



# **Games of Texas**

## **Summer 2014**

SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP  
JULY 31 - AUGUST 3  
BRYAN AQUATIC CENTER

TAAF Games of Texas  
Swimming Championship  
July 31-August 3, 2014  
Bryan, Texas

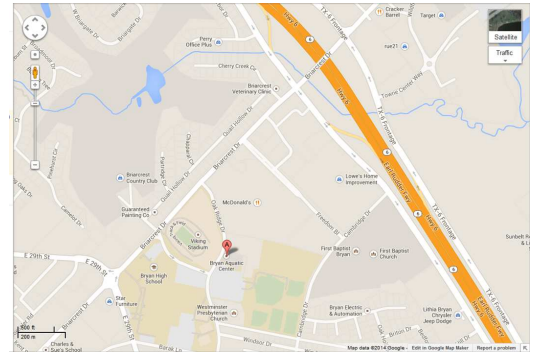
Facility Host: Bryan Aquatic Center  
3100 Oakwood Dr  
Bryan, TX 77802

Governed by: Texas Amateur Athletic Federation

Rules & Eligibility: TAAF 2014 Cavalcade

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Facility: Allow extra time to arrive and find parking as the majority of parking is across the street at the stadium. **At no time will any coach or parent be allowed to stand behind the starting blocks or have access to the heating/event area.** City of Bryan staff will be on hand to direct spectators around the pool and keep the aisles and walk ways clear. We ask that every spectator please be respectful to each other and event staff. **At no time will you be allowed to save seats.**

Gate Fee: There will be entrance fees charged - TBD. **Entry is first come, first served – saving seats is not allowed and will be monitored by staff.** Please arrive and enter together.

Parking: RV parking is across Oakwood Drive at the Stadium. RV's that park in the Aquatic Complex parking lot will be towed at the owner's expense – NO EXCEPTIONS!

Meet Information: Swimmers must qualify through a Regional Swim Meet. Entries are only accepted from the Region Director/Meet Director. Please contact your region for information regarding region meets.

This is an **OUTDOOR** facility. Tents will be allowed outside the facility fence and may be set up in designated areas. No saving seats. Staff will monitor and move items to allow patrons to sit.

No outside food/drinks or chairs allowed inside the facility area; however, a concession stand is accessible from the pool area. A bottle of water may be brought in.

**Meet Mobile:** **There has been some confusion as to the accuracy of Meet Mobile. We provide this as a courtesy to coaches/spectators. Please keep in mind that results are NOT final until posted on the wall at the conclusion of the protest period.**

Sessions dates & start times:

Times provided are approximate meet start times and gates will open one and one-half hour prior to meet start time. Warm-ups will take place prior to the beginning of each session. Warm-up schedule will be provided to coaches at the coaches meeting. Athletes will need to report to the heating tent when event is called. **NO parents/coaches allowed in heating area!**

Thursday, 7/31:

Session 1: Girls 11-14 - 4:00pm

Friday, 8/1:

Session 2: Boys 9/10 and 15/17 - 9:00am

Session 3: Girls 9/10 and 15/17 - 2:00pm

Opening Ceremonies

Saturday, 8/2:

Session 4: Men 18 & over; Boys 8 & under - 9:00am

Session 5: Women 18 & over; Girls 8 & under - 2:00pm

Sunday, 8/3:

Session 6: Boys 11-14 - 9:00am

Coaches meeting:

Thursday, July 31; check-in at 12:30pm – meeting at 1:00pm

Scratches and relay declarations will be made at this meeting. Badges will be given out. If a team representative cannot make the meeting, please inform the state commissioners ahead of time.

**COACHES BADGES** – Coaches may sit in the designated coaching area or in the bleachers with the spectators. Coaches are not allowed in the heating area nor behind the starting blocks.

Protests - \$20 with protest form. We will only accept protests from coaches with proper identification. Please print and fill out the form completely to ensure accurate response. Staff will find you when protest is resolved.

Swimmers who fail to report to the ready bench or who are not ready to swim (coach talking to them at the block), and consequently miss their heat, will be DQ'd from the event. It is NOT the responsibility of the timers to make your swimmer step up to the blocks. **PREPARE YOUR SWIMMERS IN ADVANCE** (whistle starts, commands, etc).

## Team Manager/Coach Information

All participants must meet guidelines as outlined in Article 27 of the TAAF Cavalcade. Any participant found to be in violation of the rules will not be allowed to compete in the 2014 TAAF Swimming Championships. It is up to the local swim team manager/coach to ensure participant eligibility prior to competing in any TAAF meet. As Regional Director/Coach, it is your responsibility to download the current Article 27 from the TAAF website or seek a copy from your local TAAF representative.

### Athlete Registration:

TAAF MOP Article 4.1 Individual sports include participants in Boxing, Cheerleading, Golf, Gymnastics, Swimming, Tennis, and Track & Field.

- a) All individual sport registration will be done online at [www.taaf.com](http://www.taaf.com)
- b) Individual athletes must register with T.A.A.F. prior to the athlete's participation in any T.A.A.F. meet/tournament on local or regional level.

Athlete registration is done on-line at **taaf.com**. Please ensure that your city/location name is reflected in your team name. This will help tremendously at the state meet. For example, Weatherford Sharks vs. Sharks. If you have multiple teams in the city, this becomes even more crucial.

1. Type [www.taaf.com](http://www.taaf.com) in your web browser (not search bar). Follow links for SUMMER registration.
2. Login with your user name and password in the upper right hand corner. If you do not have a user name and password or have forgotten yours, please contact the TAAF State Office at 512-863-9400.
3. Once you login, the screen will pull up a red banner that has the words: 'Roster,' 'Register,' and 'Entries.' Below the banner is a sentence that reads, 'Click HERE to add athlete.' The list of athletes shown is all the athletes you have registered with your team in the past.
4. Suggestion: at this time, delete athletes who are NOT participating with your team this year.
5. 'Click here to add athletes:' fill in the boxes, paying careful attention to gender and date of birth. Age up date for the summer is June 1. You may add ten (10) athletes at a time. Repeat procedure to add additional athletes.
6. Once you have added ALL of your athletes, click 'Register' in the red banner. Your list of athletes is shown, along with a box next to their name. You will need to check each box next to the name of the athletes you are registering. Once complete, click 'submit/register.'
7. Affiliate Members will be asked to pay the \$5/athlete fee with a credit card while on the website. Member Cities will be invoiced at the end of the summer for this amount.
8. Print the registered athlete waiver and collect parent signatures to turn in to your region director/swim commissioner.

### Region Meets:

TAAF Article 27.8.09 If a region does not allow for electronic registrations via Hy-tek, regional meet registration/entry will be done by on-line registration.

Please contact your region director/swim commissioner for entry procedures to your region meet. If you do not know which region you are in, please contact the TAAF State Office at 512-863-9400. If your region does not use Hy-Tek for entries, follow the instructions below. If your region utilizes Hy-Tek, contact your region director/swim commissioner for instructions on how to enter your region meet.

1. Type [www.taaf.com](http://www.taaf.com) into your web browser.
2. Login with your user name and password in the upper right hand corner. If you have forgotten yours, please contact the TAAF State Office at 512-863-9400.
3. Once you login, the screen will pull up a red banner that has the words: 'Roster,' 'Register,' and 'Entries.' Click 'Entries.'
4. Follow the prompts for region meet registration. Ensure you are entering **SWIM** entries (not track).

**Region Meet Directors** – please follow these instruction when setting up your region meet. This will make forwarding state meet information easy and consistent. If teams are submitting region meet entries via Hy-tex, ask them to follow these guidelines for ease of transition.

## SETTING UP THE MEET

When you are **hosting** a meet, please make certain that your meet is set-up in Meet Manager with the correct Meet Type, Class, and ID Format (see below):

Meet Set-up

Meet Name: Region 1

Location: Rosenbeg

Start Date: 07/24/10 End Date: 08/24/10

Age-Up Date: 06/01/09 Altitude in Feet:

**ID Format**

- USS - United States Swimming
- SNZ - Swimming New Zealand
- SSA - Swimming South Africa
- AUS - Australian Swimming
- BS - British Swimming
- BCSSA - Canadian League
- Other

**Class**

- Age Group
- Senior / Open
- High School
- College
- YMCA
- Masters
- Disabled

**Meet Type**

- Standard
- By Event
- By Team
- By Entry
- Lighted
- Time Standards
- Div by Time Std

**Meet Style**

- Standard
- 2 Team Dual
- 3+ Team Dual Dual

**Base Country** USA

**Course**

- LC Meters
- SC Meters
- Yards

Default Touch Pairs at both ends:

Age-Up Athletes OK Cancel Re-Convert Entries

Athlete / Relay Preferences

**Athlete Preferences**

- Enter ages
- Enter birth dates
- Enter school year
- Enter Citizen of
- Enter Athlete Status

**Relay Preferences**

- Allow "A" Relays only
- Allow anyone from any team on a relay
- Allow athlete on 2+ relays in same event
- All-Star Meets: Relay Names linked to LSC

**Competitor Numbers**

- Enter competitor numbers
- Auto increment competitor numbers

OK Cancel

Relay Preference: This setting will allow for a swimmer to swim on one relay and be an alternate on another or a swimmer to be an alternate on more than one relay.

Regions

Add Edit Delete

Region	Code	Region Name
1	1	Region 1
2	2	Region 2
3	3	Region 3
4	4	Region 4
5	5	Region 5
6	6	Region 6
7	7	Region 7
8	8	Region 8
9	9	Region 9
10	10	Region 10
11	11	Region 11
12	12	Region 12
13	13	Region 13
14	14	Region 14
15	15	Region 15
16	16	Region 16

Region Names are only used with Teams/Schools  
To sort, click on the column header.

Next, make sure your teams are all in the same REGION (click on SET UP and REGION/DIVISION NAMES – add your region if necessary). Under TEAMS and then EDIT each Team information and pick the correct region.

**ADDING TEAMS:** Hopefully, your teams have provided the correct information to you. If not, please ensure that the full team name is the name that they are registered with at TAAF. Please do not accept ‘Marlins’ if it is really the Mesquite Marlins or ‘Aquacats’ for Bay City Aquacats. If there are any questions about the correct name contact the State Office for guidance. Ensure the correct region has been selected.

**ADDING COACH INFORMATION:** A sub area of the teams is the coaches information. Please have all teams submit their coaches information. Ignore the “Certifications and Expiration Date” as it does not pertain to TAAF. We will build coaches passes off of this list. If they do not provide the info they may not get a deck pass. This will help you at your region meet if you only see the coaches once a year. If your teams use TEAM MANAGER, the coaches info is a sub area of the team screen – they should check the EXPORT WITH ENTRIES box.

Meet Manager

Team Manager

**EVENT SET-UP:** there are only two items here which have been problems in the past. Correct gender and age groups. All events with participants and 14 and less are termed Girls or Boys. Events with participants of 15 and older are referred to as Women's or Men's. Please be accurate in grouping the swimmers by age. **We have only two XX and under age group that is the 6 and under and the 8 and under. All others are bracketed age groups.**

**SWIMMER ENTRIES:** We are providing an example of an incorrect entry, as well as a correct entry. In the second we have a correct Last Name, First Name, Preferred name if it is desired and appropriate. The date of birth is entered and the age calculated, along with the TAAF registration numbers and finally realistic times for the events. **Do not accept any entry without a TAAF registration number.** The following fields must be filled out and be correct. Last name, First Name, Date of Birth, TAAF number and Gender.

**CORRECT ENTRY - has TAAF ID#**

**WRONG ENTRY – missing TAAF ID #**

**RELAY ENTRIES:** Each relay team must be entered with four swimmers and may have up to two alternates. Do not accept any relay that fails to have the minimum of four swimmers listed. The meet is set up to allow for multiple entries in the relays so that swimmers may appear on more than one relay. There is a maximum of six swimmers names for each relay. NO MORE!! It is these six that will be moved forward (if qualified) to the meet. **If alternates are not listed prior to the region meet they may not be added after the fact. There may be no changes to the named swimmers on a relay after it has been swum!**

### **State Meet Entries:**

TAAF Article 27.8.04 Each participant must participate in a regional meet and be certified by the region 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 region meet. The region meet director has the option of requiring these individuals to swim at the region meet.

TAAF Article 27.9 State Meet Entries: Each region may enter (advance) a minimum of three (3) persons in each event and three (3) relay teams in each relay event in the 6 & 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 systems used, and 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 two (2) alternates who were entered at the regional meet. (The two alternates may be any swimmer of the same age group).

.03 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.

**Region directors/swim commissioners will need to submit required information to Joe Greenwell via [joe@swimtaaf.com](mailto:joe@swimtaaf.com) DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY JULY 23, 2014 AT 5:00PM.**

**Regions are charged for the number of swimmers/relays entering the state meet, not just those who show up. One check per REGION made payable to TAAF GOT 2014 is due with your state entries. Entries are \$7.00/athlete, \$28.00/relay. Fees should be collected at the region meet. Credit/debit cards are not accepted. Please mail fees to:**

**TAAF State Office  
PO Box 1789  
Georgetown, TX 78627**

What to send to Joe:

1. A zip backup of your Region Meet
2. A zip backup of your State Entries. (instructions are on line at [www.swimtaaf.com](http://www.swimtaaf.com))

Team Manager files are **not** acceptable. Do not send .cl2 or .hy3 files, as they will be rejected. The procedures for producing your entry file are easy and simple. The files should be emailed to either [j.greenwell@earthlink.com](mailto:j.greenwell@earthlink.com) or [joe@swimtaaf.com](mailto:joe@swimtaaf.com) Please get your entries in as quickly as possible so that there is ample time for corrections.

### ***State Meet Entry Verifications***

TAAF Article 27.18 Verification of entries

Once entries have been forwarded 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 the day 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.

***www.swimtaaf.com*** - Please inform your coaches, (coaches meeting is a great time) and the parents to check the website to proof entries once they have been submitted to Joe. Entries not proofed may not be corrected; this will be at the discretion of the State Commissioner.

**ENTRIES SHOULD BE CHECKED ON-LINE BY MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014. At this point entries are final and regions will be held accountable monetarily for all swimmers listed.**

Corrections will only be accepted from region meet directors and coaches. The database will be checked for coaches' names, finish order, etc to ensure accuracy. If the information does not match, the change will not be made.

If you have any questions, please contact staff ahead of time:

Eligibility/Entry Questions: Kristie Weaver, [kweaver@hursttx.gov](mailto:kweaver@hursttx.gov)  
Curtis Morgan, [Curtis@paddocksw.com](mailto:Curtis@paddocksw.com)

Hy-Tek Set-up/State Meet Files: Joe Greenwell, [joe@swimtaaf.com](mailto:joe@swimtaaf.com)

# 2014 TAAF SWIMMING RULES

Approved 9/23/2013

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.
  - 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).
- .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.
- 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
- .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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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.