

Covid-19 Protocol for CIJ MEET LUX 2021

This document describes the specific protocol that has been set up by the *Swimming Luxembourg (SL)* for its annual competition *CIJ MEET LUX* that will take place during the weekend of June 18th -20th 2021. The document sets out specific rules in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The organising club reserves the right to amend this protocol in advance of the competition in case of changes of the legal requirements, the current situation and the experiences at proceeding competitions organised by the FLNS or its members. Such amendments will be published on the organiser's website. In addition the participating clubs will be informed about the final measures during the week before the competition.

1. FLNS and competition Covid-19 protocol

All athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers attending the *CIJ MEET LUX* must be aware of the content of this document.

Coaches are responsible for ensuring that their athletes are aware of the guidelines and procedures described hereafter and that their athletes respect these.

The organiser reserves the right to deny access or exclude an individual not respecting these guidelines and procedures from the competition premises in case of non-compliance.

Additionally, each athlete (or a parent or legal representative in case of athletes under the age of 18) is required to be aware of the FLNS COVID-19 protocol.

2. Responsibility

2.1 Swimming Luxembourg

The organiser is responsible for establishing and applying this specific protocol set up for the *CIJ MEET LUX 2021*.

The organiser will nominate COVID-19 managers who are responsible for ensuring the compliance with all guidelines and rules set out in the present document. The COVID-19 managers have at all times the right to exclude a person or a group of people from the competition if they do not follow the Covid-19 rules.

2.2 Referees

The referees of the competition designated by the FLNS are responsible for ensuring that all guidelines and rules set out in this document are respected during the competition.

2.3 Athlete/coach

Each athlete and coach is responsible for respecting all rules and guidelines set up in the FLNS protocol and in this specific protocol. In case of non-compliance, athletes, coaches or the entire team may be excluded from the competition.

2.4 Spectators

Spectators are not allowed during the whole weekend of the competition.

2.5 General

Each person presenting COVID-19 symptoms must stay at home and should not participate in the competition.

It is mandatory to wear masks at all times in the public areas of the sports complex, call rooms, the pool deck, locker rooms and meeting rooms. In accordance with the current legislation, a distance of 2 metres must also be respected.

Each athlete and coach will have a coloured badge, which will indicate the authorised access to the one session.

Athletes and coaches are requested to wear club clothing in the athlete area and on the pool deck.

Each athlete will receive a bag that he/she needs to use to enter the pool deck. Before the start of the race, each athlete is required to put all his/her personal belongings and his/her mask into this bag and store it in the box behind the starting block. After the race, the athlete takes his/her bag and leaves the pool deck under the spectator stands towards the athlete area.

3. Covid Test

Any participant must either present a negative result from a PCR Covid-19 test no older than 72 hours or take a COVID-19 antigen test at the competition venue. Only persons with a negative test result may enter the pool area.

For athletes younger than 18 year, a parent or guardian must sign a provided document that they consent that such a test be performed.

4. Athletes area

The athletes and their coaches of each session of the competition will have a provided section near the swimming pool. Only athletes of the current session are allowed to be in this area. Every club will have their own area in which they need to stay during the whole session.

The athletes of the next session will have access to the competition pool deck after the athletes of the first session have left the pool deck.

5. Competition

5.1 Warm-up

In accordance with the FLNS protocol, 12 athletes may be in the same lane at the same time in the 50m pool, while 6 athletes per lane are permitted in the 25m pool.

No boards, pull buoys, paddles or fins may be used during the warm up sessions.

Every session has a warm-up slot before the race.

5.2 Call room

The call room is located near the diving platform, where two sections will be supervised. Athletes need to bring the bag to put their clothes in prior to the start.

5.3 During the race

During the competition, athletes and coaches need to stay in their area designated assigned to their club.

All officials and volunteers on the pool deck are required to wear masks at all times on the pool deck and in the competition office. The referee is allowed to remove the mask during the start procedure when a whistle is used.

Athletes must wear masks until immediately before the start.

5.4 Locker room/showers

In the locker room the athletes, coaches and officials have to wear a mask.

In the showers a distance of 2m must be respected.

5.5 Victory Ceremony

Handshakes, hugs or any other physical interactions between individuals are not allowed during victory ceremonies. There will be no medal presenters; athletes will have to hang their medals around their neck on their own.