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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, THE YMCA OF AUSTIN, CAMP MOODY, HAYS SWIM CLUB, 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 will be permitted.

All local protocols/requirements will be followed, including maintaining 6 feet distancing between individuals (excluding family members) and wearing a face mask while on the property at all times (except when eating, drinking, or swimming). The "property" is defined as the Swim Center, parking lots, adjacent field, and all areas adjacent to the facility that are being used in conjunction with the swim meet.

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. Parents and spectators may view their swimmer through the fence but may not enter the facility.

Hays Swim Club will comply with USA Swimming, South Texas Swimming, the State of Texas, and local jurisdiction guidelines/recommendations.

The meet will be limited to the two teams (HSC and YMCA) listed in the meet information. We expect <60 swimmers per session.

Team staging areas

Team staging areas will be in the Pool Parking Lot (Phase 1A). Each team will be responsible for ensuring that they are maintaining social distance from one another. The area consist of four Rows.

- o Row 1: 18 spots or 2,916 square feet
- o Row 2: 22 spots 3,563 square feet
- o Row 3: 22 spots 3,564 square feet
- o Row 4: 21 spots 3,402 square feet

To ensure effective flow and distancing all drives between the rows must remain clear for athlete and spectator foot traffic

Coaches and parents are allowed to drop of supplies but must follow the road into camp (Phase 1B) and follow the circle drive around to exit the camp

Spectator areas

Front lawn 3,256 square feet. In addition, the host team can carve out any rows or section of rows for spectator areas from the team staging area. The host team must designate these areas and inform the host site.

Fan and spectator areas including bleachers, stands, walkways, and other spectator areas will be at least six feet from team /group areas such as team benches or performance areas. In addition, Schools/teams should not allow seating in consecutive rows, and should block off seating to maintain a minimum six feet of distance between groups.”

Spectators are encouraged bring their own seating to avoid possible contamination

Spectators will be allowed in the building for use of restrooms however no spectators will be allowed to observe the meet from in-side the building.

All employees, parents, visitors and students 10 years of ag or older must wear face coverings or face shields up entry to an area where activities are being conducted and when not actively practicing or playing in the contest, unless an exception listed below applies

- o Exceptions to the wearing of face coverings or face shields include:
 - Any person with a medical condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering;
 - While a person is consuming food or drink;
 - While the person is in a swimming pool, lake, or similar body of water.
 - When a congregating group of persons maintains at least 6 feet of social

distancing; or

Any other reason or circumstance indicated under Executive Order GA-29

Communication and Signage

Teams need to communicate to all athletes and those attending the meet prior to arrival at YMCA Camp Moody that any individual who are confirmed to have, suspected of having, are experienced symptoms of, or have been in close contact with an individual who has been confirmed to have COVID-19 should not enter the facility.

In addition, the home team needs to provide printed signage on site in both English and Spanish that any individuals who are confirmed to have, suspected of having, are experienced symptoms of, or have been in close contact with an individual who has been confirmed to have COVID-19 should not enter the facility.

Entering/Exiting and PPE in the Natatorium for athletes

Athletes will enter from the south side nearest the lobby and exit from the North side nearest the starting blocks

[Swimmer Entrance/Swimmer Exit/Participant Viewing Area](#) (link)

Swimmers must wear a face covering up entering the Natatorium for their event. Heats will be staged at the south end of the pool (shallow end) and west of lane 10. Swimmers will not be permitted to take their starting positions until the conclusion of the current heat and must wear their face covering until in position.

Once in position for their event athletes will remove their PPE and place it in a plastic Ziploc bag. Bags must be labeled with the athlete's first name, last name, and school/club. Bags containing the athletes PPE will be placed in an individual bucket.

At the conclusion of the event athletes will place their face covering back on and exit the Natatorium.

Parking

All parking will in designated areas only...no parking along the road

[Parking Map](#) (link)

[Volunteering Parking/Swimmer Drop Off](#) (link)

Meet Operations:

- Timers in each lane will have enough room to social distance (unless immediate family members with each other) and must wear a face mask. Timer chairs will be set up six feet apart.
- All swimmers must wear a face mask when not racing or warming up/down.
- All coaches, officials, and meet volunteers must wear a face mask when in the pool area, unless removal of the mask is necessary for officiating (starter, meet referee).
- All swimmers, coaches, officials, and meet volunteers should maintain social distancing per CDC guidelines.
- Spectators may not enter the facility to use the restrooms without being temperature screened.

- Parents and spectators will be allowed to view their swimmers from outside via the windows along the sides of the pools. Spectators and parents must wear a face mask at all times and maintain social distancing.
- All meet personnel and swimmers in the pool area, and all participants and spectators outside and in the parking lot, are encouraged to use social distancing requirements per the CDC guidelines.
- Warm-up lanes for each session will be assigned by group, and with no more than 4 swimmers/lane, spaced at least 6 feet apart.
- All swimmers must arrive in their swimsuit. The restrooms will be for handwashing and toilet use only. Changing will not be allowed in the restrooms.
- Restroom use (inside the facility) will be limited to one person at a time and will be restricted to swimmers, coaches, officials, and meet volunteers.

Ready Bench:

- One heat in the water, one heat behind the blocks, one heat on the side of the pool (opposite the parking lot).
- Up to three heats will be staged in the ready bench area behind the starting blocks.
- Heats of swimmers will move through the staging area and to the pool while maintaining social distancing, while wearing face masks.
- Swimmers must bring a plastic bag with their name on it in which to place their mask during their races.
- Swimmers will discuss their race with their coach one at a time.

Meet Volunteers:

- Marshals will patrol the parking lot, staging areas, ready bench, and restrooms for compliance with social distancing and entry.
- Other meet volunteers will be asked to sign up in advance of the meet to help with timing.

Site Videos for staff, officials, athletes, and spectators

[Where to park and swimmer drop off](#)

[Team staging areas and spectator view area](#)

[Swimmer entrance and exit from the pool](#)

[Official, Coach, and Volunteer Entrance](#)

Other Important Information:

We know our swimmers are excited to race. In addition, we know their family members are equally excited to see them race. However, we ask that families limit the number of people attending the swim meet so we can effectively and efficiently control the number of people in attendance and provide social distancing for our swimmers, coaches, officials, meet volunteers, and spectators.

Access to the pool deck will be limited to swimmers, coaches, officials, and meet volunteers only. There will be no exceptions to pool access.

Single occupancy, gender neutral restrooms are located at the entrance of each locker room. Any spectator must be screened before entering to use the facility.

Anyone in attendance at this swim meet who does not comply with the requirements set forth in this document will be asked to comply. Refusal to comply with the requirements set forth in this document

or refusal to comply with directives from the Meet Referee or any Meet Marshal will result in ejection from the swim meet and removal from the property.