Welcome Swimmers and Parents!

COAST (City of Allen Swim Team) is looking forward to another year of TAAF swimming! COAST is sponsored by the Allen Parks and Recreation Department. Each participant is registered with the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF), which is the governing body of the summer swim meets. COAST participates in weekly meets with other area TAAF teams, with the opportunity to advance to the TAAF State Games of Texas. The Games Swim meet will be held in College Station, TX, July 31st-Aug 3rd. COAST participants do not have to compete in meets unless they desire to do so, but qualifying times are required to participate at the Games of Texas.

Starting Monday, June 9th, practices will be held at Ford Pool. The swim schedule is as follows:

7:00 – 8:30 am	Ages 13 and up
8:30 – 9:30 am	Advanced
9:30 – 10:15 am	Intermediate and Beginner*
10:15 – 11:00 am	Intermediate and Beginner*
11:00 – 11:45 am	Intermediate and Beginner *

May register in whichever practice time you prefer

Cost: $95 – Members $105 – Non-Members

Each age group will be divided into three skill levels on the first day of practice, please come to the time that you think your child might fit into:

- Beginner – Must be able to perform free style and back stroke correctly. May not know all four strokes. Can swim the length of the pool. Has a desire to compete.
- Intermediate – Knows all four strokes (free style, back stroke, breast stroke, and butterfly). Able to perform free and back correctly. Will be competing on a regular basis.
- Advanced – Must be able to perform all four strokes correctly. Will be competing on a regular basis. Was in advanced last summer, or swim in advanced stroke clinics.

The City of Allen will be hosting two swim meets this season. On **July 5th** we will host a typical TAAF meet, on July **26th** we will be hosting the B-Regionals for the TAAF district. We will need volunteer assistance from you, the COAST parents for both meets. Your help will be utilized as timers, and to prepare award ribbons. There will be a Parent Meeting scheduled for Thursday, **May 29th at 7:00 PM** at the Natatorium.

I am your contact for all matters relating to COAST management. Please feel free to call me at 214-509-4772. I am looking forward to another great COAST season.

Swim-cerely,

Emily Match
Aquatic Program Supervisor
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Weekly Swim Meet Procedures

- Monday
  - Discuss with coaches what events might be best to swim at the swim meet.
  - Check schedule to see where the swim meet is located.
  - Pick up ribbons from previous swim meet.
- Tuesday
  - **All swim meet entries must be turned into the coaches by 5pm**. These are then turned into the swim meet host. **Late entries may not be accepted.**
  - Entries can be written in the swim meet binder, emailed to Coach Taylor, or emailed to Miklos, either way all entries are due on Tuesday.
- Wednesday
  - Check your email and the information sheets at practice to ensure your swimmer(s) was registered and for the correct events.
  - Email any changes to Miklos or Coach Taylor immediately
- Thursday
  - Again check emails for any additional entries or changes.
- Friday
  - Check final swim meet entry sheet at practice at the lifeguard desk.
  - Email any crisis to Miklos.
  - Make sure you have a swim cap and goggles!!
- Saturday
  - Bring $2 per person for swim meet gate fees.
  - Swim Meet Day!!! Have fun and swim fast!!
  - **We have one Friday night meet, June 28th!!**
- Sunday
  - Rest and get ready for next week!!

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FAQ's

- **What do I do on the first day of practice?** *Come to the time that you think your child would fit best in according to skill level. If they need to be placed in a different section the coach will let you know after the first day.*
- **Are my children required to attend all practices and swim meets?** *No, you can participate as much or as little as you like, however, if you would like to attend the "A" Regional meet, you must swim one qualifying time during circuit season, which means attendance at one of the meets.*
- **What swim wear is required for practices and meets?** *There is no required swim wear, however team suits will be ordered at the beginning of the season. Girls are strongly recommended to wear a one-piece and boys, swim jammers or speedos. Swim caps are also recommended but not required.*
- **How many events can my child swim at the meet?** *It is dependent on the meet, but for most somewhere between 2 and 5 events. Again, they can swim as much or as little as they like.*
- **How do I sign my child up for an event?** *You must sign them up by e-mailing the coach or signing up at practice.*
- **How do I know what events my child should swim in?** *You may ask the coach what events your child would perform the best in, but they can enter any events that they choose. The goal of COAST is for everyone to have fun and to compete to the extent they are comfortable with.*

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Will My Swimmer Compete in the "A" or "B" Regional Meet?

SWIMMERS MAY ONLY COMPETE IN ONE MEET

A swimmer must swim one (1) time during the regular season as fast or exceed times set by Region VII in order to qualify for the "A" Regional Meet. Qualifying times are set prior to each season according to gender, age group, and event. These times are listed for both metered and yard pools. There are no preset qualifying times for relay teams. Swimmers who participate in the "A" Regional Meet are eligible to advance to the State Games if they place 1st or 2nd in any **EVENT** (not HEAT)

The "B" Regional Meet is open to all swimmers. However, if a swimmer has achieved an "A" Regional qualifying time in any event, she/he may not swim in that event at the "B" Regional Meet.

Swimmers will be placed in one of the two regional meets by the coaching staff. The coaches have the very laborious chore of placing each participant where she/he will benefit most. These are not snap decisions, and are based upon the swimmer's experience, skills, times during the regular season, and potential.

When team sports (i.e. – football, basketball, etc.) decisions are made about individual participants, they generally reflect what is in the best interest of the entire team. Please note that any decisions made by our coaches are strictly in the best interest of your swimmer.

Exceptions to "A" Regional Meet Criteria

TAAF rules allow for a limited number of swimmers in each event who have not met "A" Regional qualifying times to participate in the "A" Regional Meet.

Swim Team Terminology
These definitions are intended to assist COAST newcomers.

- "A" Regional – A post season meet held to determine which swimmers will represent our region (Region VII) in the annual state meet. (Please refer to the page entitled "Will my Swimmer Compete in the "A" or "B" Regional Meet?"
- "B" Regional – A post season meet held for swimmers who are less experienced or not eligible to participate in the "A" Regional Swim Meet.
- Blocks – Diving platforms used for swimmers to start their races.
- Event Cards – ALL swimmers must have event card for each even (race) they swim. The event cards are color coded for all teams in Region VII (Allen is Pink). Cards are handed out during warm-ups prior to the meet and should be kept in a safe, dry place until the swimmer reports to the ready bench. Cards contain swimmers' name, age group, event description and number, and will be used to record times for data entry and ribbons.
- Heating or Ready Bench – Area where swimmers line-up and organize into heats, in preparation for their upcoming event.
- Heat Sheet – Schedule of events (1-100) according to age, gender and event. They are sold at all swim meet concession stands for $.25. Regional swim meet sheets will cost more (approx. $2.00).
- Lane Lines – Bouyed ropes used to divide the pool into lanes for competition.
- Swimmers' File/Mailbox – Each swimmer or family of swimmers has a file folder in the swim team file box. These folders are used for ribbons, and to relay COAST news to parents and swimmers. Box will be located on pool deck during practices for easy access. ALL SWIMMERS NEED TO CHECK THEIR FILE ON A DAILY BASIS UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED.
- T.A.A.F. – Texas Amateur Athletic Federation – Organization that governs the summer recreation swim program. COAST is affiliated with TAAF through the City of Allen and is able to enjoy their programs!

Surviving Your First Swim Meet!

- During your first meet, do not become concerned or discouraged if things seem confusing. Ask questions! You'll find many people willing to help. By the second meet; you'll be a pro!!
- Arrive at least 15 minutes early for warm-ups to get situated.
- Each race will be started with either a buzzer or a starting pistol. Do not be alarmed or frightened by a loud "BANG"
- Remember what Event Number you are swimming. It is the responsibility of each swimmer to report to the Ready Bench when Event is called. Failure to do so will disqualify your swimmer from the race.

What to Take to Meets

- Lawn Chairs, blankets, or something to sit on
- Sun screen
- Umbrellas, tarps or tents
- Hats
- Goggles
- Swim cap
- Towel
- Snacks
- Swim suit; of course!!
- Positive attitude!

Health Hints

- To prevent water from sitting in the ear; swimmers' can use drops immediately before and after each session in the pool. Drops can be purchased at any drug store.
- Use sunblock and continually reapply it. Even on a cloudy day you can get burned.
- Stay hydrated; drink plenty of water or fruit juices. No carbonated beverages.
- Foods high in carbohydrates (pizza, lasagna, or pasta) are good to eat the night before the meet for energy.

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TAAF Regional Qualifying Times

Event	Gender/Age Group	Meter Times	Yard Times
25 Free	Girls 6 and Under	0:40.88	0:36.83
25 Back	Girls 6 and Under	0:44.96	0:40.50
25 Free	Boys 6 and Under	0:40.06	0:36.09
25 Back	Boys 6 and Under	0:45.91	0:41.36
25 Free	Girls 8 and Under	0:24.29	0:21.88
50 Free	Girls 8 and Under	0:59.55	0:53.65
25 Back	Girls 8 and Under	0:27.91	0:25.01
25 Breast	Girls 8 and Under	0:34.24	0:30.99
25 Butterfly	Girls 8 and Under	0:36.46	0:33.00
100 Individual Medley	Girls 8 and Under	3:03.45	2:45.27
25 Free	Boys 8 and Under	0:24.16	0:21.77
50 Free	Boys 8 and Under	0:54.73	0:49.31
25 Back	Boys 8 and Under	0:28.37	0:25.56
25 Breast	Boys 8 and Under	0:33.42	0:30.24
25 Butterfly	Boys 8 and Under	0:35.80	0:32.40
100 Individual Medley	Boys 8 and Under	3:00.12	2:42.27
25 Free	Girls 9 and 10	0:21.07	0:18.98
50 Free	Girls 9 and 10	0:46.00	0:41.44
25 Back	Girls 9 and 10	0:23.88	0:21.40
25 Breast	Girls 9 and 10	0:27.07	0:24.50
25 Butterfly	Girls 9 and 10	0:27.06	0:24.49
100 Individual Medley	Girls 9 and 10	2:08.76	1:56.00
25 Free	Boys 9 and 10	0:20.90	0:18.83
50 Free	Boys 9 and 10	0:45.84	0:41.30
25 Back	Boys 9 and 10	0:23.84	0:21.36
25 Breast	Boys 9 and 10	0:28.56	0:25.73
25 Butterfly	Boys 9 and 10	0:25.74	0:23.29
100 Individual Medley	Boys 9 and 10	2:12.08	1:58.99
50 Free	Girls 11 and 12	0:38.85	0:35.00
100 Free	Girls 11 and 12	1:30.09	1:21.16
50 Back	Girls 11 and 12	0:49.95	0:45.00
50 Breast	Girls 11 and 12	0:51.26	0:46.18
50 Butterfly	Girls 11 and 12	0:53.28	0:48.00
100 Individual Medley	Girls 11 and 12	1:47.65	1:36.98
50 Free	Boys 11 and 12	0:39.38	0:35.48
100 Free	Boys 11 and 12	1:28.73	1:19.94
50 Back	Boys 11 and 12	0:49.36	0:44.47
50 Breast	Boys 11 and 12	0:52.60	0:47.39
50 Butterfly	Boys 11 and 12	0:55.49	0:49.99
100 Individual Medley	Boys 11 and 12	1:46.50	1:35.95
50 Free	Girls 13 and 14	0:38.33	0:34.53
100 Free	Girls 13 and 14	1:27.81	1:19.11
200 Free	Girls 13 and 14	3:16.86	2:57.35
50 Back	Girls 13 and 14	0:47.50	0:42.79
50 Breast	Girls 13 and 14	0:47.30	0:42.61
50 Butterfly	Girls 13 and 14	0:46.75	0:42.12
100 Individual Medley	Girls 13 and 14	1:36.19	1:29.66
50 Free	Boys 13 and 14	0:32.84	0:29.59
100 Free	Boys 13 and 14	1:19.42	1:11.55
200 Free	Boys 13 and 14	3:10.89	2:51.97
50 Back	Boys 13 and 14	0:43.71	0:39.38
50 Breast	Boys 13 and 14	0:43.86	0:39.51
50 Butterfly	Boys 13 and 14	0:38.30	0:34.50
100 Individual Medley	Boys 13 and 14	1:39.33	1:29.49

What is TAAF?
The Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) is a non-profit organization established in 1925 to promote and organize amateur athletes in the state of Texas. Its membership is comprised of Parks and Recreation Departments, individuals, and organizations who contribute time, energy, and effort in this endeavor. TAAF offers athletic competitions for individual as well as for team sports.

Baseball was the catalyst for the early success of TAAF and by 1954 the Federation had grown to nine sports, including baseball, tennis, basketball, swimming, track and field, volleyball, and softball. During the past decade, TAAF, expanded to include a division for church sports, thus providing a greater scoped of participation. Today, TAAF is on the largest amateur state organizations in the nation with membership of over 150 cities. TAAF registers over 14,000 teams and, with individual sports (tennis, golf, track and field, and swimming), has over 300,000 participants.

Winner of the local leagues and tournaments are eligible for regional competition. Winners at the seventeen (17) regional locations qualify for various TAAF State Championships and or the Games of Texas finals.

How is TAAF Governed?
The State of Texas is divided into seventeen (17) TAAF Regions. Each region elects a regional director and a representative to the executive committee. The executive committee consists of the President, Vice-President, and 17 Regional Representatives. There are four (4) membership divisions: General, Associate, Affiliate, and Allied, which constitutes the general body, the Board of Governs. The Board of Governs elects the sports commissioner to oversee each sport conducted by TAAF.

Who is Eligible for Membership with TAAF?
Four categories of membership are available. General members are Parks and Recreation Departments. Associate members are teams or individuals in cities without Parks and Recreation Departments. Affiliate members are private facilities, community agencies or organizations that wish to participate. Allied members are any national or state governing bodies or a particular sport.

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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.

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.

27.1 Male and female must compete in their age category: 6 & under; 8 & under; 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-17, 18-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-70, etc in 5-year increments.

27.2 Swimming is to be considered an individual sport.

27.3 RESIDENCE OF PARTICIPANTS: See MOP Article 2 General Participation Requirements and MOP Article 4 Individual Sport Requirements.

27.4 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.

27.5 T.A.A.F. Swimming will follow FINA guidelines regarding swim suits for participants.

27.6 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, individuals must follow eligibility guidelines as set forth below. Deviations from guidelines will result in disqualification of individual from T.A.A.F. swimming. Repeated violations from individuals on the same team may result in team/coach disqualification from T.A.A.F. swimming.

a) Individuals may swim only 90 minutes per week
b) Participation in T.A.A.F. Winter Games of Texas (see Sports Rule 27.24)
c) Summer season work-outs can begin May 1 each year
d) ***Exceptions:***

- May 1 - Winter Games of Texas meet
- Any swimmer in divisions 13 & older

27.7 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. See Sports Rule 27.25 for divisions

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

27.8 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 TAAF Swimming will use the NFSHS protocol for starting races.

a) The starter/referee signals the swimmers with a series of short whistles (no fewer than 4) to approach the blocks and prepare to swim, followed by the announcer or starter/referee announcing the event/distance/heat.

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b) When all the swimmers have approached the blocks, the starter/referee blows a long whistle for the heat to step on the blocks for forward starts or in the water for backstroke starts, and take their preparatory position.

c) Once all swimmers are on the blocks or in the water, the referee turns the heat over to the starter.

d) When the swimmers are prepared, the starter says 'take your mark.'

e) When swimmers have assumed the correct starting position and are motionless, the starter activates the starting signal.

f) If a swimmer does not respond promptly to the command 'take your mark,' the starter shall immediately release all swimmers with the command 'stand up' upon which the swimmers may stand up or relax.

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

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

a) 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.

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

.06 Participants in the 10 & under age divisions may compete in no more than three (3) events.

a) 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 region 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.

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

.07 Participants in the 11-14 age divisions may compete in no more than four (4) events.

b) A swimmer may be entered in any four (4) 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 region 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.

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

.08 Swimmers 15-17 would be limited to four (4) events at the state meet, plus 3 mixed relay entries (total of 7). Swimmers 18 & over, unlimited entries would be allowed at the state meet (optional at region meet).

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

27.9 STATE MEET ENTRIES: Each region may enter a minimum of three (3) persons in each event and three (3) relay teams in each relay event in the 6 and under, 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, plus 3 mixed relays (total of 7) at the state meet. For swimmers 18 & over, unlimited entries will be allowed to advance to the state meet.

.01 Additional Entries:

a) Additional entries from each region may be awarded by the state commissioner based on the total number of individuals registered per region as of the region meet entry deadline (set by the region) of the current year.

b) Each region must register a minimum of 1,000 individual participants prior to getting additional entries to the state meet. For every 500 individuals registered thereafter, the region will receive an additional entry to the state championship.

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

.03 Meet entries will only be accepted from the Regional Directors or his/her appointed representative responsibilities after the region meet:

a) Certify all advancing participants by forwarding entries in the approved manner. Entry procedure will be outlined in the coaches packet (March) and on the website (June) each year.

27.10 Admission Fee: An admission charge at the gate to defray the expenses of hosting the state meet is acceptable.

27.11 All state entry fees must be sent to the T.A.A.F. State Office along with all required information by the Region Director/designee by the deadline date outlined in the coaches packet. Failure to comply may result in disqualification of swimmers.

27.12 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, sixth, seventh and eighth place finishers in each event. No high point award will be given.

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

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

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

27.18 Verification of entries: Once entries have been forwarded to state, all region directors/representatives and/or coaches are responsible for verifying entries on-line prior to the state meet. At the state meet a scratch meeting will be held before the meet begins. Only scratches will be accepted 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.

27.19 Any year round eligibility protests must be resolved by 12:00pm (noon) on Tuesday prior to the start of the state meet.

27.20 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.

27.21 STATE EVENTS PER PARTICIPANT

.01 Participants in the 10 & under age divisions may compete in no more than three (3) events.

a) 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 region 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.

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

.02 Participants in the 11-14 age divisions may compete in no more than four (4) events.

a) A swimmer may be entered in any four (4) 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 region 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.

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

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.03 Swimmers 15-17 would be limited to four (4) events at the state meet, plus 3 mixed relay entries (total of 7). Swimmers 18 & over, unlimited entries would be allowed at the state meet.

27.22 TAAF Swimming will use the following protocol regarding false starts:

.01 For ages 10 & under: one false start will be allowed for swimmers age 10 & under. For the initial start, the heat will be recalled if any swimmer is observed before the starting signal. This initial false start will be charged to the field. The starter shall restart the race upon signal by the referee. If the referee independently observes and confirms the starter's observation that a subsequent violation has occurred, the race shall continue without recall. The swimmer or swimmers who committed the subsequent violation shall be disqualified upon completion of the race.

.02 For ages 11 & older: any swimmer starting before the starting signal is given shall be disqualified if the Referee independently observes and confirms the starter's observation that a violation occurred. Swimmers remaining on the blocks shall be relieved from their starting position with a 'stand up.' The race will be restarted upon signal by the referee. If the starting signal has been given before the disqualification is declared, the race shall continue without recall. If the referee independently observes and confirms the starter's observation that a violation occurred, the swimmer or swimmers who are in violation shall be disqualified upon completion of the race.

.03 If the recall signal is activated inadvertently, no swimmer shall be charged with a false start and the starter shall restart the race upon signal by the referee. A swimmer who would otherwise be charged with a false start may be relieved of the charge if the false start was caused by the swimmer's reaction to the 'stand up' command. A swimmer shall not be disqualified for an illegal starting position at the start if the race is permitted to proceed. Enforcement of the correct starting position is the responsibility of the starter.

27.23 Officials 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.

27.24 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.

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27.25 EVENTS (SAME FOR GIRLS AND BOYS):

.01 6 & UNDER

25	FREESTYLE
25	BACKSTROKE
100	FREESTYLE RELAY

Swimmers ages 6 & under who wish to swim any other event will compete in the 8 & under age division. Swimmers may NOT compete in the same event in two age groups.

.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	200 Mixed Freestyle Relay (15-17 only)	
100 Mixed Freestyle Relay (15-17 only)		200 Mixed Medley Relay (15-17 only)	

Mixed Relays are of mixed gender, of which at least two must be female.

.05 18 - 24, 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65-70, etc in 5 year increments

NOTE: All relays will be for 18 +

200	MEDLEY RELAY	50	BACKSTROKE
200	FREESTYLE RELAY	50	BREASTSTROKE
50	FREESTYLE	50	BUTTERFLY
100	FREESTYLE	100	INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
200	FREESTYLE	200 MIXED FREESTYLE RELAY	
100 MIXED FREESTYLE RELAY		200 MIXED MEDLEY RELAY	

Mixed Relays are of mixed gender, of which at least two must be female.

27.26 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.