

**USA Masters Diving**  
**Summer 2020 National Championships**

**Duty of Care – COVID-19**

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**Premise:** The threat of infection and of illness in individuals as a result of exposure to COVID-19 is a critical concern and requires attention and changes in event operations for this year and the foreseeable future. USA Masters Diving is keenly focused on taking measures to protect the health and wellness of individuals who choose to participate in this year's event. Every precaution will be made, and practical applications will be employed for the on-site programming in partnership with the host venue(s), with USA Diving, and with all suppliers and vendors present, in line with state, local and CDC-health guidelines. However, all participating individuals and competitors will need to assume personal responsibility for adhering to the guidelines and protocols and to mitigate risk of spreading of or contracting COVID-19. To protect the health and wellness of every individual, USA Masters Diving outlines here the steps and measures that will be in effect for the championship.

As of the date of this document, the risks associated with hosting the event remain low. While this status may change, the event remains tentative and may be subject to further modification or cancellation at any time. Notice of change in status due to local, state, or federal policies or mandates will be provided as timely as possible.

The event remains open to all participants on an at-will basis. Members who choose not to participate will not be penalized in any way, as USA Masters Diving encourages responsible personal choices for all.

Protocols outlined below reflect a combination of thoughtful consideration of conservative approaches to offer the safest possible environment for all. Currently there is no evidence to support the spread of COVID-19 through treated pools, hot tubs, spas, or municipal water facilities.

**Personal Responsibility:**

- Consult with your health care provider about your personal risk assessment
- Anyone who is currently has COVID-19 or who was recently exposed (within the past 10 days of arrival) to COVID-19, without further negatively testing for the disease, should not attend.
- Participants who believe they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should be tested.
- Those who are immunocompromised or who have any level of asthma or respiratory concerns should not participate. Refer to CDC guidelines for questions
- Masks are recommended where social distancing is not possible
- Refrain from sharing personal items, including chamois, water bottles, towels or similar
- Personal hand sanitizers are recommended
- Personal yoga mats or towels are recommended for stretching and warm up

**Meet Operations:**

- During practice, markers will be placed on the deck for social distancing behind the boards; only the diver on the board and the diver next in line will be allowed on the platform for the springboards.
- Judges will be staggered to accommodate social distancing requirements
- Temperature checks may be administered at the pool entrance; those who are ill will not be able to participate
- All participants will be monitored daily and may need to sign an attestation log
- Events may be handled individually or modified in line with social distancing guidelines, pending the number of entries.

**Venue Operations:**

- More frequent cleaning and sanitizing of high-use areas
- Directional signage may be present to control traffic flow among all venue visitors; follow as indicated
- Use of dryland facilities will not be allowed, with the exception of mats, as is typical of all championship meets at host venues
- Facility operations managers will follow all current local health ordinances

As always, USA Masters Diving will follow all protocols and requirements to operate a safe meet across a multitude of areas for safety, including but not limited to the venue, equipment, diving and training, and for health and wellness. USA Masters Diving cares about the longevity of the sport and of the lives of all divers, all ages, and welcomes participation at-will and in good nature.

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