



Visiting Team Swim Meet Information

Palencia Aquatic Center
1865 North Loop Parkway
St. Augustine, FL 32095

Here are a few details to hopefully make your arrival to the Palencia pool a smooth one!

Please be sure to bring tents, chairs, umbrellas, sunscreen, and bug spray! Should you forget your sunscreen please check with our concession stand.

Look for signs!! We hope everything is well marked to help your swimmers and families to find their way!!!

Warm up start time for your team is from 7:15 am – 7:45 am. Each team can only warm up during your specific warm up time! Meet starts at 8 am.

Swimmer's Check-In table will be located on your left as you enter the facility. Look for your team's table.

Parking Procedure:

Please see our directional signs and parking attendants for parking intuitions.

Meet Entrance:

Look for the **meet entrance to the left of the main door of the Aquatic Center.** This will serve as both the main entry and exit. Please note that when you initially enter the Aquatic Center you will be entering into the **Check-In/Team Viewing Area. No tents are permitted in this area as this is reserved for parents and friends who have a swimmer in the ready bench area only.** The Viewing Area is a designated area where parents and family friends have a good view of the competing swimmers. Please make sure that your parents rotate so that everyone can have a good look at our great swimmers!!!

Team Areas:

Upon entering the Aquatic Center veer to the right past the pool (there will be a volunteer to direct you) – follow the signs to your the Visiting Team area. Please do not put your tent near the sound system speaker as it is very loud. This speaker must be heard over the entire visiting team areas so please leave at least 10 feet between the speaker and the first tent.

Spectator Rules:

Due to limited deck space it is imperative that all attendees follow the rules regarding standing on deck. **We have isolated most of the pool deck for officials, coaches and ready bench swimmers in the hopes that we can make the meet process an efficient one.** We need your help to accomplish this task!! Please do not permit your children access the pool unless they are instructed to do so. Children are not permitted to sit on the pool steps while the meet is ongoing. Please note that the black stripe located on the pool deck divides the deck in half. This allows the league officials and swimmer/coaches to travel back and forth along the pool deck. Kindly stay behind the black lines.

Bathrooms:

Bathrooms are available and are accessed via the pool deck. Bathroom floors can be slippery so please use caution when entering/exiting. No entry is allowed into the club via the bathrooms as the Palencia Amenity Center is closed during our meets.

Concessions:

Concessions will open at 6:15 am and can be found between team areas. Please enjoy hot breakfast sandwiches, fruit, muffins and a variety of drinks. Lunch items will be sold beginning at 9:30 am to include hamburgers, hotdogs, cheeseburgers and grilled cheese sandwiches. Practice suits and goggles are available for purchase.

Officials Meeting Information:

Officials/Stroke and Turn meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 am to the right of the ready bench area. **Ready Bench meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 am** at the ready bench area. **Timers meeting will begin promptly at 7:40 am** at the table to the right of the ready bench. Look for coolers of water behind the starter. Please be sure to have a volunteer available to escort all swimmers to the Ready Bench as the route is very busy with spectators. Kids have a tough time getting thru the crowds so we sure appreciate the help!

Please note that Visiting Team Coaches will have available a station on the main deck next to the starter. **SWIMMER'S who have been called to ready bench or those swimmers who just finished a race will be permitted in the official/coach area.**

Announcements:

Please see the event board volunteer should your team need to make an announcement.

There is **FIRST AID** located at the concession stand.

Questions? Our Board Members, Karen, Stephanie, Wende Jennifer and Lori will all be wearing white Piranhas shirts and our Coaches will be in red and black – please let us know if we can help!

We sure hope you enjoy your experience while visiting Palencia!