

MAC Practice Spectator Policy (Approved June 20, 2023)



Part 1 - General Information

The purpose of this policy is to provide swimmers and coaches with a safe and effective learning environment. The primary goals for the MAC practice environment are:

1. Safety and well-being of the athletes.
2. Minimize distraction for athletes so their primary focus is on the coaches and their own development.
3. Development of swimmer/coach relationships, swimmer independence, and swimmer accountability.
4. Minimize distraction for coaches so their primary focus is on athlete development.

The MAC Pool at Hood College has limited deck space with no off-deck spectator seating. This facility is also a shared use facility, with Hood College Aquatics programming sharing space with MAC. The only seating are bleachers and a few chairs on deck. The bleachers are very close (7ft, 15ft, and 18ft) to the edge of the pool. Introducing more people into this environment creates space, distraction, and noise concerns that hinder the stated goals above.

Part 2 – Specific practice requirements

- Parents are not permitted to be on deck, in the entry vestibule, or the pool building during practices.
- Specific exceptions to this are as follows:
 - In an emergency, parents are welcome on deck to get their swimmers or notify coaches.
 - A swimmer needs to leave practice early but forgot. Parents may come on deck to notify the coach.
 - Parents may enter the pool building lobby to use the restroom. (Please reference the MAC Locker Room Policy for appropriate use practices.)
 - If there is heavy rain at pick up time, parents of swimmers in D1, D2, AG1, AG2 are welcome to come inside for the last 5 mins of practice to pick up their swimmer.
 - Parents may be invited onto the pool deck by a coach for a specific reason, including but not limited to: pre-arranged meeting, tryouts, behavioral issues, team/practice group activity, parent viewing day.