

2011 Longhorn Aquatics Texas Open (Long Course Meters) Meet Update (Posted 6/30/11)

Updated information appears below. Changes to the original meet announcement appear in red.

Important Notes:

Swimmers should wear LCA team t-shirts to and from and during the meet—White LCA shirt on Friday, Blue LCA shirt on Saturday, and White LCA shirt on Sunday.

Your swimmer's entry (seed) time listed on the psych sheet is one of the following:

- If your swimmer has swam the event previously, the seed time is your swimmer's actual fastest time in long course meters (LCM). Swimmers' entry times were updated after the Valero meet.
- For swimmers entering an event for the first time, the swimmer's seed time is an *estimate*. If your swimmer does not finish with a BB or faster time for his or her age group, UT will impose a \$25 fine per event. Motivational times for swimmers are posted <u>here</u>.

If a swimmer has a provable BB time in long course meters from another meet and does not finish with a BB or faster time at this meet, there is no fine.

If your swimmer earns a TAGS, Sectionals, or Sectionals Bonus time at this meet, please send an email as soon as possible to <u>MeetEntries@lostcreekaquatics.com</u> to enter into the TAGS and/or Sectionals meets (you cannot use the LCA Web site to enter your events). Swimmers can use new Sectionals and Sectionals Bonus times earned at the Texas Open to **deck enter** into the Texas Senior Circuit Championship meet on July 7-10. If you are not already entered in the Texas Senior Circuit Championship meet, you will need your 2011 USA Swimming card to deck enter.

Entries for the A Championship meet (August 5-7) are still open and you can enter into this meet using the LCA Web site until July 20 (click <u>here</u>).

Please arrive to warm-ups 15 minutes early, find the team area, and then find your coach and be ready to swim.

- Click <u>here</u> for the psych sheet.
- Click <u>here</u> for the estimated timeline.
- Click here for parking information including some FREE parking in Lot 80 only on Saturday and Sunday.
- Warm-up assignments (lanes, times) were not made available by the meet host. Please use the warm-up times listed on page 2. Click <u>here</u> to check this event's page on the LCA Web site for any last-minute updates.

Original Meet Announcement (posted 5/11/11) Changes from the original meet announcement below appear in red.

Dates: July 1-3, 2011

This meet is open to all LCA swimmers. Please note that there are "BB" LCM qualifying times for **all events**. Click <u>here</u> for qualifying times by swimmer age and gender. UT will fine (\$25) swimmers who cannot prove their LCM entry time and do not swim the BB cut.

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

Facility: The Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center has an indoor 8 lane 50 meter competition pool. The pool is 9 feet deep and is considered one of the fastest pools in the world due to its depth, gutter system, high filtration rate and lane width. For the July 2011 meet, the length of the long course competition pool will NOT be certified before the start of the meet. However, in accordance with the 2011 USA Swimming Rules (Article 104), if a US or World record is broken at this meet, we will have the course measured and certified by a qualified, licensed professional immediately following the session during which the time was achieved. There have been many US and/or World records broken at the Texas Swim Center and the measured length of the course has never been an issue.

Entry Info: For information about which events to swim, please talk to your coach.

Age as of July 1, 2011 will determine a swimmer's age for the entire meet. Swimmers may enter a maximum of 3 individual events per day and 7 events for the entire meet. There are "BB" LCM qualifying times for **all events** at this meet. Click <u>here</u> for qualifying times by swimmer age and gender. UT will fine swimmers (\$25 per event) who cannot prove their entry times if they do not swim the qualifying time standard in meters (converted times will *not* count). Please talk to your coach if you have questions.

Entry Deadline: Entries are due by 11:59 pm on Friday, June 10. No late entries will be accepted. To enter, please log in to the LCA Web site at <u>www.lostcreekaquatics.com</u> and click this meet on the Meets & Events tab. If you need help with online meet entries, click <u>here</u>.

Fee: \$8.00 per individual event.

Schedule: Saturday and Sunday, the meet will be split into morning and afternoon sessions based on age. The morning sessions each day are planned for swimmers 12 & Under and the afternoon sessions for swimmers 13 & Over. However, we reserve the right to split the sessions differently or to combine sessions based on the entries received. Warm-ups may be split if a large number of swimmers enter the meet.

Friday	All Ages	Warm-up 1:30 PM	Start 3:00 PM
Saturday	12 & Under	Warm-up 8:00 AM	Start 9:00 AM
	13 & Over	Warm-up **	Start * *
Sunday	12 & Under	Warm-up 8:00 AM	Start 9:00 AM
	13 & Over	Warm-up * *	Start * *

** The warm-up for the afternoon session will begin immediately after the morning session. The exact time will be posted on the Longhorn Aquatics website on Thursday, June 30th after entries are received. The diving well will be available for warm-up before the end of the morning session.

Cell Phones: The presence and/or use of cell phones, and any other equipment capable of producing photographic or video images, in the locker rooms is strictly and specifically prohibited at all times. There are no exceptions to this prohibition. Violators are subject to disqualification from the meet and disbarment from the facility.

Qualifying Times: There are "BB" qualifying times for **ALL** events. Athletes who do not finish an event within the LCM qualifying time noted will be required to prove their LCM entry time. The entry time must be in the USA Swimming database, or a hard copy of results from a USA sanctioned, approved, or USA observed meet can be offered as proof of time. Swimmers that cannot prove their entry time will be fined \$25 payable to the University of Texas. These swimmers will be barred from competition (at this and/or subsequent meets at the swim center) until the fines are paid. Converted times do not count as proof of time.

Meet Format: All events are timed finals, swum in one long course meter pool, seeded only by time and gender. Age groups will be combined. All events will swim fastest to slowest. Depending on the number of swimmers, chase starts and/or flyover starts may be used. If there are enough swimmers to run both ends of the pool, then even heats will finish at the flag end (closest to the Women's locker room), and odd heats will finish at the non-flag end (closest to the Men's locker rooms).

We are requesting courtesy scratches for all other sessions (see "Scratches" section below). Heat sheets will be for sale at the store at the beginning of each session.

The 400 meter IM, 400 meter freestyle, and 1500 meter Freestyle require positive check-in and will swim fastest to slowest. The 400s and the 1500 will swim alternating girl/boy. Swimmers in these events must provide their own timers. Swimmers in the 1500 must also provide their own counters.

We reserve the right to cap the number of swimmers entered in order to stay within the four hour rule. Friday evening's session will be capped at 3 hours. Swimmers will be entered in the order entries are received.

Scratches: We are asking swimmers to scratch events they will not swim the next day. By 5PM on Friday, swimmers should scratch any events they will not swim on Saturday. Coaches, please help us out and scratch any athletes that will not attend the meet on Saturday.

On Saturday, before you leave your session, you will need to scratch any event you will not swim on Sunday.

There is no penalty for failing to scratch an event, BUT our experience with this courtesy scratch during long course season will shape our decision about positive check-in for all events in the future. Please help us eliminate empty lanes and allow the greatest number of swimmers to participate.

Check-in: Positive check-in is required for the 400 meter IM, 400 meter freestyle, and 1500 meter Freestyle. Check-in sheets will be available as the swimmers enter the pool for warm-up and will close at approximately one hour before the event is scheduled to swim. Exact times will be posted at Clerk of Course on the day of the event.

Swimmers that check-in for an event **and** fail to swim **will be fined \$25** payable to the University of Texas. These swimmers will be barred from competition (at this or subsequent TXLA meets at the Swim Center) until the fines are paid.

Deck Entries: Deck entries will be accepted only for open lanes. No new heats will be created. You may deck enter for the current session beginning at the start of warm-up. Deck entries will close 30 minutes before the start of each session. You may deck enter the future sessions' events after deck entries close for the current session.

The deck entry fee is \$20.00 per event. Swimmers not previously entered in the meet must present their 2011 USA swimming registration card at Clerk of Course to be able to deck enter.

Awards: Ribbons, first through eighth place will be awarded according to the following age groupings: boys and girls 8 and under, 9-10, and 11-12. No other awards will be given.

Volunteers: All teams are asked to help us out by providing timers when needed. Please help us keep the meet running smoothly by responding to a call for timers.

Deck Access: Only USA Swimming registered athletes swimming in the meet, coaches, officials, and volunteers will be allowed access beyond the front desk of the Texas Swimming Center. Those wishing to volunteer as a timer will be given a pass to access the deck and help for that specific purpose. Coaches and officials will be required to show their current USA Swimming registration card at the front desk in order to be on deck.

Please be aware that swimmers will not be allowed onto 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.

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.

Spectators and athletes may not bring food nor drink into the Texas Swim Center from outside sources. Teams ARE permitted to bring two (2) coolers on to the deck.

Parking: The University of Texas now requires a UT permit for parking along Trinity and San Jacinto as well as C Lot 80 in front of the Swim Center. We are exploring other parking options, hoping to find free or at least cheaper parking close to the Swim Center. Please go to our website as we get closer to the meet for more information on parking. For more information, check the Parking and Transportation web site at http://www.utexas.edu/parking/.

Update: Parking is free in Lot 80 on Saturday and Sunday only. Please read the update from the meet director about parking: click <u>here</u>.

Swimmer Photographs: There may be one or more photographers on deck at this meet. In the event photographers are on deck, parents or guardians of swimmers under the age of 18 who do not wish to have photographs of their athletes taken are required to contact the Meet Director prior to the beginning of the competition. Photographers must gain **consent from the Meet Director prior to the beginning of the meet.**

Officials: Help from visiting officials is always welcome. Visiting officials are asked to email the Meet Referee with their certification level and availability, so he can plan accordingly, at <u>Herb.Schwab@gmail.com</u>. All officials must attend a mandatory meeting before each session. The uniform for all sessions will be white polo shirt over navy blue shorts/pants/skirt, as appropriate. All officials will be issued credential tags. Only persons with credential tags will be allowed access to the deck. Officials should prominently display their meet credential while on deck. The wearing of name tags is encouraged.

Order of Events

BB Qualifying Times for ALL Events

Friday Afternoon, July 1, 2011

SESSION 1 – All Ages

Girls	Event	Boys
Event #		Event #
1	13 & Over 200 IM	2
3	12 & Under 200 IM	4
5	Open 50 Fly	6
7	Open 50 Back	8
9	Open 50 Breast	10
11	Open 50 Free	12
13	*12 & Under 400 Free	14
15	*13 and Over 400 Free	16

* Positive Check required. Swimmers must provide their own timers.

Saturday Morning, July 2, 2011

Girls	Event	Boys
Event #		Event #
17	200 Free	18
19	100 Fly	20
21	50 Free	22
23	50 Breast	24
25	200 Back	26
27	100 Breast	28
29	*10-12 400 IM	30

SESSION 2 - 12 & Under

*Positive Check-in required. Swimmers must provide their own Timers.

Saturday Afternoon, July 2, 2011

SESSION 3 - 13 & Over

Girls	Event	Boys
Event #		Event #
31	200 Free	32
33	100 Fly	34
35	50 Free	36
37	50 Breast	38
39	200 Back	40
41	100 Breast	42
43	*400 IM	44

*Positive Check-in required. Swimmers must provide their own Timers.

Sunday Morning, July 3, 2011

Girls	Event	Boys
Event #		Event #
45	200 Breast	46
47	100 Free	48
49	50 Back	50
51	50 Fly	52
53	100 Back	54
55	200 Fly	56

SESSION 4 - 12 & Under

Sunday Afternoon, July 3, 2011

SESSION 5 - 13 & Over

Girls	Event	Boys
Event #		Event #
57	200 Breast	58
59	100 Free	60
61	50 Back	62
63	50 Fly	64
65	100 Back	66
67	200 Fly	68
69	*1500 Free	70

*Positive Check-in required. Swimmers must provide their own Timers and Counters.