

2021 CMSL COVID Policy (Revised)



The following policies have been developed by the CMSL Board of Directors and represent temporary deviations from the CMSL handbook to facilitate the mitigation of the risks associated with COVID pandemic.

The season will consist of three meets and all meets will be conducted virtually. There will be no divisional championship and there will be no Straehle invitational meet. League divisions and the season meet schedule will be determined based on the number of teams participating in the league as of 04/19/2021. A "home team" will be designated for each meet. Teams will exchange swimmer information prior to the start of a meet and will provide results to the other team upon completion of the last session.

Relays will be permitted, and assisted swims will be permitted if the second person in the lane is a member of the swimmer's household, or a dedicated care giver. Meets may be broken into sessions to facilitate facility, pool and deck capacity limits.

During the conduct of meets and practices, all federal, state and local guidelines must be followed as well as all USA Swimming and CMSL policies. The expectation is that each team will follow safety guidelines related to masking and social distancing.

CMSL requires that stopwatches be used for CMSL meets. A minimum of two stopwatches per lane is required. **Three stopwatch times are required for official league records.**

A minimum of two officials is required for each session. One of the two officials must perform as the starter / referee and the other official will perform as a stroke and turn judge. The official performing as a starter / referee should be a USA swimming or YMCA certified starter. **A paid MOC Official or certified USA Swimming Starter or YMCA level 2 official must officiate and sign-off on official league records.**

Each team will have the opportunity to identify their own officials for each meet. If a team is unable to identify qualified officials, they may request and pay for an official from Maryland Officials Club. If the club's sessions for the same meet are split across multiple days, the officials fee will be charged for each day.

Due to the current COVID situation, the league will NOT require that officials register with the league for the 2021 season. Registration will be available for those interested taking the online stroke and turn training which will be provided by the league.

Athletes that participated in the 2019 CMSL season and graduated from high school in 2020 are eligible to participate in the 2021 CMSL season. Those swimmers will not be eligible for CMSL records.

Determine the number of swimmers per lane based on the ability to maintain the appropriate social distancing requirements at all times.

Teams that are unwilling to comply with these policies may choose to not participate in the league and join again next year, without consequence.