



University Interscholastic League



Region VIII Swimming & Diving Championships

Friday-Saturday, February 10-11, 2012

WELCOME: *“Bienvenidos a Brownsville, historic city on the border by the sea”*. Brownsville is Texas’ southernmost international seaport and the largest city in the lower Rio Grande Valley. Located only 25 miles from the Gulf of Mexico, beautiful South Padre Island and minutes from historic Matamoros on the Mexican Border. The Brownsville Independent School District is pleased to host the 5A U.I.L. Region VIII Interscholastic Swimming and Diving Championship.

LOCATION: **Margaret M. Clark Aquatic Center** (Brownsville Independent School District) is one of the fastest pools in South Texas. The Aquatic Center is located at 2901 F.M. 802 / Ruben Torres Blvd, Brownsville, Texas. From U.S. Highway 77 take the Ruben Torres exit, turn left and go under the overpass travel (2) miles east of Highway 77 past Parades Line Rd.

FACILITIES: The facility has been host to several top aquatic competitions in its existence including: The United States South Texas Championships, Southern Regional Championships for Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools, U.I.L. 32-4A and 5A Championships and the U.I.L. Regional VIII Championships-The pool is a 50-meter stretch facility and is separated by a movable bulkhead by STARK industries. The venue is a deep water facility that features: Three (3) swim areas: Two (2) 25-yard pools: the Championship (East) pool has eight (8) lanes, eight (8) foot-wide and the (West) pool has eight (8) lanes, seven (7) foot-wide. The West pool can be used for competition or warm-up/warm-down. The final area, the dive well features (4) Dura-flex 1-meter diving series “B” cheeseboards and is located at the west end of the pool with a depth of 12.7 feet. Additional features include: Matching eight (8) lane scoreboards and dual timing systems one for each East and West pools by Daktronics. The Margaret M. Clark Aquatic Center, Daktronics timing system, Scoreboards, touch pads, starting strobe system and automated dive judge technology is set for championship Swimming and Diving.

SCHEDULE: Friday, February 10, 2012

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| Prelims Swimming | 5A | <i>Warm-up:</i> | 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. |
| | 5A | <i>Meet Start:</i> | 12:00 p.m. |
| All Diving | 5A | <i>Warm-up:</i> | 9:00-11:00 a.m. |
| | | | 11:00-11:45 a.m. <u>GIRLS ONLY</u> |

****PLEASE NOTE: The girls’ diving will be first, and the boys will follow. The boys will get a sixty minute warm-up after the girls’ diving. All diving will be completed on FRIDAY.**

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| 8:00 a.m. | UIL coaches’ packet available |
| 11:30 a.m. | Coach’s Meeting |

Saturday, February 11, 2012

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| Finals | 5A | <i>Warm-up:</i> | 9:00 a.m. |
| | 5A | <i>Meet Start:</i> | 10:30 a.m. |



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FORMAT: National Federation High School Swimming and Diving events will be followed during preliminaries and finals. There will be a break every three events during the finals to allow for Awards.

GENERAL

INFORMATION: Packets containing information, passes, and heat sheets may be picked up at the Margaret M. Clark Aquatic Center on Friday, February 12, 2010 beginning at 8:00 am. Heat sheets will be available before the finals beginning at 9:00 am on February 13th for coaches.

ENTRIES: All campus participating in this U.I.L. Regional Championship meet must be registered members of U.I.L. for 2011-2012. Only official U.I.L. District entries will be allowed. An entry fee of \$10.00 per swimmer / diver and a fee of \$10.00 for team relays will be charged. **Please make all checks to Brownsville Independent School District/Athletics.** Each school shall email the Hy-Tek entry file along with a word document file of all entries. Entry times shall be final district times. Entries must be submitted by **Tuesday, February 7, 2012 by 5:00pm.** Diving sheets must be faxed to the regional director. Psych Sheets will be posted as soon as possible on the Aquatic Center web site.

ELIGIBILITY: It is strongly recommended that all coaches have their **hard copy of this form with them** at the meet. Deck entries will NOT be accepted for any swimmer/diver. Only 7th and 8th place finishers at the District competition will be called-up if needed and after the swimmer/diver official entry is **verified**.

Entry fees for e-mail submitted entries must arrive by ***Friday February 10, 2012***. For all methods, once the entry fees are accepted they will not be refunded if, for any reason, a swimmer should fail to compete.

E-mail Entries To: Monica Rosales
mmrosales@bisd.us

ENTRY:

LIMITATIONS: A Team may enter a maximum of four (4) entries in an individual event and one team in a relay event. Individuals may participate in a maximum of four (4) events no more than two (2) which may be individual events achieved in U.I.L. District competition and two (2) relay events.

RELAY

ENTRIES: Team entry times are determined by the actual time of that relay team achieved in U.I.L. District competition. Entry times may not be faster than the official U.I.L. District time achieved to qualify for the Regional competition. **Relay teams may consist of only officially entered (8) possible competitor.** A participant officially becomes a competitor when the official entry card or form bearing the name of the event, competitor's first and last name, coaches signature, school name, and submitted time is delivered to the meet manager at the specified time. Swimmers who are not included in the official U.I.L. original entry will not be allowed to participate on relay teams. In relay events,



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qualification is by school. Schools may change personnel on relay teams prior to the next U.I.L. qualifying meet according to National Federation regulations.

DIVING

ENTRIES: The diving event shall count as an individual event entry for the competitor. Swimmers who are not included in the official U.I.L. original entry will not be allowed to participate. All dives will be completed on Friday. **Dive sheets must be faxed to Aquatic Coordinator by Tuesday February 7, 2012.** All diving changes must be done 60 minutes prior to start time Friday, February 10, 2012. 11:00 a.m. for girls and boys upon completion of girls' semifinal finish.

SANCTION: This meet is sanctioned by the University Interscholastic League (U.I.L.). Current 2011-2012 U.I.L. and National Federation of State High School Associations (N.F.H.S.) Swimming and Diving rules will apply. This also includes one or more swimmers with visual, hearing, mental, or physical disabilities; the judging of such competitors shall be in strict accordance with current U.I.L. and N.F.H.S. Swimming Rules and Regulations. A disability is defined as a PERMANENT physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

AWARDS: Each girls' and boys' championship team will be presented with a U.I.L. award. Gold, silver, and bronze medals for first, second and third place winners shall also be presented. (4 per relay team)

DECK PASSES: There will be two passes for coaches and one contestant pass for each swimmer and diver entered in each packet. (Substitutions on relays will have passes if listed as substitutes.)

SUBSTITUTIONS: After the entry deadline, there shall be no substitutions allowed in the individual event. If the district qualifiers cannot compete in the Regional meet, the next higher place Qualifier may be certified by the District meet director if time allows. The District meet Director is responsible for contacting the Regional Meet Director and the next qualifier.

SCORING: Top 16 shall advance to the finals in an event. Scoring will be 20-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-9-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 for individual events for the finals. Relays are scored double.

MEET COMMITTEE: A meet committee will be appointed by the regional meet director.

VIDEOTAPING

/FILMING: Filming or videotaping will be permitted in the spectator area. Videotape or film will not be used in judging any swimming/diving event. (See All American Diving exception.) Please consider the spectators and use extreme wings of spectator area for filming.

ALL AMERICAN DIVING

VIDEOTAPING: Schools may appoint one individual to film divers. This person will receive a media pass from the school packet and will be permitted to film diving from the west deck during the diving competition. **Only power pack or battery operated videotape recorders will be permitted.** All other video taping is prohibited.



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SPECTATORS: Tickets are available at the entrance for both Prelims and Finals during this Regional Championship meet. There is Grand Stand seating for 850 spectators.

Tickets: Prelims: \$4.00 (\$1.00 students) Finals: \$4.00 (\$1.00 students)
Programs: Prelims: \$4.00 Finals: \$3.00

CONSESSIONS: There will be concessions available under the Grand Stands. Food can be taken to the Grand Stand but will not be allowed on the pool deck by participants.

LIABILITY: The University Interscholastic League, Brownsville Independent School District, and the Margaret M. Clark Aquatic Center, accept no responsibility or liability for injuries sustained by any individual, athlete, official, meets volunteer, or spectator while traveling to and from or while participating in the meet. Damage to the facility, when proved, will cause the offending swimmer/diver U.I.L. campus member to be held accountable for repairs.

Coaches and Officials must wear their Deck Pass on deck at all times.

MCA RULES: As guests of The Margaret M. Clark Aquatic Center, all must adhere to the MCA rules (See attached MCA Rules and Regulations). Coaches must supervise their swimmers/divers. Locks may not be left on lockers overnight. The Aquatic Center is on B.I.S.D. property and all participant/guest/visitor of the Aquatic Center is subject to the policies and procedures of the Brownsville Independent School District.

OFFICIALS: Only currently certified and training U.I.L. Swimming / diving officials are cordially invited to participate. If you plan to officiate, contact the Meet Referee.

MEET DIRECTOR: Monica Rosales, Aquatic Center Coordinator
Brownsville Independent School District
(956) 698-0062 (Voice)
(956) 504-6674 (Fax)

MEET REFEREE: Miguel Gonzalez

DIVING REFEREE: Trey Collins



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The Margaret Clark Aquatic Center Rules, Regulation, Prohibitions, and Deck Access

- Security personnel are empowered to enforce any and all regulations that have been established by Natatorium Policies.
- Only participants, coaches, event administrators, and event volunteers are allowed on the pool deck – all spectators and parents must remain in the grandstand.
- Participants and spectators are not allowed to use other areas of the Aquatic Center complex during this event without purchasing a pass at the Services Desk located in the facility lobby.
- Each competing team is permitted one temporary banner, placed at the discretion of the Aquatic Director. Team banners must not exceed 5' by 8'.
- Absolutely no tobacco, alcohol products, or glass containers are allowed anywhere on Brownsville School District property. This applies to the parking lot.
- Coolers are allowed, provided they do not contain glass items. No chewing gum allowed.
- Betting and gambling is strictly prohibited.
- Shaving is not permitted anywhere within the entire Aquatic Complex.
- Teams are expected to police their respective areas at the conclusion of the competition.
- Running or any other sort of activity that might be interpreted or described as "horseplay" is prohibited throughout the entire Aquatic Complex.
- Diving equipment such as trampoline, spotting rigs, dry-board apparatus, and Hot Tubs are not to be used.
- The use of flash cameras at the start of any race is prohibited.
- Blocking or restricting fire lanes or emergency exits, and the use of emergency exits for non-emergency is prohibited.

Access to the deck of the Clark Natatorium is restricted by pass to the following:

- Athletes from competing teams • Administrative support personnel • Coaches of competing teams • Facility/District Staff • Officials • Marshals • Timing System operators • Security personnel • Computer systems operators • Lifeguards • Lane timers • Service and supply vendors • Credentialed media personnel • Hospitality personnel • One photographer from each competing team • Medical support personnel



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STANDARD SWIMMING SAFETY GUIDELINES AND WARM-UP PROCEDURES WILL BE IN EFFECT AT THIS MEET. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

I. WARM-UP PROCEDURES

- A. General Warm-up (First 30-45 minutes)
 - 1. NO DIVING allowed from the blocks or edge of pool. Swimmers must enter pool feet first in a cautious manner.
 - 2. No sprinting or pace work allowed during this general warm-up session.
 - 3. All lanes to be used for general warm-up.
- B. Specific Warm-up (Last 30-45 minutes)
 - 1. Sprint & Start Lanes – All lanes maybe used for sprint or starts.
 - 2. Coaches may use blocks for forward or for backstroke starts when the lane has completed the General Warm-Up.
 - 3. Coaches are reminded to use one direction for Sprints & Starts (25's) only.

II. SAFETY GUIDELINES

- A. Coaches Responsibilities
 - 1. Coaches shall instruct their swimmers regarding Safety guidelines and warm-up procedures as they apply to conduct at meets and practices.
 - 2. Coaches shall actively supervise their swimmers throughout the warm-up session at meets.
 - 3. Coaches should maintain as much contact with their swimmers as possible, both verbal and visual throughout the warm-up period.
 - 4. Coaches should stand near starting end of the pool when starting swimmers on sprint or pace work.
 - 5. No one is permitted to climb over the railing separating the bleacher from the grandstands. All diving boards and equipment are **off limits**.