

Bux-Mont Swim League Swim Meet Procedures Summer 2021

This Bux-Mont League dual meet proposal is prepared with collective guidance from the Bux-Mont Swim League's Health and Safety Committee as well as current USA Swimming, PA DOH, Montgomery County DOH and Bucks County DOH standards.

*****Meet procedures are subject to change as federal, state and local COVID mitigation regulations are adopted or revised.*****

Teams: All Bux-Mont League teams will create and submit a team specific health and safety plan to both the bux-mont league and their respective pools. Health and safety plans will be posted on both the Bux-Mont league website as well as each teams websites.

-All teams will also be responsible for appointing a COVID rep and their contact information should be easily available to team members to report any exposures or positive tests.

Schedule: Bux-Mont league dual meets will begin on June 24, 2021 through July 22, 2021 on Tuesdays and Thursdays (home meets for lansdale swim team that fall on Tuesdays will take place on Mondays as per their normal home meet requirements) with July 6 and July 22 being make up dates. League Championships will be held during the week of July 26, 2021.

*Dual meets may proceed in person following hosting teams health and safety Plan.

*Dual meets must be moved to a virtual format if county positivity rate exceeds guidance from county health department

*Dual meets may be moved to a virtual format at any time if mutually agreed upon by both teams

Masks: each team is to follow whatever masking procedures are put in place by their respective pool management company and local municipality. Visiting teams (includes: athletes, coaches, volunteers and spectators) are expected to follow the procedures of the hosting pool.

Each team will be responsible for clearly communicating their facilities requirements to visiting teams, volunteers and spectators. Swimmers will not be required to wear masks at outdoor activities. Coaches will work to keep athletes distanced through smaller practices and use of available pool space. Attendance and lane placement will be strictly monitored for contact tracing purposes. Any swimmer or family who feels the need to wear masks inside the pool area during team activities are welcome to do so (except for when actively engaged in swimming).

Temperature Checks/Health Screenings: Temperatures and Health screenings: each team is to follow whatever health screening procedures are put in place by their respective pool management company and local municipality. Visiting teams (includes: athletes, coaches, volunteers and spectators) are expected to follow the procedures of the hosting pool. Swimmers will not be required to complete pre-practice health screenings, including temp taking, unless required by the hosting facility.

By showing up to team activities and meets (both dual meets and invitationals), Bux-Mont swim league families are certifying that their athlete and family is in good health and haven't exhibited any COVID symptoms or come in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID recently and that they understand the inherent risk in partaking in an activity where masking isn't possible (Swimming).

Travel: Bux- Mont Swim league will follow any current PA travel Mandates that arise, Travel mandate for testing and quarantine has been lifted as of 3/1/21 for DOMESTIC traveling only.

- Bux- mont swim league board will continue to follow travel mandates
- updates can be found here
<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers.aspx>

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/testing-international-air-travelers.html#passengers>

Spectators: spectators will be permitted at Bux-Mont League practices, competitions or team events in the summer of 2021, as allowed by each respective pool. The Bux-Mont League will investigate options for live streaming of events and disseminate that info to participating teams prior to the competition season for any team that is unable to have spectators as per their pool management.

Max Capacity: Each Bux-Mont League team will be responsible for communicating with their pool management and identifying the each pool's max capacity for practices and competitions. Each pool's capacity and corresponding limits on athletes, coaches, volunteers, etc. must be communicated to away teams pre-meet. Total number of swimmers, heats/event, splitting meet into sessions could all be considered.

Volunteers: In the interest of reducing the overall number of people on the pool deck for meets, each Bux-Mont League team will be responsible for creating a "bare bones" volunteer list. Home team is responsible for communicating volunteer needs to away teams and organizing their own volunteers for each meet. Recommend utilizing volunteers, extra coaches or extra pool staff to provide supervision of team areas.

Team Seating: Bux-Mont League teams will create seating plans to preserve social distancing between competing teams as well as between all athletes. Each team will be responsible for monitoring social distancing guidelines in their respective areas.

“Flow” of athletes: Bux-Mont League teams will create an athlete flow chart (or plan) to preserve social distancing between competing teams as well as between all athletes. Each team will be responsible for communicating this plan to their athletes and ensuring athletes, coaches and volunteers are meeting the host pool’s guidelines.

Lane placement: Bux Mont League teams will create a lane placement chart to preserve social distancing between competing athletes at dual meets. Lane placement for competitions will be based on each pool’s size, shape and specific guidelines. Host teams are responsible for communicating to visiting teams

Dual Meet Warm-ups: Bux-Mont League teams will create a specific warm-up plan and schedule to ensure that competing teams are kept separate during warm-up periods. In pools where multiple pools are available, those spaces should be utilized. Each team is responsible for making sure they meet each pool’s max swimmers per lane and max swimmers in the pool guidelines while meeting social distancing guidelines for their own athletes. Host pool will communicate warm-up schedule and procedure to the away team during pre-meet communication.

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Will follow all above rules

COVID-19 Symptoms: What if my athlete or family has symptoms or suspected exposure?

- Athletes who are ill are not able to attend practice or swim meets. Swimmers who have any members in their household who are ill or who have tested positive for COVID-19 may not attend for 10 days. Report any illness to Team President so staff can trace and ensure the safety of all our athletes.

- Athletes and/or families who are identified as close contacts may not attend practice or swim meets for 10 days

- Report exposure or positive test to team COVID rep