

RULES AND REGULATIONS – 2023

The following Rules and Regulations are for the protection and benefit of all members. These Rules have been established to assure safe and sanitary operation of the Club's facilities. **Parents are held responsible for their children to observe all rules and obey instructions of the Board of Directors and Pool Manager and other employees.** These rules may be revised, rescinded or added to, at any time, by the Board of Directors.

Any failure to comply with these Rules may be considered sufficient cause for immediate suspension of pool privileges for the offending member and can be considered sufficient cause for cancellation of membership by the Board of Directors. In any situation where safety is a factor, the Pool Manager's decision will prevail.

Any question as to the meaning or proper interpretation of any of the provisions of these Rules and Regulations shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

GENERAL:

- The Club reserves the right to deny admission to any person, prevent entry to any person or require a person already admitted to leave the facility or any part thereof, without refund, liability, or compensation, for failure to comply with any of these rules, for unsafe, illegal or offensive behavior, to ensure safety, security or order, or if the Club considers that the circumstances otherwise so require, in our sole and absolute discretion.
- No soliciting of funds or petitioning shall be made by members on Club grounds without prior approval of the Board of Directors.
- Operate your vehicle **carefully** and **slowly** while on the Club's grounds.
- Vehicles entering the parking area beyond the gatehouse must have a valid parking permit affixed to the driver's side window glass. All guests and employees must park in the guest parking lot.
- Use the Club parking area efficiently. Save as much space as possible for other member's vehicles.
- Rules and Regulations for the use of the Clubhouse, see Clubhouse Director.
- All persons using any of the Club facilities do so at their own risk. The Club will not be responsible for accidents or injuries in connection with such use.
- The Club will not be responsible for loss or damage to personal property of members and/or guests.
- Read bulletin boards for notices, announcements, rule changes and upcoming events. All postings must be approved by the Board of Directors.
- All complaints must be made within 48 hours of the situation. This must be in writing, signed and deposited in the Board of Directors mailbox outside the gate house.
- You must be 21 years of age to consume alcohol on Club property.
- Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult on the grounds, including while in the playground. All children in the playground must wear appropriate footwear.

POOL HOURS:

- The swimming season begins on Memorial Day and ends with the Sunday after Labor Day.
- POOL HOURS: Sunday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Friday & Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Swimming lessons will be scheduled by the Youth Activities Director and Pool Manager.
- The Activities Directors, in conjunction with the Pool Manager, may designate nights for special events, with Board approval.
- Pool hours may be extended by the Board of Directors' discretion for reasons including, but not limited to, holidays, exceptional attendance and special events.
- The pool may be closed for maintenance operations, health conditions, weather or any reason deemed sufficient by the Pool Manager.

DIVING BOARD RULES:

- Use of diving boards is restricted to one person at a time.
- Wait on the deck until the diving board is empty.
- Wait until the previous diver reaches the exit ladder.
- The wearing of goggles while using the diving board or slide is prohibited.
- 3 Meter Board (High Dive) cannot be adjusted during pool hours.
- No more than 3 bounces off diving boards.

SLIDE RULES:

- Slide feet first only. No stopping in the flume, climbing up the flume or diving off the flume.
- One person at a time on the stairs & in the slide.
- Leave the splash area immediately.
- No goggles are permitted.

LAP LANE RULES:

- The lap lane is situated between the deep end of the main pool and the diving well.
- The lap lane is reserved for lap swimming at all times.
- Lap swimmers should perform laps in a counterclockwise circle pattern.
- There is no jumping or diving permitted in the lap lane.
- Lap swimmers may enter the lap lane from the main pool as lap swimming traffic permits.
- Swimmers should not cross the lap lane lines for any other purpose.
- Swimmers are not to congregate anywhere within the lap lane or otherwise interfere with lap swimmers.

POOL USE and CHILDREN:

- Children 5 and under may only use the shallow end (the area between the steps and the floats) of the pool when accompanied by an adult **WHO IS IN THE WATER AT ALL TIMES**.
- Under no circumstances are children under 5 allowed in the deep end of the pool.
- Children 6 and over may use the shallow end of the pool (the area between the steps and the floats) unaccompanied by an adult.
- Children 5&6 who have passed the deep water test and are accompanied by an adult, **WHO IS IN THE WATER AT ALL TIMES**, may use the deep end of the pool.
- Children ranging from the age of 7-12 years of age shall not be allowed in the deep end until they have passed the Deep Water test which consists of the following:
 - PART 1: Swim two (2) widths of the pool
 - PART 2: treading water for a 2-minute period.
- This test must be taken each year. Those passing the test will have their names registered into a log kept in the pool office and the badge will need to be worn at all times.
- Cost of badges is \$1.
- If you forget the badge, you may purchase another one.
- All guests 5 to 12 must take the deep water test before entering the deep end of the pool.
- Use of the wading pool shall be limited to children under 8 years of age who must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian.
- No object larger than 12 inches or smaller than 6 inches shall be allowed in the wading pool.
- None of the following items can be in the pool: metal, glass, bottles, rigid plastic toys, inflatable toys, foam plastic articles.

MEMBER OBLIGATIONS:

- All members must check-in at the Gatehouse upon entering the Club Grounds.
- The cost of any property damage will be charged to the responsible member.
- All Members are required to pay dues by the date specified on invoice or late fees will be applied, no exception. Only members in good standing are allowed on premises.
- Guest fees apply to those 4 and older.

RULES OF CONDUCT:

- No bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, roller blades, skeeters or scooters shall be allowed to be operated anywhere on Club grounds. All items shall be stored in a safe manner.
- No pets allowed on Club grounds.
- Beverages and food may be consumed in designated areas only, designated by the Board of Directors.
- Only water may be consumed around the pool deck in clear plastic bottles or reusable covered beverage containers (i.e., Yeti, S'well, and Water Bottles – **no glass bottles or solo cups**).
- No abusive language shall be used on Club property.
- No loud playing of audio equipment is permitted.
- No sports playing in the breezeway during pool hours.

GUESTS:

- Definition - Any non-member accompanying a member to the Club is a Guest.
- All adult guests must show ID prior to entering the club
- All guests **must wear their wristbands** while on Club grounds.
- **Any member expecting eleven (11) or more guests on a single day must advise the Board of Directors at least one week in advance of the date. Such notice should be made via the Club's Website whenever possible.**
- All guests must be signed in at the Gatehouse by a member in person, who must remain on the premises while guests are present
- **Sign In Age:** All dependent members, age of 12 or older can sign guests in.
- Any exceptions to this rule must have written prior approval of the Board of Directors.
- Conduct of guests and cost of any property damage by guests is the direct responsibility of the sponsoring member.
- A guest may leave and re-enter the Club anytime during the same day with no additional charge if the member is still on the premises.

GUEST RATES and PAYMENT:

- \$12 + NYS Sales Tax, per guest (adult or child 4 and older) on any day while the pool is open.
- Payment for guests may be made by **Guest Coupon or Check only**. Guest Booklets will be sold, now in a packet of 25 tickets. Cost is \$300, + tax, per Guest Booklet.
- Individual admission may be purchased at the gatehouse for \$12 + tax, per ticket, payable by check only.
- **House Guests:** Any off Staten Island visitors temporarily residing in a member's home may be considered House Guests and be granted temporary Club privileges as follows: A special weekly rate of \$75 per week, per family..
- Such privileges are limited to 2 consecutive weeks. **Guests must be accompanied by a member at all times.** No refunds.
- A House Guest Registration form must be completed and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval at least 1 week before the House Guest(s) will be using the pool.
- **Senior Guest:** Any parent of a Family or single member, aged 65 or over, who does not reside with the member may be a Senior Guest. A senior guest will have pool privileges.
- The fee for senior guests shall be \$272.19, per person, for families that have less than 5 years in the club. Members with 5 or more years, the cost will be \$163.31 per person, annually.
- There will be no charge for guests during the non-swimming season.

NON-ACTIVITY FEE:

- **Each certificate member is required to annually perform a minimum of 6 hours of an approved Club activity.**
- Effective the 2001 swimming season the fee for non-activity is \$400.00.
- Members age 65 or older are exempt from the activity requirement. Any member requesting a preference based on age, must have a verified age on file.
- Members who are under the age of 65 may request a waiver with cause to the Board of Directors..
- Activity Hours must be completed April 1, 2021 thru March 31, 2022.
- **Swim Team hours do not count towards the Club Activity Hours.**

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

- All bathers must shower before entering the pool area, and all changing of clothes must be done in the locker rooms. Changing diapers must take place in the bathrooms or at the designated areas.
- Untrained babies and children will not be allowed in the main pool.
- Untrained babies and children are permitted in the wading pool only with protective plastic or rubber panties over diapers. A "Swimmie" diaper is **NOT** considered protective & must be covered.
- Admission to the pool shall be refused to anyone with a cold, cough, inflamed eyes, infections or wearing bandages. Expectorating and blowing of nose in the pool is prohibited.
- In accordance with NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene rules, there is no eating, drinking (exception of water) or smoking (including vaping) of any kind in the pool, on the pool deck, or on the lawns in the pool area.
- No tables or chairs are allowed on the cement pool deck.
- Baby carriages, strollers and playpens are not allowed on cement pool decks, excluding the baby pool.
- No towels or other objects allowed on fences or trees.
- No running, pushing, wrestling, ball playing or causing undue disturbance in or about the pool area.
- No Vests, PFDs, air-inflated articles, jackets, toys, webbed feet, flippers, foam plastic articles or other paraphernalia shall be allowed in the main pool.
- No diving from the sides of the pool, except in the deep end.
- No personal multi-legged tents are to be used in the pool area. Only free standing beach umbrellas are permitted. Any portable equipment deemed unsafe by the Pool Manager will be prohibited.
- There is absolutely **no marijuana smoking of any kind** or any form on club grounds.
- All CDC rules must be followed while the restrictions exist.

THE BREEZEWAY:

- The tables in the Breezeway and on the bulkhead overlooking the pool are to be treated as eat and go and are not to be reserved for the day during pool hours. Please be mindful to share the tables with other members and guests. We ask that you remove all items and trash from the tables when you are finished.
- The picnic area down back is for your convenience to set up for the day with your personal belongings.

CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY:

Members who volunteer for the South Shore Swimming Club, who may have access to confidential information, will sign an Agreement of Confidentiality of Personal Information ("The Agreement") annually. No personal information will be given to any volunteer who refuses to sign the Agreement.

If any of the rules of the Agreement are violated, said violation will be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors of the S.S.S.C. who will in turn request that the offender return any and all documents and information provided and cease any and all activity on behalf of the S.S.S.C. or its members.

RESIGNATION FROM THE CLUB - All resignations must be forwarded in writing, **via certified mail**, to **P.O. Box 120267, Staten Island, N.Y. 10312**, prior to April 15. Any monies owed will be deducted from the Certificate refund.