

Manchester Aquatics Centre, 2 Booth Street East, Manchester, M13 9SS

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021



November 2021

Dear Athlete,

Welcome to the Arena Manchester SNOWPEN 2021. We have written this briefing document to give more information about the meet to help you prepare. The Meet is being held under COVID protocols which means some things run differently to usual competitive swimming. We hope this will give you enough information to make you aware of the responsibilities of all those attending.

All of our officials and volunteers have kindly made themselves available and we are very appreciative of their time to make sure this event happens. On behalf of our team, the COMAST committee and coaching team we would like to say **welcome** to the Arena Manchester SNOWPEN 2021.

Please feel free to approach any of us with questions or concerns so we can support you in anything you need during the competition.

#### **Contact Information**

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**Parking** (please note, the car park directly behind the MAC is currently closed due to building work)

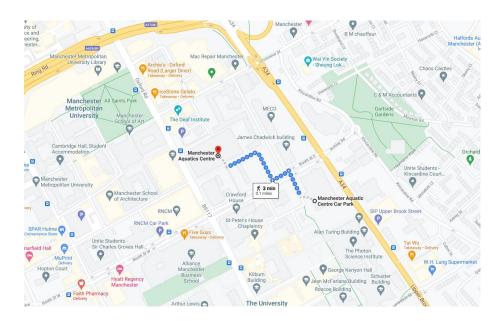
Parking will be available at the Booth Street Car Park (APCOA);

APCOA Multistorey Car Park Manchester Aquatics Centre,

Booth Street East,

M13 9SS

Please see below walking directions from the car park to Manchester Aquatic Centre;



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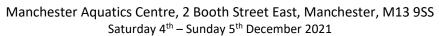
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The Daily Parking product is shown in the middle of the screen.

- Click on 'Book Now'
- Select your dates & times.
- Type **athlete6** in the 'Promo Code' box and click 'Apply' The price will now be discounted to £6/day.
- Click 'Book Now' to purchase and enter your details.







# Please make a note of your booking reference.

- At the car park, drive in and take a ticket to open the barrier.
   Park in any available bay.
- <u>To exit</u>

You do not need to visit the pay station.

Simply drive to the exit barrier. Simply press the intercom and quote your booking reference to exit.

# **Spectators**

At the time of writing this, we are allowed to have spectators. If there are any last-minute changes we will communicate with all clubs as soon as we can, however this could be a very late change which may be beyond our control. The cost to enter the event is £5/adult per session or £10 per day (CASH PAYMENTS ONLY). We politely request that all spectators comply with the attached COVID guidance in order to ensure the safe running of the meet.

There will be no requirement for spectators to leave during the lunchtime break but please make sure you give our centre staff plenty of room to complete any cleaning regimes necessary.

#### Refreshments

There will be NO café in operation during this meet so please ensure you come prepared with what you need or you can make use of many local shops.





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# **EVENT LAYOUT – GROUND FLOOR**

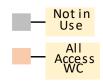




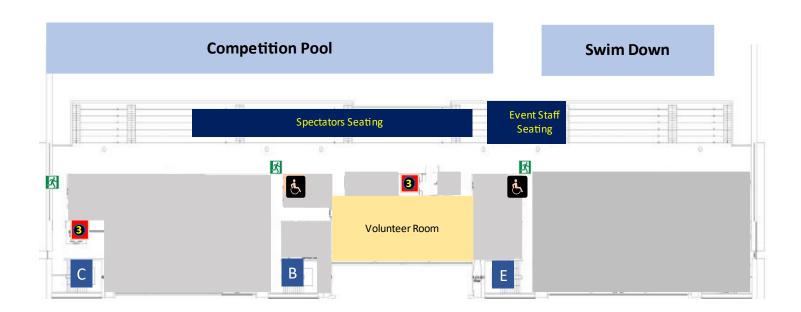
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# **EVENT LAYOUT – FIRST FLOOR**







Manchester Aquatics Centre – First Floor

#### **COMAST COVID Protocol Arena Manchester SNOWPEN 2021**

Our primary objective is to provide an opportunity to allow as many swimmers as possible to compete in the safest environment. The spread of COVID is still to be concerned about and the impact on those infected and their contacts is significant. This means that we are asking all those attending the Meet (athletes, coaches, volunteers) to remain cautious and comply with the following guidance to minimise the spread of COVID.

We have decided that the following measures are necessary and will apply equally for all involved in the meet. Please carefully read the measures below so that you are fully aware of what these measures are to prepare you for the environment you will be in.

\*\* In order for us to run the Meet as safely as possible we are asking that you <u>DO NOT</u> attend if you show any symptoms of COVID or have been asked to isolate \*\*

We will implement some social distancing and wearing of face masks for all individuals involved in the Meet.

#### What will be asked of me?

- 1. Pre-competition COVID testing a lateral flow test at home is requested. Please take this within 48 hours of your first session. Please be honest and do not come to the Meet if you have a positive test.
- 2. Anyone who develops new COVID-19 symptoms should NOT attend the Meet.
- 3. If you have been asked to self-isolate following a close contact with a positive case you will also NOT be allowed to attend the Meet.
- 4. On arrival to the Meet please wear a face mask when entering the building, whilst moving around and when seated.
- 5. COVID QR Code please ensure that you use the QR code to check in where appropriate.
- 6. Once seated please continue to be careful and respect others space by remaining socially distanced from those around you as best you can.
- 7. Spectators, please sit on chairs marked with **v** and leave chairs with **x** empty to ensure adequate distancing. Please use hand sanitiser provided and remain wearing your mask.

For the latest Swim England guidance on running safe events for swimming competitions: click here

For up-to-date Government guidance: https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus





Take a lateral flow test 48 hours before the Meet





Do NOT attend if you test positive, have been asked to isolate or have symptoms





Enter the building when allowed wearing your mask.





Use the hand sanitiser BEFORE you move to poolside





Follow the ONE WAY system to get to poolside safely





Push your bag back away from poolside and keep your distance





Follow the route on the map for marshalling and swim down





At the end of the Meet follow the ONE-WAY system around the pool





Before you exit, use the hand sanitiser at the table near the door

