



For forty-three years the Ponderosa Invitational has been the championship swim meet, the final meeting of the fastest swimmers in summer league swimming, the "**Best of the Best,**" of the Northwest Aquatic League. Making a "PI" time is an accomplishment all swimmers should be proud of. We are excited and ready for the 43th annual Ponderosa Invitational.

Starting in 1971 with only **eight teams**, it represented the first end-of-the-season competition for the recently formed league. The Ponderosa Forest Swim Team was proud to host the inaugural meet in 1971 and remains dedicated to continuing that pioneering spirit by hosting this year's 43th Annual Ponderosa Invitational. NWAL now includes 14,000 swimmers from ninety-six teams representing subdivisions and cities covering the entire Northwest Greater Houston Area and bordering areas as far north as Bryan-College Station.

The 2013 Ponderosa Invitational will be held at the Klein Collins High School Natatorium on June 29 & June 30th and we look forward to seeing you, your parents, coaches and teammates. Over the years, qualifying for the PI is an accomplishment that all swimmers have been proud of. This year, you join the NWAL elite, "**NWAL's BEST**", by qualifying for the Ponderosa Invitational. Many finalists have continued swimming after graduation and have gone on to represent their Universities, Colleges, and the USA Olympic Teams. One of most exciting and rewarding things however, is to see and hear of the swimmers whose **parents** also swam in this Invitational.

We would like to thank our sponsors and many others for their generous support. We also want to thank all of those Ponderosa and Westador parents, NWAL officials, and parents from around the League who over the years have made this event an annual tradition.

Best of Luck Swimmers!

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GENERAL INFORMATION

MEET INFORMATION

LOCATION

The Klein Collins High School Natatorium is located at 20811 Ella Boulevard, Houston, TX 77388. Please see the enclosed map for pool location, parking, and team setup.

MEET FORMAT

Championship Meet format with events on Saturday and Sunday. Preliminary heats in the morning and finals each night. All relays are swum as finals. Seeding is as slowest to fastest, as stated by NWAL rule book.

ENTRIES

- Individuals' swimmers qualify by attaining a time for each event listed on the official Qualifying Times posted earlier this year.
- Qualifiers must have swum the qualifying time during a sanctioned NWAL meet.
- **Relay Entrants** need **not** have attained a PI qualifying time during the NWAL season. Accordingly, all teams are encouraged to include your relays to compete for your Group Championship.

...Awards, Awards, and more awards...



Each relay event will receive medals for the first six places and ribbons will be given from seventh through twelfth place.
Gather your friends and bring a relay to PI!!



DATES AND TIMES

REGISTRATION

Registration will be on Sunday June 23, 2013 between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Registration Site To Be Announced

All registration forms can be found on the PI website and are included at the end of this document.

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GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

SWIM MEET

The meet starts promptly at 9:00 a.m. Saturday the 29th of June, and 9:00 a.m. Sunday the 30th of June. Finals begin at 5:30 p.m. on each day. However, please check with the announcers' table for any changes. Remember to be on time!

WARM-UPS

Warm-up lanes will be available before the start of each session. Dive-only lanes will be assigned as needed. The pool will be closed 30 minutes prior to the start of the preliminary heats and 15 minutes prior to the start of finals.

Saturday	Prelims	7:30am
	Finals	4:30pm
Sunday	Prelims	7:30am
	Finals	4:30pm

POOL AND FACILITIES

LANES

The PI will be swum in yards. The Klein Collins High School Natatorium is configured for eight (8) lanes.

SPECTATOR SEATING

Stadium bleachers are located upstairs. Spectator seating is NOT allowed poolside. Due to safety concerns only a number of people will be allowed at any given time.

POOL DECK RESTRICTION

Due to safety and insurance guidelines and restrictions, the swimming pool deck is closed to all persons except swimmers, coaches, marshals, officials, meet personnel, and timers. If you are asked to leave the deck by any meet personnel, please do so. It is for your safety. **To better ensure safety on deck, each team will be limited to having only ONE (1) COACH per THIRTY (30) SWIMMERS entered with a MAXIMUM of THREE (3) COACHES on DECK.** Each coach must be NWAL certified and must have a badge to be allowed on deck. Each coach may have a chair. Setup on deck or in the commons will only be allowed on the day of the meet. **Any chairs set up on Friday will be removed and PI committee will not be responsible for any items lost.**

TEAM SET-UP

Team set-up areas are provided **BOTH INDOORS and OUTDOORS** in designated areas within close proximity to the ready bench and pool entrance. Swimmers are asked to keep set-up areas with the designated boundaries, and use courtesy and consideration as teams choose the size of their space.

We reserve the right to consolidate or move team areas at our discretion.

Large items such as inflatable mattresses will not be allowed.

PARKING

There is plenty of room to park and set-up your team. Please review attached parking and team area maps. Please enter the parking area off Ella Boulevard north of the High School and follow the signs to the drop-off circle. Klein ISD police will be on site the entire time for your safety.

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MEET PERSONNEL

MEET REFEREES

Brian Coles
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MEET DIRECTOR

Jason Ellington
pidirector@gopiranhas.org

MEET COORDINATOR

Erika Ellington
picoordinator@gopiranhas.org

REGISTRATION

Only teams in FAR North may submit entries via email
piranhasclerk@yahoo.com

SAFETY DIRECTOR/

FACILITY DIRECTOR

Vivian Cabrera
EMS will be onsite during the meet

MERCHANDISE:

SHIRTS, IRON-ON
DECALS, TOWELS

PRE-ORDER SHIRTS WITH "PI QUALIFIER" PATCHES

All pre-order merchandise will be sold online only.
See website more details.

ADVERTISING:

TEAM SPIRIT PAGES,
EVENT SPONSORS,
MEET SPONSORS

Wendy Langston
gopiranhas.org@gmail.com
281-798-8408

**** AD DEADLINE: JUNE 21, 2013 ****

WEB SITE

www.ponderosainvitational.org
Visit the Ponderosa Invitational web site for information, forms,
directions, updates, results, vendors, etc.

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REGISTRATION

Registration will be from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM on Sunday, June 23, 2013. Site to be announced.

All teams are required to submit their swimmer's information electronically on a CD or flash drive. You may use either Hy-Tec Team Manager or Team Manager II software. **A hard copy of the "Meet Entry Report" with proof of times must be included with the CD or flash drive along with the enclosed "team summary sheet".** Please include the name and telephone number of an available team representative for questions on the 23rd.

Note: You may submit qualifying times in either meters or yards; indicate your choice on the entry form. Under no circumstances will submissions be accepted with mixed meter and yard times.

FEES

\$ 5.00 per Individual Event

\$10.00 per Relay Event

Fees are due at registration except for teams in the Far North Division.

These teams may submit entries via email and pay registration fees on deck on Saturday before 8:30am.

Note: Each team's entries must be made with one check, teams cannot bring multiple forms of payment for team entries.

LATE ENTRIES

Late entries will be \$10.00 per Individual Event and \$20.00 per Relay Event.

See the section rules regarding late entries.

VOLUNTEERS

Two watches per lane will be used as back-up. Teams will be requested to furnish timers based on their percentage of swims at the meet. Timing assignments will be published in the Ponderosa Invitational website as well as on the NWAL website.

Officials interested in working at the Invitational should email Brian Coles at brian.coles@halliburton.com. Please include a short description of your experience and the times of availability.

P.I. coach's packets are \$20 each

The packet includes a program, finals heat sheets and lunch for both days.

The quantity is limited to 150. Don't leave your Coach out.

...show your coaches some love!!

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TEAM INFORMATION

Team Name _____ NWAL Abbreviation _____

Pool Address _____

Team Rep & Phone Number _____

Entry Person & Phone # _____

Email _____

UNCLAIMED AWARDS WILL NOT BE MAILED AFTER P.I.

Please list a person to contact for any unclaimed awards.

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

OFFICIALS VOLUNTEERS

Officials interested in working at the P.I. should send a short description of your experience and the times of availability to Brian Coles at brian.coles@halliburton.com.

**good luck
to your
swimmers!**

COACH PACKETS -- Qty _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES -- # of Entries _____ @ \$5.00 = \$ _____

RELAY ENTRIES -- # of Relays _____ @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE ----->

Checks payable to: PFST

ONLY PFST OFFICE USE BELOW

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Payment Received \$ _____ Cash or Check # _____ (circle one) PF Official _____

Entry List Checked by PF Official: _____

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PRE-ORDERING ONLINE ONLY (no orders will be accepted via US Mail)

The shirts are \$15 each, and each event iron-on is \$3.00. Pre-ordering your spirit items mean your uniquely created shirt will be the size you want, your towel will be the color you want, while also avoid the long ordering lines. Online orders will be taken until Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 10:00pm, at which time the online order form will be removed from our website.

If you expect your swimmer to final please check the please hold for finals box when ordering online. This will prevent possible damage to the shirt during the ironing process.

All spirit items will also be available on both days of the Ponderosa Invitational, as supplies last.

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Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Team Name: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

TOWELS \$30 EACH

TOWEL with 2013 PONDEROSA INVITATIONAL LOGO (embroidered)

Indicate Quantity of each Color: Red _____ White _____ Blue _____ Black _____

SHIRTS \$15 each & IRON-ON PATCHES \$3.00 each

SHIRT SIZES -- \$15 each

QUALIFIER PATCHES IRON-ON DECALS -- \$3.00 each

CHILD

ADULT

(Finalist Patches are sold at the meet on a separate order form)

Max. 3 shirts per order form	M	L	Sm	M	L	XL	2X	Free	100 Free	Back	Breast	Fly	I.M.	Free Relay	Medley Relay	Progressive Relay
Shirt 1																
Shirt 2																
Shirt 3																
Total Quantities																

TOTAL TOWELS -- Qty _____ x \$30 -----> \$ _____
 TOTAL SHIRTS -- Qty _____ x \$15 -----> \$ _____
 TOTAL PATCHES -- Qty _____ x \$3.00 -----> \$ _____

TOTAL ORDER >>>>>>

\$

Checks payable to: PFST

43rd Annual



Ponderosa Invitational

★ Championship Swim Meet since 1971 ★

Proudly hosted by the Ponderosa Westador Swim Team

Program/Heat Sheet Advertisement
Pricing and Ad Options for NWAL Teams and Personal Ads

SPIRIT SQUARES -- size appx. 2.25" x 2.25" -- \$15 EACH
 Use your wording, we add color and clipart to create a personalized shout out for your swimmer, coach, teammate, or team.



EVENT SPONSOR -- (up to 3 lines) -- \$5 PER EVENT
 Parents (or any family member) can show their support by sponsoring an event for their special swimmer. You can say something swim related (not, Susie Clean Your Room). Event Sponsor ads may be turned in with team registration information. Events will be designated on a first come, first served basis.

Please include the following information:		Example	
Event Number	_____	<u>Event 10 Girls 11-12 50 Yard Freestyle</u>	
Event Description	_____	Sponsor: Ken & Barbie Doll	
Line 1	_____	Barbie rules the pool! Love Mom & Dad	
Line 2	_____	PI RECORD: 26.42 7/1/1998 NATALIE MILLER - OCV	
Line 3	_____	Meet Qualifying: 29.55	
		Lane	Name Age Team Seed Time
		Heat 4 Prelims	
		1	Barbie Doll 11 PF 27.29
		2	Your Swimmer 12 FMKP 27.21
		3	Your Swimmer
		4	Your Swimmer

FULL PAGE TEAM SPIRIT PAGE -- size appx. 7.5" x 10.5" -- \$100 EACH
HALF PAGE TEAM SPIRIT PAGE -- size appx. 3.75" x 5.25" -- \$50 EACH

Show your team spirit here!! We can put your ad together, or you can send your ad.
 Get fun and creative with your swimmers' names, team logo, or use your full team photo, etc.

Submit all ads to: GoPiranhas.org@gmail.com

Team Name: _____ Contact Name: _____

Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____ Email: _____

AD DEADLINE:

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

Submit ads to: gopiranhas.org@gmail.com (including wording for spirit squares or event sponsor)

Ad File Format: .jpg only (.pdf ads cannot be used)

Questions to: Wendy Langston (281-798-8408)

Payment must be received by deadline, or ad will not be placed.

All orders must include contact information in the event there are questions, or issues with the ad.

ORDER SUMMARY

EVENT SPONSOR.....Qty _____	x \$5 = \$ _____
SPIRIT SQUARE.....Qty _____	x \$15 = \$ _____
FULL PAGE.....Qty _____	x \$100 = \$ _____
HALF PAGE.....Qty _____	x \$50 = \$ _____

ORDER TOTAL ----->> \$

Make checks payable to PFST, Inc.
 SEND PAYMENT TO:
 PFST - P.O. Box 73525 - Houston, TX 77273



P.I. RULES and APPROVED NWAL VARIANCES

NWAL Rule Waivers

Please review the "2013 Ponderosa Invitational Rules" below. There have been changes. The Ponderosa Invitational is an NWAL Sanctioned Meet. All swimmers must abide by the NWAL rules, the Ponderosa Invitational rules, and NWAL code of conduct. All swimmers must be in good standing with NWAL to participate.

The Ponderosa Invitational Committee (including Meet Referee) in conjunction with Klein ISD personal reserve the right to determine what course will be taken in case of unfavorable climatic conditions and emergencies as outlined in the Safety and Emergency Plan.

All references to "Divisional Meets" will either be deleted and Ponderosa Invitational Meet inserted where and when appropriate to maintain consistency of intent and rules contained herein.

ADD TO QUALIFYING TIMES SHEET

Progressive Medley Relay:

11-12 (50Y Back); 13-14 (50Y Breast); 15-18 (50Y Fly); 9-10 (25Y Free), 8 & under (25Y Free)

Progressive Free Relay:

8 & under (25Y); 9-10 (25Y); 11-12 (50Y); 13-14 (50Y) and 15-18 (50Y)

ENTRIES, EVENTS, AND SEEDING

Events and order of events are as shown on the qualifying times supplement.

Contestants may enter any individual event in which they meet the published qualifying time. There is no limit to the number of events, including relays, in which a participant may enter. **Moving up in age group categories is not permitted. Younger swimmers cannot swim up in relays.**

A team may enter only ONE relay team per relay event. Relay participants need not be named, but a seed time is required.

The entry list is the official entry. The list is turned in at **Registration**, Sunday June 23, 2013 between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Each team must submit an entry form electronically, so long as entry fees are paid by the same time on Sunday June 23rd. Entries submitted after this time will be "late entries" which will swim in either heat one or two, if a vacancy exists therein or otherwise in heat zero, which may contain less than three swimmers. Late entries will not be accepted after 8:30 a.m. on Saturday for events 1-42 nor after 8:30 a.m. on Sunday for events 43-84.



P.I. RULES and APPROVED NWAL VARIANCES (continued)

PONDEROSA FINALS PROTOCOL

A clearly audible system for calling swimmers to the ready bench area shall be used to notify swimmers that it is time to appear for each of their events, in both preliminary and final heats.

In finals, once swimmers have been called to appear for their event, within a reasonable time after the call for swimmers has been made, the Meet Referee or Administrative Referee shall assemble both "A" and "B" finalists in a designated area immediately prior to the blocks. At that time, the finalists shall be lined up, according to seed, and the Meet Referee or Administrative Referee shall call the names of any swimmers who appear to be absent. This duty may not be delegated to ready bench personnel.

If a swimmer or swimmers has not appeared at the designated area by the time the finalists are to be paraded to the blocks, the Meet Referee or Administrative Referee shall, in the case of a "B" final, call for the first alternate to appear and shall reseed the heat, with the alternate(s) placed in the outside lanes and the remaining swimmers placed in seeding order according to their times. If the first alternate does not appear, the second alternate shall be called and the same procedure shall apply. If more than one swimmer has failed to appear, then both alternates shall be placed in outside lanes, with the first alternate in Lane 1 and the second alternate in Lane 8. (If more than 2 swimmers fail to appear, then the alternates shall be placed in the most outside lane that is available (e.g. lanes 2 and 7 and so on).

If a swimmer fails to appear for an "A" final, then the "A" final shall be swum with less than 8 swimmers.

ELECTRONIC TIMING

The Colorado Timing System and touch pads will be used in conjunction with an 8-lane time display.

TIMERS AND ORDER OF FINISH

The timing devices used during the meet will determine the order of finish of any heat. In case of malfunction, NWAL protocol will be used.

SCORING

PONDEROSA INVITATIONAL SCORING

Individual Events -- 16 places score -- 19-17-16-15-14-13-12-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1

Relay Events -- 16 places score -- 38-34-32-30-28-26-24-22-18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

There will be consolation finals and championship finals in all events except relays.

Relays will be timed finals as they are swum.

For individual preliminary events, **all ties for placement in finals (including alternates) will require a swim-off** unless swimmers, coaches and referee otherwise determine place. Swim-off will be scheduled within a reasonable time.

Swimmers qualifying and swimming in the consolation finals, swim only to score the points awarded for places nine through sixteen. They cannot score championship finals points, regardless of their times.

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P.I. RULES and APPROVED NWAL VARIANCES (continued)

SCORING (Continued)

Team Scores for Saturday's events will be posted at the conclusion of Saturday's finals and on Sunday morning. We may also post the results of each session on the P.I. website.

Questions concerning Saturday's point totals must be raised to the Meet Director by 8:30 a.m. on Sunday. After the last event on Sunday, final scores will be announced during the presentation of awards. Any questions concerning these totals must be addressed to the Meet Director immediately.

MEDALS, RIBBONS & TROPHIES

MEDALS will be awarded to the first eight (8) places in individual events. Relays will be awarded medals to the first six (6) places.

RIBBONS will be awarded to the ninth (9) through sixteenth (16) place winners in individual events and seventh (7) to twelfth (12) place for relays.

HIGH POINT TROPHY—**1st and 2nd place trophies** will be awarded to individual scoring the highest total number of points within each of the age groups events broken down as follows:
6 & under, 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, 15/6, 17/18

TEAM TROPHIES will be awarded to the top three (3) teams in each Group. Groups will be established based on total team entries for 2013PI.

DISQUALIFICATION

Any scratches from the consolation, championship finals **and first two alternates (17th and 18th place)**, must be made to the clerk of course/scorer within thirty (30) minutes following the announcement of the posting of the preliminary results. **An undeclared "no show" for the consolation or championship finals will be scratched from the balance of the meet.**

DUTIES OF REFEREE -- DISQUALIFICATION

Other than swimming infractions or conduct of an official, the referee will consult with the Meet Director before the enforcement of rules pertaining to the conduct of any swimmer, spectator, or coach. The Meet Director will have the final authority in such occurrences.

ATTIRE -- INSIGNIA

Officials and Meet Referees may wear the insignia of the Ponderosa Invitational Meet.



MAP to the P.I. REGISTRATION SITE

Registration will be on Sunday June 23, 2013 between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.
This year's registration will be held announced



P.I. REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

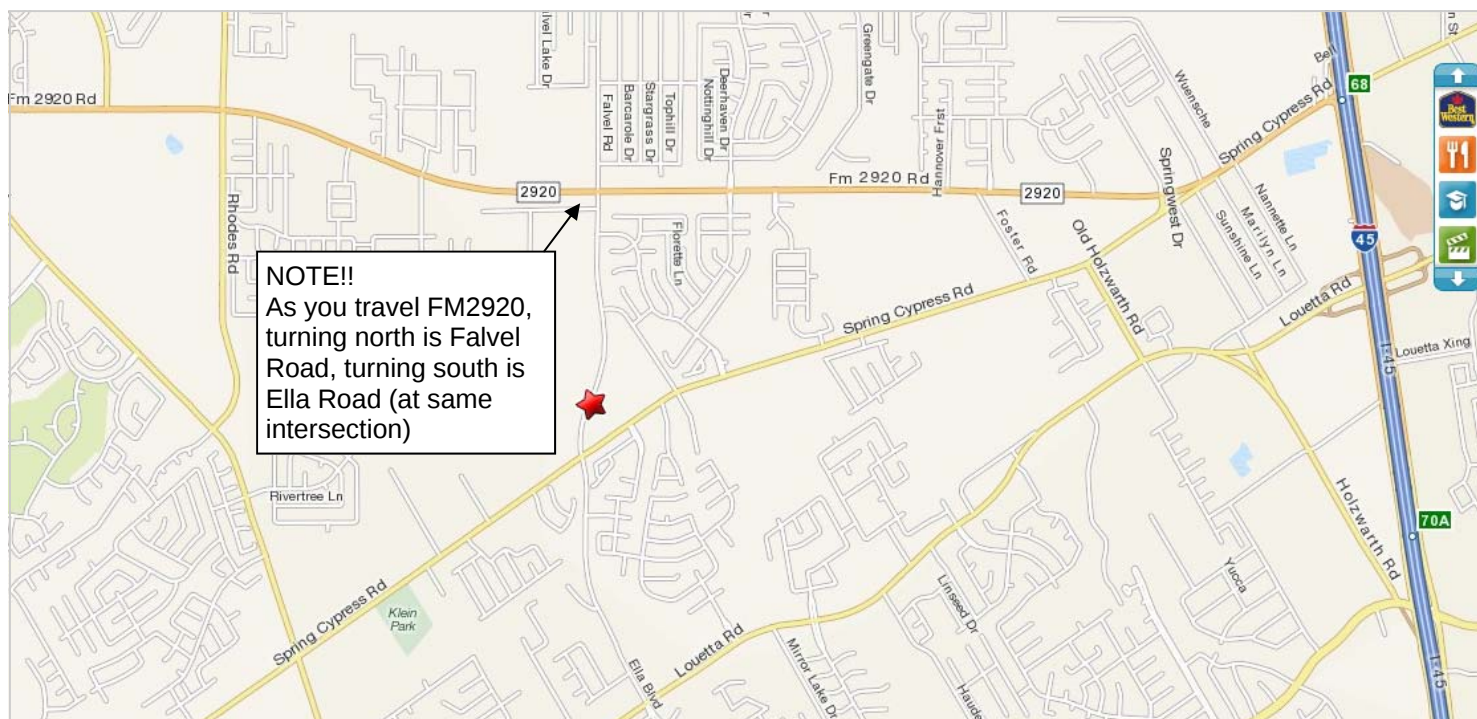
- ☐ Completed Registration Form & Payment
- ☐ CD or flash drive containing the Hy-Tec files
- ☐ Hard copy of entries with proof of times



POOL LOCATION and PARKING

All Swimmers can be dropped off using the north school entrance. Enter either the first or second drive leading into the parking lots. The front doors, or main entrance, of the school will not be open.

There is ample parking close to the pool area. Spaces closest to the pool will be reserved for P.I. volunteers. If you plan on arriving in luxury in your RV, you may park in front of the stadium in a designated area. We will have staff and Klein police directing traffic and enforcing the rules of the school district. They include a No -Smoking rule, which will be enforced.



Klein Collins High School
20811 Ella Blvd.
Spring, TX 77388

General Directions: From I-45 exit FM 2920 turn west,
turn LEFT (south) on Falvel Road/Ella Blvd., see
Klein Collins on your right after about 1/2 mile immediately
following Schindewolf Intermediate School.

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