

South Hadley Swim Club Rules and Policies

The South Hadley Swim Club is comprised of members that care for, pay for, and use the pool and its grounds. The Board of Directors sets rules and policies and oversees the fees and general management of the Club. The Greater Holyoke YMCA manages the daily operation of the pools and the lifeguard staff and is in charge of water quality and safety in and around the pool. Any abuse of these rules will be reviewed by the Board of Directors and may result in loss of membership, with no refund of fees.

Club members are responsible to pay membership fees prior to the start of the season; respect and enforce the rules and policies set forth by Board of Directors and the Greater Holyoke YMCA; respect all members, staff, and management; and to care for equipment, facilities and grounds. No person benefits financially from the Club. The SHSC is a not-for-profit organization that operates on a tight budget, so it is imperative that everyone does their own part. Abuse or disregard for the Club in any way jeopardizes the privilege of membership not just for the offender, but also for all members of the Club. All that is expected is that everyone do their part to cooperate, abide by the rules, and keep our Club a safe and peaceful summer haven.

1. First and foremost, all members and guests must understand that a long whistle blast indicates some type of emergency (personal safety, medical, severe weather) and EVERYONE MUST CLEAR THE POOL AND DECK IMMEDIATELY! The pool and grounds are closed for 30 minutes after the last sign of a thunderstorm as determined by the pool staff. Members are expected to abide by and cooperate with the directions of the lifeguards at all times.

2. Upon arrival, all members and their guests must complete the sign-in sheet located in the binder on the podium near the entrance gate. Adults are responsible to sign in their family and guest(s) for each visit. Please do not have your children sign in for you. Members' children 12 and older may be dropped off and may sign themselves in. PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY AND RECORD THE REQUESTED INFORMATION ACCURATELY. The sign-in sheet is a legal document. These sheets are reviewed, reconciled with guest passes and attendance observations, and archived for future considerations of policies and procedures.

3. Please keep your Member ID tag visible during your stay. This helps lifeguards identify members in good standing and any uninvited non-members using the Club. Lifeguards may request the Member ID at any time.

4. Members must sign-in all guests and introduce them to the lifeguards upon arrival. Members must complete each guest pass with names and date clearly printed. The lifeguards have guest passes for purchase (\$5 each or in sheets of 5 for \$25). IOUs are not accepted in lieu of a guest pass. EVERY GUEST MUST BE REPRESENTED BY A GUEST PASS SURRENDERED AT THE TIME OF VISIT.

5. Members are responsible for guests while they are at the Club. Guests must comply with all of the rules of the Club.

6. Adult Swim period is reserved for people 18 years and older. Adult Swim begins at the top of the hour and lasts 15 minutes. Lifeguards may choose to eliminate Adult Swim if the pool is not busy.

7. The lap lane is reserved for anyone wishing to swim laps during the hours of 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. During the hours of 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. the lap lane will be removed when

deemed necessary by the lifeguards to accommodate the number of swimmers. When lap swimmers are in the lap lane, please stay out of that lane and do not hang on lane lines.

8. For the safety of all members, please use the stairs, not the hill, between the pool and the clubhouse.

9. Food and any beverage other than water is allowed ONLY in the picnic area outside the pool fence. NO FOOD or beverage other than water is allowed on the pool deck. Water in NON-GLASS containers is the only beverage allowed on deck. Any other beverage attracts nuisance insects. Please use the can/bottle recycling containers located around the property to dispose of EMPTY containers. Please pick up your own trash and discard it in the black barrels located around the property.

10. Children are to be monitored by their caregivers both IN and OUT of the pool. Abuse of the equipment or facility will not be tolerated. Toys and sports equipment should be returned to the storage bins after use. Please instruct your child(ren) to put away whatever they have taken out. The storage bin is located down in the playing field area to make it easier for kids to access the equipment and put away what they have used.

11. For the safety of all members, the following items are permissible in the large pool: diving rings, small soft pool toys, diving masks, goggles, snorkels, and Coast Guard Certified personal flotation devices (USCG certified PFDs will display that status). These items MUST be marked with member's last name.

12. Diving is allowed only in the deep end.

13. All children must be able to swim 1 pool length as demonstrated to the lifeguard in order to be alone in the big pool.

14. The use and consumption of alcohol, cigarettes, cigars, marijuana, vaping substances, chewing tobacco, illegal drugs, and associated paraphernalia is prohibited on Club property.

15. Diapers on children in the large or small pool is not allowed. Only approved Swim Pants are to be used.

16. Swim lessons are organized by the YMCA. Members will be notified of swim lessons via email, the Club website, and the bulletin board at the Club.