

The University of Texas at Austin and



LONGHORN AQUATICS

Jingle Bell Splash

Held under the sanction of USA Swimming

Important Meet Facts

Meet Date: December 14-16, 2018

Entries Open: ALL teams- noon, Monday, November 26, 2018

Entries Close: Tuesday, November 27, 2018

Entry Email: txlameetentries@gmail.com

Entry Fees: \$10.00 per event. A \$5.00 per swimmer facility surcharge will be charged.

Age Restriction: Athletes 5 years of age and younger are not permitted to swim in this meet.

Qualifying times: [USA Swimming's 2017-2020 National Age Group Motivational BB Times for all events.](#)

Deck Entries: No deck entries will be accepted for any of Friday's events. Deck entries for Saturday will be accepted before the scratch deadline on Friday. Deck entries for Sunday will be accepted before the scratch deadline on Saturday. Deck entries will only be accepted for open lanes. No new heats will be created. No deck entries will be accepted the day of an event. [All deck entries must have a provable BB time.](#)

Deck Entry Fees: \$20.00 per event

Deck Entry/Scratch Deadlines:

Saturday Deck Entry/Scratch deadline- Friday, December 14, 1 hour after warm-ups

Sunday Deck Entry/Scratch deadline- Saturday, December 15, 1 hour after prelim warm-ups

Positive Check-In Deadlines: Positive check-in will be available as athletes enter the pool deck and will close approximately 1 hour after the conclusion of warm-ups for Sunday's events and on 5:30pm for Friday's events. Swimmers that check-in for an event and fail to swim will be fined \$50 payable to the University of Texas.

Parking Info: [Please visit the Longhorn Aquatics website as we get closer to the meet for more information.](#)

Address: 1900 Red River Street, Austin TX 78712

Timer Rule: Teams should come prepared with volunteer timers when they are called upon.

Warm Up Assignments: If needed, warm-up assignments will be posted on the Longhorn Aquatics Meets page no later than December 14, 2018.

Heat Sheets: Heat Sheets will be posted for **free** on [The Longhorn Aquatics website](#) & Meet Mobile.

Meet information & updates can be found at: [The Longhorn Aquatics website](#)

Welcome: Longhorn Aquatics invites your team to join us at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swim Center to compete in our Jingle Bell Splash. This meet is open to all USA Swimming registered swimmers. The meet may be conducted in two 25 yard courses, using Omega touch pads, Daktronics Timing System and Hy-Tek Meet Manager software.

Facility: The Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center has an indoor 8 lane 50 meter competition pool. The pool is considered one of the fastest pools in the world due to its depth, gutter system, high filtration rate and lane width. For the December meet the competition course *has not* been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4).

The Swim Center is located on the University of Texas Campus, 1900 Red River Street, one block west of I-35 on the northwest corner of the intersection of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Red River Street.

Water Depths: The minimum water depth, measured in accordance with Article 103.2.3, is 9 feet at the start end and the turn end is 9 feet measured for a distance of 1.0 meter to 5.0 meters from both end walls.

Age Restrictions: Athletes 5 years of age and younger are not permitted to swim in this meet.

Liability: In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc., South Texas Swimming, Inc. (STSI), The University of Texas, the Lee and Joe Jamail Swimming Center, Longhorn Aquatics, and all meet staff and 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.

TSC Rules: As guests of The University of Texas, all must adhere to the Texas Swim Center (TSC) rules. Coaches must supervise their swimmers. Chewing gum and glass containers are not permitted in the building. Locks may not be left on lockers overnight. Wet swimmers cannot leave pool deck. Children must be supervised at all times.

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.

Cell phone restrictions: 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, disbarment from the facility and arrest.

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 & Procedures Manual will apply. All swimmers must be registered as athletes for 2018 or 2019 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 2018 or 2019 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 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 (2018 or 2019) registered with USA Swimming. 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 deck enter, if offered, will be required to present their USA Swimming ID card or proof of membership using the USA Swimming Deck Pass app 3) 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. South Texas Swimming does not allow on-deck USA Swimming registrations.

Schedule: All events Friday are timed finals. Events on Saturday and Sunday will be prelims in the morning, and finals at night. Warm-ups may be split if a large number of swimmers enter the meet. The diving well will be available throughout the meet for continuous warm-up and cool-down. Officials, coaches, athletes and volunteers will not be allowed on deck until the college teams have cleared the pool deck on Friday & Saturday.

Friday	Timed Finals	Warm Up:	5:10 PM	Start:	6:00 PM
Saturday	Prelims	Warm Up:	8:10 AM	Start:	9:00 AM
	Finals	Warm Up:	5:10 PM	Start:	6:00 PM
Sunday	Prelims	Warm Up:	8:10 AM	Start:	9:00 AM
	Finals	Warm Up:	4:00 PM	Start:	5:00 PM

Coaches Meeting: If the meet director and meet referee find it necessary to have a coaches meeting an announcement will be made stating the time and meeting place during warm-ups.

Qualifying Times: There are “BB” time standards for all events. Only yard times in the SWIMS database can be used as proof of time. *Long course and converted times cannot be used as qualifying times.* [The SCY qualifying times are from USA Swimming’s 2017-2020 National Age Group Motivational Times. The age groups are based on 10&U, 11-12, 13-14, 15 & over.](#) Times must have been swum since December 14, 2017. Athletes who do not finish an event within the SCY qualifying times noted will be required to prove their entry time. The entry time must be in the USA Swimming database.

Meet Format: This is a prelims/finals meet. Sessions may swim in two short course yard pools. We reserve the right to cap the number of swimmers in prelims to stay within the four hour rule. Swimmers will be entered in the order entries are received. The Meet Director and Meet Referee reserve the right to modify the operations of the meet, depending upon the number of entries.

Prelims-- Even heats will swim in the Flag End and odd heats will swim in the Non-Flag End. Prelim events will be seeded by time and gender only. Age groups will be combined. All events will swim fastest to slowest.

The top qualifiers in each prelim event will be posted after the last heat. All swimmers have 30 minutes to decide whether they will swim in or scratch from finals. If they choose not to swim in finals, they must scratch, or declare intent to scratch, within 30 minutes following the announcement. Swimmers who declare an intent to scratch will have 15 minutes after the completion of their last individual event of the session to confirm the scratch.

If a swimmer does NOT want to swim in finals, they should scratch **no matter how far down the list their name appears.** Finals will be posted as soon as possible after the 30 minute scratch period. Any swimmer seeded in finals who does not swim will be subject to a penalty of \$50 payable to The University of Texas at Austin (this excludes

alternates or swimmers with illness/injury and excused in advance by the Meet Referee). Swimmers will be barred from competition immediately at the Swim Center until fines are paid.

Swimmers who qualify as alternates for final events and wish to compete should no shows occur must be within an area previously designated by the Meet Referee and be immediately available. "Immediately" is defined as being properly attired, in the designated area, and ready to swim when called.

Finals -- Saturday & Sunday finals, events will be separated by gender and age, and seeded by time.

During finals, girls will swim at the Flag End and boys will swim at the Non-Flag End. In finals, events will swim slowest to fastest for 10 & under heats, 11/12 heats, 13/14 heats, 15 & over heats. If the meet is undersized we reserve the right to run finals in one pool.

The number of heats qualifying for finals in **50 yard events** is as follows:

10 & Under	3 heats
11-12	3 heats
13-14	3 heats
15 & Over	3 heats

In **100 and 200 yard events**, the number of heats qualifying for finals is as follows:

10 & Under	2 heats (200 Free and 200 IM only)
11-12	2 heats
13-14	2 heats
15 & Over	2 heats

In **500 yard event**, the number of heats qualifying for finals is as follows:

13-14	2 heats
15 & Over	2 heats

Positive Check-In: The 13 & Over Mixed 400 IM, 12 & Under 500 Free and the 13& Over Mixed 1650 Free on Friday are positive check in (circle in) and timed final events. Positive check-in will be available as athletes enter the pool deck. Swimmers that check-in for an event and fail to swim will be fined \$50 payable to The University of Texas. These swimmers, *and their team*, will be barred from competition at the Swim Center until the fines are paid.

All of Friday's positive check-ins will close at 5:30 PM. The heats will swim fastest to slowest, even heats at the flag end and odd heats at the non-flag end. All Friday PM swimmers must provide their own timers and lap counters.

Time Trials: No time trials will be offered.

Deck Entry/Scratch Rule: **ONLY coaches are permitted to submit deck entries.** No deck entries will be accepted for any of Friday's events. Deck entries for Saturday will be accepted before the scratch deadline on Friday. Deck entries for Sunday will be accepted before the scratch deadline on Saturday. Deck entries will only be accepted for open lanes. No new heats will be created. No deck entries will be accepted the day of an event. [All deck entries must have a provable BB time.](#)

Deadlines: Saturday Deck Entry/Scratch deadline- Friday, December 14, 1 hour after warm-ups
Sunday Deck Entry/Scratch deadline- Saturday, December 15, 1 hour after prelim warm-ups

The deck entry fee is \$20.00 per event. **Swimmers not previously entered in the meet must present their 2018 or 2019 USA Swimming registration card or proof of membership using the USA Swimming Deck Pass app** at Clerk of Course to be able to deck enter. A coach may also present the club's official, watermarked roster from the USA Swimming club portal.

Racing Start Proficiency: (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 without the use of a 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.

Entry Dates: Entries will open for all teams at noon, Monday, November 26, 2018. Entries will not be accepted before that time. **You should not make nonrefundable travel arrangements before you know your entries are accepted – entries will be processed in the order received.** Entries will close the earlier of:

- a) Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 4 PM or
- b) When a session reaches an estimated 4 hours in length. Individual sessions may close before the entire meet closes. If we have to close a session early, this will be posted on the [Longhorn Aquatics website](#).

Entries: Swimmers may enter a maximum of 3 individual events per day, and 6 maximum events for the meet. The age of the swimmer will be his/her age on December 14, 2018. Enter all events with previous best times achieved in short course yards.

All teams must submit their entries using the latest version of Hy-Tek Team Manager or Team Unify software.

Email entries to TXLA Entry Chair at txlameetentries@gmail.com. When you email entries, also attach a report of the entries by swimmer, including their USA ID. If you don't receive an email confirmation, your entries were not received. Entries will not be accepted thru any other email address.

Entry fees must be postmarked by Monday, December 10. Please include the meet entry fees report with your check. DO NOT send a copy of the entries you emailed earlier. 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: \$10.00 per individual event. A \$5.00 per swimmer facility surcharge will be charged. This includes the South Texas Swimming splash fee of \$1.25 per splash. Only one check per team, please. Refunds will not be given for any reason.

Make checks payable to: The University of Texas at Austin

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Special Needs: A disability is defined as a PERMANENT physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities. Please notify the Texas Swimming Center at 512-471-7703 in advance of this event with the name and age of any member on your team who needs assistance to enter the building. The Texas Swimming Center 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.Coaches and / or athletes must notify the Meet Referee before the event begins if they are to be considered to be judged under Article 105.

Officials: 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 respective LSCs for 2018 or 2019 and have a current Background Check acknowledged by USA Swimming. Please email the Meet Referee, Marc Digby, at mdigby@AESAustin.com with your certification level and availability so he can plan accordingly. The uniform will be white polo shirts over khaki pants, skirts or shorts. Please report to the Meet Referee at least 45 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the session for the officials' briefing and to receive your assignments. The wearing of name tags is strongly encouraged.

Deck Access: Only currently registered coaches and officials will be allowed access beyond the front desk of the Texas Swimming Center. Coaches and officials will be required to show their current USA Swimming registration card at the front desk in order to be on deck. Volunteers will be given a pass to access the deck and help for that specific purpose.

Please be aware that swimmers will not be allowed on the deck until one of their team coaches has checked in and is on deck. Any non-registered individuals not respecting these rules will be removed from that area or from the facility at the discretion of the Meet Director, Longhorn Aquatics Program Director or Texas Swimming Center staff.

Concealed Carry 30.06: Concealed Carry 30.06: (Campus Carry) Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun. For more information visit <http://campuscarry.utexas.edu/>

Parking: The University of Texas requires a UT permit for parking along Trinity and San Jacinto. [Please visit the Longhorn Aquatics website as we get closer to the meet for more information.](#)

Results: Results can be found on Meet Mobile or on the [Longhorn Aquatics Live Results link](#).

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 Events Programs Committee or designee.

Jingle Bell Splash: Order of Events

All events will be swam in SCY

Timed Finals, Friday, December 14, 2018

Event #	Event
1	13&O Mixed 400 IM*!
2	12&U Mixed 500 Free *!
3	13&O Mixed 1650 Free*!

! Positive check-in required.
 *Swimmers must provide their own counter and timer.

Saturday, December 15, 2018

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
4	200 IM	5
6	12&U 50 Breast	7
8	100 Back	9
10	200 Free	11
12	100 Breast	13
14	50 Free	15
16	11&O 200 Fly	17

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Girls Event #	Event	Boys Event #
18	100 Fly	19
20	12&U 50 Back	21
22	11&O 200 Back	23
24	100 Free	25
26	12&U 50 Fly	27
28	11&O 200 Breast	29
30	13&O 500 Free*!	31

! Positive check-in required for prelims.
 * Swimmers must provide own counter & timer for prelims.

**SOUTH TEXAS SWIMMING, Inc.
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 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.
- 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 and from the designated end. Swimmers must exit the pool on the opposite end.
 - d. There will be no diving in the general warm-up lanes—circle swimming only.
 - e. 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.