

Virginia Swimming 8 and Under Southwest District Championship Meet Supplemental Safety Precautions

Overview

In response to Virginia's Phase 3 Guidelines and the Charlottesville City Council and Albemarle County Board of Supervisors COVID-19 restrictions effective August 1, 2020, the following provisions will guide this meet:

- A face covering will be required for all individuals participating in and attending this event.
- A maximum of 50 individuals (excluding employees, who are not included in the count) will be permitted in the pool area at a time. The breakdown is as follows:
 - 9 timers (including head)
 - 1 referee
 - 1 starter
 - 4 stroke and turn judges
 - 2 computer/ CTS operators
 - 3 marshals
 - 2 meet directors
 - 2 coaches per team
 - A maximum of 24 swimmers
- All individuals on deck must maintain at least 10 feet of distance from individuals not of their household where possible.
- Additional relevant Phase 3 state guidelines for pools and athletic facilities that will be adhered to are as follows:
 - Post signage at the entrance that states that no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 or known exposure to a COVID-19 case in the prior 14 days, is permitted in the establishment.
 - Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing, gatherings, options for high-risk individuals, and staying home if sick.
 - The activity pool will be closed to swimmers following the conclusion of warm-ups.
 - All seating (including lifeguard stations) must be cleaned and disinfected between uses.
 - Employees working in customer-facing areas are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth, such as using CDC Use of Cloth Face Coverings guidance. Lifeguards responding to distressed swimmers are exempt from this requirement.

- Provide hand sanitizing stations, including at the entrance/exit and where shared equipment is utilized.
- Facilities should screen patrons for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the facility. Patrons should be asked if they are currently experiencing fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) or a sense of having a fever, a new cough that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new shortness of breath that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new chills that cannot be attributed to another health condition, a new sore throat that cannot be attributed to another health condition, or new muscle aches that cannot be attributed to another health condition or specific activity (such as physical exercise). Children should be screened per the CDC guidance for screening children. Anyone experiencing symptoms should not be permitted in the facility. Screenings should be conducted in accordance with applicable privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations.

In applying for this sanction, Cavalier Aquatics/ Piedmont Family YMCA (CA-Y) swimming agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Virginia Swimming, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the City of Charlottesville.

Deck Access

- Deck access will be strictly controlled
- Deck access will be limited to facility employees, coaches, swimmers participating in the session, and volunteers working in the session.
- Parent volunteers (timers, marshals, clerk) will be provided with signage indicating their role in the meet. Only volunteers wearing appropriate signage will be permitted on deck
- 1 marshal will be stationed at the exterior of each unlocked door to enforce the deck entry policy

Spectators

- No spectator seating will be provided inside the facility. In accordance with current YMCA policy, the mezzanine viewing area remains closed.
- An observation area will be set up on the outside deck that runs along the exterior glass wall of the pool. Markers will be spaced 10 feet apart to designate observation spots. One spectator per swimmer may enter the observation deck, walk to a designated observation spot, observe their swimmer's race, then exit along the designated path immediately after completion of the race. A marshal will be placed on the observation deck to ensure compliance with the observation deck rules.
- The meet may be viewed remotely via live stream. Parents will receive live stream information by email the day before the meet.

Swimmer Seating

- Swimmers will sit in the gym or in exercise classrooms. Every effort will be made to have only one team assigned to each room. Each swimmer will be assigned a base upon arriving at the pool. Bases will be marked with an X. Each base will be at least 10 feet from the next closest base.
- Each swimmer should bring their own chair or towel to sit on when not swimming
- When not swimming or preparing to swim, each swimmer must remain at their base
- Swimmers must wear a face covering while at their base
- Swimmers may bring any desired food or drink with them. All food and drink must remain at the base. No sharing of food or drink between members of different households is permitted.

Warmups

- A maximum of 40 swimmers will be assigned to each warmup session. 10 lanes in the main pool and 3 lanes in the activity pool will be used for each warmup session. A maximum of 4 swimmers are permitted to warm up in each lane.
- Swimmers should arrive at the pool at the time designated by their coach and in their race suit. Cap and goggles should be put on while on base.
- When directed by coaches, swimmers should remove their face covering and proceed to their assigned warm up spot (with cap and goggles on).
- A 10-minute break between warm up sessions will be held to reduce interaction between swimmer ending and beginning warmups and to permit cleaning of touched surfaces, including race blocks.

Race Flow

- An 8 lane course will be used for the meet. Events will be swum in lanes 2 through 9.
- Timer protocol
 - One timer will be assigned to each lane. Timers must wear a face covering. For timers in lanes 3-8, every effort will be made to have timers from the same household in adjoining lanes. Timers from different households will remain 10 feet apart when possible.
 - For all events over 25 yards, the timers will stand at the wall behind the blocks (approximately 12 feet from the blocks) for the start of each race. The timers will move to the edge of the pool to capture the finish of the race, then move back to the wall to record the time.

- For 25-yard events, the timers will maintain at least 10 feet of distance while moving from the start to the finish (shallow) end of the pool. Timers will stand at the edge of the pool to capture the finish, then move 10 feet back from the edge of the pool while finishing swimmers exit.
- Swimmer protocol
 - Swimmers will report to the clerk of course (located in the hallway outside of the pool area) no sooner than 3 heats before their race. Swimmers must remain masked at the clerk.
 - Swimmers will stand on the marked spaced (10 feet apart) for their assigned heat and lane. Swimmers must remain 10 feet away from individuals that do not live in their household.
 - One heat prior to swimming, swimmers will take off their mask and leave it in a designated space located between the racing and activity pools. Swimmers will also leave any clothing, towels, or other items brought with them to the clerk in this designated space. The space will be sanitized by a designated marshal between users.
 - Swimmers must listen to all directions provided by the clerk of course volunteers. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the event.
- Swimmer ingress/ egress
 - For events longer than 25 yards, a 25 yard warm down will be swum at the conclusion of their race.
 - All swimmers will exit the pool at the shallow end, retrieve and put on their mask, and walk to their assigned base where they must remain until their next swim.
 - At the conclusion of the previous race, during the previous swimmers' warm down swim and after the timers have captured the swimmers' times and have moved back to the wall, swimmers for the next heat will be permitted to proceed to the block behind their assigned race lane. A designated marshal will control the flow of swimmers to the area behind the blocks.
 - To avoid gathering on the pool deck, no feedback will be given to the swimmers from their coaches after each race. Swimmers should report to their base, not their coach, after each race.

