

**Catching Waves Championship**  
**March 12-14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**The St. James: Sports, Wellness & Recreation Complex**  
**Supplemental Document/Information**

**In applying for this sanction, the Host, Machine Aquatics, agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Potomac Valley Swimming, the Commonwealth of Virginia, Fairfax County, and St. James: Sports, Wellness and Recreation Complex**

**Local Protocols and Requirements**

All local and state protocols will be followed per [Moving Virginia Forward – Phase 3 Guidance](#). This guidance includes:

- Face coverings required by all attendees and support staff of the meet.
- Fitness and Exercise establishments open at 75% capacity.
- Indoor and outdoor swimming pools may be open at up to 75% occupancy, if applicable, provided ten feet of physical distance may be maintained between patrons not of the same household.
- Indoor and outdoor recreational sports should maintain ten feet of physical distance between all instructors, participants, and spectators, where practicable.
- Conduct daily screening of coaches, officials, staff, and players for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the venue/facility. Anyone experiencing symptoms should not be permitted in the venue/establishment.
- All shared items must be disinfected between each use to the extent practicable.

**Participant Ingress and Egress**

- All participants (coaches, officials, volunteers, swimmers, parents, etc.) will arrive at the St. James through the main entrance where they will submit to a health screening and temperature check before they are permitted in the facility. Non-members of The St. James must complete the [St. James - Self-Health Assessment and Participation Terms & Conditions](#) no earlier than 12 hours before attending (specify STJ Swimming Rental as “Sport”).
- Swimmers will immediately proceed to their assigned seating area in the stands or in the splash park. Swimmers who are assigned to the stands will proceed to the stands area. Swimmers that are assigned to the splash park will proceed down the stairs and across the pool deck to the splash park area. The stands area will not exceed 50 swimmers. The splash park area will have seating for 60 swimmers. The stands will have seating markers to indicate each swimmer’s area and ensure proper social distancing. The splash park area will have individual chairs per swimmer and each chair will have a taped off area and ensure proper social distancing.
- Parents will not be permitted into the stands to watch the meet.
- Only meet volunteers will be permitted into the stands.
- Swimmers seated in the stands will enter the pool deck through the stairwell on the shallow end of the pool. They will return to their assigned area via the same stairwell. Volunteers will ensure one-way traffic on the stairwell at all times. Swimmers seated in the splash park area will access the competition area while walking against the “scoreboard” wall and merge into the staging area by walking behind the turn end of the competition pool. Upon completion of their race, upon leaving the bulkhead, swimmers will return to the splash park area while walking against the scoreboard wall. The marshal at the end of the bulkhead will ensure that there are no swimmers walking in both directions at the scoreboard wall.
- For athlete management a total of seven (7) volunteers will be needed in the stands. The breakdown of workers is as follows:
  - 2 Volunteers for Check- In (outside the stands)
  - 1 Volunteers for Door Marshalling to ensure only swimmers access the stands and athletes maintain proper social distancing.
  - 2 Volunteers to call the swimmers for the event and line them up along the wall (2 heats lined up at all times). Swimmers remain in their spot until they are called

- 2 Volunteers to man the stairwell (radioed) to ensure one-way traffic up and down the stairs at all times.
- For athlete management in the splash park, a total of four (4) volunteers will be needed. The breakdown of workers is as follows:
  - 2 Volunteers for deck marshalling inside the splash park to ensure swimmers maintain proper social distancing.
  - 2 Volunteers to call the swimmers for the event and line them up along the wall (2 heats lined up at all times). Swimmers remain in their spot until they are called.
- For the deck and flow of swimmers we will require eighteen (18) volunteers. The breakdown of workers is as follows:
  - 3 Volunteers for Clerk of Course to escort the heat coming down the stairwell to the bulkhead. These volunteers will rotate as we keep the event moving.
  - 1 Volunteer by the Admin table to ensure swimmers are safe going behind the admin table.
  - 2 Volunteers for Deck Marshalling to ensure athletes properly exit the pool to assigned seating areas.
  - 10 Timers - 1 per lane
  - 2 Head Timers to back up the timers.

**Planned Number of Individuals**

**Pool Allowed Occupancy:** 335  
**75% Pool Allowed Occupancy:** 251

**Spectator Allowed Occupancy:** 206  
**75% Spectator Allowed Occupancy:** 154

**Estimated Total Attendees**

<b>WARMUPS</b>	
<b>Pool*</b>	110
<b>Pool Deck</b>	
Coaches	8
Officials	7
Marshals	2
Volunteers	0
Facility Staff	4
<b>Spectator Area</b>	
Swimmers	0
Marshals	7
<b>Splash Park Area</b>	
Swimmers	40
Marshals	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>182</b>

<b>COMPETITION</b>	
<b>Pool*</b>	70
<b>Pool Deck</b>	
Swimmers	10
Coaches	8
Officials	7
Timers	12
Marshals	4
Volunteers	0
Facility Staff	4
<b>Spectator Area</b>	
Swimmers	40
Marshals	7
<b>Splash Park Area</b>	
Swimmers	30
Marshals	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>196</b>

\*includes a maximum of 60 swimmers in the section of the pool not being used for competition, not associated with the event.

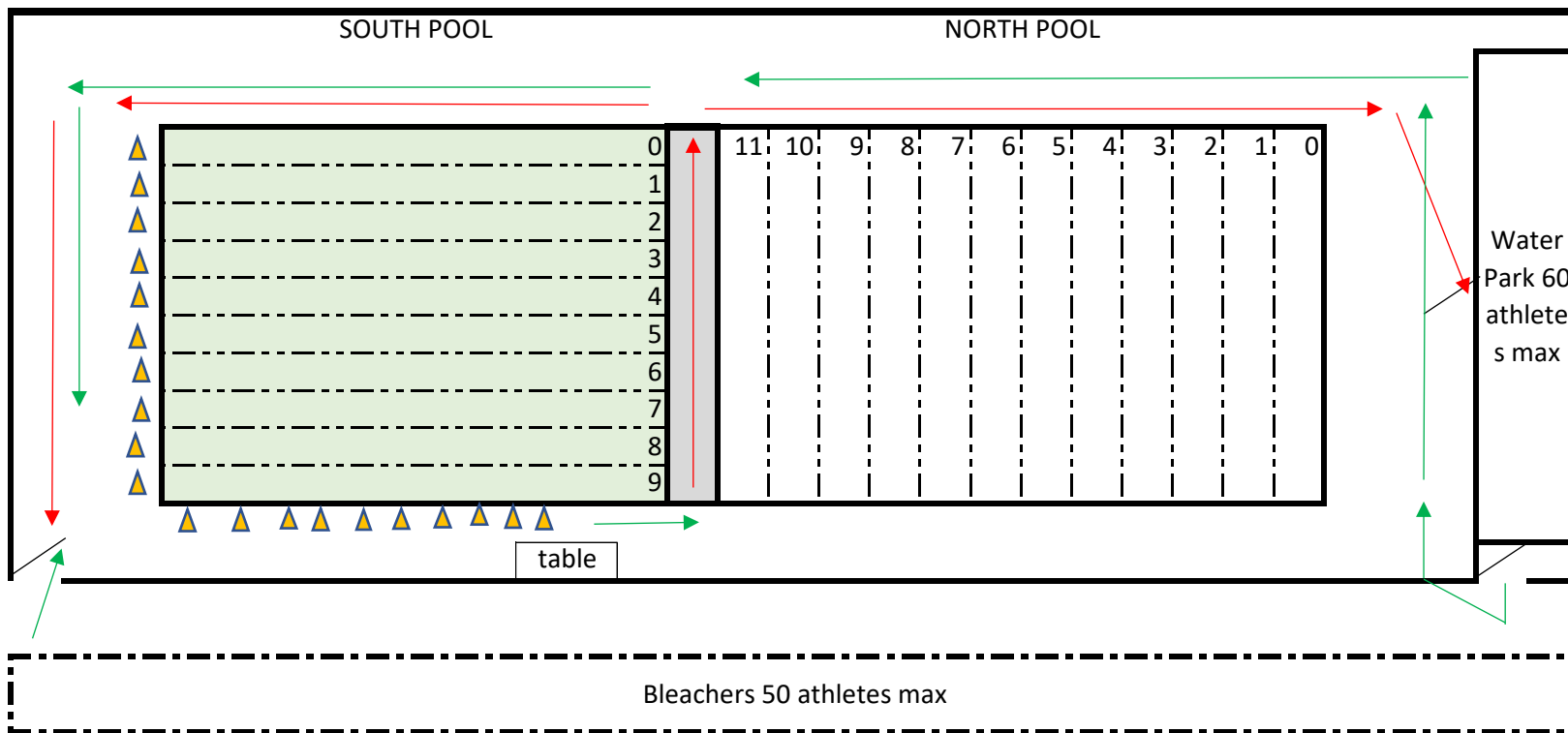
**Safe Sport Considerations**




In compliance with Safe Sport, parents will have access to and the opportunity to observe their child. The meet will be live streamed by the St. James and by Machine Aquatics.

## Meet Specific COVID-19 Protocols

- Athletes must arrive and depart in their suits. Locker room use will be for emergency use only and will be cleaned between each use by the St. James.
- All attendees (athletes, coaches, marshals, and officials) must wear masks, with the exception of athletes when warming up, cooling down, and competing.
- All attendees (athletes, coaches, volunteers, officials, etc.) will submit to a health screening and temperature check before they are permitted in the facility. Non-members of The St. James must complete the [St. James Self-Health Assessment and Participation Terms & Conditions](#) no earlier than 12 hours before attending (specify STJ Swimming Rental as "Sport").
- Each session will be limited to no more than 110 swimmers.
- Only swimmers, coaches, meet volunteers, and officials will be permitted on the pool deck.
- During warm-ups, swimmers will wear their masks until they arrive at their lane. They will put it in a plastic zipper bag behind their lane. Once warm-ups are completed, swimmers will immediately put their masks back on.
- During competition, swimmers will wear their masks until they arrive at their lane and they will take it off and put it in a plastic zipper bag. The zipper bag will be placed beneath their block. Swimmers will immediately put their masks back on at the completion of their swims before they leave the bulkhead.
- Swimmers must follow all directions as posted and adhere to all marshal directions.
- Swimmers will walk around the pool deck and line back up in the designated area with proper social distancing until they are cleared to go up the stairs back to their seated area.
- All swimmers must remain in their designated area for their group (stands, splash area, or hallway) until they are called for their event and they must return to their area immediately following their event.
- Swimmers may not enter another swimmer's "square" of seating.
- Any swimmer not following the meet protocols will be subject to immediate removal from the meet.
- All coaches, officials, and volunteers must bring their own water bottle and snacks. Hospitality is not permitted per the facility.
- We request that all attendees notify the meet director as soon as possible if they have tested positive for COVID-19, shown symptoms or have been in contact with anyone exposed to COVID-19 after attending the meet.
- No spectators will be permitted. Competition will be live-streamed by Machine Aquatics.

### RACING POOL SOUTH SIDE LAYOUT



-  = staging area
-  = exit flow
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