

## **MEET PROTOCOL -**

The meet is larger than UIW can accommodate spectator wise inside the Natatorium. Due to the building fire code, overall safety, general comfort, and by popular request, Streamline will be following a version of the successful protocol utilized over the past several years. As this is a quite different setup than what is familiar to many South Texas parents and coaches, we need everyone to be aware of and to follow these procedures.

Athletes will need to know how far in advance an event they should plan on entering the natatorium for their pre-race warm-up. Lanes 10 and 11 will be available for continuous use for warmup and cooldown.

## **PARKING -**

**No parking will be allowed** in the parking lot directly in front of the Natatorium **NOR** in the parking lot on the East Side of the Natatorium. These areas are reserved for teams / families to set up tents on the concrete areas only. Please refer to the parking map:

[https://www.streamlineaquatics.org/stsa/UserFiles/Image/QuickUpload/sasa-swim-meet-parking-restrictions\\_013018.pdf](https://www.streamlineaquatics.org/stsa/UserFiles/Image/QuickUpload/sasa-swim-meet-parking-restrictions_013018.pdf)

## **CHAIR POLICIES IMPOSED BY THE FIRE MARSHALL**

- Chair Policy - Outside Entrance Area of the natatorium: NO CHAIRS are allowed to be set up under the front door overhang nor near the main entrance steps as they potentially could impede the evacuation of the natatorium in an emergency.
- Chair Policy - First floor of the natatorium: NO CHAIRS are allowed to be set up anywhere inside on the first floor of the Natatorium as they potentially could impede the evacuation of the natatorium in an emergency.

- Chair Policy - Pool level of the natatorium: NO CHAIRS may be set up anywhere around the pool deck nor on the front balcony of the natatorium.

As always, the back balcony of the natatorium is reserved exclusively for SASA members, *who are volunteering* for the meet.

For all sessions (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) tents and chairs may be set up on the concrete only outdoors and blankets/towels may be spread on the concrete only outdoors as well. UIW has specifically requested that everyone KEEP OFF THE GRASS.

Please watch the weekend weather forecast and plan accordingly.

### **SPECTATOR SEATING -**

- There is **NO** spectator seating inside the building so plan accordingly.
- Teams and parents are welcome to bring pop-up tents to set up in the parking lot. Please stay off the grass.
- All spectators and athletes will need to bring their own chairs, blankets, etc.
- As a reminder, chairs **MAY NOT** be set up anywhere inside the building including the hallways and the pool deck nor on the Front Porch or steps leading into the Natatorium.

### **ACCESS TO THE POOL DECK -**

Note: The pool is located on the second floor of the building.

- All **SPECTATORS** should enter and exit via the **STAIRWELL ON THE EAST SIDE** of the natatorium, which is to your right upon entering the building. There is an elevator to the left of the stairs that may be used. Spectators with special

needs/disabilities need to contact Phil Davis, uiwsasa@gmail.com to gain permission to remain on the deck area during the course of the meet.

- All **SWIMMERS** will enter and exit the building using the **WEST SIDE STAIRWELL**, on the office side of the pool. In an effort to keep the "Spectator Stairwell" as dry as possible, we request that all swimmers, (especially if they are wet) enter and exit the natatorium using the west side stairwell on the office side of the pool. The door leading to the west stairwell will be "unlocked" but due to the building fire code the door may not be left propped open.

## REMINDERS

- Steps and floors in the natatorium become quite slick when they are wet.
- Spectators are advised to wear shoes appropriate for walking on wet flooring.
- Please ask both your parents and swimmers to use the hand rails on the stairs.
- Remind your swimmers **to walk - NOT RUN**, and to dry off prior to departing the pool deck.

## LOCKER ROOMS AND PUBLIC RESTROOM RESTRICTIONS

- Only athletes are allowed to enter the Locker Rooms on the office side of the pool. This is a USA Swimming Safe Sports Rule.
- **Public restrooms - for spectators only** - are located on the east side of the first floor of the natatorium.
- Athletes should never use the first-floor spectator restrooms for any reason.

## WATCHING THE MEET -

There will be an event board on the front steps of the building, where we will post the events currently swimming, so that everyone can keep track of the events. Also, barring any internet connection glitches, Meet Mobile should be active for this meet. Meet Mobile is available on I-Tunes for parents to download to their mobile devices.

- Once inside the natatorium pool area, there will be **spectator "standing room only"** on the East side and the South end of the pool. This will allow each spectator to have the best view of their swimmer's race. After your child swims, you should leave the pool deck to make room for the next race's spectators.
- Spectators are **NOT ALLOWED** to stand on the West side (Office side) of the pool nor behind the blocks.
- The West side of the pool is reserved for coaches, swimmers, and officials **ONLY**.
- The area behind the blocks is reserved for swimmers, officials, and volunteer timers **ONLY**.
- No Parents (other than timers or officials or volunteers) are allowed to enter the **area behind the starting blocks**. (USA Swimming Rule)
- Parents violating this protocol will be subject to removal from the facility.

Of course, all parents, who volunteer as timers, will have a front row seat and be furnished a chair.

## **CONCESSIONS / SWIM GEAR -**

- Concessions will be for sale upstairs on the northeast side of the natatorium. Please support our concessions.
- Swim Gear and Meet T-Shirts will be for sale on the front steps of the natatorium.

## HEAT SHEETS -

- Heat sheets will not be sold at the meet. Heat sheets will be posted no later than noon, Thursday, December 14th on the Streamline website - <https://www.teamunify.com/team/stsa/page/home> under the Hosted Meets Tab at the top of the homepage.
- If you want a Heat Sheet, please plan to print one and bring it with you to the swim meet. No copies of Heat Sheets will be available at the meet.

## TRASH CANS -

We respectfully ask that EVERYONE clean up around your area and properly dispose of any trash you may have, prior to departing the pool at the conclusion of each session. There are several large outdoor trash cans located on the West Side of the Natatorium.

## SCRATCH RULES -

- **Everyone** attending the meet needs to be aware of the Scratch Rules in place for this meet. Please be sure to review these scratch rules (page 3) in the meet information: [https://www.streamlineaquatics.org/stsa/eventform/1111334\\_ba4f63ea-fb13-496e-8e4f-7c314745065f.pdf](https://www.streamlineaquatics.org/stsa/eventform/1111334_ba4f63ea-fb13-496e-8e4f-7c314745065f.pdf)
- We never want to be forced to remove a swimmer from the meet nor assess fines for failure to follow the published Scratch Rules for this meet. Please educate yourself on the Scratch Rules and communicate your intentions on returning for finals.

We are looking forward to hosting a great meet with lots of fast swimming and new best times!