

SOUTHGATE SWIM CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS

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I. COUNTY REGULATIONS

- A. In order to prevent accidents, no food or drink shall be served in glass containers from a vending machine within the designated pool area. No glass may be brought to the Club.
- B. No loud speakers or amplified sound equipment shall be used on the premises except by specific SGSC Board authorization for Club activities.

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 when this happens.
- C. All persons using the pool are required to take a shower before entering the pool. All oily preparations, leg makeup and lotions 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 rubberband, swim cap, etc.

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 to an individual authorized by the Swim Club. 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. 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.

- 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 member of the family 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 shall be allowed only designated smoking areas in the parking lot. All refuse shall be disposed of in the containers provided.
- J. 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.
- K. No pets shall be allowed on the premises unless they are a licensed service animal.
- L. 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.
- M. Food will be allowed in designated areas only. No food is allowed within twelve (12) feet of either pool (on deck).
- N. 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 the loss of or damage to personal belongings.
- O. With adequate notice, the pool may be closed at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- P. Members delinquent in their payments will not be allowed to use the pool or Club facilities.
- Q. Members under age 18 must pass a swim test to enter the deep end of pool.
- R. Unaccompanied minors must pass swim test to use noodles.
- S. No floaties, life vests or tubes may be used in the pool.
- T. Starting in 2014 we will be implementing a swimming ability chart. We will be keeping track of all persons (that are members) under the age of 18 their swimming ability –
At the beginning of the season ALL persons under age of 18 will need to take a “swim test” to gauge their ability.
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, but needs to stay in the shallow end
 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
 These levels will be noted next to each child’s name in the guest book; this way there is no discrepancy.
Children who are lower than a “Green” will be able to request to re-take the test to move up a level.

IV. SPECIAL SAFETY REGULATIONS

- A. **Swimming Equipment:** No potentially hazardous swimming equipment shall be used in the pool, including air mattresses, rubber tubes, etc. Use of swimming equipment is limited to such items as swim fins, goggles and masks, snorkels and similar equipment at the discretion of the lifeguard. 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.

- 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. Any violation of these safety regulations will result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors as stated in item VI.
- E. **BBQ Usage:**

Propane BBQ Rules

No cooking with additional oil or grease

Shut off propane gas when done

Do not leave BBQ unattended while cooking

If grease fire occurs do not use water, put out flame with fire extinguisher

No Smoking around the BBQ

No Alcohol around the BBQ

Metal Garbage Can is for Used Charcoal and food items that have caught on fire.

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 Smoking around the BBQ

No Alcohol around the BBQ

Do not remove charcoal from BBQ

Metal Garbage Can is for Used Charcoal and Food items that have caught on fire.

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. These cards will be valid until used up. 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. Excessive use of the guest privileges by any member or non-member will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and appropriate action taken. The Board of Directors may establish additional guidelines concerning excessive use of guest privileges.
- E. Any member desiring to bring more guests than the daily limitation may do so providing that they have verified preauthorization from the Pool Rental Chairperson.

- F. 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.
- G. 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.
- H. 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.
- I. 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.

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:
 - E. Place the offending member on probation for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.
 - F. Suspend the offending member for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.
 - G. 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.
 - H. The "Rules and Regulations" may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

VII. THE GATE ATTENDANT (Informational)

- a) The Pool Staff shall work gate duty as scheduled.
- b) **Absolutely** no children or unauthorized persons shall be allowed in the pool office or pump room.
- c) The gate attendant will be responsible for the following duties and others as required:
 1. Admit all members and guests in accordance with the Club rules. **All members and guests must sign in on a daily sign-in sheet.**
 2. Check all non-guest names against membership roster.
 3. Deny entry to those not qualified to enter.
 4. Account for money (\$) in the gate cash box.