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Below are SURGE AQUATICS plans for running a swim meet beginning August 2020.

Meet Information:

“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 severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and individuals with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable.

USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) 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 the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to 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 EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING, SOUTH TEXAS SWIMMING, SURGE AQUATICS AND SUBSIDIARIES AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, PARTNERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY LOSSES, 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, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION.”

The Meet will be pre-seeded and no deck entries permitted. No Relays will be allowed.

All Das Rec facility COVID-19 procedures, rules etc must be followed. These are located at www.dasrec.com

The USA Swimming Code of Conduct and the SafeSport Code for the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movements continue to apply in full.

The Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy (MAAPP) continues to apply in full.

USA Swimming Safe Sport Best Practice Guidelines state that parents should be encouraged to appropriately support their child(ren)'s swimming experience and that all swimming practices should be open to observation by parents. This also applies to meet participation.



Meet Operations:

- All racing must be in lanes 1-2-4-5-7-8 – meaning racing with an empty lane for each two swimmers.
- One Timer in each lane will have enough room to maintain six (6) feet of distance from non-family members while wearing a face covering (unless immediate family members with each other). Timer chairs will be set up 6'+ apart
- All swimmers must wear a mask or face shield when not racing, warming up/down, or walking from the race to the warm up/down pool area.
- All coaches, officials and volunteers must wear a face mask or face shield when in the building
- All swimmers, coaches, officials and volunteers should maintain social distancing per CDC guidelines
- All swimmers, coaches, officials and volunteers entering the Swim Center must be COVID screened for symptoms and temperature prior to entering the building
- No parent may enter the building to view a race, talk with a coach, official or volunteer. Parents may ask for help at the front door.
- All event participants and parents in the parking lot must use social distancing requirements per the CDC guidelines

Swimmer Ingress/Egress:

- Once a swimmer has completed their warm-up, race and warm-down must exit the swim center after discussing their race with their coach (social distancing applies)
- Swimmers coming back into Das Rec after being screened the first time, may enter by the shallow end doors that go outside.
- All swimmers must arrive in their swimsuit. The locker rooms will remain closed throughout the swim meet. Family bathrooms will be available as needed.

Parent Volunteers: Do we want to add this for the August 3 meet?

Volunteers need to contact coach K at coachkebbab@surgeaquatics.org to get add it to the list, first come first serve.

- Marshalls
 - 2 for the entire meet (one for the entrance/exit door, one to monitor and help swimmers keep with the social distancing)
- Timers
 - we will need 6 timers plus 1 backup timer for the meet.



Other important information:

We will not have the lobby open at all, and the Locker rooms will remain closed. SURGE AQUATICS will not have a hospitality room, so volunteers need to bring in their own filled water bottles to drink. We will have the family restrooms open.