

GULF SWIMMING
PROOF OF TIMES - TAGS CHAMPIONSHIPS
2007-2008

The following rules will apply to both Short Course and Long Course TAGS (Texas Age Group Swimming) Championships.

1. A Proof of Time desk will be functioning during all preliminary sessions to accept proof of time for swimmers and relay teams who fail to achieve the minimum qualifying time standard or are disqualified in an event. Scratches do not require proof of time.
2. A swimmer's seed time or a faster time must be proved prior to the swimmer being allowed to swim his next individual event. If the time cannot be proved, the swimmer will be assessed a \$50.00 fine and will be allowed to swim. If for administrative reasons, a swimmer or the swimmer's coach is not properly notified of the need for a proof of time and the swimmer is allowed to swim his next individual event, the swim will be disqualified until such time that the time is proved or the fine is paid. If a second offense occurs at the same TAGS by the same swimmer, another \$50.00 fine will be assessed and the swimmer will be barred from further competition at this meet. Failure to prove a relay time shall not affect the eligibility of individual swimmers of the relay or other relays of that team.
3. If the swimmer refuses to pay the fine, the club to which the swimmer is attached at TAGS will be responsible for paying the fine. If the fine is not paid by February 1 or July 1 for fines levied at the preceding TAGS, the amount of the fine will be doubled. If the club refuses to pay the fine by the next Pre-TAGS meeting, the club will be barred from further TAGS competition until such time as the fine is paid.
4. At each TAGS, it is the responsibility of the meet host to collect the fines paid at TAGS and to include a list of all unpaid fines in the financial report to the TSA Treasurer.
5. Acceptable proofs of time:
 - a. OVC copies
 - b. Official final results from USA Swimming sanctioned or approved meets
 - c. Official final results from high school, collegiate, or YMCA meets
 - d. Other official meet results, if approved by the meet referee
6. Nonconforming times may be used for proof of time.
7. Times submitted for proof must have been achieved from January 1 of the preceding calendar year for short course TAGS and from June 1 of the preceding calendar year for long course TAGS and prior to the entry deadline for the current TAGS. The time must meet the qualifying standard for the age group in which the swimmer competes. If a swimmer is currently eligible to compete in an event at Nationals, that time may not be used to enter or prove an individual event or that stroke/distance in a relay.
8. Preproving the 800/1000 and 1500/1650 freestyle events has been eliminated. Positive check-in will be according to TSA rules.
9. Relays
 - a. Relays may be proved in composite or in aggregate.
 - b. The names of the relay swimmers must be on the Official Final Results used to prove the time, must be swum within the approved time period, and the swimmer must be currently eligible to swim on that relay.
 - c. In long course TAGS, the 13-14 and 15-18 200 medley relays may be proved with the 400 medley relay qualifying time standard or faster, but only when the 200 medley relay is entered at the minimum time standard. The 200 medley relay cannot be used to prove the 400 medley relay entries.
10. Times must be proven in 100ths. Times submitted in 10ths will have 0.09 seconds added to them.
11. Typographical and transcription errors will fall under *USA Swimming Rules and Regulations*, rule 206.9.8.

