

SE London Age Group Championships 2022

COVID-19 Procedure for the London Aquatic Centre

General:

1. All swimmers **must** advise their club if they have shown any symptoms of COVID-19 as described by the Government website within the previous ten days. No swimmer should attend this meet if they are isolating as a result.
2. All swimmers **must** advise their coach and the promoter if they show any symptoms of COVID-19 as described by the Government website at any time during the competition. The swimmer concerned must leave the venue immediately and not attend the competition for the remainder of the weekend.
3. We recommend that all those attending have recorded a negative result from a lateral flow test taken no more than 24 hours before your arrival.
4. Face coverings may be worn by attendees at the meet. We recommend that they be worn while entering and exiting the venue and while in enclosed spaces.
5. Spectators will be permitted in the seating gallery on the stadium side of the pool hall. The entry fee is £10 per day or any part thereof.

Access procedure:

6. Competitors should arrive at the LAC at least 15 minutes before your warm up time and enter the venue through the competitors' entrance. This is the door on the Westfield side of the upper level about half way down the building.
7. Hand sanitisers will be available at the entrance. Please use them before proceeding to the gallery seating on the Westfield side of the venue and follow the directions of your coach or Team Manager.
8. All non-swimmers will access the facility through the same competitors' entrance and must have a poolside pass or a Swim England Technical Officials licence to enter the facility. Poolside passes for Field of Play volunteers and L2 Teachers can be collected at the entrance door and must be visible at all times. **Please ensure you have ordered your poolside pass from the London website before you arrive at the venue.**
9. All coaches should download their own pass from the Swim England website before arriving at the venue. We are not able to download the pass for you and you will not be admitted without one. We will provide a pouch and a lanyard for your pass. Please remember to bring the one you had for the last weekend.
10. Officials should proceed to the stairs at the turn end of the pool and access poolside through the changing village. They should return to the creche after changing to register their arrival. Coffee will be available in the creche.
11. Spectators will access the venue through the door on the stadium side of the venue at the upper level. There will be two pay points for contactless transactions and one for cash. Cards are preferred. We will not necessarily have change so please bring a £10 note. After payment you will be given a coloured wristband which will allow you access to the seating area during the day. Please take it with you if you exit the building as you will not be readmitted without it.
12. There will be a kiosk on the spectator gallery side selling coffee and food. You are not permitted to consume food that you have brought in with you.
13. Spectators are not permitted to cross to the competitor side of the venue. Competitors and coaches are permitted to access the kiosk on the spectator side of the venue.

During the Competition:

14. The toilets and changing areas are available during the competition. We recommend that you hand sanitise on every access and egress from the changing rooms.
15. Competitors should proceed through the changing village to the pool for your warm up. After you have finished you should towel dry and return to the seating gallery. Please wear suitable shoes to access the stairs as they will be slippery when wet.
16. Coaches may be on poolside on the competitor gallery side of the deck to provide support to their swimmers during racing. Coaches may be on the poolside in any area during warm up.
17. Coaches should avoid being on deck at all other times. Feedback to swimmers should be delivered in the gallery after their race.

During racing:

18. We will call swimmers to marshaling by heat in the usual way.
19. Marshaling will be through the call room where marshals will organise swimmers into their heats and feed them out onto the pool area and up to the start end in the normal way.
20. Start lists will be available on the Meet Mobile app which is available from the Apple and Google app stores. Start lists will be available for all coaches and team managers, who have purchased a poolside pass, from the announcer's table outside the timing suite.
21. Timekeeper sheets will be produced as will start lists for the referees, starters and marshals.

Officials:

22. All DQ forms will be written by the official making the observation after discussion with the referee and retained by the Control Room Supervisor should reference be needed at a later date.
23. DQs will be communicated to the timing officials using the radios which will be sanitised between sessions.
24. Official briefings will take place in the Creche or other location specified by the principal referee.

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Egress procedure:

25. After a swimmer has competed, they should proceed to the changing rooms to get changed and return to the seating gallery.
26. Once a swimmer has completed all their races, they should exit the venue through the competitors' entrance.
27. Spectators should exit through the spectator entrance.