Water Polo Match Day Protocols



- 1. **PROTOCOLS:** All Swim Ireland and Site-Specific protocols **MUST** be always adhered to, and it is a responsibility of Clubs to ensure all members fully understand their role within these protocols.
- 2. **PITCH LAYOUT:** Pitch diagram below shows a typical pitch layout and poolside arrangements which comply with Swim Ireland Covid-19 protocols; some site-specific variations may apply.
- 3. **TEAMS:** Each team **MUST** have one Covid Officer present at the game and may have a max of 13 x players, 1 x Coach, 1 x Team Manager or Asst. Coach, 1 x Covid Officer (16 persons) *Note: this may require adjustment pending current pool capacity Covid guidance applying on the date of game.*
- 4. COVID OFFICERS: Covid Officers must ensure their Clubs compliance with match day protocols.
- 5. **SELF ASSESSMENT:** Clubs **MUST** ensure that all their members present have completed a Swim Ireland self-declaration questionnaire <u>before attending</u> and have been verified as cleared to attend.
- 6. ACCESS/EGRESS ARRANGEMENTS AT FACILITY: Teams must arrive max 10mins before game; first game go straight to poolside, with teams from next/subsequent games arrive 10mins before game and take up assigned space in viewing gallery, with social distancing applied. Late arrivals may not be permitted access to the facility.
- 7. CHANGING: 'Beach Ready' changing on Poolside, unless otherwise advised
- 8. **SHOWERS/TOILETS:** With approval of pool staff; site specific arrangements will apply.
- 9. **SPECTATORS:** No spectators or persons other than Players, Coaches, Officials, Covid Officers listed on the teams Covid Self Declaration list will be permitted access to the facility.
- 10. **TEAM CHAIRS** (with Player Cap numbers): Each team to sanitize allocated team chairs before initial use and at half time (teams must bring their own sanitizing equipment)
- 11. MATCH BALLS: Will be sanitized before and after each game.
- 12. **WATER BOTTLES:** Drinks bottles must **NOT** be shared; each player will be responsible for their own drinks bottle and all discarded bottles etc., must be removed by each team after their game.
- 13. **TEAM SHEET:** Teams must provide the Table with a list of attending Players (with cap numbers) & Officials, based upon self-declarations (Swim Ireland questionnaire) collated and declared eligible to attend by the Club on the day of the game.
- 14. MATCH BREAKS: There will be 2mins available for changeovers at Quarter Times and Half Time
- 15. **VIEWING GALLERY:** Viewing Gallery to be used as 'Holding Area' by teams from follow-on game who may arrive a maximum of 10mins before the start time of their scheduled game.
- 16. **MATCH TIMES:** All games **MUST** adhere to their allocated time slot, and teams **MUST** urgently vacate the Centre within 5mins of the finish of their game, to permit timely access for teams competing in the following game
- 17. **REFEREES/TABLE OFFICIALS:** Appointed referees, table officials may arrive at the facility a maximum of 15mins before the start of their allocated game.
- 18. **MASKS:** Table and other Officials as well as Team Staff must wear face coverings. Referees must wear face coverings when not officiating.
- 19. **SOCIAL DISTANCING:** At all venues, outside of match play, a two-metre social distance must be always respected, and in no case less than the guidance recommended by Government. Whilst out of the water strict distancing measures must be applied between the teams and officials as well as all other groups of persons involved at the venue.
- 20. **TABLE:** Table, chairs, and associated equipment to be used by Table Officials must be wiped down before and after use
- 21. **POOL OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS:** Other site-specific protocols may be introduced as and when required by the pool operator.



Pool Layout for Water Polo Games (Covid Protocols Compliant)

