

COVID-19 Procedures for 2021 All American Invitational

The safety of all gymnasts, coaches, judges and volunteers is very important to the All Stars Booster Club. We are implementing the following COVID-19 precautions and policies with that goal in mind. As local and national guidelines change, we will adapt and review our procedures. Please check back prior to the meet for any updates.

General Items/Spectators

*The meet planning committee will designate a COVID coordinator. This individual, along with the Meet Director, will be the experts on the COVID policies that we implement. They will be available throughout the entire meet for questions. They will also be consulting with local medical professionals to ensure local guidelines are implemented.

*Masks will be required by all while inside the venue. Signage will be posted at all entrances informing all that masks are required for entry.

*Hand sanitizer will be stationed throughout the venue.

*Signage will be posted at each entrance area posting that entry will be prohibited for those:

-Individuals that have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and remain infectious according to CDC guidance.

-Individuals that have symptoms of COVID-19 (congestion, fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell) or has had symptoms within 72 hours of the competition.

-Has otherwise been sick, or in the past 14 days has been in close contact with an individual who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or who has symptoms of COVID-19.

*Signage will be posted throughout the venue promoting 6 foot social distancing.

*Upon entering the arena, spectators will enter through the West concourse doors. There will be 3 admission lines: 2 for cash payments, 1 for credit card. Spectators will not be allowed in the lower level seating area. Please continue through the upper west concourse stairs where you will be directed to active session or on-deck session seating. These seating areas are on opposite sides of the venue and will be sanitized in between sessions.

*Concessions will be provided by the Sioux Falls Arena. Masks and gloves will be worn by all front-line Convention Center staff. There will be one concession stand in operation for the event located in the upper west concourse.

*The Sioux Falls Arena has ample amount of seating. This will allow for spectators to social distance. However, if building capacity guidelines change per state, city, or county prior to the meet, those new guidelines will be communicated prior to the meet. At this time we are NOT limiting spectators.

*All spectators and athletes are asked to exit the building immediately upon completion of the session. If spectators have additional athletes in the next session, please use the south upper concourse walkway to move to the opposite seating area. This is to allow us to sanitize each seating area between sessions.

Competition Floor

*All gymnasts, coaches, judges and volunteers will be required to wear masks. Gymnasts should keep their masks on when not competing. We highly encourage labeling a small plastic bag to hold the mask when not in use to prevent them from being placed on the floor or other high traffic areas.

*Individual gyms are encouraged to screen their athletes' temperature upon arrival. An athlete with a temperature above 100.4 should leave the competition venue immediately.

*All gymnasts, coaches, judges and volunteers will enter and check-in at a separate area from spectators through the east concourse doors.

*Due to COVID, the equipment company will not be supplying chalk bowls, chalk, spray bottles or grip brushes. Gymnasts should bring clearly marked personal chalk bags, chalk, spray bottles and grip brushes.

*Coaches will be encouraged to have their team social distance from other teams and judges.

*Teams will be kept separate at each event and in the team staging area to allow social distancing between other competitors.

*Equipment will be cleaned between rotations in accordance with AAI recommendations.

*Equipment on the gym floor will be arranged so that travel between rotations can encourage social distancing.

*Water fountains at the arena are closed at this time. We will be providing two Culligan water coolers for gymnasts and coaches, but please bring your own clearly labeled water bottles.

*Awards will be given to coaches for distribution. The top 50% in each group receive a medal with the Top 3 all around receiving a trophy. There will be no award presentations following each session.