

Hi there,

As some of you may have heard, we are always looking for volunteers for the various committees which the booster club has to offer. As head of the officials committee, I am asking for any person interested in officiating to please get in contact with me (kweispfennig@comcast.net), the coaches or any other booster club official, so that we can plan accordingly. Your help with any committee will benefit the booster club, help the coaches, and ultimately support the activities of all the kids.

The role of us as officials is not only to ensure a fair competition amongst the athletes but also to facilitate the communication between athletes, coaches and other officials and to offer positive solutions to any arising issues. After all, we are here because the kids swim !!!

If you would like to officiate, pls go and have a look at the “Texas Interscholastic Swimming and Diving Officials” website (<http://tisdo.org>).

A brief summary:

- 1) in the middle section you’ll find the general announcement for the registration (Sep. 1 – Oct 31, 2019) – pls do register if you plan to officiate. The DABC will reimburse the registration fees.
- 2) Below the reg section are 3 points of entry:
 - a. A 2019-2020 Clinic Calendar (this is a good opportunity to get introduced to swimming officiating by some very experienced officials)
 - b. The “Guidelines for Swimming and Diving Officials” (this is NOT the rulebook)
 - c. The 2019-2020 Federation Rules Power Point (within this PPT you’ll find general info re. rule changes and other intros as well as info where and how to purchase the rulebook)

Pls. note that – upon registration, you will receive the official TISDO name tag with your name as well as a print version of the rule book. However, past experience has shown that these items arrive very, very late in the game (close to district/regional meets in Jan/Feb). Thus, I recommend purchasing the electronic version of the rule book (approx. \$10).

In addition, the USA swimming website (<https://www.usaswimming.org/officials/officials-training-videos>) offers several videos to introduce you to the world of officiating. Have a look to see what we do on deck.

And yes, there is a test we have to take (and pass). It is offered by TISDO (via ArbiterSports). TISDO’s registration path (<https://tisdo.arbitersports.com/front/110892/Registration/2019-2020-SwimmingDiving-Paid-Membership/>) will bring up 2 tabs at the top; one for the registration, the other for testing. The closing date for the swim test is listed as 10-31-2019 (i.e. we can take it while we already officiate for Dawson©).

Also – at the end of this memo, I have provided a screenshot of the current Dawson Aquatics swim schedule for 2019/2020 (as of Sep. 5, 2019). As you can see, the first 2 meets are at the Natatorium (Sep 17 and Sep. 24, 2019) vs. Pearland. Pls check the Dawson Aquatics page for updates on the times (during

the week, typically around 6pm start time). This would be a great opportunity to experience what officials do during a swim meet. If you plan to officiate, pls wear a white polo and khaki shorts/pants.

If you would like to officiate for Diving, pls get in touch with the coaches directly as I do not officiate for diving and cannot really give you any info on the process of becoming a diving official.

☺ Again, if you are interested in officiating, pls. contact us. ☺

That's all for now.

Cheers

Go Eagles

Screenshot of the Dawson Aquatics swim schedule (as of Sep. 5, 2019).

| 2019-2020 Swim/Dive Schedule Subject to change <i>Updates will be in yellow</i> updated 8/12/2019 | | | | |
|---|----------|--|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Date | Day | Opponent | Location | Time |
| 9/17/2019 | Tues | Intersquad Meet vs Pearland (Varsity, JV, Dive) | Pearland Nat | TBA |
| 9/24/2019 | Tues | Dual meet vs Pearland (Varsity, JV, Dive) | Pearland Nat | 4:15 - Dive 5pm - Swim |
| 10/8/2019 | Tues | Dual vs Clear Springs (Varsity & JV) | Clear Springs | TBA |
| 10/18/2019-10/10/2019 | Fri-Sat | Ghouls in the Pool (Varsity, Dive) Fri 10/18 - Dive; Sat 10/19 - Swim | Deer Park HS | TBA |
| 10/29/2019 | Tues | Dual vs Shadow Creek | Shadow Creek HS | TBA |
| 11/5/2019 | Tues | Dual vs Alvin (Varsity & JV) | Alvin HS | TBA |
| 11/22/2019 | Fri | Don't be a Turkey Invitational (Varsity & JV) | Manvel HS | TBA |
| 12/3/2019 | Tues | Tentative Meet | TBA | TBA |
| 12/6/2019-12/7/2019 | Fri-Sat | Jingle Bell Invitational (Varsity & Dive) 12/6 - Dive; 12/7 - Swim | Clear Brook HS | TBA |
| 12/13/2019-12/14/2019 | Fri-Sat | Reindeer Classic Invitational *HOSTED BY DAWSON* 12/13 - Dive; 12/14 - Swim | Pearland Nat | TBA |
| 1/10/2020-1/11/2020 | Fri-Sat | Winter Invitational (Varsity, JV, Dive) 1/10 - Dive; 1/11 - Swim | Brazoswood HS | TBA |
| 1/17/2020 | Fri | JV Districts | TBA | TBA |
| 1/24/2020-1/25/2020 | Fri-Sat | Varsity Districts 1/24 - Varsity & JV Dive; 1/25 - Varsity Swim | Pearland Nat | TBA |
| 1/30/2020-2/1/2020 | Thur-Sat | Regional Meet (Varsity) 1/30 - Dive; 1/31 & 2/1 - Swim | Pearland Nat | TBA |