



BlueFins Practice Arrival & Departure Procedure

Protocol

- Prior to any participation in practice, all athletes must be either registered with the club for the current season or registered and participating as a trial swimmer to ensure that the COVID Participation Waiver has been signed.
- The facility doors will remain closed and locked except for a 10-minute drop off period when a coach is stationed at the door to check swimmers in. **Swimmers who arrive late (after start time of practice) will not be admitted.**
- Starting 9/20/2021, parents and spectators are allowed to watch practice from the stands provided that they enter during the swimmer check-in time. They must remain masked at all times, regardless of distance from others.
- Athletes will be required to arrive and depart in their suits. Locker rooms and showers will not be available. Swimmers will be turned away if they are not in their swimsuits.
- At the conclusion of practice, parents must be at the pool to pick up their swimmers when they exit the facility. To avoid congestion in the lobby, parents watching in the stands should leave the facility and wait outside for their swimmer away from the doors.
- Athletes must enter and leave the building using the front lobby doors.
- Athletes are expected to maintain social distancing at all times.
- Athletes must wear masks at all times except when in the water.
- BlueFins staff will wear face masks when not actively coaching and when coaching but social distancing is not possible.

Swimmer Drop-off / Entrance Requirements

- An Athlete Health Check must be completed and validated check-in presented when coming to practice each day. Failure to bring proof will cause the swimmer to be denied access to practice that day. There will be no exceptions.
- A coach will be stationed at the front door to check in each swimmer. Parents who are leaving should not drive away until their swimmer has been allowed entry into the facility.
- Athletes will only be permitted to enter the building 10 minutes before practice. If they arrive early, it is requested that they remain in their cars to help promote social distancing. **Doors will close at the start time of practice. Swimmers who arrive late will not be admitted.**
- During check-in, swimmers are expected to maintain proper social distancing
- Upon entry into the facility, swimmers are expected to go directly to the pool deck and stand behind the lane they have been assigned and remain there while waiting for practice to begin.
- Swimmers should place their swim bags directly behind their lane against the wall or bleacher.

Practice Requirements

- Swimmers are expected to bring their own kick boards, pull buoys and fins if they have them. If they don't, we encourage families to purchase them, but it is not required. There is a limited amount of general use equipment at the pool.
- Athletes must bring their own water bottles. The water fountains will only be available for refilling bottles using the sensor.
- Athletes will normally swim two (2) per lane. Should the need arise to have more athletes per lane, they will be spaced out within the lane.
- Locker rooms will be available for restroom use only. Only one swimmer will be allowed entry into the restroom at a time. Swimmers will be released by the coaching staff to exit the pool.

Swimmer Exit / Pick up Requirements

- At the end of practice, swimmers must exit the pool immediately and go directly to their bags/towels, put their masks on, and be prepared to exit.
- Swimmers are to remain at their bag locations until instructed by the coach to exit the facility.
- Swimmers will be dismissed one at a time, except for siblings, who may leave together.
- Athletes must exit the facility immediately and proceed directly to their cars.
- While moving through the facility and outdoors to their cars, athletes are expected to maintain proper social distancing.

Failure to Comply

- Zero tolerance policy is in effect. We are extremely fortunate to be able to have pool access and will not accept non-compliance.
- Any swimmer that fails to comply with all of the requirements above will be prohibited from practice until reapproved by the BlueFins Executive Board.
- Any parent that is not at the facility to pick up their swimmer when they leave or who fails to comply with the masking policy in effect will forfeit their swimmer's right to participate in practice until reapproved by the BlueFins Executive Board.