

Spotswood Swim Club Rules and Regulations revised 2024

General

1. The Spotswood Swim Club shall be referred to as the Club in this document. The Club's property includes the parking lot and wooded area owned by the Club.
2. Management, Head Guard, and lifeguards on duty have the authority to enforce the Club's rules and regulations of the Virginia Department of Health, and may ask any member or other person to leave the Club's property for failure to comply with these rules. This includes endangering the safety of any person(s) using the Club's facilities or failing to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Incidents will be reported to the Board of Directors, which may suspend the privileges of the member or other persons.
3. Authorized members and guests shall use the pool only when officially opened and a lifeguard is on duty.
4. Requests for opening of the pool during non-posted hours must be approved by the Board of Directors.
5. Members must pay annual dues in full prior to the first use of the pool.
6. All members **MUST** sign in the daily membership book and register all household members and guests.
7. Members are responsible for their children and guest(s) at all times.
8. Any child 12 years old and younger will not be admitted into the pool enclosure without a responsible person at least 16 years old.
9. The Club is not responsible for theft, loss, or damage to personal property of any member or any guest.
10. No glass objects of any kind are allowed in the pool enclosure.
11. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on Club property.
12. During Adult Swim, only persons 18 years or older may be in the pool. Adult Swim will not last longer than 10 minutes per hour and will not be called during the final hour of operation.

Conduct

1. Running, rough housing, fighting, foul language, etc. are strictly prohibited in the pool area.
2. Modest male and female bathing suits are preferred. All private body parts should be covered. Thong bikinis or other suits that are see-through are not allowed. Patrons will be asked to cover up. Excessive or suggestive sexual conduct (including kissing) shall not be permitted. Couples displaying excessive PDA will be asked to stop, and may be asked to leave.

Diving Board/Deep end Rules

1. Only one person is permitted on the diving board and/or ladder at a time. The next person waiting in line must be on the concrete while waiting.
2. **Once you are on the diving board you may not climb off or back down the ladder.** Only the Head Guard or lifeguards may assist getting a patron into the water safely. **Under NO circumstances will you be allowed to come back down the ladder or jump off the side of the board onto the deck.** Anyone who is removed off the board more than twice will not be allowed back onto the board for the remainder of the season.
3. Diving/jumping is only permitted after the previous diver has surfaced and reached the ladder.
4. Only one bounce is allowed on the board.
5. Only forward facing jumps are allowed off the high dive.
6. Hanging on the diving board or swimming under the board is NOT permitted.
7. Games which utilize the diving area may not be played without the permission of the lifeguard on duty. When permission is granted, the game may be stopped at any time or for any reason the guard sees fit. **Games must stop when someone is waiting to use the diving board.**
8. Toys of any kind, pool noodles, puddle jumpers, life jackets, and kick boards are not permitted in the diving board area.

Guests

1. A member is allowed to bring up to 5 non-member guests into the pool enclosure. Members wishing to bring more than 5 guests at a time need to refer to the Pool Parties section.
2. A member in good standing must remain on the premises at all times with their guests.
3. Each guest must have a guest pass or pay the \$5.00 fee. Only one fee is collected per guest per day.
4. All guests must be registered in the guest book beside the member's name.

5. Non-member babysitters must have a guest pass or pay \$5.00. Babysitters may NOT bring additional guests with them and must follow all rules and regulations of the Club.

Health and Safety Rules

1. Lifeguards are in place for the safety of all swimmers. Refrain from “chatting” with the guard while on stands.
2. Only persons demonstrating swimming ability to the satisfaction of the lifeguard on duty will be permitted in the deep water. If a swimmer’s ability is questioned that person may be asked to move to a safer area. A swim test may be required.
3. Spitting, spouting of water, or clearing of throat or nose in the pool is strictly prohibited.
4. In the event of injury the staff needs to be alerted right away. The incident will be recorded on an incident form regardless of outcome.
5. The main pool and the wading pool are hydraulically connected. If anyone defecates in either pool, both pools have to be closed and “shocked” with a large amount of chlorine to kill any bacteria that might have contaminated the pool. The pool can be closed without notice for up to 24 hours to remove all contamination. By law, the pool cannot be reopened until all bacteria has been removed and neutralized.

Pool Parties

1. Six or more guests are considered a party. Parties must be scheduled with the staff. A party fee is required.
2. Parties are scheduled on a first come first serve basis and are only scheduled after the deposit is paid, and the party agreement is completed and returned.
3. Parties are not booked during swim team events, holidays, and opening/closing weekend. The Head Guard/management has the right to reject a party request for any reason.
4. Party hosts are responsible for the behavior of their guests, especially regarding diving board usage.
5. All parties canceled due to weather will be given the option of a refund or to rebook. In case of inclement weather during the party, it may be rescheduled as time allows.

Toys and Life Jackets/Puddle Jumpers

1. Designated pool/water toys such as pool noodles, kick boards, Nerf brand toys, beach balls 16” and under, and water guns without a pullback handle are allowed. Tennis balls, baseballs, softballs, footballs, volleyballs and other NON-pool play items are not permitted. Inflatable rafts, rings or water wings are not permitted except on designated days.
2. Flippers/fins may be used in the pool, but must be removed to walk on the deck.
3. Anyone using a pool noodle or kick board must be able to swim the length of the pool without assistance or use the device in an area where he/she can stand.
4. Life jackets and “Puddle Jumpers” with printed Coast Guard approval tags are permitted in the **shallow area or middle area of the pool only** when the child is within arm’s reach of an attentive adult age 16 or over. **Absolutely NO life jackets or puddle jumpers are allowed in the deep end and are not allowed to be worn when going off the diving board.**
5. Pool noodles, kickboards, and other toys may be restricted due to crowded conditions, improper use, or other reasons at the discretion of the Head Guard/management.

Wading Pool Rules

1. The lifeguards do NOT monitor the wading pool.
2. The wading pool is restricted to children 6 years and younger. Parents or responsible persons may play with children in the wading pool.
3. Children in the wading pool must be supervised at all times by a parent or responsible person of at least 16 years of age.
4. Babies and toddlers who are not yet fully toilet trained must wear swim diapers. Diapers must be snug enough to prevent solid waste from entering the pool. Regular diapers are prohibited in the pool. The caregiver will be asked to remove the child from the pool if he/she is not wearing the proper diaper.

Weather

1. At the sound of thunder and/or sight of lightning, the pool will close and will remain closed for 30 minutes until the last sight of lightning or sound of thunder. In the case of lightning, the pool deck is to be cleared immediately.
2. The decision to reopen following inclement weather will be at the discretion of the Head Guard/management.
3. When the air temperature is below 70 degrees and the pool water temperature falls below 82 degrees, the pool can be closed at the discretion of the Head Guard/management.

Miscellaneous

1. Report any technical issue, problem, safety issue, etc. to the Head Guard or management. Situations arising and not specifically covered by these established rules shall be handled by the Manager or Head Guard on duty and reported to the Board of Directors.
2. Direct any appeals, suggestions, or complaints to the Board of Directors.