



## 2026 South Texas Open Water Banana Slug Splash

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| <b>SANCTION</b>                   | Held under the Sanction of USA Swimming, Inc., and issued by South Texas Swimming                                 |                                                                                                |  |
| <b>HOST</b>                       | High Performance Aquatic Club ( <a href="#">Meet Website</a> )                                                    |                                                                                                |  |
| <b>LOCATION</b>                   | <a href="#">Lake Marble Falls</a><br><a href="#">305 Buena Vista Dr</a><br><a href="#">Marble Falls, TX 78654</a> |                                                                                                |  |
| <b>MEET REFEREE</b>               | Chad Capps                                                                                                        | <a href="mailto:Chad.Capps@yahoo.com">Chad.Capps@yahoo.com</a>                                 |  |
| <b>ADMIN REFEREE</b>              | Andrea Kelley                                                                                                     | <a href="mailto:bandkell@aol.com">bandkell@aol.com</a>                                         |  |
| <b>MEET DIRECTOR</b>              | Dean "Kondo" Kondziolka                                                                                           | <a href="mailto:highperformanceaquaticclub@gmail.com">highperformanceaquaticclub@gmail.com</a> |  |
| <b>INDEPENDENT SAFETY MONITOR</b> | Mike Koerner                                                                                                      | <a href="mailto:coachcharyl@pearlandaquatics.org">coachcharyl@pearlandaquatics.org</a>         |  |
| <b>MEDICAL OFFICER</b>            | Carmen Rodriguez                                                                                                  | <a href="mailto:crodriguez@marblefallstx.gov">crodriguez@marblefallstx.gov</a>                 |  |
| <b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>          | Trisha K. Ratliff                                                                                                 | <a href="mailto:tratliff@marblefallstx.gov">tratliff@marblefallstx.gov</a>                     |  |
| <b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>            | Coy Guenter                                                                                                       | <a href="mailto:cguenter@marblefallstx.gov">cguenter@marblefallstx.gov</a>                     |  |
| <b>TIMING SYSTEM</b>              | Cameras and manual timing system will be used.                                                                    |                                                                                                |  |



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| <b>ELIGIBILITY</b> | <p>Swimmer(s) must be registered with USA Swimming to be accepted into this meet. Age as of October 17, 2026, shall determine the swimmer's age for this meet.</p> <p>Each athlete must have a representative to act as a liaison between the Meet Director, and Independent Safety Officer. This individual must be a fully registered USA Swimming Non-Athlete member. It's strongly encouraged that they be from their respective team. That person must be identified to the meet host at Registration/Check-In in order to receive the credentials. Please also email ahead of time to the Meet Director who this contact will be.</p> |
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| FORMAT                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                               |
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| RULES                     | The current USA Swimming open water rules will govern the meet as outlined in Part Seven of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Handbook.                                                             |                               |
|                           | Per USA Swimming Rule 202.5.3 - At a sanctioned competitive event, USA Swimming athlete members must be under the supervision of a USA Swimming member coach during warm-up, competition, and warm-down. |                               |
|                           | Athlete members who attend the meet without a USA Swimming member coach should contact the Meet Referee for assistance with making arrangements for supervision.                                         |                               |
| INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION    |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                               |
| Race                      | AGE                                                                                                                                                                                                      | DISTANCE                      |
| INDIVIDUAL<br>COMPETITION | 9/10 girls and boys                                                                                                                                                                                      | 500m                          |
|                           | 11/12 girls and boys                                                                                                                                                                                     | 500m, 1km, 3km                |
|                           | 13/14 girls and boys                                                                                                                                                                                     | 500m, 1km, 3km, 5km, Knockout |
|                           | 15/16 girls and boys                                                                                                                                                                                     | 500m, 1km, 3km, 5km, Knockout |
|                           | 17/18 girls and boys                                                                                                                                                                                     | 500m, 1km, 3km, 5km, Knockout |
| Knockout Races            | 13/14 girls and boys                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2.3km                         |
|                           | 15/16 girls and boys                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2.3km                         |
|                           | 17/18 girls and boys                                                                                                                                                                                     | 2.3km                         |



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Final Knockout format will be confirmed once all entries are received. Once confirmed all teams will be notified of any changes. If we have max entries the format will be as follows. 17/18 boys and girls will go first, followed by 15/16 boys and girls and finally 13/14 boys and girls. Athletes will begin an 1km swim. Once the 20th athlete finishes, a ten-minute timer begins. The top 20 athletes in each age group will advance to the 800m race. Once the 8th athlete finishes the 800m race, a five-minute timer begins. The top 8 athletes compete in the 500m race. After five minutes are up, the 500m race begins. The 500m race determines the order of finish.

### INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

| Day             | Event    | Times                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Saturday</b> | 1km      | Check-in: starts at 7:00 a.m.<br>Pre-race briefing: 8:00 a.m.<br>Start: 8:20 a.m.                       |
|                 | 5km      | Check-in: starts at 7:00 a.m.<br>Pre-race briefing: 10 mins after 1km<br>Start: 10 mins after briefing  |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | 500m     | Check-in: starts at 7:00 a.m.<br>Pre-race briefing: 8:00 a.m.<br>Start: 8:20 a.m.                       |
|                 | 3km      | Check-in: starts at 7:00 a.m.<br>Pre-race briefing: 10 mins after 500m<br>Start: 10 mins after briefing |
|                 | Knockout | Check-in: starts at 7:00 a.m.<br>Pre-race briefing: 10 mins after 3km<br>Start: 10 mins after briefing  |

### MEETINGS

#### TECHNICAL MEETING

There will be no in-person technical meeting for this event. There will be a mandatory virtual (Teams-based) technical meeting for the event on Thursday, 10/15. Details will be sent to each coach. Participating coaches and swimmers are responsible for having knowledge of all information in the meet document, information shared during the Teams meeting, and posted on the South Texas Swimming event website.



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| SCHEDULE – ORDER OF EVENTS   |                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>RACE DAY SCHEDULES</b>    | Schedules are subject to change depending on the number of entries and local conditions.                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>SATURDAY &amp; SUNDAY</b> | <b>Check-in location is at the lake Pavilion, starting at 7:00 a.m.</b><br>Participant numbering - assignment and inspection<br>Ticket pick-up<br>Nail inspection<br>Uniform inspection |                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17</b>  | 7:00 a.m. Warmups<br>8:00 a.m.<br>8:20 a.m.<br>10 mins after 1km finishes<br>10 mins after 1km briefing                                                                                 | Check-In / Course is Open for<br><br>1km races briefing<br>1km races begin<br>5km races briefing<br>5km races briefing                                                   |
| <b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18</b>    | 7:00 a.m. Warmups<br>8:00 a.m.<br>8:20 a.m.<br>10 mins after 500m finishes<br>10 mins after 500m briefing<br>10 mins after 3km finishes<br>10 mins after 3km briefing                   | Check-In / Course is Open for<br><br>500m races briefing<br>500m races begin<br>3km races briefing<br>3km races begin<br>Knockout races briefing<br>Knockout races begin |



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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

1km, 3km,  
5km &  
KNOCKOUT

The course will be a 1km rectangle. The number of laps depends on the race.





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### KNOCKOUT (2<sup>nd</sup> leg)

2<sup>nd</sup> leg of the knockout is the same course as the 1km. The difference being 3 turns instead of 4.





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## 500m & KNOCKOUT (3<sup>rd</sup> leg)

500m course will be used for both the 500m race and the 3<sup>rd</sup> (final) leg of the knockout.



## MARKERS

large fluorescent buoys. Smaller intermediate buoys will serve as guide buoys. Swimmers will move counterclockwise around the course, making only left turns.

Swimmers will have an in-water start. After completing the specific distance, swimmers will finish the race by swimming through the finish chute at the end of the course and tapping the finish board with their hand. The start and finish may be modified per the discretion of the Meet Referee dependent upon local conditions.



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## MEET DAY INFORMATION

### LOGISTICS

Athletes, coaches, officials and emergency personnel are the only people allowed in the red areas. Spectators must remain in the green areas. Restrooms are marked yellow and check in area is marked black.



### CHECK-IN

Swimmers must report to the check-in area for pre-race inspections of their nails, uniform, and numbering each day of the meet. Swimmers will receive their tickets for entry into the race once all check-in inspections are successfully completed.

### NUMBER MARKING

Swimmers shall be marked with their race numbers on both upper arms, both hands, and their upper backs. The swimmers shall be numbered vertically down the arms and horizontally across the upper backs. Any swimmer failing to mark their body correctly will not be permitted to race.

### TEAM CAPS

Athletes are encouraged to wear his/her LSC-designated team cap as their outermost cap during races.



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| WARMUP PROCEDURE           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>WARM UP/DOWN</b>        | A designated area adjacent to the competition will be available for continuous warm-up and warm-down prior to and during the competition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| MEET PROCEDURE             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>START/FINISH</b>        | <p>Athletes may ONLY enter or exit the course from the lake in the designated start/finish area. This area will be blocked off from spectators and any athletes not in the current heat.</p> <p>All races will have an in-water start.</p> <p>The finish line will be clearly marked line. A swimmer will not be considered as having finished the race until one of his/her hands hit the finish board on the finish chute.</p>                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>TIME LIMITS</b>         | Swimmers must finish within 30 minutes of the first swimmer to finish in their event to be eligible for scoring and an award. Any swimmer who does not complete the course within 30 minutes of the first finisher in the event may be asked to retire from the race.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>SAFETY CONDITIONS</b>   | <p>In the event of adverse conditions that cause the meet to be deemed unsafe, the following re-scheduling priorities will be used based on weather predictions, and at the discretion of the Meet Referee.</p> <p>Priority 1 – Starting the meet later on the same day<br/>Priority 2 – Attempting to reschedule for the following day<br/>Priority 3 – Cancellation</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>ESCORT SAFETY CRAFT</b> | <p>The course will be patrolled by qualified safety personnel. Coaches, parents, and spectators are not allowed on the course with any escort safety craft. Only the Meet Referee can designate who is on the course at any given time.</p> <p>Lifeguards reserve the right to remove any swimmer from the course if needed. Safety watercraft and lifeguards on jet skis and kayaks/paddleboards will monitor the entire course.</p> <p>The following have the authority to stop the meet at any time for safety reasons: the Meet Referee, the Meet Director, or the Independent Safety Monitor.</p> |



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| <b>SAFETY PROCEDURES</b> | The safety of swimmers is our primary concern. For this reason, participants should be adequately trained for open water competition. For additional information, see the event safety plan document. |
| <b>MEDICAL FACILITY</b>  | Baylor Scott & White Medical Center<br><a href="#">810 State Hwy 71</a><br><a href="#">Marble Falls, TX 78654</a><br>830-201-8000                                                                     |



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### SAFE SPORT

#### MAAPP

- The USA Swimming Safe Sport program is USA Swimming's comprehensive abuse prevention program dedicated to creating a healthy and positive environment free from abuse for all its members. Components of the program include, but are not limited to, providing education and training, enforcing policies (such as the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy), rules and best practice guidelines, promoting healthy boundaries and mandatory reporting of violations.
- The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) prohibits Applicable Adults (as defined) from having one-on-one interactions with minor athletes which are not within an observable and interruptible distance from another adult. Applicable Adults are required to abide by this policy in full during this meet.
- Pursuant to USA Swimming Rules and Regulations and federal law, it is every member's responsibility to immediately (i.e., within 24 hours) report any incident of child abuse, including physical or sexual abuse, to law enforcement and the U.S. Center for SafeSport. Reporting must occur when an individual has firsthand knowledge of misconduct or where specific and credible information has been received from a victim or knowledgeable third party. A report to the U.S. Center for SafeSport may be made via telephone at 720-531-0340 or online at [www.uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern](http://www.uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern). Various state laws may also require reporting to law enforcement or to a designated child protection agency.
- All athletes aged 18 and older must complete Athlete Protection Training in order to be a USA Swimming registered member in good standing. Any athlete who turns 18 on or after the first day of the start of competition, who has not completed Athlete Protection Training by the first day of competition, will be prohibited from participating in the competition until such time as all membership requirements are completed. Times achieved by an athlete who turns 18 on or after the first day of competition, who competes in this USA Swimming sanctioned event without completing this membership requirement, will NOT count for qualification or recognition. This includes participation as a member of a relay.

All participants and competitors shall follow the US Center for SafeSport rules for bullying found on USA Swimming and South Texas Swimming sites. A violation will be grounds for removal of members from the facility.



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| <b>RECORDING DEVICES</b>      | The use of audio or video recording devices, including cell phones, is not permitted in changing areas or restrooms.                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>CHANGING AREAS</b>         | Changing into or out of swimsuits other than the designated restroom / changing areas is PROHIBITED.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>DRONES</b>                 | Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (lake, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling changing areas) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present.                                                 |
| <b>ATHLETES 18 &amp; OVER</b> | Athletes 18 & over must complete or maintain a current USA Swimming Athlete Protection Training course credential.<br><a href="https://www.usaswimming.org/resource-center/athlete-protection-training">https://www.usaswimming.org/resource-center/athlete-protection-training</a> |



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| SCORING & AWARDS  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| SCORING           | No scoring                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>ENTRY FEES</b> | <p>5K Race:<br/>\$50 on or before July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026<br/>\$60 on or after August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026<br/>Knockout (1K-800m-500m):<br/>\$40 on or before July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026<br/>\$50 on or after August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026<br/>3K Race:<br/>\$40 on or before July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026<br/>\$50 on or after August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026<br/>1K Race:<br/>\$30 on or before July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026<br/>\$40 on or after August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026<br/>500m Race:<br/>\$30 on or before July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026<br/>\$40 on or after August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026</p> <p><u>Payment can be made on site. Accepted forms of payment include cash, check, cashapp, debit and credit cards, or Zelle (<a href="mailto:thekondoman@gmail.com">thekondoman@gmail.com</a>)</u></p> <p>Mail checks to:<br/>High Performance Aquatic Club<br/>3105 Briarhurst St.<br/>Corpus Christi, Texas 78414<br/>Make payable to High Performance Aquatic Club<br/>Full payment must be received or paid in person by October 17<sup>th</sup>.</p> |
| <b>AWARDS</b>     | <p><b>Individual Awards</b></p> <p>Male and female 1st—3rd place finishers will be awarded medals for each event in each age group (9/10, 11/12, 13/14, 15/16, 17/18, 19 and up). Ribbons for places 4<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> for each event in each age group will be awarded. Final results will be posted on the course and uploaded to the event page on the High Performance Aquatic Club website.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



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| ENTRIES                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <b>ENTRY PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES</b> | <p><b>The entry deadline is Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. Central time.</b></p> <p>HYTEK entries only. The HYTEK entries must be sent via email to <a href="mailto:highperformanceaquaticclub@gmail.com">highperformanceaquaticclub@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p>Entering teams need to check all data BEFORE submitting.</p> <p>The e-mailed Entry Report sent to you confirming your entries, along with all subsequent Entry Reports notifying you of changed or updated entries, shall be the official record of your entry. No other information will be considered if there is an entry error or discrepancy.</p> <p>The attached "Entry Summary and Waiver", "USA Swimming Membership Meet Entry Form", entry fees, and a hard copy of your entry report must be submitted by the start of the meet. If any team has unpaid fees at the start of competition, the entire team will be scratched.</p> |

**REGARDLESS OF ENTRIES SUBMITTED AND/OR INPUT ERROR,  
IT IS THE COACHES' RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THE SWIMMERS ARE IN THE  
CORRECT EVENTS**

|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>DECK ENTRIES</b>        | <b>IMPORTANT REMINDER</b> - No deck entries will be permitted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>DISABILITY ATHLETES</b> | <p>South Texas Swimming welcomes all swimmers with disabilities as described in the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations, Article 105, to participate in our meets.</p> <p>Coaches entering swimmers with disabilities that require any accommodations are required to provide advance notice by completing the attached "Swimmers with a Disability Coach and Meet Referee Communication" form to the Meet Referee by the entry deadline accompanying their meet entry file, including the need for any personal assistants required and/or registered service animals.</p> <p>Failure to provide advance notice may limit the Meet Referee's ability to accommodate any requests.</p> |



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### ATHLETE CONDUCT

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Athlete conduct will be governed by Part Seven of the USA Swimming Rules and Regulations Handbook. It is the athlete's responsibility to be familiar with the rules for open water swimming. Intentional obstruction, interference or intentional contact with another swimmer may be deemed "Unsporting Impedance" and lead to disqualification. Swimmers shall maintain clearance from other swimmers except at the start, turn, and the finish or where the course or race conditions dictate otherwise. Parents and swimmers should be advised there may be inadvertent contact with other swimmers when there are a significant number of entrants. It is important that swimmers keep a cool head while in the water.

#### SWIMWEAR

All swimwear must comply with USA Swimming 701.4. Specifically, suits may not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, extend below the ankle, or have zippers or other fastening devices. Tie-back suits are not permitted. It is unlikely that water temperatures will allow for the use of wetsuits.

### OFFICIALS

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We welcome all certified USA Swimming officials to work at this Open Water Meet. This is an excellent opportunity to achieve sessions as an Open Water Judge (OJ) and/or Open Water Referee (OR) for recertification, or sessions for apprentices.

#### OFFICIALS APPLICATION

An online application for officiating can be found [HERE](#). Officials are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, but no later than October 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### OFFICIALS UNIFORM

White polo shirt over khaki bottoms. Footwear (of any color) that is appropriate for water submersion is recommended. Those selected to work the event will receive one white meet polo shirt.

#### OFFICIALS BRIEFING

An official briefing will be held on Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> via Teams.



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### OTHER INFORMATION

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| <b>PROGRAMS</b>      | <p>If possible, psych sheets will be posted on Meet Mobile as well as emailed, and posted at the venue.</p> <p>All up to date meet information can be found on this <a href="https://www.hpacswim.com/2026-open-water-banana-slug-splash--october-17-18--marble-falls--texas">WEBSITE</a>.<br/><a href="https://www.hpacswim.com/2026-open-water-banana-slug-splash--october-17-18--marble-falls--texas">https://www.hpacswim.com/2026-open-water-banana-slug-splash--october-17-18--marble-falls--texas</a></p> |
| <b>FINAL RESULTS</b> | <p>Final results will be posted on Meet Mobile, if possible, and Hy-tek Team Manager Results file will be posted at <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>LODGING</b>       | <p><a href="http://www.visitmarblefalls.org">www.visitmarblefalls.org</a></p> <p>Mention meet by name to receive room discount while available:<br/><b>"South Texas Open Water Banana Slug Splash"</b></p> <p>Hidden Falls Inn<br/>704 First St.<br/>Marble Falls, TX 78654</p> <p>La Quinta by Wyndham<br/>501 Highway 2147 W<br/>Marble Falls, TX 78654</p> <p>Holiday Inn Express &amp; Suites Marble Falls by IHG<br/>714 Corazon Drive<br/>Marble Falls, TX 78654</p>                                       |
| <b>SPECTATORS</b>    | <p>Admission is free. Restroom facilities will be available at the venue. Spectators may bring their own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>HOSPITALITY</b>   | <p>Hospitality will be offered for coaches and officials during the meet.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>PARKING</b>       | <p>There are several areas available for parking. The main dirt lot is across from the baseball diamond and is approximately a 5-minute walk to the Pavillion. Closer, but limited parking is available at Johnson Park and the Pavillion.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |



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## ENTRY SUMMARY and WAIVER

Please fill out the information requested below and submit with your payment. Payment and waiver must be received by the start of the meet.

TOTAL 5km (x \$50 or \$60) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL 3km (x \$40 or \$50) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL Knockout (x \$40 or \$50) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL 1km (x \$30 or \$40) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL Individuals for surcharge (x \$20) \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$\$ Due: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD COACH EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

HEAD COACH CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

LSC REP NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LSC REP EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ASSISTANT COACH NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ASSISTANT COACH CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

### Release and Hold Harmless Agreement

In consideration of being permitted to participate in this swim meet, and for other good and valuable consideration, the undersigned, for himself, his successors and assigns, hereby releases and forever discharges South Texas Swimming Inc, and its Board of Directors, Southern Zone Swimming, USA Swimming Inc., Lake Marble Falls and each of their respective officers, agents, employees, members, successors, and any other persons in any way connected with this meet, from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action of whatever kind of character arising out of or in connection with said event.



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Further, the undersigned shall indemnify and hold harmless South Texas Swimming Inc, Southern Zone Swimming, USA Swimming Inc., Marble Falls and the officers, trustees, agents, employees, and members of the foregoing and all other persons in any way and claims arising out of or in connection with any injury, including death, or alleged injury of damage to property sustained or alleged to have sustained in connection with or to have arisen out of said event.

**Signature of LSC**

**Official/Coach**

**Date**

Did you include?

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Entries Printed

Check for entries

This completed form and (below) membership meet entry form



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## USA SWIMMING MEMBERSHIP MEET ENTRY FORM

**Meet Name:** 2026 South Texas Open Water Banana Slug Splash

**Location:** Lake Marble Falls - 305 Buena Vista Dr - Marble Falls, TX 78654

**Date:** October 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026

BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING, SOUTHERN ZONE SWIMMING, SOUTH TEXAS SWIMMING AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, OR ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION.

### PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR ENTRY FORMS

The undersigned LSC representative certifies by his/her signature that all athletes participating for or entered by the team in this sanctioned swim meet are currently member athletes of USA Swimming, Inc. The undersigned further certifies that any person appearing in the capacity of coach is currently a coach member of USA Swimming, Inc.

**LSC:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINTED NAME:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:**

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No entrant will be permitted to compete unless the entrant is a member as provided in Article 302  
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## SWIMMERS WITH A DISABILITY COACH AND MEET REFEREE COMMUNICATION

MEET \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

LSC \_\_\_\_\_ COACH \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL and PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

| Swimmer | Age Group | Event | Session |
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Necessary Accommodation

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Necessary Accommodation

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Examples of Necessary Accommodations (but not limited to)

- Special accommodations at the start - explain
- Special accommodations at the finish - explain
- Hand signals for the start



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Banana Slug Splash

## Safety Plan

### Event description

Event: 2026 South Texas Open Water Banana Slug Splash

Hosted by HPAC

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Dates: October 17-18, 2026

Venue: Lake Marble Falls

305 Buena Vista Dr

Marble Falls, TX 78654

Course: Located in front of the Lakeside Pavilion. Athletes will swim counterclockwise around a 1K meter rectangle-shaped course. The number of laps is determined by event length. The 500m and 800m courses will use the same course with fewer turns. The course will be marked with four large tetrahedron **orange** buoys and smaller intermittent **pink** guide buoys. The start will be line-of-sight in the water. Finish will be through a finish chute near the beach. The water temperature is expected to be approximately 80° F. The air temperature will likely range from 84° F to 60° F. The combined air and water temperature should be between 139° F and 164° F, well within the 118° F to 177.4° F temperature range that USA Swimming requires.



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## Age limits:

Knockout: 13 & over

5K: 13 & over

3K: 11 & over

1K: 11 & over

500m: 9 & over

## Race Day Schedule:

Saturday, October 17, 2026

7:00 a.m. - Warm-up starts

8:00 a.m. - 1K briefing

8:20 a.m. - 1K start

9:20 a.m. - 5K briefing – 10 mins after 1K finishes, approximately

9:40 a.m. - 5K start – 10 mins after briefing, approximately

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Warm-up starts at 7:00 a.m.

500m & 3K briefing – 8:00 a.m.

500m start – 8:20 a.m.

3K start – 10 mins after 500m finishes, approximately 8:50 a.m.

Knockout briefing - 10 mins after 3K finishes, approximately 10:20 a.m.

Knockout start - 10 mins after 3K briefing, approximately 10:40 a.m.

**\*\* Race Start Times are Subject to Change. Final Times will be Announced Prior to the event \*\***



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## Safety personnel

Independent Safety Monitor (ISM)—Will be present at the event to ensure the approved safety plan is implemented and that adequate safety precautions are in place to address race-day conditions. Has the authority to withdraw the sanction if adequate safety precautions are not in place, and has the authority to stop a race at any time should conditions change and safety become a concern.

Event Referee—Will brief participants, coaches, and event support personnel about course and safety procedures. Has the authority to withdraw the sanction if adequate safety precautions are not in place, and has the authority to stop a race at any time should conditions change and safety become a concern.

Event Director—Has the authority to withdraw the sanction if adequate safety precautions are not in place and has the authority to stop a race at any time should conditions change and safety become a concern.

Medical Officer—Will inform local medical facilities of the nature of the competition and ensure all casualties can be evacuated to them at the earliest opportunity. Will advise the referee in conjunction with the safety director if conditions are unsuitable for staging the competition and/or make recommendations for modifying the course or how the competition is conducted.

## Safety Director (SD) / Head Lifeguard (HLG)

- Will report to and advise the Event Director on weather and visibility safety thresholds for the race
- Coordinate communication with in-water safety personnel before, during, and at the completion of the race.
- Is responsible for the final accounting of all swimmers exiting the water
- Assumes prime responsibility for any emergency water evacuation as necessary.
- Assumes prime responsibility for the missing swimmer in-water search as necessary.

Lifeguards—OW-certified lifeguards will be on the water. The event will use the Emergency Action Plan developed by the Head Lifeguard for this particular venue and event. The Marble Falls Rescue Emergency Action Plan (EAP) protocol will be followed if a distressed swimmer requires rescue.

The Independent Safety Monitor—Will assign lifeguard roles and responsibilities that are compatible with this OW event's operation. The maximum ratio is 15 swimmers to 1 lifeguard. Lifeguards will be ready to respond to swimmers in distress, initiate rescues, provide first aid, transport swimmers to safety, and give advanced care as appropriate.



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- **Head Lifeguard**—Will give a pre-race briefing to all lifeguards.
  - Will be in radio communication with ISM, Event Director, and Event Referee
  - Will direct lifeguards and, if necessary, coordinate rescue efforts.
- **Lifeguards**—Positioned on the course in motorized watercraft, paddle boards, kayaks, and onshore as directed by HLG.

Swim Officials—Swim officials will have a whistle, flags, extra flotation devices, a course radio, and cell phones.

- **Referees, Assistant Referees, and Observers**—will be in motorized boats, 2 – 4 boats per event. Each boat will have at least one referee. Boats will be spread out, inside and outside, of course, following the swimmers packs.
- **Turn Judges**—Some swim officials will be in kayaks, posted at turns.

On-Water Observers (Kayakers)—SD or HLG will assign lifeguard duties and positions on the course. They will wear a personal flotation device (PFD) and carry an extra flotation device, such as a rescue tube or foam noodle. They will also have a whistle and a flag and may have a radio. Lifeguards/kayakers should be experienced and equipped to be on the water for up to two hours. Duties may include:

- Taking direction from HLG or Event Referee.
- Watch for swimmers in distress.
- Following the lag/last swimmers in each heat/wave/event
- Offer assistance to tired swimmers through flotation devices, but they must defer to lifeguards if a distressed swimmer requires more help than a flotation aid.
- Report the distressed swimmer's location by blowing the whistle and waving a flag [follow EAP protocol as instructed by HLG].
- Retrieve swimmers who stray beyond the area observed by safety personnel as directed by lifeguards or on-boat referees.
- Escort swimmers as directed by HLG or Referee to boat or shore.

*The ID numbers of swimmers leaving the course for any reason must be radioed into the Event Referee or Admin Referee.*



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Police Boat / Marine Patrol / EMT Boat

1K, 3K & 5K personnel map (subject to change depending on conditions)







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500m personnel map (subject to change depending on conditions)



## Safety meetings

Safety Personnel Pre-Race Meeting—7:00 am each morning is the lifeguard and kayakers meeting conducted by the Safety Officer and/or Head Lifeguard. During this 15-20 minute meeting, procedures will be reviewed for:

- Assignments on the course, boat order
- Communication protocol
- Enacting EAP
- Distressed Swimmer egress
- Contact information
- Course evacuation procedures



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Swimmers' Mandatory Safety Meeting—All swimmers will attend a mandatory safety talk on each day they race. This talk will cover:

- Swimmer Accountability Procedures
- Course description and conditions
- Entry into the water, start, and finish procedures
- Rules
- Early exit/race abandonment
- Personal responsibility

All on-water safety personnel will be in the water and at their assigned positions 15 minutes before the start of the event.

Safety precautions/swimmer accountability

Assigned numbering—At registration, all swimmers will be given the following:

- A unique event ID number. According to USA Swimming rules, this number will be marked with a permanent marker, stencils, or both on their hands, arms, and shoulders.
- A ticket with their unique event ID number.
- High-visibility swim cap. Swim caps will be in various colors to designate the distance and division the swimmer is swimming in.

Entry into water—After the swimmers' mandatory safety meeting, swimmers will

- Parade single-file to the water entry area indicated by swim officials. At this time, the swimmers' numbers will be written on paper and recorded on video. The swimmers will give their ticket to a swim official. They may not enter the water without their ticket.
- The swimmers will wait on the shore until the swim official gives permission for them to enter the water as a group.
- The swimmers will proceed to the start area.

Normal Exit from water—As the swimmers reach the conclusion of their race:

- The swimmers will complete the race by crossing the finish line & exiting the water.
- The swimmers' finish times will be recorded electronically and manually, and their event ID numbers will be written manually on paper.
- The swimmers' tickets will be returned to them.
- Swim officials will reconcile the electronic and manual records of those exiting the water.



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Premature Exit from Water—Safety personnel will be on the lookout for any swimmer exiting the water before the finish or receiving assistance in or out of the water. They will forward the swimmer's number to the officials.

## Communications

- **There will be two sets of radios:**
- One set for course officials (course radio),
- One set for safety personnel (safety radio), including designated lifeguards, safety officers, and kayakers.
- The Safety Officer, Event Referee, and Event Director will carry a radio from both sets.
- **Lifeguards and Kayakers**
- Will have whistles and flags. Whistles will be used per Lifeguard EAP.
- Some, not all, will have radios, depending on availability.

## Race Termination

- If the race is to be abandoned, radios will be used to communicate to all watercraft.
- Abandonment signals from the Referee, Event Director, or ISM will consist of five short blasts followed by one long blast.
- The abandonment signals from the lifeguards will be five short blasts of the whistle [compatible w/ EAP] followed by one long blast. Lifeguards and officials shall inform swimmers of the cancellation.
- Swimmers are to discontinue swimming and look for directions from the Officials or watercraft personnel. Once safe on shore, make sure all swimmers get checked off as being safely out of the water

## Swimmer responsibility

The event's success depends on the swimmers accepting certain responsibilities. In addition to recognizing the risk inherent to exercise in cold water (i.e., hypothermia, drowning, etc.), every participant is expected to abide by the following:

- Each swimmer must provide their phone number, as well as the name and cell phone number of a handler/coach/parent/friend at the event who can be contacted in an emergency.
- Do keep an eye out for your fellow swimmers. Help them stay on course. If you see another swimmer clearly in distress, summon a kayak or paddleboard and stay in contact with the swimmer.
- If you abandon the event midway, DO NOT swim to the closest shore. Instead, notify a kayak, and they will escort you to the observation boat, the EMT boat, or the beach.



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- If you are tired or injured and need assistance, summon help from an on-water official, lifeguard, or kayaker.
- When a lifeguard or official approaches, clearly explain the nature of your problem. Be accurate when assessing your condition or circumstance. Provide accurate and honest information about your condition.
- Listen to whatever direction or instructions the on-water official, lifeguard, or kayaker provides.
- If injured or needing medical attention, you will be transported to an EMT boat or shore, whichever is more expedient. If uninjured but withdrawing from the race, a kayak or longboard will escort you to an observation boat or shore.
- Swimmers will be pulled out of the competition:
- If a swimmer demands Safety Personnel, paddle next to them.
- If a swimmer is a danger to themselves or others
- If a swimmer cannot stay on course in the opinion of the Safety Personnel.
- If a swimmer has not completed the swim before the cutoff time.
- Based upon the best judgment of the Safety Personnel.
- If you are pulled, do not argue with lifeguards or officials. They are looking after the safety of all the swimmers, not one.
- If transported or escorted to an observation boat, you will remain on the boat until that boat is authorized to return to the finish area. While on the boat, the crew will radio or call in your location and say you are out of the race. When you return to the finish area, check in with a race official.
- If you start and abandon the race for any reason, you must report to a race official. If you start the race but do not check in at the finish, we will conclude you are still on the course. If the race is over and the officials have no record of your finish, we will enact the emergency action procedures.
- If you have sustained minor injuries and are able to remain at the race venue (ashore), notify the Event Director or Safety Officer. You will be expected to complete an incident report describing the nature of your accident, illness, or condition.
- If the race is to be abandoned, the abandonment signals will be five short blasts of the whistle followed by one long blast. Swimmers are to discontinue swimming and look for directions from the Officials or watercraft personnel. Once safe on shore, ensure you get checked off as being safely out of the water.



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### Other safety information

Emergency medical personnel will be on site, on shore. The Safety Director or Medical Officer will make all calls to 911 Emergency Response or local hospitals.

### Safety Personnel and information

- Event Director: Dean Kondziolka C:361-673-6593  
(highperformanceaquaticclub@gmail.com)
- Independent Safety Monitor: Mike Koerner: C:858-245-4307 (mtkoerner@gmail.com)
- Event Referee: Chad Capps C:210-563-3688 (Chad.Capps@yahoo.com)
- Clerk of Course: Andrea Kelly C:319-929-3985 (bandkell@aol.com)
- Marble Falls Fire/Rescue: Coy Guenter (cguenter@marblefallstx.gov)
- Marble Falls Assistant Chief of Police: Trisha Ratliff (tratliff@marblefallstx.gov)
- Medical Officer: Carmen Rodriguez (crodriguez@marblefallstx.gov)
- Baylor Scott & White Medical Center – Marble Falls

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- Water Quality: Lower Colorado River Authority
  - <https://waterquality.lcra.org/>