

2021 Surrey Age Group Summer Meet

COVID-19 Procedure for the Surrey Sports Park

General:

1. Each club is considered to be a “bubble” for purposes of the competition.
2. All swimmers must advise their club if they or any of their household have shown any symptoms of COVID-19 as described by the Government website within the previous two weeks. No swimmer should attend this meet if this is the case.
3. Each club bubble must have a COVID Marshall in attendance from the club. This person’s role is to ensure all COVID Protocols and child safety procedures for the competition are followed by their club.
4. Coaches can sit in the spectator seating in the pool area, socially distanced from each other, or in the Sports Arena. Entry and exit from the Sports Arena must be via the one-way system. No-one is permitted to exit through the entrance door.
5. All swimmers must remain in their bubble except where described in the procedures below. Under no circumstances can swimmers from different bubbles mingle without social distancing.
6. Swimmers may leave larger bags in the Sports Arena with their club marshal. Small bags should be brought to carry the necessary equipment and change of clothes to the pool area. All clothes must be stored in this bag while warming up or racing.
7. Face coverings must be worn by all attendees while in the venue except when in the water. For the avoidance of doubt, this includes at all times while on deck when warming up or before the referee’s four blasts on their whistle ahead of a race in which the swimmer is taking part.
8. All swimmers must advise their coach and the promoter if they, or any of their household, shows any symptoms of COVID-19 as described by the Government website at any time during the competition. The swimmer concerned must not attend the competition if this is the case. Coaches must apply the track and trace protocols specified by the UK Government to determine which additional swimmers should not attend the competition as a result of being in contact with a swimmer who becomes symptomatic.
9. There will be no spectators at the event.

Access procedure:

1. You should arrive at SSP swim ready at least 15 minutes before your warm up time and enter the venue through the marked entrance to the left-hand side of the main building. Do not enter through the main foyer.
2. Your temperature will be checked on entry. No-one with a temperature of 38°C or above will be allowed to enter the venue.
3. You should scan the NHS QR code for the venue available at the entrance.
4. You must hand sanitise before you enter the Sports Arena from where you will be marshalled ahead of your warm up and race.
5. All non-swimmers must have a poolside pass or a Swim England Technical Officials licence to enter the facility. Poolside passes can be collected at the entrance door and must be visible at all times. **Please ensure you have ordered your poolside pass from the Surrey website before you arrive at the venue.**
6. You should proceed up the marked staircase and access the Arena seating from the first floor.
7. You will be marshalled to the pool area along the designated route for your warm up and race. Two flip charts will be used to show the event being marshalled for warm up and competition.
8. After your warm up, you should proceed to the pool changing area where you should change to be race ready and follow the designated route back to the Sports Arena from where you will be marshalled for your event.

During the Competition:

1. The toilets and changing area are available during the competition. You must hand sanitise on every access and egress from the changing area.
2. There are 33 individual cubicles and 4 group changing areas that will be marked to show their capacity. You should towel dry and change into your racing costume as quickly as possible so that others may use the facilities. If you are waiting for a cubicle, you should be wearing a face covering and providing enough space for the current occupant to pass before you enter. There are wipes for you to sanitise each cubicle before use.
3. The showers are not in use.

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4. If a swimmer should feel unwell during the competition, they must tell their coach and the COVID marshal who will advise the promoter. The swimmer will be isolated in a COVID secure room until they can be escorted securely to the exit of the venue and taken home.
5. The swimmer should get a COVID-19 test and advise their coach and the promoter of the result. In the meantime, you should not attend the competition.
6. If your test is positive, the club will advise all members of your bubble to get tested too, if possible. The club must not attend the competition until a negative test result is received or until ten days have passed, whichever is the sooner.
7. The promoter will action the track and trace procedure for the event.

During racing:

1. We will marshal swimmers by event in the Sports Arena and escort them to the pool side where they will be marshalled in heat order on the changing area side of the pool.
2. All swimmers must wear a face covering while in the marshaling area and at the starting position until they remove their clothing on the referee's four short blasts on the whistle.
3. Marshals will move swimmers forward and escort the next heat to their starting positions.
4. There will be Event COVID Marshals at the start end whose role will be to sanitise poolside equipment as necessary between heats.
5. No start lists will be printed for coaches or team managers. All start lists will be available on the Meet Mobile app, which is available from the Apple and Google app stores, and on the Surrey website prior to the meet weekend.
6. Timekeeper sheets will be produced as will start lists for the referees and marshals. The paper will be retained by the officials concerned.
7. After their race, swimmers should collect their bags, put on their face coverings and walk clockwise around the pool to the swim down lane designated for their heat. After they have swum down, they should proceed to the changing area where they should change as quickly as possible.
8. After changing, swimmers should follow the marked route back to the Sports Arena to be marshalled for their next race or warm up.
9. After their final race for the day, swimmers should report to their Club's COVID Marshal in the Sports Arena who will manage their exit from the building through the main entrance.

Officials:

1. All officials will wear a face covering and maintain social distancing in accordance with UK Government guidelines at all times. Whilst on poolside executing their technical role, officials may remove their face covering as long as they maintain social distancing from others.
2. Officials should ensure their licence is visible at all times while in the venue.
3. After you have entered the facility and had your temperature checked, all officials should proceed up the stairs and continue past the Sports Arena steps through Starbucks to the World Cup Suite where your briefing will take place.
4. Timekeepers will not change lanes or use equipment from other lanes. They will use the back-up button which will be sanitised at the end of the session. They will use their own clipboard and pen and will record their manual time in the usual way. They will not hand in their timekeeper's sheet at the end of the session but will keep it safe in case the referee needs to make reference to it in determining a race result or a protest.
5. Similarly, all DQ forms will be written by the official making the observation after discussion and agreement with the deck referee. The DQ form will be retained by the Control Room Supervisor should reference be needed at a later date.
6. DQs will be communicated to the timing officials using the radios which will be sanitised between sessions.
7. Seating will be provided in the World Cup Suite during the breaks.
8. Official briefings will take place in the World Cup Suite making sure social distancing is observed.