

2021 Middle School Swim League **Swim Meet Admin and Guidelines**

Individuals permitted to be in the indoor facility:

- Athletes and Coaches
- Meet Management
- Timers
- Meet Marshalls (help facilitate flow of athletes prior to races)
- All non-athletes that are inside the facility will be required to wear a mask at all times and all athletes/non-athletes will require masks in the team areas/ outdoor common areas when social distancing is not possible.

Facial Coverings / Masks

While masks are required by EBR or the State, we will enforce such inside. If there is no required mask mandate, we will still request athletes/team staff to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.

Coaches Area

Coaches area will be on the indoor pool deck along the competition pool (the girls locker room side) or their designated team areas.

- Athletes will flow from the team bleachers through the coaches area to line up for heats in the back hallway.
- Athletes cannot congregate in the coaches area; they can check in with coach but this area needs to remain open and flowing.

Each team is permitted to have 3 coaches and/or “team representatives”, should additional assistance be needed with your athletes in the team area/team bleachers. This must be the SAME individuals throughout the meet and only coaches are permitted in the coaches area. Team reps help in the team area.

Lane Timers

Schools will be assigned timing slots. There will be 1 per lane (mask required inside while timing depending on EBR and/or current State mandates. To be safe, always be prepared to have a mask if timing).

Spectators

- All spectator areas are in the outdoor viewing areas.
- The main outside bleachers, sections A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, as designated, open seating for spectators (unless otherwise noted).
- There is a viewing area at the first two garage doors where we ask you to only stand and watch if your athlete is competing during the heat in the water.
- Spectators may also sit in the other areas outside the white fencing area (K, L, M, N and O) with chairs and/or tents.
- There are no chairs inside the fenced in areas in order to keep the area open and flowing.
- The indoor space is reserved for athletes, team personnel (3 max), officials, meet volunteers and Crawfish staff.

Viewing Races

- All garage doors will remain open the entire meet with line stanchions to mark off the interior and exterior of the indoor pool area to indicate spectator viewing areas.
- The “walk up” viewing area at the first 2 garage doors is reserved for spectators of athletes in the current heat. This area is to be used to flow in and out of for specific race viewing.
- Race videos will be live streamed on the Crawfish Broadcasting YouTube Channel

Team /Athlete Seating

- All seating will be assigned to bleachers in the indoor pool area bleachers.
- Team Areas will be assigned for each meet and communicated ahead of time.
- Teams are responsible for the social distancing of their athletes in designated team areas when possible.
- If masks are required by EBR or the State we will enforce such inside. If there is no required mask mandate, we will still request athletes/team staff to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.
- No spectators in the indoor facility.

Flow to Clerk of Course - Race- Post Race

Clerk of Course- required check in area in the back hallway

- Athletes must report to the queuing area in the back hallway for heat check in, 3 heats prior to their heat. There are additional bleachers in the hallway for swimmers to wait until their heat is lining up.
- Athletes will enter the back hallway from the indoor pool deck, through the doors on the locker room side. We will have meet management there to direct and oversee line up for heats/lanes.
- Masks will be worn when in the indoor pool area and queuing area in the back hallway prior to their race. *This may be modified based upon mandates/restrictions at the time.* There will be storage bins for masks/towels next to each lane timer chair.
- Social distancing should be attempted at all times.

Racing Procedures

- Two heats of individual events at a time will line up in the back hallway. There will be one heat behind the timers and one in the water.
 - Spaces have been marked as to where to stand and meet staff will call out and line up.
 - A Meet or two Meets marshalls will help control flow and traffic of competing athletes
- Athletes will go through normal procedures to step up on the block and start the race.
- Following the race, swimmers will exit the block area and return to their team area and/or the warm down pool.
- They can exit the block area toward the garage door side (default) OR return to the coaches side to see coaches before going to the warm down pool/team seating area.

Relay Events

- Relay events will be run utilizing all 8 lanes.
- Should mandates make it so or we feel it is safer to create social distancing, then we will have no more than 4 relay teams per heat. Relays will be assigned to Lanes 2, 4, 6, 8 to allow for additional spacing between relay swimmers.

Post Meet

- Full Results and Scores will be posted online following the meet
- Results will be posted to Meet Mobile during the meet (as frequently as possible)
- All shared equipment (i.e. chairs, watches, clipboards, official's equipment), locker rooms & portable toilets will be sanitized

MS Text Notification for Coaches

A Remind Me group has been set up for the MS League Coaches/Administrators to receive any last minute inclement weather information and updates. Coaches will need to communicate and direct their team accordingly.

Inclement Weather

- In the event of rain, the meet will continue. Spectators will NOT be moved inside. As long as the weather allows, we will keep garage doors open so that viewing is still possible from the garage doors, if individuals choose to watch there.
- In the event there is lightning or rain that is too heavy to allow for outdoor viewing the garage doors will be shut and for that competition or period during inclement weather there will be no spectators.
- Teams should have a plan to communicate quickly with athletes in regard to rain delays prior to the start of the meet AND in the event that rain requires the meet to be paused, with coaches and athletes waiting in cars until the swim meet can resume.
- A *Remind Me* text group has been established for MS League coaches for day of notifications.

Additional Notes

- Concessions will not be open. Teams are welcome to bring ice chests.
- Athletes should arrive in their suits and leave in suits following the meet as locker room capacity is limited and there may be a 2nd MS meet on a Friday or there is always a High School meet prior to the Saturday MS meet.
- Portable restrooms will be available and preferred area for restroom usage
 - Sanitizer stations are available for before and after
- Indoor Restrooms are for those allowed on the indoor pool deck. Spectators are asked to use the portable restrooms outside
 - We request athletes come in competition attire and leave in their competition attire
 - Deck changing is not permitted
 - Our goal is to limit the amount of people in close contact in the locker rooms
- Teams are encouraged to set up text groups with their team for quick updates on meet finish time, rain delays, etc.
- Modifications may occur to procedures and teams will be communicated with frequently regarding changes made to any procedures.

MS Waiver- due day of first meet

Coach will submit a completed "*MS League Waiver*" for each athlete and staff on the roster. Hardcopies can be turned in the first meet or it can be sent electronically (scanned file with all signed individual waivers alphabetically by last name OR individual files named according to the athlete's last name). Waiver and file upload instructions will be distributed to coaches separately.