile or Real Time Results 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 six(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 five(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 (2024) 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 **February 6th, 2024, by 1700.**
  - All schools with relays must complete these forms
- Eight(8) individuals (four{4} swimmers and four{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 Free 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 in to the Official Scorer, no changes will be permitted, and post-meet corrections will not be permitted.

## Entry fees:

- **\$30.00 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 require two(2) backup timers per lane and two(2) head-timers.
- A timer's sheet will be posted on the TAPPS website - Please check this and arrange for timers prior to the meet.
- Breaks will be taken as noted in the Order of Events on page(#)
- Timer session change after the completion of the 50-yard Free
- 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 briefed - all timers need to be at this meeting.
  - It will be to timer's advantage to also review page seven(7)

### Psych Sheet:

- The psych sheet will be available on TAPPS.biz (swimming) and www.aaaa-sa.org no later than **February 5th, 2024**. - this will only be posted once the State Qualifier List is published.
- It is the coach's responsibility to review the psych sheet and report any problems.

### Scratch Rules:

- Pre-Meet Scratches** only (no event changes) are due by **February 6th, 2024, by 1700**.
- 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 completed 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 Meet 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 First through Fourth place in both girls and boys divisions.
- Medals will be given for First through Third place in both girls and boys divisions in each event.
- See the schedule on page five(5) for award presentation times.

### Photography:

- Only the TAPPS photographer / videographer and approved media photographers / reporters will be permitted on deck

## OFFICIALS:

- All officials must be properly registered with NFHS through Dragonfly for the 2023 – 2024 Season and have passed the 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 wish to be assigned to deck positions MUST notify the Meet Referee of their intentions and availability NOT LATER than 1800, Tuesday, February 6, 2024.
- Please submit your information to Rick Russell at [rd.russ@yahoo.com](mailto:rd.russ@yahoo.com)
- Uniform will be navy blue collared shirts over khaki trousers, Bermuda-length shorts, skirts or capris
- PLEASE: no short shorts, cut-offs, jeans or flip fops

## ORDER OF EVENTS

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

Meet Management: Meet Manager 8.0 Eh

- Meet Director:
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- Meet Referee:
- Rick Russell
- rd.russ@yahoo.com

- Entries Chair:
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- Admin Referee:
- Mindy Donofrio
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- TAPPS Swim Director:
- Cerise Skinner
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# NO PURSES. NO BAGS.

## NEISD BAC PURSE/BAG POLICY



### Prohibited Bags

PROHIBITED ITEMS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

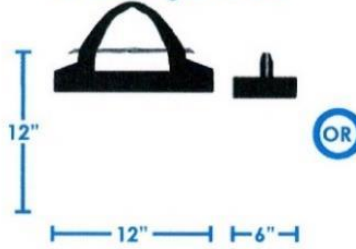
- All purses, bags or containers larger than a small clutch bag
- Backpacks
- Binocular case – Binoculars may be worn around the neck
- Briefcases
- Camera bags
- Cinch bags
- Computer bags
- Coolers
- Fanny packs
- Luggage of any kind



### Approved Bags

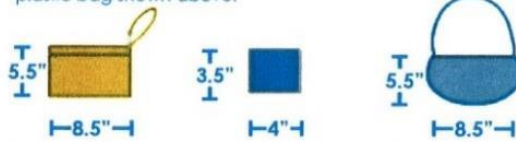
**CLEAR TOTE**  
Plastic, vinyl or PVC – not exceeding 12" x 6" x 12"

**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 Officials, Administrators or Staff**



# ***GUIDANCE for LANE BACKUP TIMERS at NEISD***

1. Two Backup Timers on each lane are an absolute imperative in the successful conduct of any swimming meet employing electronic Touchpad timing
2. Actual Touchpad malfunctions or failures are quite rare, occurring in less than one percent of races.
3. However, swimmers fail to properly touch the pad at the finish of a race at a much higher percentage which, unsurprisingly, is inversely related to the age of the athletes.
4. Consequently, without backup timers some athletes would be credited with grossly inaccurate times or, worst of all, no times at all.
5. The procedures and mechanics of lane timekeeping are straight-forward and quite simple, but do require your undivided attention at the start and finish of races.
6. On the other hand, timekeeping is, by most accounts; much preferable to sitting in the stands and you will have an up close and personal view of the action.
7. Please be aware, however, the proper discharge of your timing duties absolutely guarantees that you **WILL GET WET!**
8. Every so often circumstances will arise where it become obvious to you as a Lane Timer that something is amiss and you are tempted to try and help out with the situation. **PLEASE DO NOT DO THAT.** Even though you are on the deck in an official capacity, you have no authority of any sort to instruct swimmers or interfere in any other way with the management of the competition.
  - a. If you believe the situation is grave enough to warrant stopping the meet, demand the attention of the Deck Referee, the Starter, or any Deck Official.
  - b. The most common circumstance of this sort occurs when a swimmer attempts to swim in the wrong lane or heat. These are deck official's problems to resolve and you must resist all temptations to get involved beyond calling attention.
  - c. If you are unable to halt the competition and the race continues, at its conclusion, seek out the nearest official and describe to her / him what happened. If at all possible, identify the errant swimmer by name and / or team.
9. The two of you will be provided with a digital stop watches and instructions on their use as well as a clip board and a Lane Timer's Sheet (LTS), which lists the swimmers, by heat and name, who will be competing in your lane during a given session.
10. In addition to the names of swimmers assigned to your lane, the LTS also provides appropriate spaces in which to record the times noted on your stopwatches for a given race.
11. Sound travels much slower than light. Consequently, you must never start a watch from the sound of the horn beneath each starting block.
12. Instead, there are a series of flashing lights integral to the Starting System that provide the reference from which to start a watch. These are commonly referred to as "STROBES."
13. There is a large yellow-colored strobe atop the backstroke line pole near the Deck Referee.
14. There is also a green-colored strip-like strobe on the left side, at the front of each starting block.
15. At the start of a race, all eleven of these strobes flash for about 250 milliseconds ( $\frac{1}{4}$  of a second), synchronized with the sound of the horns, which also sound for 250 milliseconds.
16. In addition to the two timers required per lane, there is also a Head Timer who is normally found somewhere near the Starter.
17. If, for whatever reason, as a Lane Timer; you failed to get an accurate start at the beginning of a race, please promptly alert the Head Timer, who will hand you another watch that was accurately started.
18. At the finish of a race you are only concerned with seeing the incoming swimmer touch the wall or the touchpad and that is the instant when you must stop your watch.
19. At some meets, **Fly Over Starts** will be employed and they are particularly hard on Lane Timers, especially events of 50 yards / meters.
  - a. Because the interval between the finish of one race and the beginning of the next is very short, i.e., less than 25 seconds, it is necessary that Lane Timers quickly develop a system to ensure they will not miss a start.
  - b. Experience has demonstrated these "systems" are highly individualistic and suggestions on how to proceed have been mostly ineffective.
  - c. You and your partner are essentially on your own to work out a system that works well for you!

