



## Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is a contagious respiratory disease and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. As a result, many federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, restricted the congregation of groups of people. Guidelines and protocols vary significantly from state to state, county to county. While West Virginia's statewide cases and fatality rate remain among one of the lowest in the area, if not in the country, recommendations continue for observing personal responsibility guidelines.

USA Masters Diving ("USAMD") has considered and suggests risk mitigating preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 at the 2020 Summer National Championships ("the Event"); however, USAMD cannot guarantee that you will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending the Summer Championships could increase your risk as a result of a myriad factors beyond USAMD's control. The CDC acknowledges that there is not data to support transmission of the virus through treated pools, hot tubs, steam rooms, and municipal water systems, and that pools properly operating may in fact kill the virus and decrease its transmission.

By signing this waiver to participate in the Summer Championships, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that you may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at some point between departure and return, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal illness, permanent disability, and death. You understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the event may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of yourself and others, including, but not limited to, venue employees, volunteers, and program participants and families.

You voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any personal illness (including, but not limited to disability and death), damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that you may experience or incur in connection with attendance or participation in the Event. By signing, you hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless USAMD, its volunteers, governing committee members, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. You understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of USAMD, its volunteers, governing committee, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation the Event.

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Resources:

<https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx>;

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/aquatic-venues.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/index.html>