

## FAQs for Festival of Swimming



## FAQs for Festival of Swimming

*Will this event be licensed?*

Yes – both Cardiff International Pool and Wales National Pool Swansea Festival of Swimming meets will be licensed as a Level 1 competition. This includes attendance of officials and full licensing rules in place.

*What do I need to do before I arrive at the competition?*

Before arrival, all attendees must read the published information including the event information packs and the event COVID protocols. Please be aware that this includes completion of a lateral flow test, for all attendees for each day of attendance. Failure to do so may result in attendees being denied entry to the facility. Swimmers denied access as a result of failure to adhere to the published protocols will not be refunded. The full protocols can be found online and should be read in full before arrival.

*What do I need to do with the result of my lateral flow test?*

All attendees will need to evidence a negative lateral flow test in order to gain access to the facility. An LFT must be completed by all attendees each day of attendance. This must be shown on the door to the appointed volunteer who will grant access. As stated in our COVID protocols it is advised to submit your result to the NHS test reporting site, which generates a text evidencing your test result. Alternatively (particularly for younger swimmers who might not have access to a phone) attendees must evidence the test itself on arrival. The full protocols can be found online and should be read in full before arrival.

*What mitigations have been put in place to keep attendees safe?*

A full list of COVID event protocols can be found published online. This includes a comprehensive Risk Assessment, use of masks and social distancing onsite, and the requirement of all attendees to complete a Lateral Flow Test before arrival. The full protocols can be found online and should be read in full before arrival.

*Do I need to wear a face covering?*

Yes – attendees will be required to wear a face covering whilst inside the facility. This includes whilst seated in spectators stands and in marshalling. Swimmers may remove them to complete their race and when showering.

*What changes will be made following any announcements on August 7th from Welsh Government?*

Regardless of announcements made August 7<sup>th</sup> by Welsh Government there will be no changes to the delivery and event protocols that have been published in place for the both Cardiff and Swansea's Festival of Swimming. All attendees will be required to adhere to all of the published protocols for the duration of the competitions, to ensure safe and manageable event delivery.

## **FAQs for Festival of Swimming**

### *How do I access the virtual briefing?*

The virtual briefings for these competitions will take place Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August via ZOOM, joining details are published in the information packs online. Due to the expected number of attendees, we encourage club representatives and/or team managers/coaches to attend and feedback information to parents/swimmers. The briefing is however accessible for anyone to attend (particularly for swimmers attending without a coach/parent). The briefing will cover all published information and site queries.

### *Will there be marshalling?*

Marshalling will be in place at both competitions, however less swimmers will be called to marshal than previous competitions to avoid congestion on the deck.

### *Are there allocated warm up slots?*

Warm up schedules are available online and should be managed by clubs/coaches onsite. Misuse of warm up allocation will result in closure of the warm up.

A swim down opportunity will be available at WNPS, overseen by lifeguards on duty. Misuse of the swim down pool will result in closure of the swim down pool.

### *Are there Coaches Passes for this event?*

There are no official coaches passes for this event, clubs are required to manage onsite attendance of their coaching/team manager staff using a 1:20 coach:swimmer ratio. This is in place to ensure we remain under site capacity. If the event is over capacity it will be shut down. Disabled/para swimmers attending will be permitted to bring a chaperone onsite with them.

### *Is there allocated seating for clubs?*

Due to the managed numbers onsite, resulting in reduced site capacity, there will not be official's allocated seating. However clubs are encouraged to seat swimmers within a 'club bubble' to avoid group mixing and potential transmission. Coaches will be able to utilise the spectator side of the pool deck however are asked not to move around the pool deck to avoid congestion with officials. Social distancing must be adhered to throughout the competition.

### *Will I need to leave after my swim has been completed?*

Swimmers will be advised to vacate the premises after each session, this is to ensure site capacity is maintained, and to allow the facility to complete a clean of the touch points. This ensures the venue is safe for all attendees to use throughout the day of competition. Please follow the instructions of the facility staff.

We encourage attendees to avoid leaving and returning within a given session, please be aware that each exit will require evidence of your negative test before re-entry will be granted. In-between sessions, clubs and/or parents are responsible for their swimmers onsite and should ensure that suitable supervision is in place.

### *Will spectators be allowed on site?*

There are no spectators at this event, to help maintain site numbers. The events will be available online via the Swim Wales Facebook and You Tube pages

### *How do I access the Live Stream?*

## **FAQs for Festival of Swimming**

The stream is accessible from the Swim Wales Facebook and You Tube platforms, the stream is free to access.

*Are changing facilities and lockers available?*

Changing room access and lockers at Wales National Pool Swansea are available, swimmers are asked to wipe down cubicles and lockers with sanitised wipes (available onsite) after use. Misuse of the facilities will result in its closure.

There are no changing facilities available at Cardiff International Village however lockers will be accessible.

Swimmers at both venues are encouraged to arrive beach ready to maximise their warm up slot.

*Will catering be available onsite?*

There are no catering facilities available at either location. All attendees are encouraged to arrive with ample provisions for the duration of their stay. Volunteers attending a full of competition will be eligible to claim £5 per day towards reimbursement of refreshments.

*What parking is available at the locations?*

Parking at Cardiff International Pool is located behind the building and is free to use.

Wales National Pool Swansea car parking cost £5 per day, attendees must arrive with correct change as change cannot be provided onsite. Volunteers supporting this event will be granted a car park pass for the duration of their volunteering hours.