



## **Nottingham Swim Club Operating Rules**

### **General**

- Pool privileges are granted only to those members whose dues are paid in full.
- Payment of dues or inactive membership fees are required annually prior to the start of the swim season; non-payment without timely formal resignation will lead to seizure of bond and revocation of membership.
- All instructions given by the lifeguard, pool staff, or a member of the board are to be followed - lifeguards and pool staff have authority to revoke pool privileges for a period of time for repeat or flagrant violations of pool rules and policies, including limiting activity of a member that may be endangering the safety or disturbing other guests.
- Repeated disregard of pool policies could result in suspension or loss of membership privileges, as outlined in the pool by-laws.
- Pool hours are posted on the pool website and at the guards desk; the pool may close without advance notice, due to weather or other health, safety, or maintenance concerns.
- All members must check in with the guards upon arrival and guests must be registered.
- Members must have at least 1 valid email tied to their NSC account, and it is the responsibility of each member to keep the email current to ensure they receive communications from Nottingham Swim Club.
  - Email is the primary form of communication about the pool (including notification of annual board meeting, elections, membership dues, operating hours, and events)
  - Other forms of communication that may be used are: Facebook, Instagram, postings in the pool breezeway (during the season), and/or sign posted at entrance, & elective text
- All persons use the pool at their own risk.
- NSC is not responsible for valuables brought on site.
- Conversation with a guard on the stand or watching the pool in another location should be limited, unless it is to report a safety issue or pool problem.
- Members are expected to clean up after themselves and their guests and dispose of their own garbage before leaving.
- Showers are encouraged before entering the pool.
- Persons with communicable and infectious diseases, or bandages, are not allowed in the pool.
- Running on the deck is prohibited.
- All injuries must be reported to a lifeguard immediately.
- Diapered children must wear swim diapers and a swimsuit; ANY diaper leaks must be reported immediately to a guard on duty.
- The use of profane, abusive, or otherwise offensive language is not permitted.
- Smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes and other vapor-producing devices, is strictly prohibited anywhere on NSC grounds, including by the front entrance and grassy areas.
- Persons who are visibly intoxicated or otherwise impaired may not be allowed to enter the pool and/or may be asked to leave the pool facilities.

- Pets are not to be brought on pool property inside the fence line, unless otherwise authorized in advance; any pets brought on property outside of the fence line must be leashed and attended by their owner at all times.
- If there is a conflict between this rules document and the rules boards located at Nottingham Swim Club, this document will control.

### **Youth Attendance Policy**

- Youth under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult or responsible person 14 years of age or older, and must be under that person's direct supervision while at the pool.
- Youth 12 years and older who have passed the Deep Water Swim Test may be granted unsupervised use of the pool, *at the request of their parents and at the discretion of the pool staff.*
- Repeated disregard of pool rules or the instruction of pool staff could lead to revocation of the privilege to attend the pool unaccompanied.

### **Main Pool**

- If a guard is not on the stand, nobody is allowed to enter the pool.
- Children must pass a basic swim test to:
  - Be allowed beyond wading depth, including the diving well
  - Use the diving board
- Children wearing a personal floatation device need to have a responsible adult in the water within arm's reach. Alternatively, there may be another responsible person 14 years or older in the water within arm's reach as long as the responsible adult is on the pool deck within 2 feet of the pool and able to enter the pool if needed.
- One person at a time is allowed on the diving board.
- The previous person must clear the diving well (meaning, at the ladder or holding the side of the pool) before the next person uses the diving board.
- Posted diving board rules must be followed.
- Diving from the sides of the pool where water is less than 6 feet deep is prohibited.
- Tossing of balls or other items is at lifeguard discretion; balls must be soft/Nerf-like only.
- Only plastic water accessories (e.g. goggles, etc) are allowed in the pool area.
- Rafts and other floats are only allowed on Raft Nights.
- Pushing, dunking, and other horseplay is prohibited.
- It is prohibited to hang, stand, climb, or play on/under the pool stairs, it is for water entry and exits only.
- If the lap lane is up, priority is given to lap swimmers, so that swimmers can do laps if they choose.
- During busy times, Adult Swim/Safety Break may be called for a 15 minute interval, usually at the top of each hour – all children must exit the main pool at that time (they may not use the baby pool, unless 6 years old or under AND accompanied by an adult).
- The pool will close 15 minutes prior to NSC's closing time.

### **Baby Pool**

- **REQUIRED:** Any child in the baby pool enclosure must be accompanied by a parent or guardian within the baby pool fence.
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for watching their children in the baby pool area, as this area is not actively monitored by lifeguards.
- Gate to the baby pool is to remain closed at all times.
- Baby pool hours follow main pool hours – if the main pool is not open for general use, then the baby pool is also closed.
- No children over the age 6 permitted in the baby pool unless accompanying a younger child at parents discretion.
- The baby pool is not a gathering place for older children.
- Pool toys are provided for member use – please return any toys you use to the basket before exiting the baby pool area.
- Pool toys should be larger than an adult fist.

### **Food/Drinks**

- No form of food or drink is allowed within four feet of the main pool, in high traffic or wet areas, or in the pool.
- No food is allowed within the baby pool area; no drinks are allowed within 4 feet of the baby pool/water.
- Members and guests choosing to consume alcoholic beverages are asked to do so responsibly, and from a cup or using a koozie to cover labels, provided that they are of legal age to consume.
- The Pool Manager, Lifeguard, or board member can determine that a member or guest is not permitted to swim after consumption of alcohol and may request a member to leave the pool grounds in the event of inappropriate behavior.
- No glass, ceramic, or breakable containers of any kind are allowed anywhere on the concrete pool deck.
- Members (and their guests) are expected to clean up after themselves and dispose of all garbage before leaving.
- Grills are available on a first come, first serve basis & should be cleaned after use.
- Access to the snack shack is restricted to staff and to members with express permission from staff.
- No gum chewing allowed on pool grounds.

### **Inclement Weather**

- The pool will be closed based on the staff discretion guided by the following criteria:
  - **THUNDER:** Pool will remain closed for at least 30 minutes following the sound of thunder- verified by app
  - **LIGHTNING:** Pool will remain closed for at least 30 minutes following lightning & guards will monitor the weather app to track storms and the pool will remain closed until there are no lightning strikes reported within 10 miles
  - **HEAVY RAIN:** the pool will be closed during periods of heavy rain when the bottom of the pool is not clearly visible
- Members and guests will need to leave the property at the discretion of the Pool Staff and/or Board Members

- NSC will make best effort to post on the Nottingham Facebook page/Instagram and send a text when weather causes:
  - A delay in pool opening
  - An early pool closure for the remainder of the day
  - A cancellation of pool operating hours for the full day

### **Guests**

- Guest must be with a pool member & register with the guards as a guest, providing their first and last name (guests must leave the pool grounds when the sponsoring member leaves and check out with the guard accordingly)
- Guest passes can purchased in advance for \$5 each through the member's NSC account online
- A guest pass will be charged to a member's account for each guest present
- Members shall be responsible for the conduct of their guests
- More than 10 guests attending at one time require booking a party rental in advance

### **Parties/Pavilion Rentals**

- Parties and pavilion rentals are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis
- All parties/pavilion rentals are required to be booked at least 14 days in advance (the advance notice is required for staffing operations)
- Signed rental contract & reservation fee payment are due 7 days in advance
- Reservations can be made only by members who have been bondholders for at least one month
- An adult member must sponsor any reservations and be in attendance during the entire reservation
- The member requesting the reservation is responsible for following all parts of the rental contract and is responsible for the behavior of guests and any damages and/or expenses caused by their guests (member and non-member) while on Nottingham Swim Club property
- Cancellations can be made up to 72 hours in advance of the scheduled event

### **COVID-19 Protocols**

The safety of our members and their families is our primary concern as we navigate the Covid-19 health situation. The Board will continue to monitor CDC and DE Division of Public Health guidelines and may adjust our operating procedures according to new information. As of right now there are no additional protocols in place. We understand that everyone has varying levels of comfort and ask that all of our members do their best to be respectful of all members of our community.