

AGGIELAND SHORT COURSE INVITATIONAL

March 7 - 9, 2025

A Short Course Yards Prelims / Finals Meet
HOSTED BY THE
AGGIE SWIM CLUB



Sanction Number # **GU-SC-25-069 (R1)**

ENTRIES DUE TO THE MEET HOST (clark@comp.tamu.edu) BY 11:59 PM, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

LOCATION: Texas A&M University, Student Recreation Center Natatorium, 187 Corrington Drive, College Station, TX 77843. For more information about the TAMU Student Recreation Center Natatorium, visit: <http://recsports.tamu.edu/>

LOCAL INFORMATION: **Parking:** Before 5pm Friday, everyone must pay for parking by parking in the West Campus Garage across from the Rec Center (\$3/hour before 6pm – \$1.50/hour after 6pm). Pay at the kiosks either inside or at the exit of the garage. Parking is free on the surface lots after 5pm on Friday and on Saturday and Sunday, except where designated. The West Campus Garage is never free.

Hotels: go to Visit College Station, VisitCS@cstx.gov and Destination Bryan, www.destinationbryan.com

MEET STAFF:

MEET REFEREE:	Herbert Schwab, email: herb.schwab@gmail.com
ADMIN OFFICIAL:	Jason Buenemann
MEET DIRECTOR:	Henry Clark, email: clark@comp.tamu.edu , phone: (979) 220-2703
SAFETY MARSHAL:	Denyce Quave
COACH:	Shannon Clark

POOLS: Two eight lane, 25 yard indoor pools with non-turbulent lane lines will be used for warm-up and competition. A separate eight lane 25 meter diving well will be available for warm-up and warm-down.

MEET FORMAT, TIME AND DATE: This is a Prelims/Finals meet except for relays, 12 & Under 500 Free and 13 & Over 1650 Free which are Timed Finals events. 11 - 12, 13 - 14 and 15 & Over events will swim A/B heats in finals and 10 & Under events will swim an A heat only in finals. Split warm-ups will be in effect for prelims. Lane assignments for warm-ups and timing will be designated in the psych sheet and posted on the Gulf website by Monday, March 3, 2025. The open warm-up format will be used for finals.

Friday, March 7:	Prelims:	8:25* – 9:15 a.m. warm-up / 9:30 a.m. start
	Finals:	3:30 – 4:15 p.m. warm-up / 4:30 p.m. start



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Saturday, March 8:	Prelims:	8:25* – 9:15 a.m. warm-up / 9:30 a.m. start
	Finals:	3:30 – 4:15 p.m. warm-up / 4:30 p.m. start
Sunday, March 9:	Prelims:	8:25* – 9:15 a.m. warm-up / 9:30 a.m. start
	Finals:	3:30 – 4:15 p.m. warm-up / 4:30 p.m. start

* The Rec Center facility and natatorium open at 8:00 a.m.

MEET OPERATION: This meet will be run utilizing the “Flyover Starts” procedures. At the conclusion of each heat, the swimmers shall remain in the water until after the next heat is started. Coaches, please remind your swimmers of the “Flyover Start” procedures.

SAFETY GUIDELINES AND WARM-UP PROCEDURES:

See attached Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures

OFFICIALS: USA Swimming Qualified Officials and Apprentices are welcome to come and help officiate the meet. The uniform for all sessions will be white polo shirt over navy blue shorts / pants / skirt. There will be an officials’ briefing one (1) hour before the start of each session.

SEEDING: This will be a pre-seeded meet except for relays, 400 IM, 500 Free and 1650 Free. Circle-in is not required for pre-seeded events. At prelims, all events will be seeded with heats in the order of fastest to slowest (Y,L,S). As a courtesy to the host, coaches should inform the Clerk of Course of swimmers not attending the meet so that empty lanes can be filled with on-deck entries. At finals, the consolation heat will be swum prior to the championship heat.

POSITIVE CHECK-IN FOR RELAYS, 400 IM, 500 FREE AND 1650 FREE:

Individual Events: All swimmers must positive check-in with the Clerk of Course for the 400 IM, 500 Free and 1650 Free. (See section titled 12 & Under 500 Free, 13 & Over 1650 Free, below, for more details regarding check-in). Check-in must be done for these events, as applicable, by:

Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 13 & Over 500 Free

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 13 & Over 400 IM

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – 12 & Under 500 Free, 13 & Over 1650 Free

After the events are officially closed, no one may check-in or scratch.

Relays: Relay cards are due by 10:00 a.m. or the entry will be considered scratched. All relays will be swum in the prelims sessions.

12 & UNDER 500 FREE, 13 & OVER 1650 FREE:

All heats will be swum at the END of the Sunday prelims session, fastest to slowest.

FINALS AND SCRATCHING:

The administrative rules for the conduct of Gulf Swimming meets shall follow the Administrative Conduct of USA Swimming Championships, USA Swimming rule 207.11.6D and 207.11.6E, as modified below.

Any finalist who fails to compete in finals or consolation finals, or any other bonus final heat, for which he has qualified and failed to scratch with the Clerk of Course prior to the scratch



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deadline, shall be assessed a fine of \$50, and be barred from further competition in the meet in accordance with the *USA Swimming Rules and Regulations* until the fine is paid.

Swimmers are barred from any further competition in the meet until the \$50 fine is paid to the Aggie Swim Club.

In a Prelim/Final meet, the finalists and alternates for finals shall be announced and shall have thirty (30) minutes after the announcement to scratch from finals. Any qualified swimmer in the event (a swimmer is qualified for finals or consolation finals if he 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 from the meet and will be assessed a fine of \$50. Thirty (30) minutes after the 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 may be subject to the above fines and banishment from competition, even though any qualified swimmer may be moved into finals. The alternates, after the existing scratches are tabulated, will not be penalized if they are unavailable to compete in finals.

The USA Swimming National Championships Meets "reserve the right to scratch" rule is not applicable to this meet. The "intent to scratch" rule is not applicable to this meet.

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Entry Times: Swimmers must enter at their best time. Entry times must be submitted in the course at which the best time was achieved – short course yards (Y), short course meters (S), or long course meters (L). Do not convert meter (yard) times to yard (meter) times. If swimmers have never competed in a USA Swimming meet before, put NT where a seed time is requested. Times must be from USA Swimming meets.

Qualifying Times: None

Cut-off Times: None

Age: As of March 7, 2025.

Number of Events: Swimmers may compete in up to three (3) individual events per day and one (1) relay event per day.

Relay Events: Each team may enter a maximum of two (2) relays per relay event.

Eligible Teams: We welcome all USA Swimming teams to participate. Entries will be accepted until we reach the limit of approximately 650 swimmers total. Your team's entries will be confirmed by the host team but are not deemed accepted until confirmation is received.

Unattached Swimmers: An unattached swimmer not affiliated with a USA Swimming Club must follow the same entry procedures as those swimmers affiliated with a team. In order to be seeded in a Gulf meet, an unattached swimmer not affiliated with a USA Swimming Club, must enter by the entry deadline, follow the entry procedures in the Meet



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Announcement, and provide proof of a registered coach responsible for their supervision on deck during the meet.

Entries: All teams MUST submit their entries electronically via e-mail, using the Hy-Tek Meet Manager/Team Manager computer software.

Deadline: Entries must be in the hands of the Meet Host no later than 11:59 PM, Friday, February 21, 2025. Entries are not accepted until they have been confirmed as being received by the Meet Host. Email entries to the Meet Host at clark@comp.tamu.edu

Individual Event Entry Fee (per event): \$15.00
Relay Entry Fee (per relay event): \$30.00
Swimmer Surcharge Fee (per swimmer): \$15.00 (Fee Includes Electronic Heat Sheets)
Make entry fee checks payable to: **Aggie Swim Club (Bring payment to the meet in the form of cash, check or credit card).**

**ON-DECK
ENTRIES:**

On-deck entries will be accepted each day up to 45 minutes before the start of each session. Those swimmers missing the 11:59 p.m., Friday, February 21, 2025 deadline may enter the meet on-deck in the following manner:

1. Swimmers must pay double the entry fee at the time of entry. If not already entered in the meet, the swimmer surcharge fee shall also apply (\$15.00 per swimmer).
 2. Swimmers must supply completed entry forms. The swimmers will be seeded into open lanes in the pre-seeded events and according to their best times in deck seeded events.
 3. Swimmers must enter all events for the session forty-five (45) minutes prior to the start of the session's first event.
 4. Swimmers must be qualified to swim the event entered.
 5. Swimmers must not exceed the allotted number of events allowed each day.
 6. Swimmers that on-deck enter to change their entry time in a deck seeded event,
 - a. must circle-in on the posted circle-in sheets,
 - b. the on-deck entry time will be used for seeding, and
 - c. the on-deck entry fees still apply to these swimmers.
- Heats will be added, if necessary and if the timeline permits.

FINALISTS:

All finalists should report directly to the starting blocks. The names of the top 8 finalists will be announced before the start. The names of the consolation finalists will be announced after the start.

AWARDS:

Individual high point: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place Girls / Boys (highest individual points earned for each age group: 10 & Under, 11-12, 13-14 and 15 & Over)
Combined team: 1st, 2nd, 3rd place

SCORING:

Individual Events: 1st through 8th : 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11
9th through 16th: 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
Relay Events: 1st through 8th: 40-34-32-30-28-26-24-22
9th through 16th: 18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2
13 & Over events will be scored 13 – 14, 15 – Over
12 & Under events will be scored 10 & Under, 11 – 12



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RULES AND SANCTIONS:

The current USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming rules will apply. The meet will be held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming. It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. No entries can be accepted unless the entrant is a registered member of USA Swimming as provided in Article 302. On deck USA Swimming membership registration will not be permitted.

POOL MEASUREMENT:

The competition course has not been certified in accordance with USA Swimming Rule 104.2.2(C). The pool will be measured before the competition begins to ensure that the course length is correct.

The water depth of the competition course is 7 feet measured from 1 meter to 5 meters on the starting end of the course, and 9 feet measured from 1 meter to 5 meters on the turning end of the course.

TIMING SYSTEM:

A Daktronics Model 2000 electronic timing system with electronic scoreboard will be used. Two watches per lane will be used as a back-up. Teams will be required to furnish timers at both prelims and finals based on their percentage of entries at the meet. Timing assignments will be published in the meet program. Swimmers in the 400 IM must provide 2 timers and in the 500 Free and 1650 Free must provide 2 timers and a lap counter.

POOL DECK RESTRICTION:

Because of USA Swimming Insurance Safety Regulations, the swimming pool deck, during the operation of all Gulf Swimming sanctioned meets, is closed to all persons except swimmers, coaches, marshals, officials, meet personnel, and timers. All registered non-athletes are required to display their current USA Swimming registration card. If you are asked to leave the deck by any registered personnel, please do so. It is for your safety.

Coaches and Officials must present their membership cards in order to receive complimentary Heat Sheets and for admission to the Hospitality Room. Coaches must supervise their swimmers.

DECK CHANGES:

Deck Changes are prohibited. Deck Change definition – “changing, in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one suit in an area other than a permanent or temporary locker room, bathroom, changing room or other space designated for changing purposes”.

MAAPP POLICY:

All applicable 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 the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition.

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 Vice President of Program Operations.



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AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING DEVICES:

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in the area behind the starting blocks, in changing areas, restrooms, showers or locker rooms. Violators may be reported to law enforcement or other governmental authorities and/or may be barred from the facility during the sanctioned event.

UNACCOMPANIED SWIMMERS:

Any swimmers 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. 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.

SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES:

Coaches and/or swimmers are responsible for notifying the Meet Referee of any disability prior to the competition and for providing their own assistant or equipment. However, Coaches/Swimmers may contact the Meet Director at least two weeks in advance of the meet to reserve Gulf Swimming equipment (remote strobe).

**MEDICAL
SUPERVISION:**

During the meet an EMT and Lifeguard will be present to provide any necessary medical supervision and treatment for athletes participating in the meet. An AED is available onsite.

HOSPITALITY:

A hospitality room will be available.

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DISCLAIMER:**

- 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., Gulf Swimming, and Aggie Swim Club 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, AGGIE SWIM CLUB, AND (GULF SWIMMING) EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSESS, 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, FORSEEN OR UNDFORSEEN, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.
- Aggie Swim Club (AGS-GU) has taken enhanced health and safety measures for the participants, coaches, and volunteers. You must follow all posted instructions while at the facility. An inherent risk of COVID-19 exists in any public or private 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 guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By participating in this



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event at the Aggie Swim Club hosted swim meet, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

COVID-19

PROCEDURES:

- This meet will be conducted in compliance with local, state, and USA Swimming COVID 19 restrictions.

MEET RESULTS:

Meet results will be posted on the Gulf Swimming Web Page (www.gulfswimming.org), within three days after the conclusion of the meet. Unofficial real time results will be available on MEET MOBILE, keywords "College Station"

CONCESSIONS:

Concessions will be available behind the lobby at Smoothie King.

MERCHANDISE:

Keifer Swim Shops will be selling swim gear and apparel.

FACILITY RULES:

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY STUDENT RECREATION CENTER NATATORIUM RULES:

- Participants and spectators are not allowed to use other areas of the Student Recreation Center Complex during this event.
- Swimming is allowed only when the area is supervised.
- NO glass containers, tobacco, or alcoholic beverages are allowed within the natatorium area.
- Only participants, coaches, event administrators, and event volunteers are allowed on the pool deck. All spectators and parents must remain in the grandstand.
- Participants are not allowed to climb over the grandstand railings or pass any posted barriers.
- Don't hang on the lane lines.
- There will be NO SHAVING within the Student Recreational Complex. All shaving should be completed prior to arrival at the natatorium. Safety marshals will be monitoring the locker rooms and restrooms to enforce this policy.
- Safety rules will be enforced during warm-ups before each event session and in the diving well during the meet. The diving well is a warm-up area. Recreational swimming is prohibited.
- Diving Boards will be closed and off-limits to all competitors and spectators.
- Please be neat. Throw your trash in the trash containers.
- NO LAWN CHAIRS are allowed in the facility.
- The Texas A&M Recreational Sports staff has final authority on all safety matters and reserves the right to remove anyone for behavior that is deemed unsafe or inappropriate.
- Blocking or restricting fire lanes or emergency exits, and the use of emergency exits for non-emergencies is prohibited. Team Banners must not exceed 5'X 8' and will be hung by event staff. No handmade signs are allowed in the facility.
- No pets allowed in the Rec Center complex or on the pool deck.



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Entry Rules:

Type of meet	Prelim/Finals A,B for 11-12, 13-14, 15 & Over Prelim/Finals A only for 10 & Under
Max # individual events per day	Three (3)
Max # relay events per day	One (1)
Swimmers eligible	All USA-S
Entry times in	SCY, SCM, LCM
Qualifying times	None
Cut-off times	None
Entry Fees	Individual – \$15.00; Relays – \$30.00
Swimmer Surcharge	\$15.00 per swimmer

Friday, March 7, 2025

Prelims Session

8:25 a.m. warm-up

9:30 a.m. start

Finals Session

3:30 p.m. warm-up

4:30 p.m. start

Girls / Mixed		Event Name		Boys / Mixed
Event #				Event #
1	11 - 12	200	Fly	2
3	10 & Under	100	Back	4
5	11 - 12	100	Back	6
7	13 - 14	100	Free	8
9	15 & Over	100	Free	10
11	10 & Under	200	Free	12
13	11 - 12	200	Free	14
15	13 - 14	200	Breast	16
17	15 & Over	200	Breast	18
19	10 & Under	50	Fly	20
21	11 - 12	50	Fly	22
23	13 - 14	200	IM	24
25	15 & Over	200	IM	26
27	10 & Under	100	IM	28
29	11 - 12	100	IM	30
31	14 & Under	200	Mixed Free Relay	31
32	Open	200	Mixed Free Relay	32
33	10 & Under	200	Mixed Free Relay	33
34	12 & Under	200	Mixed Free Relay	34
35	13 & Over	500	Free	36



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Saturday, March 8, 2025

Prelims Session
8:25 a.m. warm-up
9:30 a.m. start

Finals Session
3:30 p.m. warm-up
4:30 p.m. start

Girls / Mixed		Event Name		Boys / Mixed	
Event #				Event #	
37	11 - 12	200	Breast	38	
39	10 & Under	100	Free	40	
41	11 - 12	100	Free	42	
43	13 -1 4	100	Fly	44	
45	15 & Over	100	Fly	46	
47	10 & Under	50	Breast	48	
49	11 -1 2	50	Breast	50	
51	13 -14	200	Back	52	
53	15 & Over	200	Back	54	
55	10 & Under	100	Fly	56	
57	11 - 12	100	Fly	58	
59	13 - 14	200	Free	60	
61	15 & Over	200	Free	62	
63	10 & Under	200	IM	64	
65	11 - 12	200	IM	66	
67	14 & Under	200	Mixed Medley Relay	67	
68	Open	200	Mixed Medley Relay	68	
69	10 & Under	200	Mixed Medley Relay	69	
70	12 & Under	200	Mixed Medley Relay	70	
71	13 & Over	400	IM	72	

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Prelims Session
8:25 a.m. warm-up
9:30 a.m. start

Finals Session
3:30 p.m. warm-up
4:30 p.m. start

Girls Event		Event Name		Boys	
#				Event #	
73	13 - 14	100	Back	74	
75	15 & Over	100	Back	76	
77	11 - 12	200	Back	78	
79	10 & Under	50	Free	80	
81	11 - 12	50	Free	82	
83	13 - 14	200	Fly	84	
85	15 & Over	200	Fly	86	
87	10 & Under	100	Breast	88	
89	11 - 12	100	Breast	90	
91	13 - 14	50	Free	92	
93	15 & Over	50	Free	94	
95	10 & Under	50	Back	96	
97	11 - 12	50	Back	98	
99	13 - 14	100	Breast	100	
101	15 & Over	100	Breast	102	
103	12 & Under	500	Free	104	
105	13 & Over	1650	Free	106	



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GULF SAFETY GUIDELINES AND WARM-UP PROCEDURES

WARM-UP PROCEDURES

- A. General warm-up (Initial portion [1/2] of the warm-up session or with the agreement of all of the coaches in a particular lane.)
 - 1. **NO DIVING OR RACING STARTS** allowed from the blocks edge of the pool. Swimmers must enter the pool feet first cautiously.
 - 2. **NO SPRINTING OR PACE WORK** allowed during this general warm-up session.
- B. Specific warm-up (Last portion [1/2] of the warm-up session or with the agreement of all of the coaches in a particular lane.)
 - 1. **RACING STARTS ONLY**, either from blocks or from backstroke starts.
 - 2. Lanes are **ONE WAY ONLY**.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

- A. Swimmers Responsibilities
 - 1. All swimmers without a registered coach to observe them at the meet, and/or their coaches, should arrange, prior to their arrival at the meet, for a registered coach to observe them during the warm-up, competition and warm-down. Any unattached or unattended swimmers who have not made previous arrangements with a coach to observe them at the meet should contact the Meet Director, Safety Marshal or Meet Referee for assistance in making such arrangements prior to their participating in the warm-up.
- B. Coaches Responsibilities
 - 1. Coaches shall instruct their swimmers regarding safety guidelines and warm-up procedures as they apply to conduct at meets and practice.
 - 2. Coaches shall stand near the starting end of the pool when starting swimmers on sprint and pace work.
 - 3. Coaches shall actively supervise their swimmers throughout the warm-up session.
 - 4. Coaches shall maintain as much contact with their swimmers as possible, both verbal and visual, throughout the warm-up period.
 - 5. Registered coaches of unattached swimmers and registered coaches of non-Gulf teams should notify the meet host by the entry deadline if they will be at the meet, so that they may be assigned to a warm-up lane.
- C. Safety Marshals
 - 1. Appointed Safety Marshals are members of USA Swimming and have the authority to remove from the deck for the remainder of the warm-up session, any swimmer or coach who is in violation of safety guidelines or warm-up procedures. **THE MEET REFEREE MAY EXERCISE ADDITIONAL ADJUDICATION AUTHORITY AS NECESSARY.**
- D. Miscellaneous
 - 1. Swimmers should be reminded by coaches that breaststrokers need more lead time than freestyle or butterfly swimmers.
 - 2. Backstrokers shall ensure that they are not starting at the same time as a swimmer on the blocks. Swimmers shall not step up on the starting blocks, when a backstroker is waiting to start.
 - 3. Swimmers shall not jump or dive into the pool to stop another swimmer on a recalled start.
 - 4. Swimmers are required to exit the pool upon completion of their warm-up to allow other swimmers adequate warm-up time. The pool is not for visiting or playing during warm-up periods.
 - 5. Warm-up procedures shall be enforced for any breaks, scheduled or otherwise, during the competition.
 - 6. All diving boards and equipment are **OFF LIMITS**.
- E. Pool Rules
 - 1. Smoking or use of other tobacco products is not allowed on the grounds of USA Swimming meets.
 - 2. Glass containers are prohibited.
 - 3. Swimmers, coaches, and spectators are expected to observe all rules and regulations included in the announcement.

