

Cobb Summer Swim League

COVID Protocols for Meets

The following protocols have been established by the COVID Protocols Committee. Protocols may be updated to reflect any changing guidelines from Georgia Department of Health or the Centers for Disease Control. All teams are required to adhere to these protocols at every meet this summer. These are the minimum standards. Teams are able to implement more stringent protocols (to be compliant with HOA or insurance requirements) but may not decrease the protocols listed below. During the season, the Cobb Summer Swim League Executive Board will be traveling to meets, as usual. If the protocols are not being implemented and enforced, meets will be cancelled and offending teams will forfeit. Penalties can be incurred if teams are not following these protocols.

Masks:

- Everyone is required to wear a mask. This includes swimmers, coordinators, volunteers, officials, coaches, spectators, and all other people helping at the meet.
- Swimmers that are about to enter the water will leave their masks at the designated locations (predetermined by home team).
- Swimmers that are swimming 25-yards will walk around the pool to get their masks. Ideally, these swimmers should walk where there are no heats of swimmers waiting to swim, as pool decks allow.

Inside the Fence:

- There are 2 options for staging areas:
 - Option 1:
 - A maximum of 3 heats of swimmers **only**, with 1 heat swimming/behind the blocks.
 - Each staging area should be separated and allow for athletes to spread out. (predetermined by home team).
 - Some or all staging areas can be outside of the gate (predetermined by home team).
 - Option 2:
 - A maximum of 2 heats of swimmers with 1 spectator per swimmer, with 1 heat swimming/behind the blocks.
 - Each staging area should be separated and allow for athletes and spectators to spread out. (predetermined by home team).
 - Some or all staging areas can be outside of the gate (predetermined by home team).
- Swimmers in the staging areas must be wearing masks at all times until it is their time to swim. When it is their turn to swim, they will put their masks in the designated area. After their swim, they will collect their masks from the designated area
- The current swimming heat may have 1 spectator per child at the turn end of the pool or designated area. Once the heat has concluded, the spectators must immediately exit the pool gates.
- Teams will still need the normal volunteers (timers, place judges, etc.)

- Teams can decide how to safely do concessions. However, if you are not going to have a concession stand, the visiting team must be notified with advance notice so their families can plan accordingly.

Relays:

- Relays will swim in odd lanes only, with Lane 1 will be the visitor team scoring lane and Lane 3 will be the home team scoring lane.
- Lanes 5 and 7, if available, will be exhibition lanes.
- Relay heat limits will be increased to two heats for each relay.

Spectators:

- Encourage a limited number of spectators per family. If possible, 1 family member per family.
- Live stream, if possible, to encourage families to not come to meets.
- The current heat's swimmers may have 1 spectator only.
- To help control numbers, coordinators will discuss the number of spectators that can be at the meet.
- All spectators are highly encouraged to wear masks outside of the pool fence, especially when mixing with members outside of your immediate household. (Coordinators will discuss specific requirements)
- All spectators will be required to maintain social distancing.
- Teams will identify where spectators may gather outside of the pool fence.

Enforcement:

- Each team is required to enforce all of the protocols for each meet.
- It is encouraged that someone, other than the coordinator, constantly monitors and ensures that protocols are being followed.
- The enforcement of protocols should not only be the home team. Each team will be responsible for ensuring protocols are being followed.

Events:

- Event 46B, the parent relay, is not allowed to take place.
- Senior recognition should be done, but not take place at meet. They should be recognized safely at a team only sponsored event.
- At a meet, no other events or celebrations are allowed to take place.
- Find alternative ways to celebrate a meet, then going out for ice cream and other social events.

Pre-Meet Communication:

- Discourage carpooling
- When collecting information about swimmers, have families document seasonal allergies.
- No sharing of water bottles.
- Coordinators need to communicate with each other about a week in advance of meets.
- Communicate with families prior to meets. You may have to include changes to protocols based upon the visiting team's protocols.
- Include the following COVID related requests:
 - If swimmers are not feeling well, they MUST let the coordinator know ASAP and DO NOT attend the meet.

- If anyone is experiencing any of the following symptoms, they MUST let the coordinator know ASAP and DO NOT attend the meet:
 - Fever, chills. Body aches, runny nose/congestion, sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, nausea/vomiting, headache, diarrhea/abdominal pain, loss of taste/smell
- If anyone in their household has tested positive or has been exposed, they MUST let the coordinator know ASAP and DO NOT attend the meet.
- If anyone has been directly exposed to someone that has tested positive, they MUST let the coordinator know ASAP and DO NOT attend the meet.

To help assist with the logistics of each pool, all teams are requested to make a map (from google maps or any other method) indicating where spectators will be staged, flow of traffic, spectator seating, etc.