



2022 Swim Meet Covid Protocol – Main Tank

Last update: May 13, 2022
Entrance: Main Entrance: no proof of vaccination.
Number of swimmers: Up to 400 per session.
Number of Coaches: Up to 100
Number of officials: Around 50 officials
Number of volunteers: Around 30 volunteers

Note: The Government, the city, or the Meet Management may institute stricter restrictions.

COVID protocols to mitigate risk:

- Spectators will be allowed on the North side of the stands. Spectators must follow social distancing. Some sections will be closed to protect the field of play.
- Masks will be mandatory on the field of play (pool deck) for Coaches, Officials, and Volunteers at all times. Swimmers are encouraged to wear a mask.
- Marshalling the swimmers:
 - Two (2) rows of 8 chairs (representing 2 heats) are to be set up socially distanced on the South side of the pool deck for the next 2 heats of swimmers.
 - Swimmers will be distanced and encouraged to wear a mask on the South side of the stands until they are marshalled to wait for their heats. They will come down the stairs and file into the 2 rows of chairs.
 - Once swimmers have swum their heat, they must exit the pool from the finish end of their lane (except as described below), encouraged to put their mask on, and proceed to exit the pool deck by proceeding along the North side of the pool to the stairs and up to their respective club in the South stands.
 - Swimmers for the second and subsequent heats will only be marshalled to their start positions once ALL the swimmers from the previous heat have exited the water and are proceeding down the North side of the pool.
- During the 25's in SC or 50's in LC:
 - Swimmers are encouraged to wear disposable masks to the blocks; bins will be available to discard them prior to going up on the blocks.
 - Swimmers are to remain socially distanced while in the water as they move to exit to the side of the pool.
 - Pre-race clothing/footwear to be left in the marshaling area prior to going to the blocks (separate baskets away from the seating area)
- Spectators, swimmers, and coaches should be aware of their environment and respect people around them when cheering, and avoid cheering when close to the officials and volunteers.
- **Additional protocols**
 - Trash bins are needed at both ends, so swimmers will be able to dispose of their masks in a safe manner.
 - Add a hand sanitizing station on top of the North and South stairs before the swimmer comes to the pool deck in the marshaling area
 - Disinfecting wipes made available to everyone on deck



- Officials have a Best Practice document that was built based on Swimming Canada Best Practice and is available on our website.

- **Best practices**
 - Assigned lanes per club for warm-up when the number of swimmers is over 200.
 - Draw a “security zone” around the referee and starter position
 - Use bollards/ropes to delimit a safe zone for stroke judges
 - Clubs to have a coach or a manager in the stand with the swimmers to help the swimmers to be ready on time and manage the safety of the swimmers.