



Alamo Area Aquatic Association

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Meet Information

Conducted under Sanction by USA Swimming

Sanction Number: STA-18-13

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- Meet** •2018 AAAA / NEAT "BB" Plus Alamo Mile
•1650-yard freestyle competition for swimmers 11 years of age and older
- Date:** •Sunday, January 14, 2018
- Venue:** •Josh Davis Natatorium
•Blossom Athletic Center (Also known as North East Stadium)
•Jones-Maltsberger Road at Starcrest and Bitters
•San Antonio, TX 78217
•210-356-6925
- Schedule:**
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| •Coaches meet at | 0840 |
| •Warm-ups begin at | 0900 |
| •Officials meet at | 0930 |
| •Pool cleared at | 0950 |
| •Competition begins at | 1000 |
- Format:** •The single contested event will be gender-mixed, seeded by time without regard to age or gender and swum fastest to slowest
•Lane separation between genders will not be guaranteed
•Entries received without a seed time (NT) will be seeded last by lot
•Swimmers are permitted to enter one (1) event
- Facility:** •Eight FINA-width (2.75-meters) lanes
•The competitive course has an overall minimum depth of 2.25-meters (7.5 feet), therefore the minimum water depth, measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3, is 2.25 meters at the start end and 2.25 meters (7.5 feet) at the turn end, measured one and five meters from either wall
•The course has been professionally certified IAW 104.2.2(C) and data are on file with USA Swimming
•0.75-meter buffers outside lanes one and eight
•DAKTRONICS automatic starting and timing
•Full scoreboard with heat and event display
•Heat and event board operates in the adjacent Walker 16-lane warm-up / cool down pool
•Off-deck seating for 1500 spectators
•Concessions and swim shop in the lobby
•Spectators and non-participating athletes are not allowed on deck at any time for any reason!
- Facility Rules, Regulations and Policies:**
- Deck changing is prohibited
 - Two-piece swim wear is prohibited
 - The presence or use of cell phones, smart phones or any other devices capable of producing audio recordings, photographic or video images in locker rooms, restrooms or changing areas is strictly and specifically prohibited at all times.
 - There are no exceptions to this policy.
 - Violators are subject to disqualification from the meet and disbarment from the facility
 - 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
 - Photographers and videographers are specifically prohibited from the area immediately behind the starting blocks
 - Parents and other spectators are not permitted on-deck at any time for any reason
 - Flash photography of any sort is expressly forbidden during competition
 - Standing in front of and / or leaning against the glass rails is expressly forbidden
 - Filming may only be accomplished from the blue-rail areas
 - Times noted on the scoreboard are never official and must not ever be regarded as such
- Age up Date:** •The age of the swimmer will be his/her age on January 14th, 2018, which must be 11 or older
- Awards:** •None!

- Drones:** •In accordance with (IAW) 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 and NEISD.
- Liability:** •This meet will be conducted under the Sanction of USA Swimming
 •In granting a Sanction, it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc., South Texas Swimming, Inc. (STSI), the Alamo Area Aquatic Association (AAAA), the North East Independent School District, and all meet officials shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities for claims for damage arising by reason(s) arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of this meet
- Sanction:** •Held under the sanction of USA Swimming.
 •This meet has been sanctioned by South Texas Swimming and current USA Swimming rules and any relevant sections of the South Texas Policies and Procedures Manual will apply
 •All swimmers must be registered as athletes for 2018 with USA Swimming by the meet start date
 •Athletes who register with USA Swimming after the meet entry deadline may deck enter the meet only if they can present their 2018 USA Swimming registration card or proof of membership using the USA Swimming Deck Pass App
 •Or a coach may present the club's official, watermarked roster from the USA Swimming club portal
 •South Texas Swimming does not allow on-deck USA Swimming registrations
 •Conduct of the sanctioned events 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 (2018) 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 Deck Pass app
- Or a coach may present the club's official, watermarked roster from the USA Swimming club portal). Current national and LSC regulations do not allow for exceptions to these policies.

Cell Phone Restrictions:

- The presence and / or use of cell phones, smart phones, or any other devices capable of producing audio recordings and / or photographic or video images in locker rooms, rest rooms, or changing areas is strictly and specifically prohibited at all times.
- There are no exceptions to this prohibition.
- Violators are subject to disqualification from the meet, disbarment from the facility and arrest.

Entry Restrictions:

- Swimmers may enter but ONE event
- Entering swimmers must have at some time (lifetime best) achieved a 2017 – 2020 National Motivational “BB” time for 1650-yard freestyle – please see page three (3)

Entry fees: •\$10.00 •Late / Deck: \$20.00 •Includes STSI \$1.25 Splash Fee

Entry Deadline: •Entries must be submitted via Hy-Tek Commlink File and be in the hands of the **Entries Chair** not later than 1200, Tuesday, January 2, 2018

Late/Deck Entries: •To fill empty lane only – no new heats will be created

Qualifying Times: •Equal to or Faster than the 2017 – 2020 National Motivational “BB” times
 •Please see page three (3)

Meet Management:

- Meet Manager 7.0
- NEISD Aquatics Director**
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- Meet Director:**
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- Entries Chair:**
- Bill Spurgeon
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- Meet Referee:**
- Rick Russell
- 210-834-7409
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- Administrative Official:**
- Mindy Donofrio
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Warm-ups: •Warm-ups will be conducted IAW the current STSI Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures noted on page four (4)

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
- 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.

Photographs And Videos:

- No team or parent photographers will be allowed on deck.
- In the event such media 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
- Media photographers and videographers are prohibited from the area immediately behind the starting blocks

Special Needs:

- Please notify the Josh Davis Natatorium (210-356-6925) in advance of this event with the name and age of any member on your team who needs assistance to enter the building.
- The NEISD 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 by the end of warm-ups if they are to be considered to be judged under Article 105 and / or if any specialized equipment is required.

Time Trials:

- None!

Timers and Lap Counters:

- Competitors must provide their own backup timers and lap counters as necessary
- SPECIAL NOTE:** Swimmers who may wish to obtain SWIMS-eligible splits at the 500 and 1000-yard intermediate distances, must effect coordination with the Meet Referee beforehand
 - They must also ensure there are three manual backup timers on hand should there be a touch pad failure
 - Swimmers who wish to record SWIMS-eligible times at the intermediate distances must, by rule, complete the entire 1650-yard event

Officials:

- All currently (2018) certified / registered and in-training USA Swimming officials are cordially invited to assist in the conduct of this meet
- The uniform for officials is white collared shirts or blouses over khaki trousers, Bermuda-length shorts, skirts or capris
 - No short shorts, jeans or flip-flops, please
- Officials must prominently display their South Texas and USA Swimming credentials while on deck
- Wearing of name tags is strongly encouraged
- Please report to the Meet Referee in the deck level classroom at 9:30 AM to receive assignments

The Alamo Mile / Sunday, January 14th, 2018 / 10:00 AM Order of Events / Minimum Qualifying Times 2017 – 2020 National Motivational “BB Times / 1650-yard Freestyle				
Girl’s Event Number	Equal to or Faster Than:	Age Group	Equal to or Faster Than:	Boy’s Event Number
1	23:07.29	11 and 12	23:37.49	1
	21:43.19	13 and 14	20:43.19	
	21:26.19	15 and Over	20:02.89	

Special Note for Coaches:

- Please provide a T-Shirt size for yourself and each of your entered swimmers by completing and submitting the Form on page five (5)

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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 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
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—one way only.
- d. Dive sprints may only be done under the direct supervision of the coach.
- e. There will be no diving in the general warm-up lanes—circle swimming only.
- f. 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 four marshals 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.

