



2020 Montana State Short Course Championship
Communique #1

February 6, 2020

Greetings,

We are preparing for a great Championship meet here in Missoula and will be sending out Communiques for you to share with your team as we get closer to the big weekend!

As this is the first Communique, I would like to go over some items that all teams will need to be aware of during the event weekend.

After the Winter Fest meet in early February, The University of Montana came out with new guidelines which we need to follow. The new instructions cover several key areas: Parking, Camping and Spectating. It is imperative that we demonstrate our ability to follow the updated directives from U of M.

This is an entirely volunteer staffed meet run by swim parents. All volunteers are here to support their swimmers and the sport of swimming in Montana. It is realized that these new U of M mandates will possibly cause inconvenience to participants and their parents during the meet. We ask for your patience and understanding as volunteers may be requesting different actions from you or your swimmers during the meet.

Our ultimate goal is to have a safe and competitive meet. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

I am available to answer any questions you may have via email (jed@zillastate.com) or phone (406-531-1216).

See you at state!
Jed Dennison
Meet Director

Closed Deck Policy

This meet will have a closed deck policy in place and it will be enforced. This is to promote athlete safety in conjunction with USA Swimming's Safe Sport initiative. Coaches and volunteers will need to have a badge while on deck. Badges will be sent to coaches early next week. Volunteers will pick up their badges at the volunteer table prior to their volunteer shift. Timers will also need to have a badge while on deck.

Absolutely No cameras or phones behind the blocks.

10 and Under Swimmers and Parents

Parents of swimmers who are 10 and Under are allowed on deck 2 heats prior and 2 heats after their swimmers race. We ask that you help us with this request as the capacity is 200 people on the pool deck.

Food and Beverage

Beverage containers with lids are allowed on deck. No food on deck is allowed.

Camping

No swimmer camping will be allowed under or behind the stands of the Grizzly Pool nor will camping be allowed on deck. We will be providing camping in the Adams Center. It is recommended for this meet, that all items used for camping are not left overnight.

Spectating

The maximum capacity of the viewing stands has been set at 300 people. Volunteer counters will be at each entry point to ensure that we are in compliance with this capacity. Once capacity is reached, no additional spectators will be allowed in the stands until people leave the stands. Closed circuit and live streaming of the event will be available via the Missoula Aquatic Club Facebook page.

Parking

Attendees of the meet on Friday between 7am and 5pm must have a parking pass. Parking passes have been sent to all teams. A parking map will be sent out early next week which will show where one can park on Friday. No parking will be allowed in the parking lot directly adjacent to the Grizzly Pool on Friday. Please remember that parking in fire lanes or no parking

areas is not allowed and vehicles will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. Volunteers will be patrolling the parking lot to answer any questions that arise in regards to parking.