



**Safety Plan for City of Vaughan
Ontario Lifeguard Championship
February 8, 2020**

Purpose

The purpose of this plan is to maximize safety at Lifesaving Society Championships held at the following City of Vaughan pools, and facilities: Vellore Village & Woodbridge.

General procedures are in the City of Vaughan Aquatic Standards and Guidelines/Policy and Procedure Manuals, in conjunction with the legislation and regulations pertaining to pool operations. This plan will address items specific to Ontario Lifeguard Championship held at these facilities.

Code of Conduct

Everyone has the responsibility of acting in a safe manner. This includes volunteers, officials, guests, competitors, coaches, meet management etc. However it is the responsibility of the management team to ensure that this plan is enforced. Anyone not adhering to the safety procedures as prescribed in this plan may be disqualified or removed from the property. Unsafe actions and behaviours will not be tolerated.

Safety Plan

General Safety

Smoking is not permitted inside any competition building.

It is the responsibility of each individual to ensure that personal belongings are kept in a safe place. Valuables are the safest when kept at home.

If set up requires specialized equipment i.e. ladders, computers etc. designated specially trained crew will be responsible for its safe installation.

Safety Officer/Chain of Command

Safety Officer for the competition is City of Vaughan Head Lifeguard.

The Safety Officer is required to report and document any incidents that occur on behalf of the Lifesaving Society. Health and Safety Representatives are also provided by the hosts for all venues that take place in the City of Vaughan Community Centre buildings.

The Management Team consists of the

Meet Manager	Jeff Schultz/Aidan Miess
Chief Referee	Rebecca Boyd
Safety Officer	Head Lifeguard
Host Representative	Jeff Schultz
Lifesaving Society Representative	Lorraine Wilson-Saliba

Pool areas will be supervised by qualified and trained lifeguards. For venues that areas do not involve the pool, trained health and safety designates will be identified.

In case of an emergency the following is the order in which communications should occur:

1. Site Health and Safety Representative/Event Director
2. Safety Officer
3. Meet Manager/Chief Referee
4. Host Representative
5. Other

In Addition: In a pool environment the City of Vaughan lifeguard staff are to take control of any situation and follow the protocol designed in the Standards and Guidelines.

If an increased level of care is volunteered by outside party (i.e. doctor) and accepted by the liable care givers, that person must assume complete responsibility of the patient until Paramedics arrive and assume control.
The City of Vaughan will always promote the best possible care to causality wherever possible.

Operational Procedures

Operational procedures are defined by the host. This standard of care is required to meet the minimum health regulations and guidelines supported by the Lifesaving Society. In a situation where the host does not have operational standards, the Lifesaving Society will consider adopting operational procedures that meets the industry standard for that location/venue.

General safety

Ministry Regulations as well as facility specific rules must be followed to ensure safety.

Lifeguards are to be supplied by host for all pool venues.

Lifeguards are to ensure the safety of those in the facility at large.

The lifeguards are to be made aware of any mock situations that may occur before the start of the event.

The lifeguard staff are to interact with public and enforce house rules as required.

Non swimmers should not be in the water without a strong swimmer or unless they are able to touch the bottom.

Non swimmers that are involved in the competition should identify themselves to the Chief Referee.

Diving is prohibited in the shallow water. Check specific facility for details.

In Non Aquatic Environments:

In City of Vaughan Community Centre buildings, incidents should be reported to the building staff immediately.

Trained Health and Safety Representative will be on call in non-aquatic environments i.e. lock-up, venues not in the pool area.

Personal Safety/Cross Contamination

Individuals are responsible for ensuring the complete information of any medical conditions, medications and /or allergies are communicated to a responsible person that will be looking out for their interest i.e. Coach.

The Championship Management Team or the City of Vaughan will not be responsible for the monitoring of individuals.

Use of Personal Protective Equipment used by competitors should be disinfected between uses. Any manikin or prop used during the competition that could be contaminated with bodily fluids should be disinfected appropriately. Any equipment that has been contaminated with bodily fluids that can be disposed of should be done appropriately.

Footwear should be worn in non-pool areas.

Warm ups

Swimmers should observe the right of way. Swimmers in adjacent lanes should swim in opposite directions to avoid injuries along the lane ropes.

Swimmers are to stay clear of turn walls as much as possible. Stay to the side or completely removed from the water.

There will be designated diving lanes. Dive starts are prohibited in lanes other than the designated lanes.

Where specialized equipment is used, designated lanes will be assigned to ensure safety i.e. Fins only lane.

Swim Events

All competitors should stay in the water until the last competitor has touched the wall.

Safety Equipment

Stocked First Aid kits are required at all venues. First Aid kits are in a designated area and clearly identified.

Emergency phones are required at all venues. Emergency phones are in designated areas and clearly identified. Officials are required to wear a whistle during the competition as a form of communication to alert any incidents may occur.

AED units for this competition will be available at the City of Vaughan facilities.

AED Option – Pubic Access Defibrillators

AED units are kept in a designated location at each facility. The City of Vaughan keeps AED units in areas that the public may have access to (i.e. mounted on a wall in the pool hallway). The City of Vaughan encourages all patrons who have AED training to respond immediately and use the AED machine to assist any individual in Cardiac Arrest. Patrons do not have to wait for a staff person to arrive before activating the AED machine.

Specialized Equipment

Back stroke flags are required for all swim events.

If specialized equipment is available at facilities, only the trained designate is to use equipment. This may include equipment such as oxygen, BVM's etc. If an increased level of care is volunteered by outside party (i.e. doctor) and accepted by the liable care givers, that person must assume complete responsibility of the patient until Paramedics arrive and assume control.

Emergency Procedures

If an emergency occurs, it should be identified to the nearest host safety rep/official. Officials, then need to communicate and ensure the trained host staff are able to resume treatment. The host trained health and safety reps are to command and take control of the situation at the earliest possible moment. All emergency procedures are set by the facility and should be adhered to.

Medical Emergency, Fire Loss of Power, Pool Fouling, Mechanical Failure etc.

Refer to the Emergency Procedures attached. More detailed information can be found in the Pool Operations Manual.

Communication

Two-way radios will be provided by the Lifesaving Society to link the competition areas.

The Safety Officer will have a dedicated line out at all times.

Officials will all carry whistles on their person.

Phone lines at host locations may not have direct line access out. Health and Safety Reps will direct and orient Head Officials at satellite locations.

Contingency Plans

All contingency plans are decided by the Championship Management Team. The management team has the right to postpone, reschedule or cancel an event or competition if the venue is deemed unsafe.

Facilities

Competition Pools / Facilities: List all locations being used for said competition.

1. Name: Vellore Village Community Centre
Street Address: 1 Villa Royale Avenue
City: Woodbridge
Province: Ontario
Phone: 905-832-8544
2. Name: Woodbridge Pool & Memorial Arena
Street Address: 5020 Highway 7
City: Woodbridge
Province: Ontario
Phone: 905-832-8576

(Pool diagrams can be found in the Emergency Response Plan)

In Case of Emergency

In the event of an emergency call 911 for Police, Fire or Ambulance. A detailed procedure for making emergency calls is located in each pool office.

Service	Emergency	Non-Emergency
City of Vaughan	911	York Region Police: 905-881-1221 Vaughan Fire: 905-832-8506
Other Services		
Ontario Poison Control	1-800-268-9017	
Walk In Clinics	PAYWAND Medical Centre 3905 Major Mackenzie Dr W, #113 Vaughan, ON L4L 1A6 289-304-4666 Friday 9.00 – 8.00 PM Saturday 9.30 – 6.00 PM Sunday 10.00am – 2.00 PM	Woodbridge Urgent Care Clinic 4000 Hwy 7, Unit 2 Woodbridge, ON L4L 8Z2 905-851-3777 Monday-Friday: 10AM to 10PM Weekends and Holidays: 10AM to 6PM
Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital	10 Trench St, Richmond Hill, ON L4C 4Z3 (905) 883-1212	
William Osler Health System – Etobicoke General Hospital	101 Humber College Blvd, Etobicoke, ON M9V 1R8 (416) 494-2120	