

Black Hills Gold Swim Meet at Donald E. Young Center

Nov 20, 2021

Black Hills State University Young Center

- Facility will be open at 0700
- Donald E. Young Center does not have capacity limits.
- Divide swimmers into 2 sessions of 100 swimmers each day
 - 8 & Under and 13 & over
 - Warmups 0800-0900a
 - Meet starts 0915a-1:15pm
 - 9-10 and 11-12 (will start at the conclusion of 1 session)
 - Warmups 1:30p-3:00p
 - Meet starts 2:45p

Warm Ups

Session 1 & 3: 8 & U and 13 & over

*ONLY 5 swimmers allowed per lane

0800-0830

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Session 2 & 4: 9-10 and 11-12

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Warmups will begin at the conclusion of Session 1 and 3

Flow of Swim Meet

- Using lanes 1-6
- Limited coaches and officials on deck
- Limited number of Timers on deck
- Flow of swimmers to and from the block will be one-way traffic managed by a Clerk of Course or Meet Marshall
- Clerk of Course (a few people) will arrange upcoming heats and social distance swimmers, ideas pending...
 - One (or 2?) heat on pool deck by numbered heat and lane
 - One heat of swimmers will be behind the blocks ready to swim
 - One heat of swimmers will be in the water
- Fly over starts will be implemented to eliminate contact between swimmers in each heat
- Extra Meet Marshalls will be utilized to ensure all procedures are being followed
- Follow CDC recommendations for social distancing for officials, coaches, and swimmers

Spectators and swimmers to camp in gym and hallway

- Deck for limited number spectators for short term watching and cleared every 3 heats.
- No camping in the pool area
- Camping available in the hallways if needed
- Concessions will be provided by the facility
- **Numbers of Individuals Gathered in Certain Areas**
 - Pool- 75
 - Spectator-75
 - Deck-50
 - Hallways- 200

Hospitality Room in Room 206

Health of Athletes and Spectators

- Locker rooms available for swimmers to change and shower if necessary
- Lifeguards will be on duty
- Signage will be posted for patrons to maintain social distancing of 6 feet
- For South Dakota Swimming to approve and sanction this swim meet, the following assumptions of risk disclaimer must be included on meet invite and program:
 - In applying for this sanction event, the host, Black Hills Gold Swimming, agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA swimming, South Dakota Swimming, the State of South Dakota, and the Sturgis Community Center.
 - We have taken enhanced health and safety measures for our athletes and guests. You must follow all posted instructions while attending our event. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to serious illness and death. According to the CDC, senior citizens and those that have underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable.
 - USA Swimming Inc. cannot prevent you or your child/children from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of this disease. Therefore, if you chose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself, and or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.
 - BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING AND SOUTH DAKOTA SWIMMING AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE, OR PROPERTY LOSS, OR ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE, AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORSEEN OR UNFORSEEN IN CONNECTION THERE WITH.

Additional Information:

There is no evidence that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to people through the water, in pools, hot tubs for water playgrounds. Additionally, proper operation of these aquatic venues and disinfection of the water would inactivate the virus.

Black Hills Gold Swimming and South Dakota Swimming coaches and team leaders will always keep our swimmers, coaches, and wellbeing at the forefront of all activities and actions we carry out.

Sincerely,

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Black Hills Gold Swimming President

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Black Hills Gold Swimming Head Coach

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Black Hills Gold Swimming Treasurer