



**Hill Country Classic**

**May 16, 2026**

**Hosted by Hill Country Aquatics Masters**

**Sanctioned by South Texas LMSC for USMS Inc. Sanction # XXXXXXXXXX**

**NAME/LOCATION:** St. Stephen's Aquatic Center, 6500 St. Stephen's Drive, Austin, TX 78746

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The length of the competition course is in compliance and on file with USMS in accordance with articles 105.1.7 and 106.2.1, but as a bulkhead course, is subject to length confirmation. Eligibility of times for USMS Top 10 and records will be contingent on verification of bulkhead placement.

**WARM-UP:** 11:00 AM

**COMPETITION START TIME:** 12:00 PM

**TIMING SYSTEM:** The primary timing system will be automatic. Times from this competition will be eligible for USMS records and Top 10 consideration.

**MEET DIRECTOR:** Sarah Gilbreath, sarah@hillcountryaquatics.com

**MEET REFEREE:** Brittany Ramsey

**RULES & ELIGIBILITY:** Current USMS rules will govern the meet. All participants must be age 18 or older and be currently registered members of U.S. Masters Swimming or another World Aquatics federation. Swimmers turning 18 during the meet may swim on the days they are 18yo. Foreign registered swimmers must provide proof of current membership in their country's Masters Swimming governing body.

**OEVT:** USMS One-Event memberships for swimmers will be allowed. The One-Event membership fee is \$20 and this will be added to the swimmer's entry fees during meet registration.

**AGE DETERMINATION DATE:** May 16, 2026

**AGE GROUPS FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS:** 18-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, etc.

**AGE GROUPS FOR RELAYS:** Relay age group is determined by the age of youngest relay member: 18+, 25+, 35+, 45+, 55+, 65+, 75+, 85+, 95

## **ONLINE ENTRY**

[https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet\\_information.cfm?c=2725&smid=22060](https://www.clubassistant.com/club/meet_information.cfm?c=2725&smid=22060)

**ENTRY PROCEDURE:** Online entries only. A maximum of 5 individual events may be entered. Enter with short course yard times or convert your meter times to short course yard. Swimmers MAY NOT enter with NT (no time). Please make up a good, estimated time if you do not have a time in that event.

**RELAY ENTRIES:** Relays will be deck entered and there will be no additional charge. Relays are composed of four men, four women and two men and two women for mixed relays. All relay swimmers must be registered to the same club. Unattached swimmers may not swim on a relay. Swimmers will fill out relay cards located at the clerk of course table

**ENTRY FEES:** Meet entry fee is \$50 – you may enter as many events as you like up to the limit of 5 individual events. **Online entry deadline is Monday May 11, 2026 AT NOON.** There will be no individual day-of or deck entries.

**FACILITY:** St. Stephen's Aquatic Center has a 50 meters x 25 yards indoor pool with a Colorado Time Gen7 timing System with touchpads. The competition pool will be set up as 8 lanes, 25yards. The remaining twelve (12) lanes will be available to all teams for warm up/warm down at all times. Semi-automatic timing system and stopwatch backups will be used. All times will be recorded and input in Meet Manager. Backstroke ledges will/will not be used for this meet.

**PSYCH SHEETS AND HEAT SHEETS:** Psych sheets will be emailed to the swimmers after entries close. Swimmers are asked to notify the Meet Director at [sarah@hillcountryaquatics](mailto:sarah@hillcountryaquatics) before 12:30 PM on Friday, May 15 that they are not going to swim an event to avoid empty lanes. The meet will then be seeded and heat sheets will be emailed to the swimmers no later than Friday, May 15 at 4:00 PM.

**SEEDING METHOD** All events will be swum slowest to fastest. All events 200 yards and shorter will be pre-seeded. The 400 IM and 500 will require positive check-in and will be deck seeded. All individual events will swim with women and men seeded together but separated for scoring.

### **DISTANCE CHECK IN:**

500 Free

11:30 AM

400 IM

By event 3 – 200 IM

1650 Free

By event 8 – 100 Free

All swimmers not checked in by the above deadlines will be scratched from the event.

**TIME TRIALS:** Time trials are not allowed.

**SCORING** Individual and Relays through 8th place. Individual: 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Relays: 18, 14, 12, 10, 8, 6, 4, 2

**RESTRICTIONS ON CAMERAS AND VIDEO** - The operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open-ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials, and/or spectators are present. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by the Programs and Events Committee Chair or designee.

**PARKING:** - Please tell the guard at the gatehouse that you are participating in the swim meet. Follow signs to "Athletics" and "Spartan Loop". Take Spartan Loop all the way to the top and you will arrive at the pool. Please use caution while driving on SSES campus as the speed limit inside the gates is 15 MPH.

<b>Order of Events</b>		
<b>Distances are in SCY</b>		
<b>All Events are Mixed Gender</b>		
<b>Event Number</b>	<b>Event</b>	
1	500	Free
2	200	Breast
3	200	IM
4	100	Fly
5	200	Free Women's Relay
6	200	Free Men's Relay
7	200	Free Mixed Relay
8	100	Free
9	50	Breast
10	50	Back
11	400	IM
12	200	Medley Women's Relay
13	200	Medley Men's Relay
14	200	Medley Mixed Relay
15	200	Free
16	100	Breast
17	200	Back
18	50	Fly
19	50	Free
20	100	Back
21	100	IM
22	200	Fly
23	1650	Free