

	<b>POLICY &amp; PROCEDURE</b>	<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b>  <b>291</b>
	<b>Subject:</b>  <b>Mask/Cloth Face Covering Protocol for Swim Meets</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE:</b> <b>7/21/20</b>  Approved: 7/21/20  Amended: 5/18/21  Retired:

1. Masks will be mandatory for all participants and spectators at MNSI sanctioned swim meets as required by localities and/or facilities. Participants are defined as swimmers, coaches, officials, and all other applicable adults as defined by MAAPP.
2. If a locality or facility requires a mask/cloth face covering, all applicable adults and spectators must wear a mask/cloth face covering for the duration of the meet. The meet information will contain information on where masks/cloth face covering must be worn.
3. If a locality or facility requires a mask/cloth face covering, swimmers must wear a mask/cloth face covering except during the swim cycle. The “swim cycle” is defined as the time period beginning with the swimmer being called to the blocks from their staging area for their warm-up or their race until their warm-up or race has ended. If a cool down pool is available post-race, the swim cycle would end once their cool down is complete. The swimmer is expected to proceed directly to the cool down pool using social distancing and to return immediately to their staging area post cool down. Swimmers must have access to a mask/cloth face covering immediately following the swim cycle and must wear their mask when not swimming.
4. If a locality or facility requires a mask/cloth face covering, masks/cloth face coverings must be worn properly according to CDC guidelines and cover the nose and mouth.
5. If participants and spectators are not abiding by the mask/cloth face covering rule, the competition will suspend until all participants and spectators are in compliance or the offenders have left the venue.
6. If the mask/cloth face covering rule is not enforced by the host club, the sanction will be revoked.

This policy will be in place until such time as the Board of Directors rescinds or modifies the policy based on recommendation from the Minnesota Department of Health and/or the Centers for Disease Control.