

All-Star Festival Attendees,

The Southern California Swimming Age Group Committee is beyond excited for the return of the *SCS All-Star Festival Meet*. This is the first time this event has been hosted in Las Vegas and it is shaping up to be a fun and memorable meet. That said, we have to exercise an abundance of caution as our world continues to be challenged by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The safety of all attendees and their family is our number one priority. We have worked closely with the City of Las Vegas and Pavilion Center Pool Management to ensure this event can take place in a safe environment. Pavilion has hosted numerous meets since the COVID outbreak two years ago, ranging from small intrasquad meets to large invites. In fact, on July 5, 2020, Pavilion hosted the first sanctioned meet in the country since the mass shut down. We are confident this event can be held safely as long as the participants follow the safety protocols. We are confident this event can be held safely as long as the participants follow the safety protocols.

Please read through the attached "Health & Safety Protocols". This document outlines the safety standards, spectator procedures, vaccination/testing information, and more. Southern California Swimming and the City of Las Vegas have no intention to cancel this meet, even with the current spike in COVID cases. There are no backup dates or contingency plans in place in the event the meet is canceled. If the event is canceled, we will do everything in our power to provide notification and proof to help with any travel refunds. However, the families are still liable for any travel costs incurred.

That said, you must do what is in the best interest of your family at this time. All families are unique in their approach and health considerations with this pandemic. If traveling and attending the meet will put you (or someone close to you) at risk, we encourage you to consider not competing.

If you have decided to not compete at the All-Star Festival Meet, please notify Chris Barber (agegroupchair@southerncaliforniaswimming.org) immediately. **The deadline to decline the meet is Monday, January 10.** Of course, situations will arise as the meet gets closer, but we need as firm of a roster as possible so coaches can make lineup decisions.

Look for a second email soon from the Festival Coaching Staff announcing team placements, itinerary, expectations, and more.

All COVID related questions or concerns can be directed to the Meet Director, Michael Kinross (coachmichael28@gmail.com). We can't wait to host the next generation of SCS stars in Fabulous Las Vegas... See you all in two weeks!

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