

# AMERICAN ENERGY SWIM CLUB'S SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENT ADDRESSING COVID-19 RELATED REQUIREMENTS AND PROTOCOLS

## I. LOCAL PROTOCOLS AND REQUIREMENTS

**Requirement and exceptions for wearing a mask.** Effective August 26, 2020, the City of Edmond will require “[a]ll persons [to] wear face coverings when entering and while inside any indoor place open to the public.”

Listed exceptions to this requirement that would apply to hosting a swim meet include: (1) persons under 11 years of age; (2) persons in a setting where it is not practical or feasible to wear a face covering such as while swimming; (3) persons engaged in any competitive sporting activities, whether professional or amateur or merely for recreational purposes; and (4) persons with a developmental disability. Currently, this requirement does not expire until October 12, 2020.

In order to comply with this requirement, American Energy Swim Club (AESC) will require face masks as follows:

*Spectators.* All spectators are required to wear a face mask while inside the facility.

*Volunteers.* All volunteers working at the meet are required to wear a face mask while inside the facility.

*Officials.* Officials are excluded from wearing face masks while actively working the meet; however, they are required to maintain at least six feet (6') of social distancing from other individuals, except when not practical.

*Swimmers.* Swimmers are required to wear a face mask at all times while inside the facility, except during staging for heats and while swimming.

*Coaches.* Coaches are required to wear a face mask when unable to maintain a separation of at least six feet (6') from other individuals when inside the facility.

**Seating arrangements.** Currently, the City of Edmond requires “[b]usinesses with theater-style seating where persons gather for presentation or entertainment [to] offer seating in a staggered manner so that customer groups are socially distanced. These businesses include, but are not limited to, movie and live theaters, concert halls, sporting venues, amusement parks, places of worship, wedding venues, event venues, and funeral homes.” This requirement applies to the spectator seating at a swim meet.

In order to comply with this requirement, AESC will block off every other row in the spectator seating area and encourage groups to socially distance from other groups.



1 Stands with every other row blocked

## II. PLAN FOR SPECTATOR INGRESS AND EGRESS

Anyone entering the building will enter on the left side of the entrance (doors will be marked) and will have their temperature taken. (It is AESC's standing policy to turn away anyone with a temperature of over 100.0°F when they enter the building.) Swimmers, officials and volunteers working the swim meet will then be diverted on deck while spectators will be diverted upstairs. When exiting the building, individuals will be exit through the other set of clearly marked doors.

## III. PLANNED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS AT MEET

AESC is limiting the total number of swimmers in this meet to three hundred (300) with an expectation that approximately two hundred fifty (250) swimmers will actually participate. The number of spectators in the stands will be limited to a total of 350. In order to proactively enforce this requirement, AESC is limiting the number of spectators to one (1) per swimming family. AESC will also live-stream the swim meet on its Facebook page so that spectators wishing to remain home or outside the facility will be able to view the meet in its entirety.

**Warm ups.** Forty (40) minutes has been allotted for warm-ups, which may be divided into two (2) warmup sessions depending on the number of actual participants. Warmup lanes and times will be assigned to each team prior to the meet and will be assigned in order to promote the most social distancing.

**Deck.** The deck will have an enforced counter-clockwise flow of traffic.

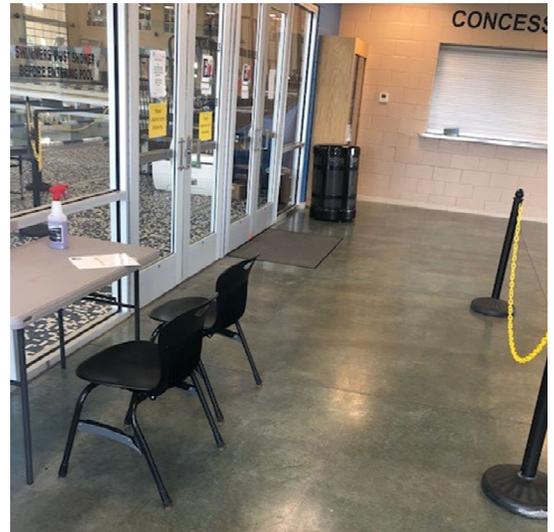
The bleachers for the participants will be blocked every other row similar to the spectators' stands. Each team will be assigned its own set of bleachers. Social distancing while on the bleachers will be encourage, but coaches of each team are expected to monitor their own team. Swimmers will be expected to remain in their seats at all times until their heat is called to the staging area.

No more than three (3) heats will be staged at any given time. The heat "up next" will be seated in chairs that are (1) at least six feet (6') apart, (2) clearly marked with the lane number, and (3) located behind the timers. This heat will not be allowed out of their seats until the heat in the water has completely cleared the water and deck. The following two (2) heats will be seated in designated bleachers with seats clearly marked for each heat and lane approximately six feet (6') apart. At least four (4) volunteers will help with the flow and staging of heats. The announcer will announce when each heat should head to the staging area.

This procedure was utilized at our most recent intra-team meet and neighborhood all-city meet. It worked quite well and, with help from the announcer, is anticipated to be a relatively smooth process at this swim meet.

**Spectator seating.** The spectator stands were built with a capacity of seven hundred fifty (750). When every other row is blocked off, the capacity is approximately three hundred seventy-five (375). AESC will limit the number of spectators to no more than one (1) per family in the stands.

In our most recent intra-club swim meet and our Neighborhood All-City swim meet, AESC limited attendance to two (2) per family and, with approximately one hundred twenty (120) swimmers on deck at any given time, had more than adequate spacing in the stands.



2 Entrance with rope delineating entrance and exit doors. The table is where temperature checks are conducted. To the right are stairs to the stands.

**Officials.** Officials will continue to officiate as usual. They will use their assigned headset to communicate and will not share their headset with another official without it being thoroughly cleaned. Officials will stand at least six feet (6') apart, except when not physically possible. Officials will wash their hands prior to officiating and will utilize hand sanitizer as necessary.

**IV. SAFE SPORT CONSIDERATIONS TO ENSURE PARENTS HAVE ACCESS TO AND/OR OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE THEIR CHILDREN**

By allowing at one (1) spectator per family and having the meet live-streamed on Facebook, the opportunity for parents to have access to and observation of their children will not be different than any other swim meet.

**V. ATTESTATION THAT MEET WILL ADHERE TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONAL GUIDELINES**

In applying for this sanction swim meet, the Host, American Energy Swim Club (AESC) agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Oklahoma Swimming, the State of Oklahoma and the City of Edmond. Furthermore, if the above-stated guidelines change before the commencement of the swim meet, AESC will adjust its requirements to be in line with those changes.