



# Participant Manual

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Clermont, Florida  
United States of America



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## Disclaimers / Assumption of Risk

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID- 19.

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, FLORIDA SWIMMING , UNION AMERICANA DE NATACION, AZURA FLORIDA AQUATICS AND MONTVERDE 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.

We have taken enhanced health and safety measures – for you, our coaches, swimmers, officials, and volunteers. You must follow all posted and verbal instructions while attending this meet. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By attending this meet, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

## General Information

### Meet Information & Conflict Provision

The official meet information packet is available on the Union Americana de Natacion (“UANA”) website.

In the event of conflict between this document and the meet information packet, the meet information packet shall control unless otherwise stated herein.

### Public Health Authorities

The following entities are relevant public health authorities with jurisdiction that may impose restrictions or other measures that impact this competition:

#### **Federal**

United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov>

#### **State**

Florida Department of Health

<http://www.floridahealth.gov>

#### **Local**

Florida Department of Health in Lake County

<http://lake.floridahealth.gov>

All participants<sup>1</sup> are solely responsible for their own awareness of the applicable public health protocols and maintaining compliance with protocols set forth by public health authorities, UANA, the meet hosts, or the facility at all times. Failure to maintain compliance may result in penalties, including removal from the remainder of the competition, at UANA’s sole discretion.

### Vendors

A select set of vendors will be available on-site to purchase event merchandise and swimwear.

### Hospitality / Nutrition Options

Light refreshments may be provided on-site during each session for coaches, officials, and meet personnel. Athletes should provide their own refreshments or utilize the on-site concessions area.

Breakfast will not be provided on-site; participants are encouraged to take advantage of their accommodation’s breakfast offerings if available or bring nutritional items to the facility.

Dinner will be provided on-site during each evening session for coaches, officials, and meet personnel.

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<sup>1</sup> “Participants”, as used throughout this document, includes all athletes, coaches, officials, meet personnel, volunteers, and any other individual who seeks ingress to the facility at which the competition is conducted.

## Before Departing Your Home Country / City

### Waivers & Contact Information

All participants must complete waivers and provide their contact information online before departing their home country / city. No hard paper copies of the waiver will be accepted onsite. Participants will not be able to obtain a competition credential or participate in competition unless all waivers are completed before arrival.

#### [LINK TO COMPLETE WAIVERS AND PROVIDE CONTACT INFORMATION](#)

*Note: This differs from the language in the meet information packet which requires completing the competition waivers in hard-copy form and bringing to the competition. The language in this document shall be deemed as controlling.*

### COVID-19 Pre-Arrival Testing Requirement

As of writing, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) requires all air passengers arriving into the United States of America from a foreign country to **obtain a COVID-19 test no more than three (3) days before their flight departs and present that negative test result or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19** to the airline before boarding their flight.

For the full list of requirements and exemptions, please review [the language in the CDC's order](#) or contact your airline directly. Neither UANA nor the meet hosts are able to provide any additional guidance beyond the foregoing.

### Lodging and Transportation

All teams / national federations are responsible for arranging their own lodging accommodation and transportation for the duration of their stay in Clermont, Florida, USA.

Neither UANA nor the meet hosts will provide lodging accommodation or transportation services.

Please check with your team / national federation leadership for additional details.

### Pre-Competition Training Reservations

To accommodate teams arriving before the first day of competition, UANA and the meet hosts have arranged for a limited number of lane reservations at the competition facility in accordance with the below schedule.

**Monday, April 26:** 7 am – 3pm and 5 – 7pm

**Tuesday, April 27:** 7am – 12pm, 1 – 3pm and 5 – 7pm

**Wednesday, April 28:** 7 am – 3pm and 5 – 7pm

To obtain additional information or reserve lap lanes, please contact Gianluca Alberani ([coachgianluca@azuraquatics.com](mailto:coachgianluca@azuraquatics.com)) or Mateo De Angulo ([mateo.deangulo@orlandohealth.org](mailto:mateo.deangulo@orlandohealth.org)) with the preferred time and number of lanes requested.

# Upon First Arrival to Competition Venue

## Credentialing

All individuals must obtain a competition credential to access the field of play.

Athlete, coach, and technical official credentials are valid for the entirety of the competition. Volunteer credentials are valid for the session for which they were issued only and must be returned to the credentialing booth at the conclusion of each session.

The credentialing booth will open at the competition venue prior to the start of each day of competition.

The following shall be the credentialing process:

### **Athletes**

To obtain a credential, an athlete must (1) provide photo identification sufficient to establish his/her identity and (2) proof of nationality as required by FINA GR 2.5. Most often, both of these requirements are satisfied by presenting an athlete's passport.

Credentials will not be issued to athletes who do not establish both of the above.

### **Coaches / Technical Officials**

To obtain a credential, a coach or technical official must provide photo identification sufficient to establish his/her identity. If a USA Swimming non-athlete member, documentation of good standing is also required.

### **Volunteers**

To obtain a credential, a volunteer must sign-in at the designated volunteer check-in location. Volunteer credentials must be returned to the credentialing booth at the end of each session.

It is strongly recommended that all individuals arrive early to the competition venue on their first day to complete the credentialing process. While the credentialing process will be as streamlined as possible, there may be a wait time.

## Designated Team Area

To provide for physical distancing between teams, each team will be given a designated team area for the duration of the competition. Upon arrival, all participants will be directed to their team's designated seating area by the meet hosts and / or their representative.

## COVID-19 Negative Test Result

All participants must present proof of a negative COVID-19 test result at the time of credentialing. There are no requirements for the type of test or the timeframe in which the test must be administered.

***Note:** This differs from the language in the meet information packet which requires all participants to provide a negative COVID-19 PCR test result taken within 72 hours of the start of competition to obtain a credential. The language in this document shall be deemed as controlling.*

# Upon Each Arrival to Competition Venue

## Access to Field of Play

Access to the field of play is restricted to credentialed athletes, coaches, technical officials, meet personnel, and volunteers only. No other individuals will be granted access to the field of play unless authorized by the meet referee, UANA, or the meet hosts.

Access to the field of play will be through designated marked areas only. All participants must present their competition credential to security personnel each time they seek access to the field of play, therefore participants should always carry their competition credential with them when not actively competing or engaging in in-water training activities.

All non-designated entry and exit points will be physically secured to prevent unauthorized access.

UANA, the meet hosts, and the facility reserve the right to inspect any individual's competition credential at any time. An individual must present his/her competition credential if requested.

## Daily Health Screening

To minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission, all participants are required to undergo a daily health screening before being granted access to the field of play for the first time each day.

The daily health screening will consist of a temperature check and short health questionnaire, both of which will be completed at a designated station.

**If a participant passes the daily health screening**, he/she will have an indicator affixed to his/her credential. Participants must not remove this indicator, otherwise they will be required to re-take the daily health screening. Security personnel will be looking for the specific day's health screening pass indicator before granting access to the field of play.

**If a participant does not pass the daily health screening or refuses to participate in the daily health screening**, the occurrence will be logged and he/she will not be granted access to the field of play on that specific day. If the participant is an athlete, he/she will also be scratched from his/her events after confirmation with the meet referee or his/her designee.

All participants are obligated to be truthful in their responses to the daily health screening questionnaire. Failure to be truthful will be classified as a refusal to participate in the daily health screening and will be actioned upon as such.

A daily health screening is valid for the entire day once completed. A participant must complete a new health screening each day.

## Compliance with COVID-19 Protocols

Participants must maintain compliance with all COVID-19 protocols set forth in this document and by local, state, and federal public health authorities while in attendance at the competition.

## Prior to Departure from the United States / Clermont, FL

### COVID-19 Departure Testing

If you require a negative COVID-19 test prior to boarding your return flight, UANA has arranged for COVID-19 PCR departure testing on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1 at the Home2 Suites (1450 Champions Way, Clermont, FL 34711) between sessions.

**The cost of departure testing is \$119 USD per test, payable in cash with U.S. currency or by credit card.** The individual receiving the test is solely responsible for its cost. Test results will be sent electronically directly to the individual.

If you would like to take advantage of this pre-departure testing service, please make a reservation when completing your participant contact information and waiver form.

There will be **NO walk-up testing available through UANA** for individuals who did not make a reservation in advance.

Neither UANA nor the meet hosts are responsible for the costs associated with an extended stay in the United States / Clermont, FL if a participant's COVID-19 test returns with a positive result.

# COVID-19 Protocols

## Federal, State, and Local Regulations

As stated previously, all participants are solely responsible for their own awareness of the applicable public health protocols and maintaining compliance with protocols set forth by public health authorities.

Additional details on current federal, state, and local COVID-19 protocols can be found by visiting the public health authorities' websites.

## COVID-19 Symptom Protocol

If you experience symptoms of COVID-19, immediately self-isolate and do not attend the competition or seek entry to the competition venue. **Do not come to the competition venue if you are sick and get tested as soon as possible.**

According to the CDC, symptoms of COVID-19 include, but are not limited to:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

For additional information, please [visit the CDC's website](#).

## Positive Test Result Protocol

Any participant who experiences symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19 at any point during the competition **must immediately notify UANA and the meet hosts.**

UANA and the meet hosts can be notified via e-mail to [office@uana-aquatics.com](mailto:office@uana-aquatics.com). Include the participant's full name, team, and information about symptom onset or positive test.

## Physical Distancing

All participants are required to maintain at least 6 feet (2 meters) of distance between each other at all times when reasonably feasible.



## **Masks / Face Coverings**

All participants are required to wear a mask / face covering at all times while at the competition facility when not actively engaged in swimming in the water. Participants must provide their own face covering.

Athletes should remove their face covering just prior to entering the water and replace their face covering as soon as they exit the water.

If a participant is medically unable to tolerate a face covering, he/she shall obtain an exemption sticker for his/her event credential from the credentialing booth.

## **Daily Health Screenings**

All participants must partake in a daily health screening prior to being granted access to the field of play. See the previous section for details of the daily health screening.

## **Contact Tracing**

To assist with contact tracing, all participants will be required to have contact information on-file with UANA and the meet host prior to being issued a competition credential.

UANA, the meet hosts, or the facility may provide your contact information to public health authorities for contact tracing efforts if required. By providing your information, you consent to this disclosure.

## **No On-Site Spectators**

To allow adequate space for all event participants to maintain proper physical distancing, no spectators will be permitted in the facility.

If available, the competition will be broadcast via the internet for spectators to watch from the comfort of their own homes.

## **Other COVID-19 Rules**

- Do not attend the competition if you are not feeling well, if you exhibit symptoms of COVID-19, or if you have been notified that you have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
- If you experience symptoms of COVID-19, self-isolate and get tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible
  - If you require assistance, please contact the Florida Department of Health in Lake County
- Only individuals who have been issued a competition credential and passed the daily health screenings may enter the facilities
- Avoid poorly ventilated areas and limit your time in enclosed spaces, especially locker rooms and changing facilities

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or use hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available)
- Bring hand sanitizer and other disinfection items for use in your own personal area
  - Limited hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the facility
- Do not share training equipment (e.g. kickboards, pull buoys, snorkels, etc.) with other participants
- Do not congregate with other individuals outside of your designated seating area
- Avoid large gatherings outside of the competition

## **Amendments**

This section may be amended at any time by UANA, the meet hosts, or the facility in their sole discretion as circumstances require. Any amendments will be posted and made generally available such that participants will be reasonably aware of their existence.

## **Failure to Comply**

All participants are solely responsible for their own awareness of the applicable COVID-19 public health protocols and maintaining compliance with protocols set forth by public health authorities, UANA, the meet hosts, or the facility at all times.

Failure to maintain compliance may result in penalties, including removal from the remainder of the competition, at UANA's sole discretion.

# Summary Checklist

## Before Departure from Home Country / City

- If arriving to the United States of America from a foreign country, obtain a negative COVID-19 test or proof of recovery from COVID-19 in accordance with the CDC order
- Complete the [participant contact information and waivers](#)
- Arrange accommodation and transportation for the duration of your stay
- Submit your pre-competition training reservations, if needed
- Schedule your pre-departure COVID-19 test, if needed
- Bring U.S. currency or credit card to use for purchases in the United States

## Upon First Arrival to Competition Venue

- Bring your photo identification (and proof of residency, if an athlete) to the facility to obtain your credential
  - Arrive early and be prepared for a wait at the credentialing booth
- Bring proof of a negative COVID-19 test to present at the credentialing booth

## Each Day of Competition

- Only attend the competition if you are feeling healthy and have not been recently identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19
- Bring your competition credential to the facility
- Complete the daily health screening
- Wear a mask / face covering when not actively participating in in-water activities
- Maintain at least 6 feet (2 meters) of distance from other participants when possible
- Remain in your team's designated area when possible
- Comply with all other COVID-19 protocols and general best practices

## Prior to Departure

- Complete your pre-departure COVID-19 test, if needed
  - Advance reservations encouraged
  - Limited number of walk-in slots will be available on Friday and Saturday