



**SCAT 12 & Under Spring Champs
Group C**

**HOSTED BY
Space City Aquatic Team**

**Yards – Timed Finals
February 27 – March 1, 2009
SANCTION #GUSC 09-039**

- LOCATION:** Texas City Natatorium
1900 5th Ave. North
Texas City, TX 77590
- DIRECTIONS:** From Houston head south on IH 45. Take Exit 16 to Emmett F. Lowry Expressway (FM 1764) and head east for about 6.5 miles to 21st Street. Take a right (heading south) on 21st Street and go four blocks to 5th Ave. Turn left onto 5th and the Natatorium/Rec center will be on the left in about .1 miles. See maps on the last 2 pages of this invitation.
- COACHES:** Rob McLean Head Coach
David Denholm Assistant Coach
- POOL:** Eight lane, 25 yard indoor pool with non-turbulent lane lines. Warm-up/down lanes will be available.
- TIME AND DATE:** This is a timed-finals meet.
Friday, February 27, 2009: warm-up at 5:00 – 6:15; meet starts at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, February 28 – March 1, 2009: warm-up at 7:30 a.m.; meet starts at 9:00 a.m.
- Split warm-ups will be in effect. Lane assignments for warm-ups and timing will be designated in the psych sheet, and posted on the Gulf Swimming website at least three days prior to the start of the meet.
- This meet will be run using the “Flyover Starts” procedures unless a waiver is received from the Technical Planning Committee Chairman. 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.
- MEET REFEREE:** Tim Axt, 281-819-1259, txt1@juno.com
- MEET DIRECTOR:** Tacey L. Baker, 281-455-2245, scatentries@comcast.net
James Beaman, 281-782-8792, james.beaman@escg.jacobs.com
- SAFETY MARSHAL:** Hugh Putnam
- SAFETY GUIDELINES AND WARM-UP PROCEDURES:** See attached Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures.
- SEEDING:** The meet will be a deck-seeded meet. Coaches please inform your swimmers of seeding on deck rules.
- CHECK-IN:** All swimmers must check-in (circle-in) at the Clerk of the Course for all events. Swimmers are required to circle-in at least 45 minutes before their event. After the events are officially

closed, no one may check in or scratch. After circling in, failure to appear at the starting blocks will result in the swimmer being assessed at \$5.00 fine, payable to Gulf Swimming Administrative Vice-Chairman, for each event in which he/she fails to appear. Relay cards must be turned in to the Clerk of Course by 10:00 a.m., or the entry will be considered scratched.

ON-DECK ENTRIES: Late entries will be accepted each day up to 30 minutes before the start of the meet. Those swimmers missing the 6:00 pm Friday deadline may enter the meet on deck in the following manner:

1. Swimmers must pay double the entry fee at the time of entry.
2. Swimmers must supply completed entry forms entered at the swimmers' best times. The swimmers will be seeded into the events according to their best times.
3. Swimmers must enter all events for the day thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of the day'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 who on-deck to change an entry time in an event already entered must circle-in on the posted circle-in sheets. The new time will be used for seeding. The on-deck entry fees still apply to these swimmers.

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 entries are made by paper (not using Hy-Tek), swimmers should indicate on their entry the course at which the entry time was made (i.e., Y, S, or L). Swimmers must have swum events entered at a previous time. Swimmers may not enter with a no time.

Qualifying Times: There are no qualifying times.

Cut-off Times: There are no cut-off times.

Age: As of February 27, 2009.

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

The 10 & Under 500 Free does not count as one of the 3 events/day.

The 400 I.M. does not count as one of the 3 events/day.

Deadline: Entries must be in the hands of the Meet Entry Chairman no later than 6:00 p.m. on Friday, February 20, 2009. No late entries will be accepted. Do not send entries via Federal Express, etc., that require a signature; if you must send your entries by express mail, please indicate that a signature is NOT required. Mail or hand-deliver entries to the Meet Entry Chairman at:

Tacey Baker
3120 Palm Island Circle
League City, TX 77573
281-455-2245
scatentries@comcast.net

Entries: All teams entering 10 or more swimmers MUST submit their entries on a diskette or electronically via email, using the Hy-Tek Meet Manager/Team Manager computer software, along with a hard copy printout of the entries. Teams without Hy-Tek should submit their entries on the enclosed Entry Form. A \$25.00 fee must be included with the entry fees for teams that enter 10 or more swimmers using an entry form only (without sending Hy-Tek files). Include relays and relay-only swimmers on your completed entry form, diskette, or electronic submission.

Teams may electronically mail their Meet Manager files. Payments for the electronic entries

and a hard copy print-out of the entries must be submitted or postmarked no later than 24 hours after the entry deadline as stated in the Meet Invitation.

Eligible Teams: Gulf Only: AQUA, BTA, COOG, NCAT, NOCH, PACK, SCAT, SS, UH

Fees: \$4.50 dollars per Individual Event and \$8.00 for each Relay Event. Make checks payable to Space City Aquatic Team. Entry fees must accompany entries, if delivered by any method other than email.

AWARDS: Individual events: Gulf Custom Medals for 1st – 3rd place; Gulf Custom Ribbons for 4th – 8th place.
Relay events: Gulf Custom Medals for 1st place; ribbons for 2nd - 3rd place
Team awards: Gulf Custom Awards for 1-3rd place.
Individual high point awards will be given for each age group and gender.

SCORING: Individual Events: 9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
Relay Events: 18-14-12-10-8-6-4-2

Score 8&Under events BB/B
Score 9-10, 10&Under and 11-12 50 & 100 events A/BB/B
Score 9-10, 10& Under and 11-12 200, 400 & 500 events A/BB

Scoring will be based on entry times.

RULES AND SANCTIONS: The 2008-09 USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming rules will apply. The meet will be held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming. No entries can be accepted unless the entrant is either registered or certified by USA Swimming. The Gulf Swimming up/down rule applies. The Gulf Swimming three event rule does not apply. Gulf Group A, B and D are not eligible to swim at this meet.

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.

TIMING SYSTEM: A Colorado Model 6000 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 based on their percentage of swims at the meet. Timing assignments will be published in the psych sheet.
Swimmers in the 400 IM and 500 Free must provide 2 timers and a lap counter where appropriate.

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 Psych Sheets and for admission to the Hospitality Room.

PROOF OF TIME: Any swimmer that cannot prove that he/she was eligible to swim an event will be fined \$20.00 for each event he/she fails to prove. The fine or proof of time is sent to the Administrative Vice-Chairman, Herb Schwab.

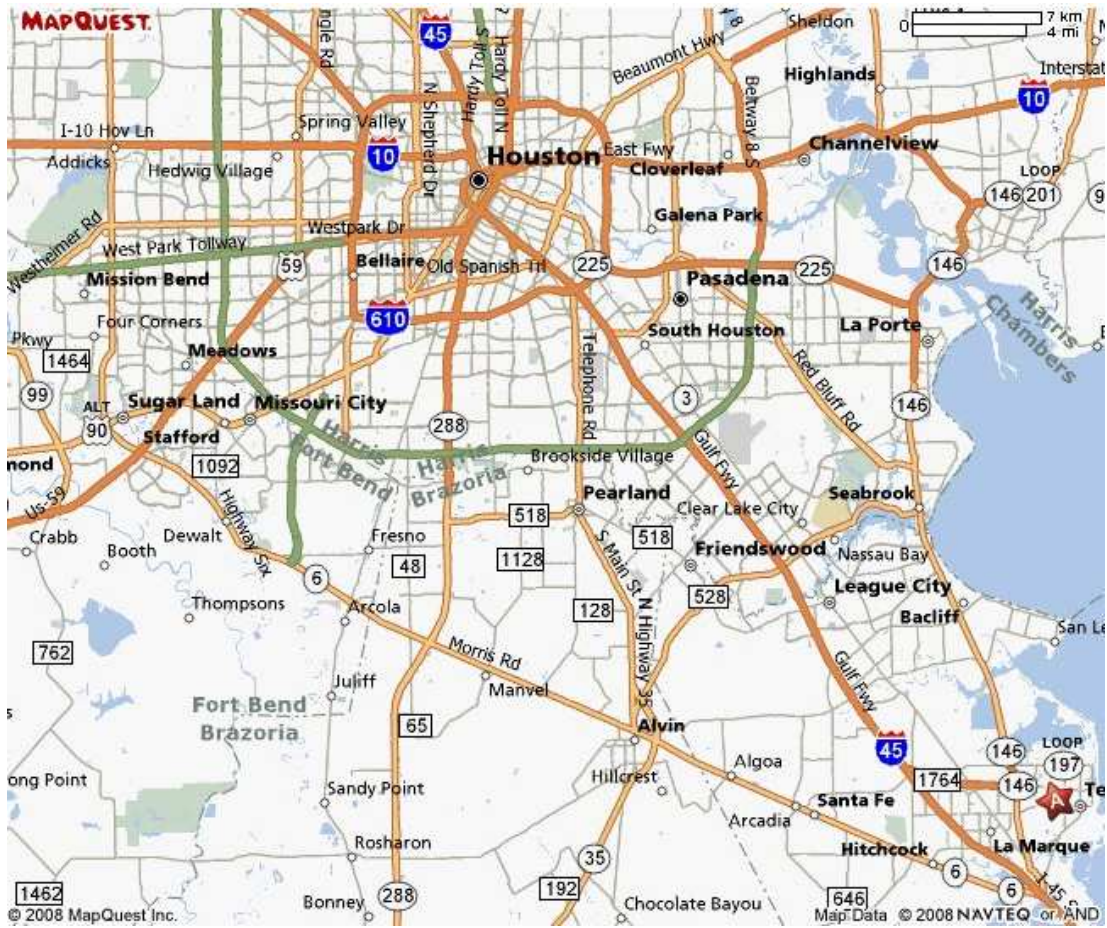
SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES: Coaches and/or swimmers are responsible for notifying the Meet Referee of any disability prior to the competition and for providing their own assistant or equipment. However, Coaches/Swimmers may contact the Meet Director at least two weeks in advance of the meet to reserve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

CONCESSIONS: Concessions will be available.

HOSPITALITY: A hospitality room will be available.

MERCHANDISE: The Swim Shops of the Southwest will be at the meet selling swim apparel and swim gear.

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.





Local Hotels:

- La Quinta, 1121 Hwy 146N, Texas City 409-948-3101 (2.1 miles)
- Crystal Suites, 201 Hwy 146 N, Texas City 409-945-0999 (2.0 miles)
- Fairfield Inn, 10700 Emmett F. Lowry Expy, Texas City 409-986-3866 (6.8 miles)
- Hampton Inn, 2320 F.M. 2004, Texas City 409-986-6686 (6.8 miles)
- Best Western Mainland Inn & Suite, 10620 Emmett F. Lowry Expy, Texas City 409-986-6600 (6.8 miles)

SAFETY GUIDELINES AND WARM-UP PROCEDURES
APPENDIX G

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 breaststrokes 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 invitation.

Entry Rules

Type of Meet	Timed Finals
Max # individual events per day	Three (3)
	(10 & Under 500 Free does not count as one of the three events/day)
	(400 IM & 1650 Free do not count as one of the three events/day)
Swimmers eligible	Gulf Only - Group C
Entry times in	SCY/SCM/LCM
Qualifying times	None
Cut-off times	None
Enter with no time?	No
Gulf "three event" rule applies?	Does not apply
Gulf "up/down" rule applies?	Yes
Fees	Individual - \$4.50; Relays - \$8.00



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Girls	Friday	Boys		Girls	Saturday	Boys		Girls	Sunday	Boys
Event #		Event #		Event #		Event #		Event #		Event #
1	11-12 200 I.M.	2		7	11-12 50 Breast	8		43	11-12 50 Fly	44
3	10 & Under 200 I.M.	4		9	8 & Under 100 I.M.	10		45	8 & Under 100 Free	46
5	11-12 500 Free *	6		11	10 & Under 100 Fly	12		47	9-10 100 Free	48
				13	11-12 100 Fly	14		49	11-12 100 Free	50
				15	8 & Under 50 Free	16		51	11-12 200 Fly	52
				17	9-10 50 Free	18		53	8 & Under 50 Fly	54
				19	11-12 50 Free	20		55	9-10 50 Fly	56
				21	10 & Under 100 Back	22		57	11-12 50 Back	58
				23	11-12 100 Back	24		59	10 & Under 100 Breast	60
				25	8 & Under 50 Breast	26		61	11-12 100 Breast	62
				27	9-10 50 Breast	28		63	8 & Under 50 Back	64
				29	11-12 200 Breast	30		65	9-10 50 Back	66
				31	10 & Under 200 Free	32		67	11-12 200 Back	68
				33	11-12 200 Free	34		69	9-10 100 I.M.	70
				35	8 & Under 200 M.R.	36		71	11-12 100 I.M.	72
				37	9-10 200 M.R.	38		73	8 & Under 200 F.R.	74
				39	11-12 400 M.R.	40		75	9-10 200 F.R.	76
				41	11-12 400 I.M. *	42		77	11-12 400 F.R.	78
								79	10 & Under 500 Free*	80

* The 400 IM and 500 Freestyle will be swum fastest to slowest, alternating girls and boys heats.

* Swimmers in the 400 IM and 500 Free must provide 2 timers and a lap counter where appropriate

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Time Trials on Saturday and Sunday following the meet.

I, the undersigned coach or team representative, verify that all of the swimmers and coaches listed on the enclosed entry forms or entry disk are currently registered with USA Swimming. Additionally, I verify that the on-deck coaches have met the current certification requirements.

Signature

Title

Date