

2002

**Texas Age Group Swimming
Short Course Championships**

Meet Information

**Sanction #: Championships: 011-02
Time Trials: 012-02**

March 7 - 10, 2002

**A.J. Loos Swimming Center
Dallas, Texas**

**Sponsored By:
North Texas Swimming, Inc.**

March 7 – 10, 2002
Hosted by North Texas Swimming

Welcome: North Texas Swimming invites you to join us for the 2002 TAGS Short Course Championships to be held March 7 - 10, 2002.

Site:

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Sanction: This meet is held under the sanction of USA Swimming, and current USA Swimming rules apply. The sanction number is 011-02. In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming, Inc., Texas Swimming Association, Inc., North Texas Swimming, Inc., the Dallas Independent School District and all meet officials shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reasons of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. Damage to a facility, when proved, will cause the offending swimmer, if unattached, or the offending swimmer's club, if attached, to be held accountable for repairs.

Liability: USA Swimming, Texas Swimming Association, North Texas Swimming, Dallas Independent School District, and all meet officials accept no responsibility or liability for injuries sustained by any athlete, official, meet volunteer, or spectator while traveling to and from or while participating in this meet. 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.

Pre-TAGS General Meeting And Opening Ceremonies: All swimmers must be represented at a pre-meet general meeting that will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2002. The meeting will be held 30 minutes after the end of session 1 at the Marriott Quorum, 14901 Dallas Pkwy. The location of the meeting will be posted at the hotel. Any possible changes in the conduct of the meet will be decided at this meeting. It is each swimmer's and coach's responsibility to be aware of any decision or changes that are made at this meeting.

There will be a **short opening ceremony Friday, March 8, 2002, at 9:00 am** at the start of the Preliminaries. Each team will be introduced and recognized. Team banners or flags may be carried by team representatives. The opening ceremony will conclude at 9:15 AM and will be followed promptly by the meet events.

Team pep rallies and demonstrations may be held BEFORE the playing of the National Anthem and after the start of the first event at each session, but not between the two.

Eligibility: Any swimmer, 14 years or younger, registered with any of the five Texas Local Swimming Committees (LSCs), is eligible to compete in the Texas Age Group Swimming Championships. All swimmers must also meet the time standards established for each event he or she enters and have achieved those times between January 1, 2001 and February 27, 2002. Typographical and transcription errors with regards to achieved qualification times will fall under

current USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Paragraph 207.9.7. Any 13 - 14 year old swimmer with a NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP qualifying time may not compete in that stroke and distance in an individual or relay event at this meet, nor may such swimmers, time be used to prove a relay. Additionally, if the event is the 100 yard backstroke, butterfly or breaststroke, that swimmer may not compete in the 200 yard medley relay in that stroke. All swimmers must have a current USA Swimming registration number with any of the five Texas LSCs. Competitors must indicate their USA Swimming number and their age, as of March 7, 2002, on the Team Consolidated Entry Forms. "Applied For" or "Pending" is not acceptable and the swimmers' entries will not be accepted. There will not be an opportunity to obtain a valid USA Swimming number or registration at the competition.

Swimmers may compete with a team that is registered with any of the five Texas LSCs. The team must be a member of the Texas Swimming Association to compete for team points and awards. A swimmer may swim "unattached" if he/she is a member of an unregistered team or is ineligible to represent the team with whom they swim. Unattached swimmers may not earn points. All teams must comply with all TSA entry requirements.

Meet Operations: This meet is governed by current USA Swimming rules and regulations. TSA rules will apply where allowed. TSA rules prevail over any inconsistencies between TAGS Meet Information and current TSA rules. See attached order of events for the list of events and their schedule.

All events **except** the 1000-yard Freestyle, 500-yard Freestyle, 400-yard Individual Medley, and 1650-yard Freestyle, will be pre-seeded. The 1000 Freestyle, 1650 Freestyle, and all relays are timed final events. Scratching from pre-seeded events is not required. **Positive check-in is required for deck-seeded events and the relays; failure to check-in will result in the competitor being scratched from the event.** Scratching for all final events of prelim/final events is required as outlined in the current USA Swimming rules 207.5.9D and 207.5.9E.

Deck Seeded Events: The 1000-yard Freestyle, 500-yard Freestyle, 400-yard IM, and the 1650-yard Freestyle will be deck-seeded and listed in the heat sheet in psyche sheet form. **Positive check-in is required for all deck seeded events and for all relays. Check-in times:**

1000 Freestyle	Thursday, 4:00 p.m.
500 Freestyle	10 & Under & 11-12 Thursday, 4:00 p.m.; 13 –14 Friday, 7:00 p.m.
400 Individual Medley	Friday, 9:00 a.m.
1650 Freestyle	Saturday, 7:00 p.m.

The **1000-yard Freestyle** (events 1 and 2) will be swum as a Timed Final, seeded by qualification times. **All heats will be swum fastest to slowest. If only the deep end is used, heats will alternate women then men.**

The **1650-yard Freestyle** check-in will include the option to swim in either prelims or finals. The 1650-yard Freestyle (events 71 and 72) will be swum as a Timed Final. The fastest 8 women and fastest 8 men who check-in to swim with finals will swim during Sunday's Finals; women's heat first and men's heat after its completion. The women will swim in the shallow end and the men in the deep end after the conclusion of Event 70. **ALL OTHER HEATS WILL BE SWUM, FASTEST TO SLOWEST, AS THE FINAL EVENT IN SUNDAY'S PRELIMINARY SESSION and will begin 10 minutes after the conclusion of the last relay heat.**

Entries: Swimmers may enter as many events as desired but may only compete in a total of seven (7) individual events during the entire meet with no more than three (3) individual events during any one day, plus one (1) relay event per day. Time trial events will count as one of the three events allowed per swimmer per day, but not for one of the 7 events of the meet.

Entry Fees are \$3.50 for individual events and \$7.00 for relay events. Time trials are \$7.00 per event.

Individual entries for each swimmer and all team relay entries for each age group and sex must be entered on the attached entry form. A completed altitude adjustment form must accompany entries made using the altitude adjustment formula (207.9.6). The **coach's name and address** must be provided with each team's entry. All seed times should be submitted in the 100ths. Swimmers qualifying with a "non-conforming" time (long course or short course meters) should enter such event at the short course qualifying time.

A swimmer with a qualifying time in the 1650-yard freestyle also qualifies for the 1000-yard freestyle. The 1000 must be entered at the current published time standard.

Relay only swimmers must be listed on the initial entry sheet/disk to be eligible to swim time trials, according to TSA rules.

*There will be a minimum two hour break between the end of the Preliminary Session and the start of the Final Session. The Final Session will start no earlier than 4:30 PM but may start later, based on the end of the Preliminary Session.

Warm-up Schedule: ***

	<u>Day 1</u>	<u>Day 2</u>	<u>Day 3</u>
7:00 – 7:35	Group 2	Group 3	Group 1
7:35 – 8:10	Group 3	Group 1	Group 2
8:10 – 8:45	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3

Group 1
West Texas
Gulf (except Woodlands)

Group 2
South Texas
The Woodlands

Group 3
North Texas
Border

A 10 & under warm up area will be designated in lane 1 in the shallow end.

*****Please be advised that the Meet Directors and Meet Referee MAY adjust teams to maintain balance at all three warm-ups. Teams mandated to move will be notified by phone and TSA web-site by Monday, March 4, 2002!**

Relays: The 800 Freestyle relays will be swum fastest to slowest. All other relays will be conducted as Timed Finals with the fastest heat for each event being swum at Finals. All other heats will swim as the last events of preliminaries. **Each team must indicate YES or NO for Sunday Finals on the TAGS Relay Form.** Of the teams declaring they are eligible for Sunday Finals, the fastest eight will be seeded in Finals. Teams seeded in Finals must swim or scratch. **Any swimmer used in any proof of time for a relay must be on the designated age-group entry form for that team's relay. A team must have a relay entered in the age-group and sex before relay only swimmers can be listed on the entry form.**

Relay forms indicating the order of swimmers must be returned to the Clerk of Course by **10:00 a.m. each day.** The order of swimmers on relay teams will be strictly enforced in accordance with 102.4.7, USA Swimming Rules and Regulations.

Time Trials: Time Trials will be held, time permitting, for TAGS participants between preliminaries and finals on Friday and Saturday. **There will be no Time Trials on Sunday!** The fee is \$7.00 per event. The sanction number is 012-02. A swimmer may swim a maximum of one time trial per day.

Proof Of Times: For all rules and explanations pertaining to TAGS Proof of Times rules, swimmers and coaches are requested to refer to the TSA handbook. The TSA database will be up in primary mode. Individual entries will be electronically pre-proved against the TSA database, and an exceptions report will be posted on the TSA and 5 LSC websites. **IF** a meet is in the TSA database, coaches do not have to bring a hard copy to TAGS for proving any relays or individual swims aggregated together for relay qualifying times. **Be aware that High School, YMCA, and out-of-state USA Swimming meets WILL NOT be on the database.** A list of meets in the TSA database is available on the TSA website in the "Best Times" link. There are some meets for which results have not been submitted to the database, so, **IF IN DOUBT, BRING A HARD COPY!!** As always, it is the coach's responsibility to **MAKE CERTAIN** that Proof of Times is on hand at the meet, otherwise, the \$50 fine will be imposed. If a second offense occurs at the meet, another \$50 fine will be assessed and the swimmer will be barred from the remainder of the meet.

Awards:

Individual Events: Medals 1st thru 8th

Relay Events: Medals 1st thru 3rd; Ribbons 4th thru 8th

Team: TAGS Flags will be awarded to teams that finish in 1st thru 10th places. The First Place team will receive the Leo Cancellare Award, TAGS traveling trophy.

Outstanding Boy and Girl Award: State of Texas plaques will be awarded to the outstanding boy and girl swimmer who place highest in the National Top Sixteen (16) Short Course Rankings as published in Swimming World Magazine. The winners of this award will be determined by the most points earned for times equal to or better than a place in the Top Sixteen list. In the event no points are scored as specified in the current TSA Handbook, the awards will not be given.

High Point Award: A high point trophy will be given to the outstanding boy and girl swimmer in each age group based upon the total number of points in individual events during the meet.

Team Age Group Award: A white flag with red printing 3' X 2' in size will be given to the first place girl's and boy's teams in the following age groups using individual and relay events only: 10 & Under, 11-12, and 13-14.

All individual event and relay awards will be ready to be distributed to the swimmer or his/her coach daily up to one hour after the conclusion of the meet. Coaches/teams failing to pick up their team's awards within one hour after the conclusion of the meet shall make arrangements to receive the awards with the Meet Director at no expense to North Texas Swimming. If the awards are not available within one hour of the conclusion of the meet, the awards will be distributed to each team at the expense of North Texas Swimming.

Team Flags, Outstanding Swimmer Plaques, and High Point Trophies will be awarded within one hour of the conclusion of the meet. Coaches, teams, and athletes failing to pick up their awards one hour after the conclusion of the meet shall make arrangements with the Meet Director to receive the awards at no expense to North Texas Swimming.

Scoring: All events will be scored by age group.

Individual Events: 9...7...6...5...4...3...2...1

Relay Events: 18...14...12...10...8...6...4...2

Team points will not be awarded for a performance that does not meet or better the minimum time standard for that event. However, the swimmer is entitled to the individual award if the swimmer can prove that he/she has met the qualifying time.

Final Results: Final Results will be mailed to all participating teams within two (2) weeks following the championship. They will be mailed to the **coach's address listed on each team's entry** form. Additional copies may be ordered at the Clerk of Course for \$10.00 per copy.

Officials: Referees, starters, stroke and turn judges, and coaches must be current members of USA Swimming and certified in their respective LSCs. Visiting officials are encouraged to help and should check with the meet referee at least 45 minutes prior to each session. This meet is approved for National Certification. An officials briefing will be held 30 minutes prior to each session in the downstairs weight room at Loos Natatorium.

A National Certification meeting will be held at 7:30 am Saturday.

Hospitality and Concessions: Programs will be available for a one-time charge of \$10.00 for the entire meet. Each program will contain coupons redeemable for the Finals Heat Sheets. Finals Heat Sheets will also be available separately at \$2.00 per session. Food concessions will be available at the meet. Workers, Officials, and Coaches will be provided meals and refreshments in the hospitality area. Shirts and other souvenir items will be available for sale at the front main entrance.

Admission to Deck: Deck Passes will be issued to meet workers and to USA Swimming Registered Coaches, Officials, and Meet Marshals, who are working in an official capacity at TAGS. Spectators wishing to serve as timers will be allowed on deck only while timing. **All Coaches, Officials, and Meet Marshals must show their USA Swimming Registration Card to receive their Deck Passes.** The deck will be closed to all others.

Committee Meetings: A meeting of the TAGS Committee will be held on Saturday at 2:00 PM at the Marriott Quorum. A meeting of the North/South All-Star Committee will be held on Saturday after the Prelims.

Lodging: North Texas Swimming has arranged for rooms through the Marriott Hotels. Four (4) different properties are located near Loos Pool (see enclosed flyer for details). When making reservations at these properties, please request the TAGS rate.

2002 Order of Events For Short Course TAGS

Thursday, March 7, 2002

Girls Event No.	Qualifying Standard	Event	Qualifying Standard	Boys Event No.
1*	11:07.19	13-14 1000 FREE	10:45.59	2*
3*	6:17.09	10&U 500 FREE	6:36.69	4*
5*	5:43.09	11-12 500 FREE	5:51.99	6*
7*	8:28.39	13-14 800 FREE RELAY	8:13.19	8*

*Timed Finals.

Friday, March 8, 2002

Girls Event No.	Qualifying Standard	Event	Qualifying Standard	Boys Event No.
9	2:27.59	11-12 200 FLY	2:43.69	10
11	1:03.59	13-14 100 FLY	1:00.39	12
13	2:25.79	10&U 200 FREE	2:25.69	14
15	2:08.79	11-12 200 FREE	2:10.49	16
17	2:02.59	13-14 200 FREE	1:57.09	18
19	1:27.79	10&U 100 BREAST	1:31.09	20
21	1:16.49	11-12 100 BREAST	1:18.59	22
23	1:13.79	13-14 100 BREAST	1:09.49	24
25	35.39	10&U 50 BACK	35.79	26
27	32.09	11-12 50 BACK	32.29	28
29	1:04.49	13-14 100 BACK	1:01.49	30
31	1:16.09	10&U 100 IM	1:18.09	32
33	1:07.29	11-12 100 IM	1:08.99	34
35	4:56.09	13-14 400 IM	4:43.79	36

Saturday, March 9, 2002

Girls Event No.	Qualifying Standard	Event	Qualifying Standard	Boys Event No.
37	1:08.19	11-12 100 BACK	1:10.09	38
39	5:26.29	13-14 500 FREE	5:16.89	40
41	2:44.89	10&U 200 IM	2:48.89	42
43	2:26.59	11-12 200 IM	2:26.89	44
45	2:39.29	13-14 200 BREAST	2:32.39	46
47	40.99	10&U 50 BREAST	41.09	48
49	2:45.09	11-12 200 BREAST	2:54.29	50
51	26.29	13-14 50 FREE	24.79	52

53	30.29	10&U 50 FREE	30.09	54
55	27.29	11-12 50 FREE	27.09	56
57	2:20.79	13-14 200 FLY	2:16.39	58
59	1:19.29	10&U 100 FLY	1:19.19	60
61	1:07.89	11-12 100 FLY	1:08.69	62
63*	3:52.99	13-14 400 FREE RELAY	3:45.69	64*
65*	2:06.69	10&U 200 FREE RELAY	2:11.49	66*
67*	4:06.59	11-12 400 FREE RELAY	4:17.79	68*

*Timed Finals: Fastest Heat Swims in Finals

Sunday, March 10, 2001

<u>Girls</u> <u>Event No.</u>	<u>Qualifying</u> <u>Standard</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Qualifying</u> <u>Standard</u>	<u>Boys</u> <u>Event No.</u>
69	35.39	11-12 50 BREAST	35.89	70
71**	19:00.99	13-14 1650 FREE	18:17.39	72**
73	1:15.99	10&U 100 BACK	1:18.29	74
75	2:19.79	13-14 200 BACK	2:13.89	76
77	2:27.79	11-12 200 BACK	2:30.39	78
79	1:06.59	10&U 100 FREE	1:06.69	80
81	56.59	13-14 100 FREE	53.89	82
83	59.39	11-12 100 FREE	59.89	84
85	33.59	10&U 50 FLY	33.89	86
87	2:18.29	13-14 200 IM	2:12.99	88
89	30.19	11-12 50 FLY	30.59	90
91*	2:23.99	10&U 200 MED RELAY	2:29.69	92*
93*	4:25.29	13-14 400 MED RELAY	4:12.69	94*
95*	4:33.39	11-12 400 MED RELAY	4:50.49	96*

*Timed Finals: Fastest Heat Swims In Finals

Timed Finals: Fastest Heat Swims In Finals In Event Order. All Other Heats Swim **Last (Following Event 96 In Prelims).

WARM-UP PROCEDURES*

General Warm-up (25 minutes)

- **NO DIVING** from the blocks or pool edge. Swimmers enter the water feet first in a cautious manner.
- No sprinting or pace work permitted.
- All lanes to be used for general warm-up.

Specific Warm-up (10 minutes)

<u>POOL</u>	<u>PUSH/PACE</u>	<u>RACE STARTS</u>	<u>GENERAL WARM-UP</u>
8 lane	1 & 8	2, 3, 6, & 7	4 & 5

-Push/Pace Lanes: Push off from starting end - circle swimming only. **NO DIVING!**

-Race Starts: Sprint lanes for race starts and backstroke starts. Race starts at designated times, swimming in one direction only.

-General Warm-up: No diving or sprinting. Circle swimming only.

NO DIVING in warm down area between the bulkheads. Enter feet first **GENTLY!**

SAFETY GUIDELINES*

Coaches responsibilities:

- Coaches shall instruct their swimmers regarding the safety guidelines and warm-up procedures.
- Coaches shall supervise swimmers throughout the warm-up session.

Host's responsibilities:

- A minimum of one marshal for each two lanes shall be on deck to enforce the safety guidelines and warm-up procedures. The marshals shall report to the Meet Referee and/or Head Marshall and receive instructions from them.
- The marshals shall have the authority to remove from the deck for the remainder of the warm-up session any swimmer or coach who refuses to adhere to the safety guidelines or warm-up procedures.
- Warm-up procedures shall be included in the meet information.

Miscellaneous:

- Discretion and common sense shall always prevail during warm-up. Therefore, the Meet Referee may modify any procedures should the needs of the meet so dictate.

**These Warm-Up Procedures and Safety Guidelines were adopted by the Texas Swimming Association, October, 1987, to conduct North/South All-Star competition and Texas Age Group Swimming Competitions (TAGS).*