



DATE: March 2007
TO: Swim Coaches & T.A.A.F. Representatives
FROM: Kristie Weaver, State Swim Commissioner
SUBJECT: 2007 Summer Swimming Information

Can you believe it is almost summer? Curtis and I have been planning like crazy for the summer meet. I know there were numerous concerns from last year and we are trying to address as many as we can. One we were able to address was the concern that a Sunday afternoon session put many people home late that evening. To prevent that from happening again, we have changed the session format to 2 sessions on Friday, 3 sessions on Saturday, and 1 session on Sunday. This will make Saturday a very long day for the meet officials, TAAF personnel and coaches but we hope the parents will appreciate the effort.

This packet is intended to provide information on Individual Registrations with TAAF and State Swimming Competition registration and details. The packet includes TAAF rule changes made each September at the Annual Conference.

It is each coach's responsibility to know and uphold the contents of this packet. I wish you a great season and may your participants benefit to the fullest from the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Sports programs.

From time to time we will be posting updates on the website of www.taaf.com and/or www.swimtaaf.com that may impact your participants and/or team in the upcoming months.

We have designed the packet so you can always have the most current information available to you and your team.

Regional Registration Bonus

- If your region registers over 1000 participants your region will be allowed to advance 3 individuals per event to the state meet.
- If your region registers over 1500 participants your region will be allowed to advance 4 individuals per event to the state meet.
- **MUST BE DONE BY JUNE 30th**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Have a great Summer!

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WHAT IS TAAF?

The Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (T.A.A.F.) is a non-profit organization established in 1925 to promote and organize amateur athletics in the state of Texas. Its membership is comprised of parks and recreation departments, individuals and organizations, of a permanent status, that are active and interested in the promotion of amateur athletics in one or more sports in their respective communities. T.A.A.F. offers athletic and aquatic competition for individuals, as well as for teams.

Baseball was the catalyst for the early success of the T.A.A.F. and, by 1954, the Federation had grown to nine sports, including baseball, tennis, basketball, swimming, track and field, volleyball and softball. During the 50's T.A.A.F. expanded to include a division for church sports, thus providing a greater scope of participation. Today, the T.A.A.F. is one of the largest amateur state athletic organizations in the nation with a membership of over 120 cities. T.A.A.F. registers over 14,000 teams and, with individual sports (tennis, golf, track and field and swimming) has over 260,000 participants.

Winners of the local leagues and tournaments are eligible to advance to regional competition. Each year, winners from the 17 regional locations qualify for one of the sixty-one T.A.A.F. State Championships and/or the Games of Texas finals.

HOW IS T.A.A.F. GOVERNED?

The State of Texas is divided into 17 T.A.A.F. regions. Each region elects a regional director and a representative to the executive committee. The executive committee consists of the president, president-elect, all past presidents and the 17 regional representatives. The general body, called the Board of Governors, is comprised of the three membership divisions; PARD, affiliate, and allied. At the annual meeting, the Board of Governors elects the sports commissioners to oversee each sport conducted by T.A.A.F. In addition, following bid presentations for any member desiring to host a state tournament, the Board of Governors by majority vote awards all state tournament sites for the next year.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN T.A.A.F.?

Three categories of membership are available. The PARD members are parks and recreation departments; affiliate members are private facilities, community agencies, organizations and teams or individuals that wish to participate; and allied members are nay national or state governing bodies of a particular sport.

LIST OF
IMPORTANT
DATES

TEXAS AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION

SWIMMING 2007

LIST OF IMPORTANT DATES

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| March | Swim Coaches' Packet Out Season Swim Meet Schedule Set |
| June 30 | LAST DAY TO REGISTER INDIVIDUALS FOR SWIMMING |
| July 20 | DROP DEAD DATE FOR STATE ENTRIES |
| July 21-23 | Proof and Correct entries – LOOK OVER CAREFULLY Email Joe any corrections that need to be made. Please have as many people look at it as possible. |
| July 24 | Heat Sheets printed – NO RESEEDS AFTER THIS |
| July 26 | Coaches' Meeting @ 7:00pm, Elizabeth Milburn Park Pool, Cedar Park, Texas |
| <u>July 27-29</u> | <u>TAAF State Summer Recreational Championship</u> |

Friday, Session I: 9 – 10 Boys' and 15 – 17 Boys'

Friday, Session II: 9 – 10 Girls' and 15 – 17 Girls'

Saturday, Session III: 8 & under Boys' and 18 & over Men's

Saturday, Session IV: 8 & under Girls' and 18 and over
Women's

Saturday, Session V: 11 – 12 Boys' and 13 – 14 Boys'

Sunday, Session VI: 11 – 12 Girls' and 13 – 14 Girls'

T.A.A.F.

CAVALCADE

GUIDELINES

3.2 INDIVIDUAL SPORTS REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

.01 DEADLINE FOR INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION: Individual sports registration deadlines are determined by regional and state tournament dates.

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| BOXING | GAMES OF TEXAS ENTRY DEADLINE |
| CHEERLEADING | October 1 |
| GOLF | GAMES OF TEXAS ENTRY DEADLINE |
| GYMNASTICS | January 1 |
| SWIMMING | Check with Regional Director |
| TENNIS | Check with Regional Director |
| TRACK & FIELD | Check with Regional Director |

.02 Individual sports include participants in Boxing, Cheerleading, Golf, Gymnastics, Swimming, Tennis and Track & Field.

All individual sport registration will be done online at www.taaf.com

.03 Each local T.A.A.F. representative or affiliate member must submit the individual sports registration form and the participant release and waiver of liability form as follows: Original of both forms (registration and waiver) and the registration fees to the executive director / state office.

The executive director / state office will then forward one copy to the regional director and one copy to the state commissioner.

.04 The Individual Sports Registration Fee is five dollars (\$5.00) PER INDIVIDUAL, PER SPORT for T.A.A.F. sports.

Region registration fees may add a region individual sports registration fee up to \$1.00 per individual.

A late fee of five dollar (\$5.00) per individual may be charged to any registrations after sports deadline.

Note: Insurance may be purchased for an additional fee per person per sport (Contact the T.A.A.F. State Office for fees). The individual sports registration form will serve as the insurance enrollment form.

.05 REGIONAL TOURNAMENT INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION PROCEDURES: Cities are required to comply with all requested information and fees as set forth by the Regional Tournament Director and the Participant Guide.

.06 STATE TOURNAMENT INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION PROCEDURES: Cities should refer to the Participant Guide and are required to comply with all requested entry forms, rosters, information, fees, etc., as set forth by the Tournament Director, the Regional Director and the State Commissioner.

.07 The determining factor of which City/Organization/Region an individual will represent in their attempt(s) to qualify for State Level Competition is based on the City/Organization named on the T.A.A.F. INDIVIDUAL ROSTER AND PARTICIPANTS' RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY FORM when the individual registers.

This rule is to allow INDIVIDUALS to compete outside of their City of residency due to the fact that they are participating with another City or Organization's program on an ongoing basis.

It is NOT the intent of this rule to allow TEAMS as a whole to compete in or represent other Cities/Regions due to location of Regional meets, changes in individual schedules or other such situations.

ARTICLE 31 SWIMMING

The T.A.A.F. Swimming Program Goal is to provide a state championship meet for recreational swimmers who have trained exclusively with a summer swim team. It is our desire to give participants a chance to compete in a sport and to be successful against swimmers of their own ability and have the same opportunities to train in order to enhance their self-esteem.

The state commissioner may implement procedures to adjust the eligibility requirements, entries, late fees, protest fee, events, awards, division, and meet operation procedure if the state commissioner deems necessary to assure a more effective meet for both spectators and participants. The information will be available to the member city/coaches in the state meet packet.

31.1 There will be eight (8) divisions for men and women: 8 and under; 9-10; 11-12; 13-14; 15-17; 18 - 24, 25-39 and 40 and Over.

31.2 Age classification for all divisions will be their age as of June 1 of the current year. Birth certificates must be from the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

31.3 Swimming is to be considered an individual sport.

31.4 RESIDENCE OF PARTICIPANTS: See Article 4.8 Individual Sports Participants.

31.5 The T.A.A.F. rulebook will be the governing rulebook. Rules not specifically covered in this rulebook will be covered by the OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING, DIVING & WATER POLO RULES published by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

31.6 T.A.A.F. swimming is open for anyone who meets the following criteria:

.01 From January 1 of the current year to April 30, in the current year, any individual who has not participated with, trained with or competed with, any organized or unorganized swim program, will be eligible to compete at the T.A.A.F. State Age Group Swimming Championships. Exceptions:

Any school related activity.

Participation in the TAAF Winter Games (swimmers may workout until the date of the Winter Games if they participate in the Winter Games).

Participation in off-season swim clinics -See Rule 31.21.

Any family lap swimming programs.

Any swimmer in the Divisions 15-17, 18-24, 25-39 and 40 & over.

31.7 Age group swimming is defined as any swimming event where the participants are grouped together through the use of an upper and lower age limit. (Examples: 8 & under, 9-10, 11-12, 25 & over).

.01 A boy or girl must participate in his/her age division. No participant may change or swim in another age classification.

31.8 REGIONAL MEET: Each region must host a regional swim meet to qualify their participants for the state meet.

.01 Regional meets must be conducted and operated according to T.A.A.F. rules.

.02 The date for the regional meet will be held no later than two weeks prior to the state meet.

.03 Each participant must participate in a regional meet and be certified by the regional director to be eligible for advancement to the state finals.

The 15-17, 18-24, 25 and over age groups must register and pay for their state entries at the Regional meet. The Regional Meet Director has the option of requiring these individuals to swim at the Regional Meet.

.04 Each participant must possess and show a birth certificate to the regional director to be certified.

.05 ENTRIES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM THE REGIONAL MEET DIRECTOR FROM EACH REGION.

.06 Each participant may compete in no more than three (3) events.

A swimmer may be entered in any three (3) events and be listed as an alternate on any relay(s). The alternate(s) must be listed in the regional meet entries prior to the regional meet in order to qualify. If necessary, he may scratch from one event to swim a relay only if one of the teammates listed on the relay is scratched from the meet.

These changes must be made before the meet starts or be approved by the Regional Meet Director once the meet starts.

c) Swimmers 15-17 will be limited to 4 entries at the state meet. For swimmers 18 & over, unlimited entries will be allowed to advance to the state meet. (Optional at the regional meet)

d) If a region does not allow for electronic registrations via Hy-tech, regional meet registration/entry will be done by on-line registration.

31.9 STATE MEET ENTRIES: Each region may enter a minimum of two (2) persons in each event and two (2) relay teams in each relay event in the 8 and under, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14 divisions. At the regional meet only, if a discrepancy occurs to determine which participant(s) shall advance to the state meet, the meet director must first consider the rule(s) and the timing system used, then follow the procedures to select the correct time(s) and placement of the swimmers. If that is not successful, then a swim-off for those swimmers only must be done to determine which swimmers advance to state. TIES MUST HAVE A SWIM-OFF. ONLY ALLOTTED NUMBERS OF PARTICIPANTS PER EVENT WILL ADVANCE TO STATE. Swimmers 15-17 will be limited to 4 entries at the state meet. For swimmers 18 & over, unlimited entries will be allowed to advance to the state meet.

.01 Additional Entries:

Additional entries from each region may be awarded by the state commissioner based on the total number of individuals registered per region as of July 1st of the current year.

The total number of individuals registered the previous year will establish the number that a region must reach in order to receive additional entries to the state meet. The state commissioner will provide this number to the membership by January 1 of each year.

.02 Relay events: In relay events, relay personnel will be the four (4) swimmers who qualified the relay at the regional meet, plus the two (2) alternates who were entered at the regional meet. (The two alternates may be any swimmer of the same age group).

.03 State Entry Form/Disc: Regional Directors or his/her appointed representative, responsibilities.

All regions entering individuals or relays in the state meet must submit a certified ENTRY FORM (hard copy, provided by the state commissioner) /DISC listing the two, or possibly more participants if the state commissioner awards additional entries to the region based on individual sports registration numbers with T.A.A.F. (see .01 a & b).

The OFFICIAL STATE ENTRY FORM must be checked, verified, and signed by the REGIONAL DIRECTOR or his/her appointed representative. In addition, if entries are sent in on DISC, the REGIONAL DIRECTOR or his/her appointed representative would be required to cross check entries on the disc with entries on the "hard copy" to ensure accuracy.

31.10 ENTRY FEE: An entry fee of up to six dollars (\$6.00) can be charged per person per event, as well as having an admission charge at the gate to defray the expenses of hosting the state meet.

31.11 AWARDS: Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the first, second, and third place winners in each event. Ribbons or medals will be awarded to the fourth, fifth, and sixth place finishers. Seventh and eighth place awards are optional. No high point award will be given.

31.12 The T.A.A.F. swim meet shall be conducted as a time final championship.

31.13 The time schedule of the events will be determined by the sponsoring city with approval by the state commissioner.

31.14 Order of events will be determined by the state commissioner and the host city.

31.15 SCRATCH MEETING: At the state meet a scratch meeting will be held before the meet begins. Any changes will be made only at this meeting. Under no circumstances will any changes be made on the days of the meet. It will be the regional director's responsibility to see that all coaches and individuals understand that no changes will be made after the scratch meeting is over. Relay swimmers must be declared at this meeting.

31.16 REQUIRED FORM: The official INDIVIDUAL SPORTS PARTICIPANT FORM will be provided by T.A.A.F. and when executed will "follow" participants and coaches to all levels of T.A.A.F. competition during the current season.

.01 Each T.A.A.F. participant will sign a form at the lowest level of T.A.A.F. competition affirming that he/she meets the requirements of the T.A.A.F. eligibility and residency rules and that he/she has read, understood and agreed to the release and waiver of liability.

.02 Should the participants be under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must also sign the form affirming that their minor participant meets the requirements of the T.A.A.F. eligibility and residency rules and that as a parent or guardian, he/she has read, understood and agreed to the release and waiver of liability.

.03 Coaches will sign the form affirming that to the best of their knowledge all of the swimmers in their swimming program meet the TAAF eligibility and residency rules and that the coach will abide by all rules set forth by TAAF. If any eligibility issue arises the coach and swimmer are subject to any disciplinary action to be taken up to and including suspension.

31.17 STATE EVENTS PER PARTICIPANT

.01 Each participant may compete in no more than three (3) events.

A swimmer may be entered in any three (3) events and be listed as an alternate on any relay(s). The alternate(s) must be listed in the regional meet entries prior to the regional meet in order to qualify. If necessary, he may scratch from one event to swim a relay only if one of the teammates listed on the relay is scratched from the meet.

These changes must be made before the meet starts or be approved by the State Commissioner once the meet starts.

For swimmers 15-17, would be allowed to advance to state, however, they would be limited to 4 entries for the state meet. For swimmers 18 & Over, swimmer's will be allowed unlimited entries to advance to state.

31.18 FALSE START RULE:

.01 The first false start will be charged to the entire heat.

.02 Swimmers causing additional false starts will automatically be disqualified.

.03 The swimmer or swimmers will not be notified of disqualification until after the race is completed providing he/she does not cause other swimmers in the heat to get unfair advantage.

31.19 Official Finish Times: The meet director shall approve all finish times and have the authority to adjust the finish times due to problems associated with the electronic timing system/ touching the electronic touch pads and /or manual times.

Winter Games of Texas

.01 This event will be open to all interested swimmers (USA, YMCA, TAAF).

.02 TAAF registered swimmers can compete with the following eligibility policy:

If a T.A.A.F. swimmer wishes to compete in the T.A.A.F. Winter Games of Texas and plans to swim in the T.A.A.F. Summer Games of Texas, they will be allowed to practice after December 31st of the current year, up until T.A.A.F. Winter Games of Texas swim meet provided they register and compete in the T.A.A.F. Winter Games of Texas.

T.A.A.F. Swimmers that practice after December 31st and fail to compete in the following T.A.A.F. Winter Games of Texas will be ineligible to compete in that year's T.A.A.F. Summer Games of Texas.

31.21 TAAF SUMMER ONLY SWIM PROGRAM - OFF SEASON GUIDELINES

.01 January 1 through March 31 – Swimmers may participate in clinics two (2) days per month during this time period.

.02 Beginning April 1 – April 30, swimmers may participate in clinics not to exceed 90 minutes per week.

.03 Summer Season Work-outs can begin on May 1st each year

.04 Registration/Notification - It is required that the State Commissioner be notified of clinics as to eliminate any questions or concerns that arise during the season.

31.22 EVENTS (SAME FOR GIRLS AND BOYS):

.01 6 & Under (Optional at Regional/State)

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| 25 | FREESTYLE |
| 25 | BACKSTROKE |
| 25 | BREASTSTROKE |
| 100 | FREESTYLE RELAY |

.02 8 & UNDER AND 9 - 10 AGE GROUPS

| | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----|-------------------|
| 100 | MEDLEY RELAY | 25 | BACKSTROKE |
| 100 | FREESTYLE RELAY | 25 | BREASTSTROKE |
| 25 | FREESTYLE | 25 | BUTTERFLY |
| 50 | FREESTYLE | 100 | INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY |

.03 11 - 12 AGE GROUPS

| | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----|-------------------|
| 200 | MEDLEY RELAY | 50 | BACKSTROKE |
| 200 | FREESTYLE RELAY | 50 | BREASTSTROKE |
| 50 | FREESTYLE | 50 | BUTTERFLY |
| 100 | FREESTYLE | 100 | INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY |

.04 13 - 14 AND 15 - 17 AGE GROUPS

| | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----|-------------------|
| 200 | MEDLEY RELAY | 50 | BACKSTROKE |
| 200 | FREESTYLE RELAY | 50 | BREASTSTROKE |
| 50 | FREESTYLE | 50 | BUTTERFLY |
| 100 | FREESTYLE | 100 | INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY |
| 200 | FREESTYLE | | |

.05 18 - 24 AND 25 - 39 AND 40 & Over AGE GROUPS

NOTE: All relays will be for 18 +

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|-----|-----------------|-----|-------------------|
| 200 | MEDLEY RELAY | 50 | BACKSTROKE |
| 200 | FREESTYLE RELAY | 50 | BREASTSTROKE |
| 50 | FREESTYLE | 50 | BUTTERFLY |
| 100 | FREESTYLE | 100 | INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY |
| 200 | FREESTYLE | | |

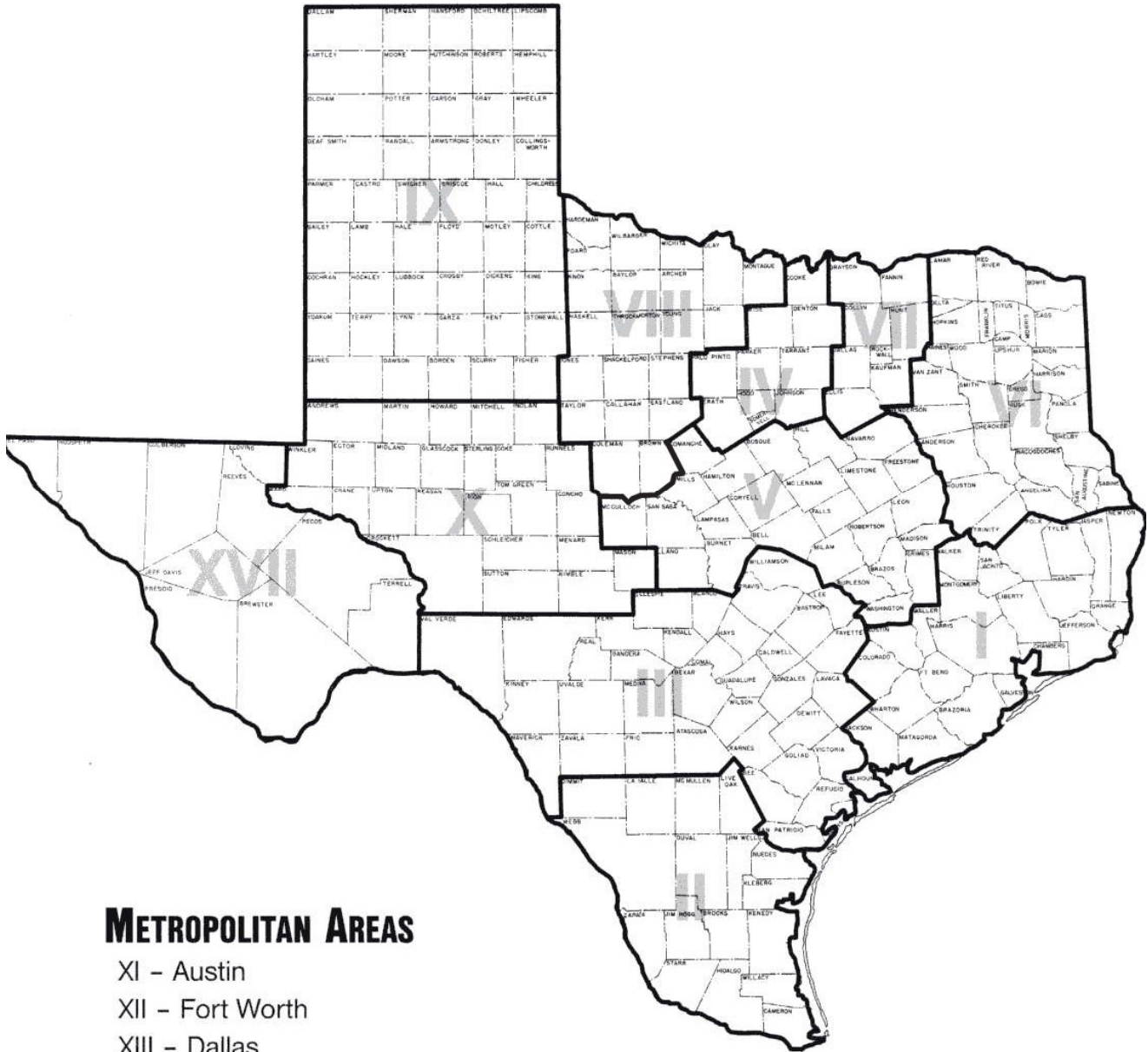
.06 Special Events 18 & Over (Optional at Regional)

(Special Events are subject to be cancelled by the state commissioner due to low registrations)

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| 100 | MIXED FREESTYLE RELAY (Minimum of two females per team) |
| 200 | MIXED FREESTYLE RELAY (Minimum of two females per team) |

31.23 The state commissioner shall have the authority to select a core group of T.A.A.F. personnel to assist in the running of the state meet. Those individuals selected would have their travel expenses reimbursed by the T.A.A.F. state office.

TAAF REGIONS



METROPOLITAN AREAS

- XI - Austin
- XII - Fort Worth
- XIII - Dallas
- XIV - Houston
- XV - San Antonio
- XVI - Corpus Christi

T.A.A.F.

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GAMES OF TEXAS

STATE MEET

INFORMATION

MANDATORY COACHES'

MEETING

Thursday Evening

July 26, 2007

7:00 PM

**Elizabeth Milburn park Pool
Cedar park, Texas**

***ROLL WILL BE CALLED AND BADGES WILL BE GIVEN
OUT. IF YOU OR YOUR TEAM REPRESENTATIVE DO NOT
ATTEND THIS MEETING YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A BADGE
NOR WILL WE ACCEPT ANY CHANGES FOR THE MEET.***

PLEASE BE ON TIME!!!!

THE TEXAS AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION
PRESENTS
THE GAMES OF TEXAS
RECREATIONAL SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP
JULY 27-29, 2007
Elizabeth Milburn Park Pool
Cedar Park, Texas

HOST: Cedar Park Parks and Recreation Department
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**One check per region made payable to:
TAAF Games of Texas 2007**

ENTRY FEE:

\$6.00 for each event including relays (\$24.00 total for relays).
Fee must be paid at the regional meet. Teams and swimmers
must have been registered through the state office.

ENTRY DEADLINE:

Friday, July 20 by 5:00 PM (if entries are done manually)

ENTRY PROCEDURES:

Swimmers must have qualified and entered the State meet at the Regional swim meet. Regional Meet Director has additional information.

 GATE FEE:

6 & under no charge

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented to top finishers during the swim meet. Top three will be awarded medals, the next 5 will be awarded ribbons. For the adult division only 1-3rd medals will be awarded.

RULES & ELIGIBILITY:

T.A.A.F. Cavalcade of Sports 2006/2007

 SITE:

Milburn pool is 4ft on one end and 6.5 ft on the deep end. Warm-up lanes during the meet are not available. Starting Blocks at start and turn. Colorado timing system with electronic start and touch pads will be used. **The swim meet will be swum in 25 METERS.**

 HOUSING:

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ALLOWED!! For information on housing: www.taaf.com

CONCESSIONS:

Food and drink will be available for sale during the meet as well as the usual T-shirts, patches, pins, etc. Food will be allowed into pool specator area. Coolers may not be brought into the pool area.

 SHADE:

This is an OUTDOOR meet. We do ask that the swimmers do not sit in the spectator seating. Teams are welcome to bring tents for shade.

SESSIONS:

Friday, Session I: 9 – 10 Boys' and 15 – 17 Boys'

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Saturday, Session III: 8 & under Boys' and 18 & over Men's

Saturday, Session IV: 8 & under Girls' and 18 and over Women's

**Saturday, Session V: 11 – 12 Boys' and 13 – 14 Boys'

Sunday, Session VI: 11 – 12 Girls' and 13 – 14 Girls'

DATES & TIMES:

THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2007

COACH'S PACKET PICK-UP

6:00 p.m. Elizabeth Milburn Park Pool

Please pick up your packets at this time so you have time to make corrections/changes which **MUST** be turned in at the coaches' meeting. *Any changes you have will only be accepted on Thursday.*

Coach's badges will only be handed out Thursday at the coaches'/scratch meeting!!!!

Coach's packets include heat sheets; team rosters, official scratch forms, and relay designation rosters.

COACHES' MEETING @ 7:00 PM Elizabeth Milburn Park Pool

Attendance at this meeting is **required** for you to make corrections and scratches as well as to meet the officials, ask questions and find out about meet procedures. *Coach's passes will only be given out at this meeting only.* A representative of each team must be present at this meeting if you are going to be making any changes to your relays. You will declare your four relay swimmers. Changes to relays will not be accepted after this time and your relays will have to swim as listed on the heat sheet. This is important for correct final results and labeling awards. It will also allow us to print relay splits on the final results. Once the relays are designated, those four people must swim except for a medical emergency cleared by the referee. Please make sure you bring all birth certificates to State.

ALL SCRATCHES AND CHANGES FOR FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY SESSIONS MUST BE MADE BY THURSDAY-7:00 P.M. No changes will be allowed after this. Any corrections after this will be placed in empty lanes only. We will not reseed the event. Please use the scratch form in your packet for this. Please pick up additional scratch forms if necessary. Relay changes should be made on the official relay roster in your packet. Cross through the swimmers names that will not be swimming. *Sign it and turn it in even if you have no changes*

NO SCRATCHES FROM INDIVIDUAL EVENTS TO SWIM A RELAY UNLESS CLEARED IN ADVANCE BY THE COMMISSIONER. NO EXHIBITION SWIMS. If a swimmer missed any events, possible he/she will be scratched from the rest of the meet



OPENING CEREMONIES

Please visit www.taaf.com for information concerning the Opening Ceremonies. We highly encourage each and every athlete to take place in this event.

WARM – UPS 2007

Warm-ups

Below you will find the official schedule for warm-ups. Because of the large amount of swimmers that will be trying to warm-up at the same time, we have devised a schedule for teams. Your team must warm-up at the designated time or you will not get to warm-up at all!

Thursday, July 26

1:00 PM to 7:00 PM (Don't come before this, you will not be allowed in the pool!!!) Open to all teams for general warm-up. There will be designated lanes for one-way sprints with a dive and backstroke starts.

Session I, Friday, July 27

9 – 10 and 15 – 17 Boys division swimmers **only**

8:00 AM - 8:20 AM Regions 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, 16 General push paces but no dives

8:20 AM - 8:40 AM Regions 4, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15 General push paces but no dives

8:40 AM - 9:00 AM Regions 1, 2, 10, 14, 17 General push paces but no dives

One-way sprints only the last 5 minutes of your warm up time

Meet begins at 9:15 AM

Session II, Friday, July 27

9 – 10 and 15 - 17 Girls division swimmers **only**

1:00 PM - 1:20 PM Regions 4, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15 General push paces but no dives

1:20 PM - 1:40 PM Regions 1, 2, 10, 14, 17 General push paces but no dives

1:40 PM - 2:00 PM Regions 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, 16 General push paces but no dives

One-way sprints only the last 5 minutes of your warm up time

Meet begins at 2:15 PM

These warm-up times may be adjusted if the morning session last past 12:00 NOON

Session III, Saturday, July 28

8 & under and 18 and over Boys/Mens division swimmers **only**

6:45 AM - 7:05 AM Regions 1, 2, 10, 14, 17 General push paces but no dives

7:05 AM - 7:25 AM Regions 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, 16 General push paces but no dives

7:25 AM - 7:45 AM Regions 4, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15 General push paces but no dives

One-way sprints only the last 5 minutes of your warm up time

Meet begins at 8:00 AM

Session IV, Saturday, July 28

8 & under and 18 & over Girls/Womens division swimmers **only**

11:30 AM – 11:50 AM Regions 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, 16 General push paces but no dives

11:50 AM – 12:10 PM Regions 4, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15 General push paces but no dives

12:10 PM – 12:30 PM Regions 1, 2, 10, 14, 17 General push paces but no dives

One-way sprints only the last 5 minutes of your warm up time

Meet beings at 12:45 PM.

These warm-up times may be adjusted if the morning session last past 11:15 AM

Session V, Saturday, July 28***

11 – 12 and 13 – 14 Boys/Mens division swimmers **only**

4:00 PM - 4:20 PM Regions 1, 2, 10, 14, 17 General push paces but no dives

4:20 PM - 4:40 PM Regions 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, 16 General push paces but no dives

4:40 PM - 5:00 PM Regions 4, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15 General push paces but no dives

One-way sprints only the last 5 minutes of your warm up time

Meet begins at 5:15 PM

Session VI, Sunday, July 29

11 – 12 and 13 – 14 Girls division swimmers **only**

8 & under and 18 & over Girls/Womens division swimmers **only**

8:00 AM – 8:20 AM Regions 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, 16 General push paces but no dives

8:20 AM – 8:40 AM Regions 4, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15 General push paces but no dives

8:40 AM – 9:00 AM Regions 1, 2, 10, 14, 17 General push paces but no dives

One-way sprints only the last 5 minutes of your warm up time

Meet begins at 9:15 AM.

There will be no diving or otherwise hazardous entries in the pool during the general warm-up sessions. Safety marshals will be on duty. Swimmers violating warm-up procedures or hanging on lane ropes will be scratched from the meet. **TELL YOUR SWIMMERS ABOUT THE PROPER WARM-UP PROCEDURE and to not hang on the lane ropes. TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. FINAL TIMES WILL BE CONFIRMED AT THE COACHES' MEETING.**

Appeal procedures for State Swimming Championships

Each year we strive to improve the meet management and the overall quality of this meet. The quality and satisfaction that our athletes have experienced has increased each year. One very telling indicator is the constant challenge made to every event record. To further this improvement, streamline procedures and to address unforeseen situations the following procedures will be put in place this year.

The following procedures will be followed. Any deviation from these established procedures will be cause for refusal to hear any appeal.

In all situations only the individual swimmers coach wearing their official identification will be allowed to approach and discuss rulings with any and all meet officials.

If the appeal has anything to do with the actual swimming of the event that appeal must be made to the meet referee Mr. Jim McDwyer. Also, that appeal must be made before the beginning of the next event (Rule 4, Sec. 2, Art. 2d, e). This may seem to be an undue burden, but coaches must be vigilant and adhere to the rules. Such items would include but not be limited to: disqualification as per the National High School Federation Rule Book for Swimming and Diving. Mr. McDwyer's decision is final and there is no avenue of appeal past him. This is clearly discussed and delineated in the rule book. You and your athletes participation in this meet is contingent upon your agreement with this arrangement.

If the appeal is concerning any other problem, including but not limited to either a potential timing error or an event result, those appeals will be made in writing to the Assistant Swim Commissioner. These appeals must be filed within **15 minutes** of the posting of the results. If the ASC rules against the appeal it will immediately be forwarded to the Swim Commissioner. There the ASC will present the appeal to the Commissioner and will act as advocates for and against the appeal. The coach will be requested to be present but will not participate in the appeal unless specifically requested to do so by the Commissioner.

If the Swim Commissioner is not present or is unavailable, the Assistant Swim Commissioner has the authority to rule on an appeal. The decision will be final and there will be no further appeal.

Timing Procedure

Per the Cavalcade:

31.19 Official Finish Times: The meet director shall approve all finish times and have the authority to adjust the finish times due to problems associated with the electronic timing system/ touching the electronic touch pads and /or manual times.

FORM

SECTION

T.A.A.F.
2007 SWIMMING COACH INFORMATION SHEET

CITY _____ **TEAM NAME** _____

SWIMMING COACH

Name _____

Address _____
streetcity zip

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Fax # _____

E-mail _____

CITY CONTACT

Name _____

Address _____
street city zip

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Fax # _____

E-mail _____

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO BY JUNE 1, 2007

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TAAF SWIMMING COACHES SUGGESTED RULE CHANGES

Coaches please make any comments or suggestions on this form and return it to the computer desk. At this time and especially for the new coaches, let me remind you of T.A.A.F.'s goal in providing this program. We hope to provide a recreational grade swimming competition aimed at swimmers who train only three or four months per year in city sponsored Parks and Recreation Department programs. This program is designed to provide a successful experience for participants thereby increasing their self-esteem as well as physical conditioning. We hope to "hook" these swimmers into an recreational competitive swimming and then gently nudge them towards the more competitive, year around programs offered by other national programs.

TOPIC OF RULE _____

PURPOSE/INTENT OF RULE _____

REASON _____

Please return to:

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TEXAS AMATEUR ATHLETIC FEDERATION SWIMMING - MEET EVALUATION FORM

Meet _____ Date _____ Location _____

This form will be used to assist future hosts, officials, and TAAF in general, to improve competition for our athletes. Please send completed form to Meet Director or mail to Kristie Weaver, PO Box 255, Weatherford, Texas 76086 or Fax to: 817-598-4354

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|----|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 1. | PRE-PLANNING | Low | | | | | High |
| | Pre-meet information | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Packets | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Hotels and restaurants | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Maps | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Transportation | | () | () | () | () | |
| | a. Airlines | | () | () | () | () | |
| | b. Car rental | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Planning for climate changes (outdoor pools) | | () | () | () | () | |
| 2. | FACILITIES/GENERAL | Low | | | | | High |
| | Parking | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Registration | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Restrooms and dressing rooms | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Swimmers' rest areas | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Public address system | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Spectator seating | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Warm up/down facilities | | () | () | () | () | |
| 3. | FACILITIES/COMPETITION POOL | Low | | | | | High |
| | Pace clocks | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Scoreboard/timing equipment/computer | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Lighting | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Ventilation (indoor pools) | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Water conditions | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Starting system | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Pool set-up (deck space, media, etc.) | | () | () | () | () | |
| 4. | OFFICIALS | Low | | | | | High |
| | Meet referee | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Assistant referee(s) | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Administrative coordinator | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Starter(s) | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Announcer(s) | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Chief judge(s) | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Stroke and turn judging | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Relay take-off judging | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Clerk of course | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Meet director | | () | () | () | () | |
| 5. | GENERAL APPRAISAL | Low | | | | | High |
| | Meet administration | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Hospitality | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Awards and ceremonies | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Safety procedures | () | () | () | () | () | |
| | Rate the overall success of the meet | | () | () | () | () | |
| | Rate the overall smoothness of the meet | | () | () | () | () | |

6. Use back of sheet for any general comments you would like to make about this meet.

Signed _____ (optional)
 () Swimmer () Official – position _____
 () Coach () Other – title _____