

## October 2020 Return to Competition

### CP-AC October RTC October 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Chelsea Piers CT, 1 Blachley Road, Stamford CT 06902  
Google Map - <http://goo.gl/maps/rikJ4>

**This meet information is subject to change given the fluid nature of COVID-19. Be aware that CDC, State of CT, and local jurisdiction guidelines or public health actions may change quickly and without warning. Visit [ctswim.org](http://ctswim.org) or the host website for any updates.**

Held under sanction of USA Swimming and Connecticut Swimming, Inc. #RTC20-14 In granting this sanction it is understood and agreed that USA Swimming and Connecticut Swimming, Inc. shall be free and held harmless from any liabilities or claims for damages arising by reason of injuries to anyone during the conduct of the event.

#### COVID-19 Statement

In applying for this sanction, the Host, Chelsea Piers Aquatic Club, agrees to comply and to enforce all health and safety mandates and guidelines of USA Swimming, Connecticut Swimming, the State of Connecticut and, <https://www.stamfordct.gov/covid19>

#### COVID-19 Assumption of Risk Disclaimer

We, Chelsea Piers Aquatic Club, have taken enhanced health and safety measures – for athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, and meet management. You must follow all instructions while participating in/spectating at CP-AC October RTC or on site at Chelsea Piers CT. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, senior citizens and guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By participating in/spectating at CP-AC October RTC and being on site at Chelsea Piers CT you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

#### COVID-19 Release

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USA Swimming, Inc., cannot prevent you (or your child(ren)) from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in USA Swimming sanctioned events. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in a USA Swimming sanctioned event, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

BY ATTENDING OR PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMPETITION, YOU VOLUNTARILY ASSUME ALL RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO COVID-19 AND FOREVER RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS USA SWIMMING AND CONNECTICUT SWIMMING AND EACH OF THEIR OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANY LIABILITY OR CLAIMS INCLUDING FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, DEATH, DISEASE OR PROPERTY

LOSSES, OR ANY OTHER LOSS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO CLAIMS OF NEGLIGENCE AND GIVE UP ANY CLAIMS YOU MAY HAVE TO SEEK DAMAGES, WHETHER KNOWN OR UNKNOWN, FORESEEN OR UNFORESEEN, IN CONNECTION WITH EXPOSURE, INFECTION, AND/OR SPREAD OF COVID-19 RELATED TO PARTICIPATION IN THIS COMPETITION.

**WAIVER:** All participants and spectators must sign the Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement found on the last page of this meet announcement. Each person in the facility will be signing an online waiver with the facility before entry.

## EVENTS

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone</b>
<b>Meet Director:</b>	Brennan Morris	<a href="mailto:morrib@chelseapiersct.com">morrib@chelseapiersct.com</a>	203-989-1309
<b>Meet Referee:</b>	Suzannah Rogers	<a href="mailto:Srogers68@optonline.net">Srogers68@optonline.net</a>	203-571-8526
<b>Lead Admin Official:</b>	Tim Goertel		203-989-1300
<b>Entry Chair:</b>	Brennan Morris	<a href="mailto:morrib@chelseapiersct.com">morrib@chelseapiersct.com</a>	203-989-1309
<b>Safety Chair:</b>	Igor Vulesevic	<a href="mailto:vulesi@chelseapiersct.com">vulesi@chelseapiersct.com</a>	203-989-1300

**MEET HOST:** CPAC

**WEBSITE:** [https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?\\_tabid\\_=0&team=ctcp](https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?_tabid_=0&team=ctcp)

**POOL EMERGENCY NUMBER:** 203-989-1300

**RETURN TO COMPETITION SANCTIONED OR APPROVED:** Sanctioned

**MEET TYPE:** Closed, Intrasquad

**MEET DURATION:** Full meet with time limits as defined by CT/USA Swimming.

**MEET FORMAT:** The meet will be swum as Timed-Final.

**SCRATCH PROCEDURES:** No scratches will be taken. The meet will be pre-seeded.

**NO DECK ENTRIES WILL BE ALLOWED**

**BEFORE ENTERING FACILITY or WHAT TO BRING:** Heat sheets will be digital and sent out the night before each session. Electronic waiver will be filled out before entry into the facility. Athletes must come with suit on and leave with suit on as locker rooms will be accessible for the bathroom only. Parents will fill out waiver and must wear mask at all times in the mezzanine spectator area.

**FACILITY RULES:** All people in the facility will be required to wear a mask at all times besides swimmers when getting in/out of the pool. X's are marked more than 6 feet apart along the pool deck to promote social distancing for seating. Spectators will be allowed in the mezzanine, but must be wearing masks at all times.

Planned number of individuals on deck: 40-90

Planned number of individuals in spectating area 20

**FACILITY:** Chelsea Piers Competition Pool is a 10-lane, 25-yard pool with 5 additional lanes. Water depth at start end is: 7.5 ft. Water depth at turn end is: 7.5 ft. The competition course has not been certified in accordance with 104.2.2C(4). Chelsea Piers uses a Daktronic timing system with a multilane LCD scoreboard.

**TIMING SYSTEM:** Automatic timing (102.24.2.A), per [CSI COVID-19 Officials Guidelines](#).

**LOCKER ROOMS:** Showers and locker rooms are limited to use of the restrooms only. Changing into or out of swimsuits is prohibited. Swimmers will arrive and leave in their racing suits. No showers will be available.

**SAFE SPORT POLICIES:** Spectators will be allowed in the mezzanine with masks required at all times.

**DISABLED ACCESS:** Chelsea Piers Connecticut is fully accessible to all, able-bodied and challenged. The spectator area is easily accessible via elevator, and all bathrooms have reserved stalls in them. Reserved parking is directly in front of the facility. Please contact the Safety Chair for more information and special arrangements.

**COURSE:** SCY

**SESSION TIMES: Subject to Change**

Friday 10/9	Warmups 4-4:30pm Meet Starts 4:30pm
Saturday 10/10 (Session 1)	Warmups 7:00-7:30am Meet Starts 7:30am
Saturday 10/10 (Session 2)	Warmups 10:15-10:45am Meet Starts 10:45am
Saturday 10/10 (Session 3)	Warmups 2:00-2:20pm Meet Starts 2:20pm
Saturday 10/10 (Session 4)	Warmups 3:50-4:10pm Meet Starts 4:10pm
Sunday 10/11 (Session 1)	Warmups 7:00-7:30am Meet Starts 7:30am
Sunday 10/11 (Session 2)	Warmups 10:15-10:45am Meet Starts 10:45am
Sunday 10/11 (Session 3)	Warmups 1:40-2:00pm Meet Starts 2:00pm
Sunday 10/11 (Session 4)	Warmups 3:20-3:40pm Meet Starts 3:40pm

**WARM-UPS:** CT Swimming Warm-Up Procedures will be in effect. There will be one warmup session with use of 13 lanes for each session.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Intrasquad meet. All athletes must be current athlete members of USA Swimming. Age on the first day of the meet shall determine the swimmer's age and age group for the meet. Any swimmer, who is entered and is unregistered, will be scratched from the meet until registration is completed. See CT Swimming athlete [registration procedures](#). Registrations will not be processed at the meet. All coaches must present a valid USA Swimming coach card to the Meet Director prior to the commencement of any sanctioned swim meet, and must have this card with them while on deck. Clubs are reminded that participation of unregistered swimmers and/or coaches will result in a **\$100 fine** per instance, as described in CT Swimming [policy for clubs](#) and [policy for meet hosts](#).

Any swimmer entered in the meet must be certified by a USA Swimming member-coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water **without the use of the backstroke ledge**. When unaccompanied by a member-coach, it is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement.

**ADULT ATHLETES:** All athletes who will be 18 years of age or older on any day of the meet must complete the mandatory Athlete Protection Training prior to competition. Failure to do so will result in the swimmer being scratched from the meet.

**ADAPTED SWIMMING:** Any current athlete members of USA Swimming with a disability as defined by USA Swimming Rules and Regulations may enter this meet. If modifications to USA Swimming rules are necessary, then the coach or athlete must notify the meet referee of any disability prior to competition. Adapted athletes may direct questions to the [Connecticut Swimming office](#).

**EVENT INFORMATION:** Deck entries will not be accepted

**ENTRY LIMITATIONS:** 3 events maximum per day

**ENTRY TIMES:** Submit entry times in: SCY. No Times (NT entries) will not be accepted.

**DEADLINES:** Deadline is Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ELECTRONIC ENTRIES:** Electronic entries will not be accepted.

**ENTRIES FROM ATHLETES WITH NO CLUB AFFILIATION:** Athletes entering this meet independent of a USA Swimming club or coach shall: 1.) be under the supervision of a USA Swimming coach for the duration of the meet. It is the swimmer's responsibility to make arrangements with a USA Swimming member coach prior to the meet. Athletes unaccompanied by a USA Swimming coach will not be permitted on deck. Please contact the Meet Director for assistance. 2) be certified by a USA Swimming member coach as being proficient in performing a racing start or must start each race from within the water. It is the responsibility of the swimmer or the swimmer's legal guardian to ensure compliance with this requirement. The name of the USA Swimming member coach supervising the athlete and racing certification should be submitted to the Meet Director with the entry.

All adult athletes, or parents of minor athletes, who enter without club affiliation will be required to attest to reading and understanding the [Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy](#).

**ENTRY FEES:** Electronic entries: \$11.00 for individual events, \$11.00 for distance event, \$0.00 for relays. Manual entries: \$11.00 for individual events, \$11.00 for distance events, \$00.00 for relays.

**OUTREACH ENTRY FEE REIMBURSEMENT:** Participating clubs will submit payment in full to the meet host for all Outreach athlete entry fees (splash fees). These fees will be reimbursed by CSI to the participating club after completion of the meet. Scratches and 'No Swims' will not be reimbursed. For more information and to submit a reimbursement visit the [Outreach Athlete](#) page on ctswim.org.

**PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:** Payment will be charged to the member account on file with CPCT.

#### **CUT PROTOCOL:**

If the session is oversubscribed the following protocol will be instituted to reduce the timeline to the required length or participation number: The maximum number of events allowed per day may be reduced by one (1).

The host reserves the right to seek approval from Program Operations for additional changes, which may reasonably maximize participation opportunities.

Notification of any cuts or requests for changes must be made to Program Operations as soon as possible by the host. Attending teams will be notified no later than the Monday before the meet.

NOTE: If the host is required to institute the published cut protocol above. All accepted entries at the time that the cut protocol is instituted may be considered final by the host for the purposes of financial responsibility. (i.e. Teams submitting "placeholder" entries will be required to pay for the entries if the cut protocol is required).

**RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE CHANGES:** In accordance with CSI Policies, the meet referee reserves the right to make any adjustments to the provisions of the meet announcement deemed necessary to ensure the fair and efficient running of the meet. The Meet Referee will seek Program Operations approval for all changes requiring approval. Clubs will be notified of changes no later than Monday before the meet.

**RELAYS:** NO

**SAFETY:**

1. Diving will be prohibited during warm-ups except in specifically announced one-way sprint lanes. There will be no diving in the warm-up and warm-down areas at any time
2. No shaving is permitted at the competition site.
3. No glass containers are permitted within the facility.
4. Swimmers must be under the supervision of a coach. If a swimmer arrives at the meet without a coach, the swimmer should notify the referee before he/she warms up. The referee will assign the swimmer to a registered coach for warm-ups.
5. Use of audio or visual recording devices, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms.

**SWIMWEAR:** Per CT Swimming policy, swimmers 12 years old and younger are not permitted to wear "Tech Suits" at any CT sanctioned or approved meets. "Tech Suits" are defined as a suit that has Bonded Seams, Kinetic Tape, or Meshed Seams. Age is determined on the first date of the meet.

**PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RECORDING:**

Meet Management has the full authority to restrict any and all photography, audio and visual recording using cameras, video cameras, tablets, cell phones or other electronic devices at a meet.

Photography or video recording from the deck is prohibited by all individuals, other than participating Coaches, unless prior authorization from the Meet Referee or meet referee has been granted.

Under no circumstances is photography or video recording permitted by anyone in the area adjacent to or behind the starting blocks, including spectator stands at deck level, while they are in use for race starting purposes during competition and warm-ups. Flash photography is prohibited during the start of any heat, including whenever any swimmer is stepping up or standing on a block for the purpose of the start of a heat.

Photography or video recording and the use of audio, including a cell phone, is not permitted in changing areas, rest rooms or locker rooms. Additional "No Camera Zones" may be designated by Meet Management or the meet referee.

If individuals are properly credentialed, not obstructing movement on the deck and abiding by these rules, the following individuals may be allowed by Meet Management and the meet referee with prior authorization if they possess the following:

- Professional photographers with current, official media credentials that are promoting the sport of swimming
- Official team and professional meet photographers that are USA Swimming members, background checked, have signed off on MAAPP and completed Athlete Protection Training
- A participating athlete directly assisting a Coach, for instructional purposes, during an event using the Coach's electronic device

Any individual failing to abide by these rules may be ejected from the facility and be subject to a Code of Conduct violation at the discretion of Meet Management.

**DRONES:** Operation of a drone, or any other flying apparatus, is prohibited over the venue (pools, athlete/coach areas, spectator areas and open ceiling locker rooms) any time athletes, coaches, officials and/or spectators are present. Exceptions may be granted with prior written approval by USA Swimming Vice President of Program Operations.

**RULES:** Current USA Swimming rules will govern all competition. Amended USA Swimming rules for

**TIME TRIALS:** Yes. Time Trials are permitted, but count towards daily event limit. All time trial entries must be submitted at least 30 min prior to the start of each session.

**TIMERS, OFFICIALS OR WORK ASSIGNMENTS:** Any volunteer officials should contact Suzannah Rogers, srogers68@optonline.net.

All volunteers will be required to attest to reading and understanding the [Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policy](#).

**DECK ACCESS:** Only athletes, coaches, officials, and official meet staff actively participating in the meet are permitted on the pool deck.

**SCORING:** The meet will not be scored

**AWARDS:** No.

**CONCESSIONS:** No.

**HOSPITALITY FOR COACHES AND OFFICIALS:** No.

**PARKING:** There is parking located on site at Chelsea Piers Connecticut.

**DIRECTIONS:** The Chelsea piers CT complex is located at 1 Blachley Road, Stamford. Northbound I 95: Take exit 9. Make a left at the end of the ramp. Make a left on to Rt.1. Make a left onto Blachley Road. The facility is at the end of the street. Car park is beyond the buildings. Southbound I 95: Take exit 9. Make a right at the end of the ramp. Make a left onto Blachley Road. The facility is at the end of the street. Car park is beyond the buildings.

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

In consideration for receiving permission to BE ON PREMISES to either accompany my child or he or she conduct business, voluntarily participate in recreational events, attend practice or participate in training or compete at [INSERT FACILITY] or any [INSERT CLUB] related activity (hereinafter the “Activity” or “Activities”), I, on behalf of myself and any minor child/children for whom I have the capacity to contract, hereby acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. I understand the hazards of the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) and am familiar with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) guidelines regarding COVID-19. I acknowledge and understand that the circumstances regarding COVID-19 are changing from day to day and that, accordingly, the CDC guidelines are regularly modified and updated, and I accept full responsibility for familiarizing myself with the most recent updates.
2. Notwithstanding the risks associated with COVID-19, which I readily acknowledge, I hereby willingly choose to participate in Activities.
3. I acknowledge and fully assume the risk of illness or death related to COVID-19 arising from my being on the premises and participating in the Activities and hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT SUE (on behalf of myself and any minor child/children for whom I have the capacity to contract) [INSERT CLUB] and / or [INSERT FACILITY] and its owners, officers, directors, agents, employees, and assigns (the “RELEASEES”) from any liability related to COVID-19 which might occur as a result of my being on the premises and participating in the Activities.
4. I shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the RELEASEES from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, judgments, losses or expenses of any nature whatsoever (including, without limitation, attorneys’ fees, costs and disbursements, whether of in-house or outside counsel and whether or not an action is brought, on appeal or otherwise), arising from or out of, or relating to, directly or indirectly, the infection of COVID-19 or any other illness or injury.
5. It is my express intent that this Waiver and Hold Harmless Agreement shall bind any assigns and representatives, and shall be deemed as a RELEASE, WAIVER, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the above-named RELEASEES. This Agreement and the provisions contained herein shall be construed, interpreted, and controlled according to the laws of the State of Connecticut. I HEREBY KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO A JURY TRIAL OF ANY DISPUTE ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS WAIVER WAS EXPRESSLY NEGOTIATED AND IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT OF THE PERMISSION GRANTED BY RELEASEES TO BE ON PREMISES AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES. BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement, understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreement, have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and I execute the Agreement for full, adequate, and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed this Waiver and Agreement under seal on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES OF MINOR CHILD(REN), IF ANY: \_\_\_\_\_

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