

# SOUTHGATE SWIM CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS

Revised: 1/15/19

## I. COUNTY REGULATIONS

- A. In order to prevent accidents, no food or drink shall be served in glass containers. No glass is allowed on pool grounds.
- B. No loud speakers or amplified sound equipment shall be used on the premises except by specific SGSC Board authorization for Club activities. Will be allowed for night party rental, music must be off by 10:00pm.

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## II. HEALTH RULES

- A. The governing rules of the State Board of Health will prevail at all times.
- B. Infants, toddlers and children who are not potty trained entering the pool must wear diapers designed specifically for swimming. If you do not have one you can purchase one in the office. The pool needs to be closed anywhere from 12 to 48 hours when an accident happens. Please remind your child (all ages) to use the bathroom during the fifteen-minute adult swim break. It costs the club approximately \$500 for each incident that occurs. The incident will be reviewed on a case by case bases and the member or non-member may be charged up to \$500 per incident.
- C. All persons using the pool are required to take a shower before entering the pool. All oily body products, lotions and self-tanning products must be removed in the shower with soap before entering the pools.
- D. All hairpins, bobby pins, etc. must be removed before entering the pools.
- E. All persons with hair longer than shoulder length must keep it up in a rubber band, swim cap, etc.
- F. Persons having currently active diarrhea or who have had active diarrhea within the previous fourteen (14) days shall not be allowed to enter the pool water.

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## III. GENERAL RULES

- A. Each family member must register at the gate office to gain admittance (County Reg. 5173 item 11).
- B. No person is allowed to swim unless a qualified lifeguard is on duty. There shall be no swimming at night without use of the pool lights.
- C. All children eleven (11) years and under must be accompanied by an adult. Children twelve (12) years or older may use the pool unaccompanied by an adult, only providing that they have passed a satisfactory swimming test. Children who cannot pass the swim test need to stay within arm's reach of their parent. Do not leave them unattended in or around the pool. If the life guard on duty feels that your child needs supervision in the pool you will be asked to be in the pool with your child. If you are unable to be in the pool, your child will not be allowed to swim.
- D. Parents, whether present or not, are responsible for the conduct of their children at all times \*(Refer to VI. B.). Members shall be responsible for seeing that all of their guests are advised of all rules, regulations and pool procedures.

- E. Fifteen minutes of every hour shall be reserved for adult members and guests over eighteen (18) years of age. All other persons must get completely out of the pool. Persons under the age of eighteen (18) may not have any part of their body (feet, hands, etc.) in the pool. They may not use squirt gun or any other pool toy in the pool. They must stay off the pool cement border. Fifteen minutes adult swim will not start till all minors have exited the pool.
- F. Use of the wading pool is restricted to children five (5) years and younger. All children using the wading pool must be accompanied and supervised by an adult or a responsible person sixteen (16) years of age or older. Children in the wading pool are the responsibility of the parent, not the lifeguard.
- G. Only accepted swimming attire (no cut-offs or jeans) may be worn in the pool.
- H. Courtesy, politeness and good sportsmanship shall be observed at all times. There shall be no shouting, boisterous conduct, loud or profane language or other practices that may be annoying to others.
- I. Smoking, e-cigarettes and vape pens are allowed only designated smoking areas in the parking lot. All refuse shall be disposed of in the containers provided. Marijuana and illegal substances will not be allowed anywhere on the premises.
- J. Moderate alcoholic consumption is allowed on the premises for anyone over the age of twenty-one (21) at the discretion of the pool manager, lifeguards or Southgate Swim Club Board members. Proper ID must be available.
- K. Petitions, subscriptions, papers, etc. shall not be circulated on the Club premises; nor shall solicitation of funds for any purpose be made except with Board approval.
- L. No pets shall be allowed on the premises unless they are a licensed service animal. It costs the club approximately \$500 for each defecation/relieve themselves incident that occurs. The incident will be reviewed on a case by case bases and the member or non-member may be charged up to \$500 per incident.
- M. Bicycles, skateboards, scooters, roller blades and roller skates may not be ridden on the premises. If ridden on the premises, such items will be confiscated by the lifeguard.
- N. No food is allowed within twelve (12) feet of either pool. No food or drink is allowed in either pool.
- O. The Club shall not be responsible or liable for injury or accident suffered by either members or their guests due to negligence or carelessness by any person. The Club is not responsible for theft, loss or damage to personal belongings.
- P. With adequate notice, the pool may be closed at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- Q. Members delinquent in their payments will not be allowed to use the pool or Club facilities.
- R. Members under age 18 must pass a swim test to enter the deep end of pool.
- S. Unaccompanied minors must pass swim test to use noodles. Noodles may not exceed three (3) inches in diameter.
- T. No floaties, life vests or tubes may be used in the pool.
- U. A swimming ability chart has been implemented for all swimmers under the age of 18. ALL persons under age of 18 will need to take a "swim test" to gauge their ability every time they come to the pool. We will have a color code for each level; Example –
  1. Red – Can't swim at all (will need adult supervision within arm's length at all times in the pool; otherwise child will not be allowed in pool)
  2. Yellow – Can stay afloat, can go up to where the water reaches the swimmers chest.
  3. Blue – Can swim, but not strong enough to enter the deep end
  4. Green – has full swimming ability and can swim in all areas of the pool

**The wrist band color will be determined by the lifeguard on duty during that day visit.** Lifeguards decisions will be based on swimmer's ability and how they perform on the swim test. They will also take into consideration pool conditions (how crowded, etc.).

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#### IV. SPECIAL SAFETY REGULATIONS

- A. **Swimming Equipment:** No potentially hazardous swimming equipment shall be used in the pool, including air mattresses, rubber tubes, mermaid tails, mono fins, etc. Use of swimming equipment is limited to such items as noodles, swim fins, goggles and masks, snorkels and similar equipment. No Frisbees or hard balls of any kind may be used in the pools. Use of the permitted equipment must not interfere with the enjoyment of the pool by other swimmers. No Club or Swim Team equipment will be loaned for general use. Equipment use at off-hour parties shall be governed by the Party Rules. **ALL POOL SWIMMING EQUIPMENT IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE LIFEGUARD.**
- B. **Diving:** No person shall dive in less than five (5) feet of water.
- C. **Equipment Area:** Only Board Members and Club Employees are allowed in the equipment (back room) areas and office at the Club. **No exceptions.**
- D. **General Behavior:** There shall be no running on any deck area, no pushing or throwing of persons into either pool, no tampering with pool or Corporation equipment, and no rough or disorderly conduct.
- E. **BBQ Usage:**  
**NO PERSONAL BBQ's** are allowed unless pre-approved by the Board for a specific event.  
**Charcoal BBQ Rules**  
Do not leave BBQ unattended while cooking  
If grease fire occurs do not use water, put out flame with fire extinguisher  
No Alcohol around the BBQ  
After use BBQ grates **MUST** be cleaned.  
Metal Garbage Can is for Used Charcoal and Food items that have caught on fire
- F. **Cooler/Bag Checks:** Every cooler/bag will be checked for glass. There is NO glass of any kind allowed at the pool, including serving bowls, condiment containers, etc. If glass is found in coolers/bags, it will need to be taken out of the pool area. Any violation will result in disciplinary action by the Board or Directors.

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#### V. GUEST RULES

- A. No outside organizations will be allowed on the premises at any time without specific approval of the Board of Directors.
- B. All members must register their guests in a prescribed ledger upon entry at the gate office.
- C. All guests must be accompanied by a member. Members must remain at the pool with their guests. Guests of members may be admitted by a guest card purchased by the members. Guest cards may be purchased at the front gate at the prevailing rate. The card will allow twenty-four (24) admittances. The **purchased** guest card will be valid until used up, if there is a remaining balance the **purchased** guest card will roll over to the next swim season. If you received a **free** guest card for early membership payment this guest card is only valid the year issued and will not roll over. There will be no refunds granted for any unused portion of guest cards The guest cards will be punched by the Gate Attendant for each guest except for children three (3) years of age and under. Members bringing a guest and not using a guest card must pay the prevailing "non-card" rate for each guest.
- D. The daily limit of guests per membership shall be six (6) individuals.
- E. Member children under twelve (12) years of age are NOT permitted to bring guests. Children twelve (12) through fifteen (15) years of age may bring one guest twelve (12) years of age or older. Children sixteen (16) years of age and above may bring guests of any age. A parent member is responsible for the conduct of his or her junior guests.

- F. With the parent's written permission, a babysitter eighteen (18) years of age or older may accompany the member's children who are under twelve (12) years of age. Babysitters using the pool will be charged the guest fee.
- G. Members who have no children listed on their membership cards may substitute up to three (3) grandchildren under twenty-one (21) years of age not living with them. These grandchildren may use the pool in accordance with all rules and regulations governing use by member's minor children. Adult family members not living at the principle member's address will be admitted in accordance with the rules for paying guests.
- H. Guests who come with a FREE VOUCHER given to them by a board member may use the swim club without that board member being present.

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**No member, guest or visitor shall reprimand or harass any Southgate employee, lifeguard or swim instructor. Any complaints must be directed to a Southgate Board Member or Pool Manager. Lifeguards have full authority to enforce the above rules and to take any action necessary to protect all attending people and the Southgate Swim Club facilities and premises. Any violation of these Southgate Swim Club Rules and Regulations will result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors as stated in item VI.**

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**VI. AMENDMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- A. Copies of the "Rules and Regulations" will be available at the pool premises.
- B. The Lifeguard has delegated authority to dismiss any member or guest from the pool area for the balance of any one day. For repeated violations, a three (3) day suspension may be imposed. The Lifeguard has the power of enforcement of the "Rules and Regulations" and is in charge of pool discipline.
- C. The names of members or guests dismissed by the Lifeguard along with the Rule(s) violated will be recorded by the Lifeguard and that list reported daily to the Lifeguard Supervisor and/or the Club Vice President.
- D. Repeated and/or serious violations will be reported to the Board of Directors by the Pool Staff and may be reported by any member. Upon receipt of the complaint report, the Board of Directors may at their discretion:
  - 1. Place the offending member on probation for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.
  - 2. Suspend the offending member for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.
  - 3. Expel the offending member formally according to the procedure outlined in Article II, section 4, of the By-Laws of the Southgate Swim Club, Inc.
  - 4. The "Rules and Regulations" may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Director.
- E. **Every year, members must sign and acknowledge club rules.**

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Please have all adult members (18 and older) on membership sign acknowledging Rules and Regulations of Southgate Swim Club.

Please list all members on membership.

Return with membership payment.

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**SOUTHGATE SWIM CLUB MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS**

I/we hereby acknowledge that I/we have received, read and understand the Rules and Regulations for Southgate Swim Club. That I/we are responsible for myself, my family on my membership and any guest I/we bring to the Southgate Swim Club.

Family Name on Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Members on Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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