



Process: Dolphin SMI Coaches' Tent Location Selection

SMI 2021 is continuing the 2019 SMI Coaches' Tent Location Selection Process

The Coaches' Tent Location Selection Process has been for a number of years done on a “first-come-first-served basis”. The last several years SMI Coaches have arrived at the Springbrook Pool earlier and earlier. SMI 2018 saw coaches arrive just after daybreak on Friday to ensure they had first choice of tent location by the pool. The coaches spent all day by the pool until they finally set up their tents at 6 PM. The 2018 site selection process would have soon had coaches camping overnight by the gate. The SMI 2019 Board felt a new location selection process was needed - and the SMI Coaches' feedback agreed.

The 2021 SMI Coaches Tent Location Selection Process uses the SMI 2019 Overall Combined Team finish ranking to establish the tent selection order. Teams will select their Coaches' Tent Locations in the order of finish of the 2019 SMI. The top 14 teams will be able to select a tent site at poolside. The bottom 13 teams will be able to select a site across the deck from poolside (see the coaches tent diagram). The coaches will then be able to set up their own tents on Friday evening, SMI setup day, in a location based on their teams prior year overall finish.

On Saturday, June 26 all teams will email the SMI Director their choices - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd - by 10:00 AM. The top 14 teams as listed in the 2019 SMI Overall Team Finish List will make their choices - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd - from sites at poolside. The bottom 13 teams will make their choices - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd - from the sites across the pool deck. The SMI Director will review the choices and assign locations in order of the 2019 finish. If a selection conflict occurs, the teams involved will be emailed again with a list of team assignments and the spaces still available. The teams involved in the conflict will be asked for their new choices - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd - based on the available sites. Teams will continue to be assigned in order of their 2019 finish for their new choices in an iterative process until the remaining team coaches' tent sites are assigned.

Following the selection process, the SMI Coaches' Tent Locations Map will be finalized by the SMI Director and posted to the SMI website. On Friday, July 9 at 6 PM the SMI Coaches will set up their own tents at Springbrook Pool according to the SMI Coaches' Tent Locations Map.

Teams bring their own tents for their coaches. The tents are the size for their set up location (see SMI Coaches' Tent Locations Map) or smaller. They are free standing and mobile to allow 2 legs to be put in the gutters on “Small Swimmer Day”. Tents are also “see through” to allow spectators to watch the swimming races from behind the tents. They have to be free standing to minimize tripping hazards to little swimmer waking around the tent to their races - so no ropes or weights are allowed. Pop-up tents tend to work the best since they can also be easily dropped to protect them from wind and storms.

Thank you for your participation in SMI 2021. This procedure eliminates the need for coaches to spend an entire day waiting in line and make the meet a more enjoyable experience for SMI Coaches. See you at the pool soon.

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