

Cobb Summer Swim League

Revised COVID Protocols for Meets

The following protocols have been revised by the COVID Protocols Committee. Protocols may be updated to reflect any changing guidelines from the Governor's executive orders, Georgia Department of Health, or the Centers for Disease Control. Teams are able to implement more stringent protocols (to be compliant with HOA or insurance requirements).

Each team will work with their HOA to develop their specific protocols that they are going to be using at their meets. Each team is **REQUIRED** to send their protocols to their division representative no later than **May 14th**. The Division Representative will then distribute all of the plans to the teams in that division and the League. This will allow for advanced planning and communication.

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Face Coverings:

- Face Coverings are strongly encouraged for everyone to be wearing.

Social Distancing:

- Each team will work with their HOA to determine the best plan to allow for social distancing on the pool deck and behind the blocks.
- If the space behind the block does not allow for social distancing of swimmers, the number of heats waiting to swim should be limited to 1 -2 heats at a time.

Relays:

- If individual pool rules allow, relays will swim in the standard lanes with the scoring lanes being lanes 2 and 3 ONLY. Standard rules will also apply for the number of allowed heats.
- If individual pool rules do not allow relays to swim in all lanes,
 - Relays will swim in the odd lanes
 - Lane 1 will be the scoring lane for the visitor team
 - Lane 3 will be the scoring lane for the home team
 - All other lanes will be exhibition lanes.
 - 2 heats of each relay are allowed (Only, if not allowed to swim in all lanes)

Spectators:

- Individual pool rules will determine the number of spectators that can be on deck at a given time. The limitations, if any, could be limited by heat, or by identifying spectator areas.
- Encourage a limited number of spectators per family. Immediate family members should be the only spectators coming to the meets.
- Live stream, if possible, to encourage families to not come to meets.

- All spectators are strongly 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 should maintain social distancing to the greatest extent possible.
- 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 can be done at meets. However, COVID safety guidelines must be in place. Each team will be responsible for developing and ensuring the safety of these events.
- Find alternative ways to celebrate a meet, then going out for ice cream and other social events.

Pre-Meet Communication:

- 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.

OPTIONAL:

Inside the Fence: (OPTIONAL. These can be used if your HOA is limiting numbers of people on the pool deck. These options can be modified based upon the requirements set forth by the HOA.)

- 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.