



## 2023 ST SASA 'Tis the Season

December 15-17, 2023

Sanction Number: ST-23-96

- Welcome:** ●Streamline Aquatics invites you to join us at the Barshop Natatorium on the campus of The University of the Incarnate Word to compete in our December open unclassified short-course meet.
- Location:** ●The Barshop Natatorium is located on UIW's Campus at 4301 Broadway, San Antonio, TX 78209. 210-805-3078  
●The pool is located on the West side of campus over the river bridge and on the right.
- Facility:** ●This meet will be conducted in one 11 lane, 25-yard pool, with eight lanes for competition and two lanes for warm up and warm down  
●We will use Hy-Tek Meet Manager software and Daktronics timing system.  
●A tent may be used for spectator seating
- Water Depth:** ●The minimum water depth, measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3, is 13 feet at the start end and the turn end is 3 feet 3 1/2 feet measured for a distance of 1.0 meter to 5.0 meters from both end walls.  
●The competition course has been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4)  
●The copy of such certification is on file with USA Swimming.
- Liability:** ●In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc., South Texas Swimming, Inc. (STSI), The University of the Incarnate Word, Barshop Natatorium, and Streamline Aquatics 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, UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD, STREAMLINE AQUATICS, 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.
- Sanctions:** ●Held under the sanction of USA Swimming. Current USA Swimming rules, including the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy ("MAAPP") and any relevant sections of the South Texas Policies & Procedures Manual will govern this meet. 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 registered as athletes for 2023 or 2024 with USA Swimming by the meet start date. Athletes who register with USA Swimming after the meet entry deadline may not enter the meet

only if they can present their 2023 or 2024 USA Swimming registration card –OR- a coach may present the club’s official roster from the USA Swimming club portal, or proof of membership using the USA Swimming app.

- South Texas Swimming does not allow on-deck USA Swimming registrations
- Conduct of the sanctioned event shall conform in every respect to all technical and administrative rules of USA Swimming.

**USA Swimming**

- Registration:**
- All swimmers, coaches, and officials participating in this competition must be currently (2023 or 2024) registered with USA Swimming
  - 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 club portal
    - Current national and LSC regulations do not allow for exceptions to these policies
  - South Texas Swimming does not allow on-deck USA Swimming registrations.

- Age up Date:**
- The age of the swimmer will be his / her age on December 15, 2023

**Qualifying Times:**

- There are no qualifying times, i.e., this meet is *unclassified*
- Athletes may enter the meet with a NT; however, we would encourage you to estimate a SCY time
- You may convert a LCM time. A good estimated SCY time will ensure your athlete is seeded in the proper heat -- this provides the best competition for all athletes.

**Meet Format:**

- All events will be mixed gender events and the seeding will be based solely on time and not gender. There will be no lane separation between genders.
- The Host reserves the right to cap the number of swimmers entered in each session in order to stay within the four-hour rule
- Swimmers will be entered in the order entries are received.
- Events 200 yards and shorter will be pre-seeded*
- Events longer than 200 yards will require positive check-in.*
- All events will swim fastest to slowest. Flyover Starts will be used for Timed Finals on Friday and in Prelims on Saturday and Sunday.*
- Saturday and Sunday Prelim Events will be circle seeded.
- If there are schedule changes, notification will be made as soon as possible after entry deadline.
- The 1000 and 1650 Freestyle will be offered as mixed timed final events. Swimmers may choose to swim either the 1000 Freestyle or the 1650 Freestyle. Depending on the number of entries, the events may be swum together with lane assignments being made with like distances seeded together in a single heat.
- Saturday and Sunday individual events will be prelim-finals
- In finals, events will be separated by gender and age, and seeded by time.
- Two heats (**top 16 swimmers**) in each age group, 10 and under, 11-12 and 13 and over will qualify to swim in finals for 50- and 100-yard events
- In 200 yard and longer events, only one heat (**top 8 swimmers**) will qualify to swim in finals.
  - 200 Free, 200 IM, 500 Free - 10 and under, 11-12, 13 and over
  - 200 Strokes, 400 IM – 10-12, 13 and over

Age Group	50/100 Yard Events	200FR/200IM/500 FR
10 & Under	A/B Final	A Final
11 & 12	A/B Final	A Final
13 & Over	A/B Final	A Final

Age Group	200 Stroke/400 IM	
10 - 12	A Final	
13 & Over	A Final	

- Check-in:** All distance events require a positive check-in
- The 400 I-M will require positive check-in by 4:45 PM on Friday.
  - The 1000 and 1650 Freestyle will require a positive check-in by 4:45 PM on Friday
  - The 500 Free will require positive check-in by 8:45 AM on Saturday/Sunday

**Time Trials:** ●No Time Trials will be offered.

<b>Schedule:</b>	●Friday Timed Finals	Warm-up @ 4:15 PM	Start @ 5:30 PM
	●Saturday Prelims:	Warm-up @ 7:45 AM	Start @ 9:30 AM
	●Saturday Finals:	Warm-up @ 4:30 PM	Start @ 6:00 PM
	●Sunday Prelims:	Warm-up @ 7:45 AM	Start @ 9:30 AM
	●Sunday Finals	Warm-up @ 4:00 PM	Start @ 5:30 PM

\*An e-mail will be sent to each team no later than **Tuesday, December 12, 2023**, with specific warm up times.

- Scratch Rule:**
- Prelims** -- There is no penalty for failing to scratch from a pre-seeded preliminary event
    - Swimmers who check-in for the 1000 Free, 1650 Free, 500 Free and 400 IM and who fail to compete after Positive check-in must positively check in each day, for those day's events only, for the remainder of the meet with meet administration to avoid being scratched for those days' events. Illness and injury may be excused by the Meet Referee if notified before the start of the event.
  - Finals** -- Scratching for all final events is required as outlined in the current USA Swimming rules 207.11.6D and 207.11.6E: Any finalist who fails to compete at finals or consolation finals, for which he/she has qualified and failed to scratch with the Clerk of Course prior to the scratch deadline, shall be banned from further competition in the meet in accordance with the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.
    - In this Prelim/Final meet, the event finalists and alternates shall be announced. All athletes shall have thirty (30) minutes after the announcement to scratch or declare an intent to scratch from finals.
    - ALL** qualified swimmer in the event (**a swimmer is qualified for finals if he/she has successfully completed the event in Prelims**) may be moved into finals due to scratches, therefore **all swimmers**, who will NOT be present at finals must scratch to avoid a possible suspension or fine from the meet.
    - 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.
    - Thirty (30) minutes after the results announcement, no further scratches shall be accepted, the existing scratches will be tabulated and the finalists and two (2) alternates for the event shall be set. Only the finalists set at this point will be subject to the following penalties:
      - On Saturday evening, any finalist who fails to compete in finals shall be banned from further competition in the meet in accordance with the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.**
      - On Sunday evening, any finalist that fails to compete in finals will be fined \$25.00 and that swimmer's team will be barred from future meets until that fine is paid.**
    - The athletes swimming in finals will be posted as soon as possible after the 30-minute scratch period.
    - This policy does not apply to athletes with an illness or injury who may be excused by the Meet Referee prior to the start of the event.
    - Athletes may not declare a false start ("DFS") to avoid competing in a finals event and will be subject to the scratch rule penalties, if applicable.

**Entry**

- Deadline:**
- Streamline reserves the right to cap entries in order to comply with the USA Swimming four-hour rule.
  - Entries **open, Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 2 PM.**
  - Entries **close, Monday, December 4, 2023 at noon. Times from earlier entries submissions may be updated by the entry closing date.**
  - Entry fees must be mailed and received by **Saturday, December 9, 2023.**  
*Payment will not be accepted at the meet.*

- Entries:**
- Swimmers may enter a **maximum of six events** on **Friday** and a **maximum of three individual events** on **Saturday** and **three individual events** on **Sunday**. Enter all events with short course yards times. The age of the swimmer will be his/her age on **December 15, 2023**.
  - **All 50's offered on Friday are open to any age group. 12 & Under swimmers may swim the 50 stroke events offered on Friday, a second time, as it will also be offered for the 12 & Under age groups on Saturday or Sunday.**
  - When submitting files to the Entries Chair, please include the name, email address, and phone number of the person submitting the entries
    - Entries must be emailed to Tom Schultz at [sasaentries@gmail.com](mailto:sasaentries@gmail.com)
  - Please do not use any other email address for submitting your entries!!! If you do not receive an email confirmation, your entries were not received
  - **Please mail a hard copy of what you emailed**
- Teams with *fewer than five* swimmers are not required to submit entries via Team Unify or Hy-Tek. A \$5.00 per swimmer processing fee will be added for entries submitted without an accompanying Hy-Tek or Team Unify entry file.
- They should email: swimmers name (as registered with USA Swimming), Gender, Date of Birth, USA Membership ID, Club Name and Club abbreviation, LSC, event number, event name and entry times.
  - Teams with five or more swimmers entered in the meet must submit their entries using Team Unify or Version three through eight of Hy-Tek Team Manager software
  - Please Include the Team Unify or Hy-Tek entry file and a Word document of the entries **by swimmer** with each entry file, including any subsequent revisions
  - Please rename the entry file to clearly identify the meet name and your club code.
  - It is necessary to include a hard copy of your entries with your check.
  - No paper, phone or fax entries will be accepted
  - Entries received without accurate USA Swimming registration numbers will NOT be accepted or processed.
- Entry Fees:**
- **\$12.50 per individual event. \$11.50 per athlete surcharge**
  - This includes the South Texas Swimming splash fee of \$1.25 per splash
  - A \$5.00 per swimmer processing fee will be added, if submitted without an accompanying Team Unify or Hy-Tek entry file.
  - Entry fees must be received by **Saturday, December 9, 2023**.
  - Please include an entry fee report with your check
  - Once entries have been accepted, no refunds will be given for any reason.
  - Make checks payable to **Streamline Aquatics** and mail to:
    - **Entry Chair - SASA 'Tis the Season**
    - **Tom Schultz**
    - **28763 Sierra Dr**
    - **New Braunfels, Tx 78132**
- Deck Entries:**
- Deck entries will be accepted only for open lanes - **No new heats will be created**
  - You may deck enter for the current session beginning at the start of warm-up
  - Deck entries will close 45 minutes before the start of each session
  - You may deck enter the next sessions' events after deck entries close for the current session.
  - The deck entry fee is **\$20.00** per individual event.
  - The meet surcharge fee of **\$11.50** per athlete only will be collected from swimmers not previously entered into the meet.
  - **Swimmers not previously entered in the meet must present their USA swimming registration card or prove current registration using their account in the USA Swimming App at Clerk of Course to be able to deck enter. No exceptions.**
- Awards:**
- Ribbons, first through eighth place will be awarded for 10 and under (except for the 10 and over events which will be awarded as 10-12 Events), 11-12, and 13 and Over in individual events.
- Officials:**
- Help from visiting officials will be needed
  - Visiting officials are asked to indicate their availability with the team's entry or email the meet referee, Tom Schultz at [tschultz@gvtc.com](mailto:tschultz@gvtc.com) no later than **December 6, 2023**.
  - All currently certified and in training USA Swimming officials are cordially invited to participate
  - All deck officials must be registered with USA Swimming and their local LSC
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- 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
- Please email the Meet Referee with your certification level and availability so he can plan accordingly.
- The wearing of name tags is strongly encouraged.

## Meet

<b>Administration:</b>	● Meet Referee: Tom Schultz	210-284-8116	<a href="mailto:tschultz@gvtc.com">tschultz@gvtc.com</a>
	● Meet Director: Phillip Davis	870-403-7000	<a href="mailto:uiwsasa@gmail.com">uiwsasa@gmail.com</a>
	● Entries Chair Tom Schultz	210-284-8116	<a href="mailto:sasaentries@gmail.com">sasaentries@gmail.com</a>
	● Admin Official: Angella Woodard	210-408-7946	<a href="mailto:sasaentries@gmail.com">sasaentries@gmail.com</a>
	● Head Coach: Phillip Davis	870-403-7000	<a href="mailto:uiwsasa@gmail.com">uiwsasa@gmail.com</a>

**Heat Sheets:** ● Heat Sheets will be posted for free on SASA website. Paper copies will NOT be sold.

## Lane Timing Assignments

- Lane assignment will be made by team and lane, based proportionately by team entries
- Lane assignments will be e-mailed the week of the meet
- Please help us out by lining up timers from your team.
- Swimmers in the 500, 1000, and 1650 Freestyle will be responsible for providing their own 2 timers – two timers per lane and for providing their own lap counters.

## Unaccompanied Swimmers:

- Any swimmer entered in this 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.

## 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.

## Deck Changing:

- Deck changes are prohibited.

## Drones:

- Per USA Swimming Rule 103.13, the 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.

## Medical

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

**Special Needs:** ● Please notify the Barshop Natatorium (210-805-3078) in advance of this event with the name and age of any member on your team who needs assistance to enter the building

- The Natatorium 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 this LSC that 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.





**ALL EVENTS WILL BE SWUM AS MIXED GENDER IN PRELIMS ONLY**

**Order of Events / Distances are in yards**  
**Sunday, December 18, 2023**  
 (Note: All Sunday Individual Events are Prelim/Final Events)

MIXED	Event
16	Mixed 200 IM
17	Mixed 50 Free
18	Mixed 10 and Over 200 Back
19	Mixed 12 & Under 50 Breast
20	Mixed 100 Back
21	Mixed 10 and Over 200 Breast
22	Mixed 100 Fly
	<b>Optional 5 Minute Break</b>
23-*	Mixed 13 and Over 500 Free*

● Swimmers in the 500 Free must provide their own counters and two timers.

\*Positive Check-in for 500 Free by 8:45 AM



**SOUTH TEXAS SWIMMING, Inc.**  
**Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures**

**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.
  - d. 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

- e. The first half of the assigned warm-up time shall be general warm-up for all lanes.
  - f. Push/Pace lanes will push off one or two lengths from starting end.
  - g. 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.
  - h. There will be no diving in the general warm-up lanes—circle swimming only.
  - i. No kickboards, pull buoys, or hand paddles may be used.
- II. 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.*

