



## **British Swimming Glasgow Meet 2021 – FAQs**

*Please note: all answers are correct at time of publication, however due to the ever changing COVID landscape, information and thus the answers to these FAQs, may change in line with the event COVID Management Plan. We will update this document on a regular basis.*

### **1. What measures are in place to mitigate the risk of COVID?**

There will be a number of measures in place in the COVID Management Plan that will be agreed with the local authorities the venue and relevant health stakeholders. As well as caps on numbers involved in the event, there will be protocols around flow within the building, access times, hygiene, physical distancing, as well as temperature and symptom checks. In addition, there will be testing protocols in place including pre competition testing 2-5 days prior to arrival at the event and testing on arrival. Testing will be via self-administered lateral flow tests, details of where to get your tests and the process involved will follow in a separate communication. There will be restrictions on where athletes, coaches and staff can stay, all will be required to stay in an official event hotel as part of a bubble. Please see Q2 – Q10 for further details on this. All athletes and staff will be required to attend relevant briefings and formally opt in to attending and participating in the event.

### **2. What does being part of an event bubble mean?**

Once you arrive at the event hotel you will become part of the controlled event bubble and will therefore not be permitted to go anywhere other than between your designated event hotel and the competition venue, at any point.

### **3. At previous events there has been an event briefing to inform every one of the event information and COVID rules. Will there be one for this event?**

Yes – similarly to the other British Swimming events there will be a compulsory event briefing, this will take place from 12.30 – 13.30 on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May – further details will follow once entries have closed. You will also be required to ‘opt in’ to a code of behaviour confirming that you are aware of and agree to follow the rules set out in the COVID plan, all designed to keep everyone safe.

### **4. I have already booked accommodation for the event in a hotel/AirBnB, what should I do?**

**Please cancel your booking.** As part of the evolving COVID management plan, all participants (including athletes, coaches, support staff, officials, volunteers, contractors and the events team), will be required to stay in one of the designated event hotels - this is a key part of the COVID Management plan. Participants will be allocated to one of the event hotels through British Swimming. Accommodation will need to be confirmed with event entries. Due to the restrictions on movement of people within hotels, participants from the same club may be allocated to different hotels. Athletes and coaches are asked to note that junior and senior athletes are competing in different sessions of the meet, and will be in different hotels, this is part of the COVID requirements.

**5. My event is not until later in the programme (e.g. Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June) – when do I need to join the bubble?**

You must arrive by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and produce a negative COVID test upon entering the bubble. No entry past this date is permitted. Further information on arrival windows will be communicated.

**6. When can I leave the bubble?**

On the day your final race is complete you may leave the bubble. On the day of your departure, athletes in the open events will be supplied breakfast and athletes in the junior events will be supplied breakfast and lunch.

**7. I live in Glasgow - can I stay at home and travel to the event on the days of my competition?**

As part of the evolving COVID management plan, all participants (including athletes, coaches, support staff, volunteers, officials, contractors and event staff), will be required to stay in one of the designated event hotels to form an event 'bubble'. This does mean that individuals will not be allowed to stay at home and travel to the competition on their competition days, as this would compromise the bubble.

**8. Can I travel to the event via public transport e.g. train, fly etc?**

We strongly advise that everyone travels to the event independently, or with someone from their household. If independent transport is not possible, then shared transport with other team members with no more than 50% vehicle occupancy can be considered. If this is the case, masks should be worn and people spaced as much as possible. If you choose to share transport, you should form a 'transport bubble' with the same individual(s) and keep this consistent throughout the trip. Travelling via public transport should be avoided wherever possible, as it not only increases the risk of catching COVID but also means that you may come into contact with COVID and have to isolate in line with track and trace rules – if this happens whilst you are at the event, or if you were to test positive you would need to isolate in the event hotel at your own cost, if you have no means of independent travel

**9. It is not possible for me to travel by car. How do I get to and from the pool each day?**

If you have no access to a car please email [georgina.coulson@swimming.org](mailto:georgina.coulson@swimming.org) as soon as possible. A limited amount of transport will be provided for those with no alternative means of transport. Please note, that there will be small cost for using organised transport, details of this are still being arranged and will be communicated to those who have emailed their details to Georgina once entries have closed.



#### **10. Can I share a room?**

Single occupancy is the default, however you may share a room if you live with the individual you are wishing to share a room with. The rate remains the same at £135 per person per night for full board. There is an option to do this when entering the event and arranging your accommodation.

#### **11. How do I book accommodation?**

Athletes will book and pay for their accommodation when entering the event. Once entries close and acceptance letters are sent out you will be notified of which hotel you have been allocated to during w/c 17<sup>th</sup> May.

When coaches and support staff submit their request for an event pass, they will also book and pay for their accommodation. You will be informed of your allocated hotel on w/c 17<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **12. How much will accommodation cost?**

We have worked hard to secure the most cost effective rates for all athletes, coaches and support staff. The event hotels will cost £135 per person per night. This is for full board accommodation – all meals are included. Please bring any additional snacks which you may require during your time at the event as you will be unable to access any shops due to being part of the event bubble.

#### **13. Are parents allowed to stay with athletes U18?**

If your child is U18 there are two options:

1. A parent can stay with the athlete at the hotel in the same room, at their expense. They will have to remain in the hotel room and only leave the room to collect food from the hotel restaurant - they will not be allowed out of the hotel for any reason other than to transport the athlete to the pool and back. Unfortunately, we are not allowed any spectators at the event.
2. For parents comfortable with their athlete staying on their own, we will provide a British Swimming safeguarding contact who will check in on the athlete daily, help them with logistics and generally check their wellbeing. Parents will be given more information regarding this prior to the event and will also be required to attend the online event briefing.

#### **14. Do I need to fund the accommodation myself or is there any financial support available?**

As with attendance at previous events run over the course of the last four months, individuals will need to fund their own accommodation during the competition. Due to the spiralling costs of running the event under a COVID Management Plan, we are unfortunately unable to offer any financial support towards this.



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### **15. When will I find out if my entry has been accepted?**

Entries close on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May and we aim to let all athletes know if they have been accepted into the event as soon as possible after this date; we hope that this will be by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Where you are accepted into the meet you will be required to accept or decline your place and events selected by 17.00 on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May. No response in the time frame will mean we will offer the place to the next athlete on the list.

### **16. How will athlete entry be prioritised if the event is oversubscribed?**

Due to DCMS Guidance and subject to the approval of the local Safety Advisory Group, we will have to manage and monitor people in the hotel environments and the venue itself. We will therefore have to limit the number of people in these places at any one time. The event organisers will work within the parameters defined within the COVID Management Plan to accept as many entries as possible for each event. Refunds will be made to any athlete who is not invited into an oversubscribed event.

### **17. I can see that there are junior events at the meet – but not all events are included? e.g. 1500 freestyle**

Facilitating any competition at times of significant national restrictions has been an immense challenge – both logistically and financially. British Swimming has worked tirelessly with its partners to put on three domestic competitions to date for athletes who have legally been allowed to train and compete. We are currently working with sportscotland, Scottish Swimming and Glasgow Life to provide a further racing opportunity and Olympic consideration event in Glasgow, from 3rd – 6th June.

As part of our planning, we pushed hard and managed to negotiate a separate 'junior section' of the Glasgow Meet to allow some of our younger swimmers a return to racing opportunity, albeit with some significant restrictions required to ensure we can operate within the guidance of the Scottish Government and the local public health bodies. This limits the number of people allowed in the venue at any one time, as well as ensuring the 'open' and 'junior' athlete cohorts are kept separate.

It has simply not been possible to include a full Olympic programme within the time and number constraints we have to work with, and we have, given the limited amount of preparation time most athletes have had, settled on the published programme of events, which includes 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m Freestyle. This schedule has had to be approved before it was communicated and is not subject to change.

### **18. When can I apply for a coach pass?**

You can apply for a coach pass via the following link:

<https://www.britishswimming.org/members-resources/coaches-passes/>



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We may need to prioritise coach passes if our numbers in the venue are exceeded. Coaches from outside the UK will not be permitted.

### **19. Will coaches be allowed poolside?**

To keep everyone as safe as possible, movement around the building will be strictly managed and monitored. As with all current events being operated within a strict COVID Management Plan, there are likely to be some restrictions to access of some areas. A 'coaches pen' will be in situ during the event, but this will be strictly monitored to ensure social distancing.

### **20. Will our club be able to bring support staff i.e. a physio?**

We will need to manage numbers carefully in accordance with the COVID Management Plan. Unfortunately it will not be possible to bring club support staff to this event.

### **21. If I decide to withdraw my entry for any reason can I, and will I, be refunded?**

You can withdraw your entry at any point up to the closing date (12:00 on Tuesday 11 May) and will be fully refunded. You will also be refunded for any races that you are not selected to compete in. However, if you are accepted to swim and decide to withdraw your entry after the closing date, there will be no refund available. Please note, it may take a few weeks before your refund is processed. If your accommodation has already been confirmed at the point of withdrawal you are liable for this cost.

### **22. I have already entered the meet but would now like to withdraw my entry before the closing date, how do I do this?**

Please email [britishevents@swimming.org](mailto:britishevents@swimming.org) before 12:00 on Tuesday 11 May stating your name, registration number and which event(s) you would like to withdraw from. Refunds will be processed in due course.

### **23. What happens if I test positive at the event?**

You will not be allowed to compete in the event and if you have travelled by car you must return home immediately. You will not be eligible for an accommodation refund however we will refund you for any events you are no longer able to participate in. Any additional costs incurred if you cannot return home immediately, (i.e. have travelled by public transport, are unfit to drive or live too far away to drive without stopping) and consequently need to isolate in the Event Hotels will be at your own cost.



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### **24. Are spectators allowed at the event?**

No. In accordance with government guidance and approval for the event no spectators will be allowed into the venue.

### **25. Can I visit the shops while I'm at the meet?**

As part of the COVID plan for the event, with safety of all involved paramount, you will not be permitted to visit shops, concession stands or takeaways during the event. As part of the event bubble, you will only be permitted to be in the designated hotel, at the competition venue or transitioning between the two. The 'bubble' starts when you enter the hotel for your COVID test and you leave the bubble when you check out of the hotel.

### **26. What are the dining arrangements?**

All meals are provided in the hotel, there will be a communal dining area in each hotel for you to eat your meal in a socially distanced manner. Takeaway food may be ordered and delivered if done so in a COVID secure way.

### **27. Can I go to the pool to watch the racing if I'm not competing in the session?**

Unfortunately this will not be allowed. As part of the COVID plan we are required to manage numbers in the venue and restrict people in the building to those essential to the meet. Only those competing will be allowed into a session.

### **28. Are there training sessions available during the competition, and how do I book these?**

It is planned for training to be available for the period 12noon to 1600 on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June for athletes who have entered the open event. This will be bookable, with spaces limited. During the competition the current plan is for a training session to be offered between 06:45-08:00 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>. All training slots must be booked via the training booking system and you will be advised of this link in due course.

For athletes who have entered the Junior event, training will be available Friday and Saturday 12:45 to 13:45. Slots must be booked via the training link. After training, the athlete must return to the hotel.

Training plans are subject to change.



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### **29. Where can I park?**

Car parking at the event hotels is available and free of charge. There is plenty of parking at the competition venue.

### **30. What happens if I test positive on arrival?**

If you test positive for COVID on arrival, you will need to self-isolate in accordance with UK Government rules. If you have travelled independently via private transport, you will be permitted to leave immediately to travel directly home to isolate there. If you have not travelled independently you must isolate in your hotel room, at your own expense, for the government stated isolation period.

### **31. What happens if I test positive on the pre-competition COVID test?**

If you test positive on the test 72 hours before the competition you will be required to provide proof of a negative PCR test before you travel to the event. If you are unable to provide this then under the COVID Management plan you would not be permitted to enter the event and will be advised not to travel.

### **32. I am sharing a twin room as I live with someone else in the competition - what happens if one of us tests positive?**

If one person in a twin room tests positive the other person must also isolate and you will not be allowed to compete in the event.

### **33. What time is check out?**

Juniors have until 12 noon on the departure date to check out. Senior swimmers will be required to check out before you head to the pool on the final morning.

### **34. What facilities are there in the hotel rooms?**

There will be tea and coffee making facilities in all event hotels. The Crowne Plaza has mini fridges in all rooms.

*If you have any further questions please contact [georgina.coulson@swimming.org](mailto:georgina.coulson@swimming.org)*