**COVID-19 RESTRICTION IMPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOLS HAVING STUDENTS ATTENDING THE DIVISION SWIMMING CARNIVAL ON 16th MARCH**

School Sport Victoria is required to prepare a policy on how they conduct events during COVID-19 restrictions. This policy has to be approved by the Department of Education and Training and updated after every change in government policy. As with everything related to COVID-19, it is subject to change at short notice because of changes in government guidelines and/or regulations. *The documents can be found on the SSV website.*

As with all organisations, a list of attendees must be provided by the event organiser should it be requested by DHHS as a consequence of someone who attended the event returning a positive test to the virus within a designated period of time.

As with all events during the COVID-19 pandemic, what is written is correct at the time of writing (10/2/21) and subject to change at short notice.

Should circumstances change, e.g. cancellation, the schools will be notified immediately and a notice will be put on the SSV website.

**The COVID-19 conditions for the event for students, teachers, supervisors and parents/friends attending the event are:**

1. No one is to attend the event if they are feeling unwell or displaying any of the symptoms of the COVID-19 virus.
2. If a school is closed due to COVID-19, students attending the school are not permitted to participate.
3. To keep the number of people within the boundaries of the Kardinia Aquatic Centre below the maximum number of people permitted (1000), **each competitor is permitted to have no more than one supporter (family, friend, coach, etc.) at the venue at any time.**
4. **Everyone aged 12 and over, except those who attend a primary school, must wear a face mask at all times while within the Kardinia Aquatic Centre (KAC) boundaries.** *It is the person’s responsibility to bring a face mask with them.*
5. Everyone who is not a teacher or supervisor approved by the school must register their attendance at the event using the designated QR code.
6. Everyone is to safely distance as much as possible at all times.
7. Students from each school are to remain as a group as much as possible and reduce their contact with non family members and people from other schools.
8. Everyone is to apply hand sanitiser after touching equipment, door handles, etc., that may be carrying the virus.
9. Everyone is to enter and leave using the designated entry and exit points.
10. Everyone, especially competitors congratulating each other at the conclusion of an event or when placegetters are announced, are to restrict physical contact to only being with family members.
11. People attending the event should minimise the time they are at the Kardinia Aquatic Centre (KAC) as much as possible.
12. Everyone is to adhere to the instructions written on signs at the Kardinia Aquatic Centre. These signs may be permanently displayed (posted by CoGG or KAC) or temporarily posted by the event organiser.
13. There will not be a presentation ceremony for placegetters. When the results are announced, the placegetters will go to the officials’ tent to collect their medal. The medal will be in a sealed, plastic bag.

If you have any questions, please contact the Event Manager, Doug Ilsley

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