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Subject: BB Champs North Important Read

IMPORTANT MEET CONDUCT INFORMATION - PLEASE READ AND CONFIRM RECEIPT - :-))

This is long, but contains valuable information, and should be read from top to bottom.

The SASA STSI North BB Championships being hosted at UIW this year is a good sized meet (340 swimmers). Due to the building fire code, overall safety, general comfort, and by popular request, Streamline will be following a successful protocol we use for large meets. As this is a quite different setup than what is familiar to many South Texas parents and coaches, we need your support in communicating and promoting the benefits of this style meet and in educating your parents on the procedures.

We have reserved the gymnasium for this meet. It is located catty-cornered to the natatorium. Each team will have a designated area in the bleachers of the gym and all spectator and team seating will be in the bleachers in the gym. Due to a Monday morning practice for the UIW Basketball team, we are not allowed to place mats on the floor of the gymnasium. All spectators and athletes will be confined to the bleachers. **No one is allowed on the floor of the gymnasium.** Concessions and Heat Sheets will be for sale in the lobby of the gym. Swim gear will be for sale in the lobby of the natatorium. Space can be reserved in the parking lot, for teams or parents wishing to bring RV's, *provided that you notify me no later than 5:00 PM Wednesday* of your intention.

If all goes according to plan, the meet will be live streamed into the gymnasium and shown on two television sets. As a backup, there will be a dry erase board in the gym, where we will post the events currently swimming, so that everyone can keep track of the events. The PA System in the gym will be used to announce events.

We will have LIVE VIDEO available for the BB Champs so everyone, even if they are not actually attending the meet, can support your swimmers. To purchase the LIVE VIDEO of BB CHAMPS NORTH at UIW LIVE BROADCAST, simply go to this website <http://swimtechnique.tv/live> . Once there, are the directions to buy on PAYPAL for \$5.00 per session. A live snap shot will confirm desire to purchase. After purchase, the live screen will be split in 3 cameras. One camera will show the race, another camera will constantly show the score board, and the third section will have a session by session heat sheet.

Coaches will need to prepare both **swimmers and parents** prior to the meet so that everyone will know the procedures/logistics given below for this meet. PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYONE ON YOUR TEAM IS AWARE OF THE SETUP. Additionally, swimmers will need instruction on how far in advance they need to plan to enter the natatorium for their pre-race warm-up.

All spectators should enter and exit the natatorium via the stairwell on the east side of the natatorium, which is to your right upon entering the building. All swimmers will enter and exit the natatorium using the west side stair well on the office side of the pool.

Once inside the natatorium, there will be spectator "standing room only" on the East side and the South end of the pool. This will allow each spectator to have the best view of their swimmer's race. After their child swims, spectators should leave the pool deck to make room for the next race spectators. Spectators with special needs/disabilities need to contact me to gain permission to remain on the deck area during the course of the meet.

The bleachers in the natatorium will be reserved for swimmers use only. Swimmers will be allowed to use the bleachers in the pool area for pre race warm up, immediately preceding their events and for their cool down after their race.

Coaches are requested to wear your coaching credentials. You are asked not to bring their own chairs since seats will be provided for you, *provided Special Events does not let us down again.* 🙏😊🙏 There will be tables along the east side of the pool. A fantastic coaches' hospitality will be provided for you in the office. ***For planning purposes, please, please let me know the number of coaches your team will have in attendance at the meet no later than noon on Thursday.***

We will be running a fly over meet. Please start practicing fly over starts with your swimmers. All events will swim fastest to slowest.

Timing responsibility has been assigned for each team, based upon the number of swimmers attending the meet. A list of lane timer responsibility is included with this e-mail. Each team will need to provide two timers for each lane they are assigned. Please determine your volunteers in advance of the meet. Should you have additional parents, beyond your responsibility, who prefer to time, please let us know and we will utilize those folks to cover any shortages we may encounter.

If you have officials on your team willing to assist in officiating, please have them contact our Meet Referee, Ray Pearce at Poolsbyray@aol.com Once again, this is a busy meet weekend in San Antonio, with club, high school, and college meets and we **definitely will need help** from our visiting teams.

Warm-up assignments are attached to this e-mail. On Friday there is open warm-ups from 4:00 to 5:20 PM. For preliminaries, on Saturday and Sunday, there are three warm up sessions for Prelims and two warm-up sessions for Finals.

Swimmers attending this meet, without a coach on deck, should plan to warm up with Streamline. Those swimmers should report to the timing console to be placed with a SASA Coach.

Time trials will be conducted on Saturday and Sunday afternoon 20 minutes after the completion of the morning sessions. Time trials will be offered for events 200Y and shorter. **Time trial entries will close at the start of the relays both days.**

Scratch Rules will be in place for this championship meet. Please make sure that your parents are familiar with the Scratch Rules and the penalties in place for failure to scratch. As the top qualifiers scratch, a swimmer not previously seeded to swim in finals may move into finals. ALL SWIMMERS, regardless of place of finish, are required to scratch if they do not want to swim in finals. Complete scratch rules are in the meet information. **Scratches may be accomplished ONLY by the swimmer's coach. The scratch table will be located in the Coaches Hospitality Area.** Swimmers attending the meet without a coach should scratch with me at the computer console table.

I am still working on finalizing the meet. I will try to send out a timeline sometime tomorrow.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.Thanks,

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