

Hi Coaches and Team Administrators,

I would greatly appreciate it if you will pass on all of the following protocols and reminders to your team about the upcoming 'Tis The Season Meet. It is vitally important that everyone is aware of the protocols and properly prepared to attend this swim meet.

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Streamline Aquatics is pleased to host our 2022'Tis The Season Meet. With so many major meets being hosted in South Texas in December, it is simply amazing that they are all overflowing! We are delighted that you have chosen to attend SASA 'Tis The Season.

**OFFICIALS –**

We **definitely need** officials in order to be able to run this meet. If you have any officials or officials in training on your team willing to assist in officiating, please have them contact our Meet Referee, Tom Schultz at [tschultz@gvvc.com](mailto:tschultz@gvvc.com) or 210-284-8116.

**PARKING –**

**No parking** is allowed in the parking lot directly in front of the Natatorium nor in the parking lot on the East Side of the Natatorium. These areas are reserved for teams / families to set up tents on the concrete areas only. The university has requested that we stay off of the grassy areas. Please DO NOT walk nor set up any tents on the grass. For additional information see the parking map posted on the Streamline Website:

[https://www.teamunify.com/stsa/UserFiles/Image/QuickUpload/2022-sasa-tis-the-season-parking-restrictions\\_055846.pdf](https://www.teamunify.com/stsa/UserFiles/Image/QuickUpload/2022-sasa-tis-the-season-parking-restrictions_055846.pdf)

**SCHEDULE CHANGES FOR WARM-UP START TIMES –**

The First Warm-up Session on **Saturday morning** will start at **7:30 AM**, which is 15 minutes **EARLIER** than what is shown in the Meet Announcement. (There will be three warm-up sessions)

The First Warmup Session on **Sunday morning** will not start until **8:15 AM** which is 30 minutes **LATER THAN** what is shown in the Meet Announcement. (There will be two warm-up sessions)

Be sure to check with your coach to determine your team's assigned warm-up time and what time you are expected to arrive for your warm-ups.

**MEET PROTOCOL -**

The meet is larger than UIW can accommodate spectator wise inside the Natatorium. Due to the building fire code, overall safety, general comfort, and by popular request, Streamline will be following a version of the successful protocol utilized over the past several years. As this is a quite different setup than what is familiar to many South Texas parents and coaches, we need everyone to be aware of and follow these procedures.

Please talk to your Coaches **prior to** the meet so that everyone will know the procedures/logistics given below for this meet.

Spread the word and PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYONE ON YOUR TEAM IS AWARE OF THE MEET SETUP.

Ask your coaches how far in advance your swimmers need to plan on entering the natatorium for their pre-race warm-up.

#### **SPECTATOR SEATING -**

***There is NO spectator seating inside the building so plan accordingly.*** Teams and parents are welcome to bring pop-up tents to set up in the parking lot. All spectators and athletes will need to bring their own chairs, blankets, etc. As a reminder, chairs ***MAY NOT*** be set up **anywhere inside the building** including the hallways and the pool deck.

#### **ACCESS TO THE POOL DECK -**

Note: The pool is located on the second floor of the building.

**All SPECTATORS** should **enter and exit via the STAIRWELL ON THE EAST SIDE of the natatorium**, which is to your right upon entering the building. There is an elevator to the left of the stairs that may be used. Spectators with special needs/disabilities need to contact Phil Davis, [uiwsasa@gmail.com](mailto:uiwsasa@gmail.com) to gain permission to remain on the deck area during the course of the meet.

**All SWIMMERS** will **enter and exit the building using the WEST SIDE STAIRWELL**, on the office side of the pool. In an effort to keep the "Spectator Stairwell" as dry as possible, we request that **all swimmers**, (*especially if they are wet*) enter and exit the natatorium using the **west side** stairwell on the office side of the pool. **The door leading to the west stairwell will be "unlocked" but due to the building fire code the door may not be left propped open.**

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#### **REMINDERS**

- **Steps and floors in the natatorium become quite slick when they are wet.**
- **Spectators are advised to wear shoes appropriate for walking on wet flooring.**
- **Please ask both your parents and swimmers to use the hand rails on the stairs.**
- **Remind your swimmers to walk - NOT RUN, and to dry off prior to departing the pool deck.**

#### **WATCHING THE MEET -**

There will be a scoreboard on the front steps of the building, where we will post the events currently swimming, so that everyone can keep track of the events. Also, barring any internet connection glitches, **Meet Mobile** should be active for this meet. Meet Mobile is available on I-Tunes for parents to download to their mobile devices.

Once inside the natatorium pool area, 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 your child swims, you should leave the pool deck to make room for the next race's spectators.

Spectators are **NOT ALLOWED** to stand on the **West side** (Office side) of the pool nor **behind the blocks**.

- The West side of the pool is reserved for coaches, swimmers, and officials ONLY.
- The area behind the blocks is reserved for swimmers, officials and volunteer timers ONLY.
- Parents violating this protocol will be subject to removal from the facility.

*Of course, all parents, who volunteer as timers, will have a front row seat.*

#### **SCRATCH REQUIREMENTS:**

- Saturday and Sunday are prelim/finals meet days. Should your swimmer qualify to swim in Finals on Saturday or Sunday night please be sure to **notify your coach** of your intent to return for Finals.
- There are penalties involved for No Shows at Finals thus it is vitally important that your coach knows your intent.
- All scratches must be done by the coaches. The only exception to this policy that will be made is that the parent of an “Unattached Swimmer” will be allowed to scratch their own athlete.

#### **SWIMMERS ATTENDING THE MEET WITHOUT A COACH –**

According to USA Swimming Rules, all swimmers attending the meet are required to be supervised by a currently registered USA Swim Coach. Please check-in at the computer console to be assigned to a SASA Coach to supervise you. Your assigned warm-up times will coincide with the assigned SASA Warm-up times.

#### **LANE TIMING RESPONSIBILITIES –**

Streamline requires two timers for all lanes at our swim meets prior to starting each session.

Teams have been assigned responsibility for providing timers for Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday Prelims Sessions. Please reach out to your coach to volunteer and get a front row seat for all of the action.

A call will be made for Volunteer Timers for the Saturday and Sunday Finals Sessions. Please step-up and volunteer.

#### **HEAT SHEETS –**

Heat sheets will **not be sold** at the meet. Heat sheets will be posted no later than midnight on **Wednesday, December 14th** on the Streamline website -

<https://www.teamunify.com/team/stsa/page/home> under the Hosted Meets Tab at the top of the homepage. If you want a Heat Sheet, please plan to print one and bring it with you to the swim meet.

**CONCESSIONS / SWIM GEAR -**

Concessions will be for sale upstairs on the northeast side of the natatorium. Swim Gear will be for sale on the front steps of the natatorium.