

2026 BATS November Invitational

November 13-15, 2026
A Short Course Yards Timed Finals Meet



HOSTED BY
Houston Bridge Bats

Sanction number #: GU-SC-27-XXX

Entries due to coachlisa@bridgebats.com by 11:59 pm Tuesday, October 27th

- LOCATION:** University of Houston Campus Recreation and Wellness Center
4500 University Drive
Houston, TX 77004
- PARKING:** Visitors should park in the Welcome Center Garage located at 4400 University Dr., Houston, TX 77004. Rates for visitor parking can be found at <https://uh.edu/af-university-services/parking/parking-on-campus/visitor/rates.php>.
- MEET STAFF:** **MEET REFEREE:** Greg Arnold
ADMIN OFFICIAL: Lisa Linerode, email coachlisa@bridgebats.com
Jason Porter,
MEET DIRECTOR: Kate Patrick
SAFETY MARSHAL: Jerry Horn
- COACH:** Dirk Marshall, Michael Marucci
- POOL:** One eight lane, 25 Yard indoor pool with non-turbulent lane lines will be used for competition. A separate warm-up/warm-down area will be available during the competition.
- TIME AND DATE:** This is a five session, 3 day, timed-finals meet with one session on Friday, two sessions on Saturday, and two sessions on Sunday.
- Session 1: Girls and Boys – November 13, 2026, Friday PM
5:00 pm Warm-up; 6:00 pm Meet Start.
- Session 2: 13 & Over Girls and Boys – November 14, 2026, Saturday AM
7:15 am Warm-up; 8:30 am Meet Start.

Session 3: 12 & Under – November 14, 2026, Saturday PM
Warm-ups for Sessions 3 following Session 2.

Session 4: 13 & Over Girls and Boys – November 15, 2026, Sunday AM
7:15 am Warm-up; 8:30 am Meet Start.

Session 5: 12 & Under – November 15, 2026 Sunday PM
Warm-ups for Sessions 5 following Session 4.

Split warm-ups will be in effect. Warm-up times and approximate session start times for afternoon sessions will be communicated directly to participating teams via email and posted to the Gulf website.

MEET TYPE: This meet will be run using the "Flyover Start" procedures. At the conclusion of each heat, the swimmers shall remain in the water until after the next heat is started. Coaches, please remind your swimmers of the "Flyover Start" procedures. All 50 yard events and longer will start at the Bulk Head nearest Lobby end of the pool. All 25 yard events will start at the bulkhead closest to the dive well.

MEET FORMAT: Meet host reserves the right to alter meet format, warm-up times, and limit entries based on the number of entries received in order to maintain reasonable timelines.

SAFETY GUIDELINES & WARM-UP PROCEDURES:

See attached Safety Guidelines and Warm-up Procedures.

SEEDING: The meet will be a pre-seeded meet for all events except the 500 Free and 400 IM. All events will be seeded with heats in the order of fastest to slowest. Empty lanes will be used for deck entries.

ON-DECK ENTRIES:

Late entries will be accepted up to 45 minutes before the start of the session. Those swimmers missing the 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, October 27, 2026 deadline may enter the meet on deck in the following manner:

1. Swimmers must pay double the entry fee at the time of entry.
2. Swimmers must supply completed entry forms entered at the swimmers' best times.
3. Swimmers must enter all events for the day forty-five (45) minutes prior to the start of the day's first event.
4. Swimmers must be qualified to swim the event entered.
5. Swimmers must not exceed the allotted number of events allowed each day.
6. The on-deck entry fees still apply to swimmers who on-deck to change an entry time in a deck-seeded event.

ENTRY INFORMATION:

Entry Times: Swimmers must enter at their best time. Times must be from USA Swimming meets. Entry times must be submitted in short course yards (Y) only. Do not convert *meter (yard)* times to *yard (meter)* times. If swimmers have never competed in a USA Swimming meet before, put NT where a seedtime is requested.

Qualifying Times: None for 13 & Overs, except 500 Free requires "BB" time. A "BB" time in the 200 free in any course or the 400 M Free is also accepted. A NT may be used if "BB" time is in another course or next shortest event. 12 and unders must have a "BB" time to swim the 200 fly, 200 back, and 200 breast and longer events. They may have a "BB" time in the next shortest distance in any course for that particular event. They may enter with a NT if they have the "BB" standard in the next shortest event.

Cut-off Times: None.

Age: Age as of November 13, 2026

Number of Events: 4 individual events per day.

Entries: All teams MUST submit their entries electronically via email, using Hy-Tek Meet Manager/Team Manager computer software.

Deadline: Entries must be in the hands of the Meet Entry Chair no later than 11.59 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2026. No late entries will be accepted.

E-mail: coachlisa@bridgebats.com

ELIGIBLE TEAMS: We welcome all USA-S teams to participate. Entries will be closed once the meet is full. An unattached swimmer not affiliated with a USA Swimming Club must follow the same entry procedures as those swimmers affiliated with a team. In order to be seeded in a Gulf meet, an unattached swimmer not affiliated with a USA Swimming Club, must enter by the entry deadline, following the entry procedures in the Meet Announcement, and provide proof of a registered coach responsible for their supervision on deck during the meet.

FEES: \$12.00 per individual event. \$15.00 per swimmer facility surcharge fee (includes electronic heat sheet).

Make checks payable to Houston Bridge Bats. Please bring payment to the meet. Fees that are mailed (to the address below) must be **POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, November 6, 2026.**

Bridge Bats
% Lisa Linerode
1038 Northwick Dr.
Pearland, TX 77584

AWARDS: No awards will be given

SCORING: Individual events scoring: 9, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

RULES & SANCTIONS:

The current USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming rules will apply. The meet will be held under the sanction of USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming. It is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Gulf Swimming shall be free from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event. No entries can be accepted unless the entrant is a registered member of

USA Swimming as provided in Article 302. On-deck USA Swimming membership registration will not be permitted.

UNACCOMPANIED SWIMMERS:

Any swimmers entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. When unaccompanied by a member coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

POOL MEASUREMENT:

The competition course is compliant, but not certified in accordance with USA Swimming Rule 104.2.2C(4). The pool will be measured before the competition begins to ensure that the course length is correct.

The water depth of the competition course is 7 feet measured from 1 meter to 5 meters on the starting end of the course, and 7 feet measured from 1 meter to 5 meters on the turning end of the course.

TIMING SYSTEM:

A Colorado Model 6000 electronic timing system with electronic scoreboard will be used. Two watches per lane will be used as a back-up. Parents of swimmers will act as timers for this meet.

POOL DECK RESTRICTION:

Because of USA Swimming Insurance Safety Regulations, the swimming pool deck, during the operation of all Gulf Swimming sanctioned meets, is closed to all persons except swimmers, coaches, marshals, officials, meet personnel, and timers. All registered non-athletes are required to display their current USA Swimming registration card. If you are asked to leave the deck by any registered personnel, please do so. It is for your safety.

AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING DEVICES:

Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in the area behind the starting blocks, in changing areas, restrooms, showers or locker rooms. Violators may be reported to law enforcement or other governmental authorities and/or may be barred from the facility during the sanctioned event.

DECK CHANGING PROHIBITION:

Deck Changes are prohibited. Deck Change definition – “changing, in whole or in part, into or out of a swimsuit when wearing just one suit in an area other than a permanent or temporary locker room, bathroom, changing room or other space designated for changing purposes”.

- PROOF OF TIME:** Any swimmer that cannot prove that he/she was eligible to swim an event will be fined \$20.00 for each event he/she fails to prove. The fine or proof of time is sent to the Administrative Vice-Chairman.
- MAAPP:** All applicable adults participating in or associated with this meet, acknowledge that they are subject to the provisions of the USA Swimming Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (“MAAPP”), and that they understand that compliance with the MAAPP policy is a condition of participation in the conduct of this competition. Locker rooms are limited to athlete use only.
- DRONES:** Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, officials 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 Vice President of Program Operations.
- MEDICAL SUPERVISION:** An EMT, Lifeguards and First Aid will be available for any medical needs.
- SWIMMERS WITH DISABILITIES:** Coaches and/or swimmers are responsible for notifying the Meet Referee of any disability prior to the competition and for providing their own assistant or equipment. However, Coaches/Swimmers may contact the Meet Director at least two weeks in advance of the meet to reserve Gulf Swimming equipment (remote strobe).
- CONCESSIONS:** No Concessions will be offered due to The University of Houston’s Contract with Smoothie Business.
- HOSPITALITY:** A hospitality room will be available for coaches and officials
- MEET RESULTS:** Meet results will be emailed to all participating teams within three days after the conclusion of the meet. Unofficial real time results will be available on Meet Mobile.
- FACILITY RULES:** Reserving seats between or during sessions is not allowed. Chairs and inflatable mattresses are not allowed. Certain items such as coolers and stadium seats are restricted. Only participants, coaches, event administrators, and event volunteers are allowed on the pool deck – all spectators and parents must remain in the grandstand.
- ATTACHMENTS:** **MEET FORMAT**
ENTRY VERIFICATION FORM
GULF SAFETY GUIDELINES AND WARM-UP PROCEDURES

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Entry rules	
Type of Meet	Timed Finals
Max # individual events per day	4 events
Swimmers eligible	Open to USA-S Swimming teams
Entry times in	SCY
Qualifying times	- All Swimmers entering the 500 Freestyle must have "BB" time in the 500 Free or 200 Free. They may also qualify with a "BB" time in the 400 LC Free or 200 LC Free. NT may be used. 12 and unders must have a "BB" time to swim the 200 fly, 200 back, and 200 breast. They may have a "BB" time in the next shortest distance in any course for that particular event. If they have the next shortest distance "BB" standard, a NT may be used.
Cut-off times	None
Enter with no time?	Yes – other than exceptions above
Gulf "three event" rule applies?	Does not apply
Gulf "up/down" rule applies?	Does not apply
Fees	\$12.00/individual event
Facility Surcharge	\$15.00/swimmer (includes electronic heat sheet)

Order of Events

All events will be seeded fastest to slowest.

	Friday, November 13		
Event	13 & Over – PM Session		
1	11 & Over	400 IM	Mixed
2	13 & Over	500 Free	Mixed
3	9 - 12	200 IM	Mixed

*Swimmers must provide their own timers and lap counters for the 400 IM, 500 Free, and 200 IM.

	Saturday, November 14		
Event	13 & Over – AM Session		
4	13 & Over	200 Free	Mixed
5	13 & Over	100 Breast	Mixed
6	13 & Over	50 Back	Mixed
7	13 & Over	200 IM	Mixed
8	13 & Over	100 Fly	Mixed
9	13 & Over	50 Free	Mixed
10	13 & Over	200 Back	Mixed

	Saturday, November 14		
Event	12 & Under Session		
11	12 & Under	100 Breast	Mixed
12	12 & Under	50 Back	Mixed
13	9 - 12	200 Free	Mixed
14	12 & Under	25 Fly	Mixed
15	12 & Under	100 Free	Mixed
16	12 & Under	100 Fly	Mixed
17	12 & Under	50 Free	Mixed
18	12 & Under	25 Breast	Mixed
19	11-12	200 Back*	Mixed

*12 and under swimmers entering events 200 Yards and longer must have a “BB” time. They may have a “BB” time in the next shortest event.

	Sunday, November 15		
Event	13 & Over Session		
20	13 & Over	100 Back	Mixed
21	13 & Over	50 Fly	Mixed
22	13 & Over	200 Breast	Mixed
23	13 & Over	50 Free	Mixed
24	13 & Over	200 Fly	Mixed
25	13 & Over	50 Breast	Mixed
26	13 & Over	100 Free	Mixed

	Sunday, November 15		
Event	12 & Under Session		
27	12 & Under	100 Back	Mixed
28	12 & Under	50 Fly	Mixed
29	12 & Under	25 Free	Mixed
30	11-12	200 Breast*	Mixed
31	12 & Under	50 Free	Mixed
32	11-12	200 Fly*	Mixed
33	12 & Under	50 Breast	Mixed
34	12 & Under	100 IM	Mixed

35	12 & Under	25 Back	Mixed
36	12 & Under	100 Free	Mixed
37	9 -12	500 Free**	Mixed

*12 and under swimmers entering events 200 Meters and longer must have a "BB" time. They may have a "BB" time in the next shortest event.

** Swimmers must provide their own timers for the 500 Free. 12 and under swimmers entering events 200 Yards and longer must have a "BB" time. They may have a "BB" time in the next shortest event.

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ENTRY VERIFICATION FORM **MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH MEET ENTRY**

I, the Undersigned coach or team representative, verify that all of the swimmers & coaches listed on the enclosed entry forms or entry disk are currently registered with USA Swimming. Additionally, I verify that the on-deck coaches have met the current certification requirements.

Signature

Title

Date

WARM-UP PROCEDURES

- A. General warm-up (Initial portion [1/2] of the warm-up session or with the agreement of all of the coaches in a particular lane.)
 - 1. **NO DIVING OR RACING STARTS** allowed from the blocks edge of the pool. Swimmers must enter the pool feet first cautiously.
 - 2. **NO SPRINTING OR PACE WORK** allowed during this general warm-up session.
- B. Specific warm-up (Last portion [1/2] of the warm-up session or with the agreement of all of the coaches in a particular lane.)
 - 1. **RACING STARTS ONLY**, either from blocks or from backstroke starts.
 - 2. Lanes are **ONE WAY ONLY**.

SAFETY GUIDELINES

- A. Swimmers Responsibilities
 - 1. All swimmers without a registered coach to observe them at the meet, and/or their coaches, should arrange, prior to their arrival at the meet, for a registered coach to observe them during the warm-up, competition & warm-down. Any unattached or unattended swimmers who have not made previous arrangements with a coach to observe them at the meet should contact the Meet Director, Safety Marshal, or Meet Referee for assistance in making such arrangements prior to their participating in the warm-up.
- B. Coaches Responsibilities
 - 1. Coaches shall instruct their swimmers regarding safety guidelines & warm-up procedures as they apply to conduct at meets & practice.
 - 2. Coaches shall stand near the starting end of the pool when starting swimmers on sprint & pace work.
 - 3. Coaches shall actively supervise their swimmers throughout the warm-up session.
 - 4. Coaches shall maintain as much contact with their swimmers as possible, both verbal & visual, throughout the warm-up period.
 - 5. Registered coaches of unattached swimmers & registered coaches of non-Gulf teams should notify the meet host by the entry deadline if they will be at the meet, so that they may be assigned to a warm-up lane.
- C. Safety Marshals
 - 1. Appointed Safety Marshals are members of USA Swimming & have the authority to remove from the deck for the remainder of the warm-up session, any swimmer or coach who is in violation of safety guidelines or warm-up procedures. **THE MEET REFEREE MAY EXERCISE ADDITIONAL ADJUDICATION AUTHORITY AS NECESSARY.**
- D. Miscellaneous
 - 1. Swimmers should be reminded by coaches that breaststrokers need more lead time than freestyle or butterfly swimmers.
 - 2. Backstrokers shall ensure that they are not starting at the same time as a swimmer on the blocks. Swimmers shall not step up on the starting blocks, when a backstroker is waiting to start.
 - 3. Swimmers shall not jump or dive into the pool to stop another swimmer on a recalled start.
 - 4. Swimmers are required to exit the pool upon completion of their warm-up to allow other swimmers adequate warm-up time. The pool is not for visiting or playing during warm-up periods.
 - 5. Warm-up procedures shall be enforced for any breaks, scheduled or otherwise, during the competition.
 - 6. All diving boards & equipment are **OFF LIMITS**.
- E. Pool Rules
 - 1. Smoking or use of other tobacco products is not allowed on the grounds of USA Swimming meets.
 - 2. Glass containers are prohibited.
 - 3. Swimmers, coaches, & spectators are expected to observe all rules & regulations included in the announcement.