

Hello,

On behalf of the Upper Valley Aquatic Center and the Upper Valley Aquatic Club, allow me to take a few minutes of your time to address spectator seating at this weekend's NHA Champs meet.

The word for this weekend is Tight with capital T. At Phillips Exeter Academy, there is seating in the stands for 550 with plenty of additional space in the upper hallways for folding chairs and for spectators to stand and watch. That is not the case at UVAC. Our seating capacity in the stands is less than 400 and there are no areas for chairs or standing.

Clearly, for this meet, UVAC is not the venue where you would want to invite both sets of Grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings and neighbors. If that occurs, many spectators ***will not*** get a seat and will be unable to watch the races.

**UVAC NHA seating advisory**

**The saving of seats prior to the start of a session and between sessions is prohibited.**

**If you are planning on sitting with a group, arrive together and take your seats together.**

**All personal belongings are to be stored under the benches.**

**We will have UVAC meet volunteers assigned to the observation deck to facilitate orderly and efficient seating of all spectators.**

**During the meet, standing on the rear stairs or at the railing is not allowed.**

**Swimmers are not allowed occupy seats in the observation deck, their place is with their team on the pool deck.**

We are confident in our ability to provide a top flight competitive experience for all of the swimmers, but without the cooperation of families on the observation deck, the spectator experience will be less than enjoyable. We encourage all to grab their 18 inches of bench, stow your gear underneath, and cheer like crazy. See you on Friday.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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