



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
- 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
- All persons use the pool at their own risk
- NSC is not responsible for valuables brought on site
- Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult
- 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
- Members are expected to clean up after themselves and their guests and dispose of their own garbage before leaving
- All instructions given by the lifeguard, other staff, or a member of the board are to be followed
- The use of profane, abusive, or otherwise offensive language is not permitted
- Showers are advised 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
- Conversation with lifeguard on duty is discouraged; conversation with a guard on the stand or watching the pool in another location is not allowed, unless it is to report a safety issue or pool problem
- 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
- 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, postings in the pool breezeway (during the season), and/or sign posted at entrance
- If there is a conflict between this rules document and the rules boards located at Nottingham Swim Club, this document will control

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 an adult in the water within arm's reach
- One person at a time is allowed on the diving board
- The previous person must clear the diving well (meaning, at the ladder and climbing out of the pool) before the next person uses the diving board
- 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 (i.e. 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, it is prohibited to play in this area, so that swimmers can do laps if they choose
- During busy times, Adult Swim may be called for 15 minutes 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 under 6 years old 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
- No children over the age 6 permitted in the baby pool
- Baby pool hours follow main pool hours – if the main pool is not open for general use, then the baby pool is also closed
- 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
- No food is allowed within the baby pool area

Food/Drinks

- Food is prohibited within one concrete block/four feet of the main pool (whichever distance is greater) and no food is allowed within the baby pool area
- No glass containers of any kind are allowed on the pool deck
- Members (and their guests) are expected to clean up after themselves and dispose of all garbage before leaving
- Drinks in plastics or cans are not allowed in or close to the pool
- Grills are available on a first come, first serve basis
- Access to the snack shack is restricted to staff and to members with express permission from staff
- No gum chewing allowed in pool enclosure

Inclement Weather

- The pool will be closed based on the following criteria:
 - **THUNDER:** 30 minutes following thunder
 - **LIGHTNING:** Guards will monitor a specific and consistent weather app (currently Weather Bug) to track storms and the pool will remain closed until there are no lightning strikes reported within 15 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 Manager or Board Vice President.
- NSC will make best effort to post on the Nottingham Facebook page 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 be purchased in advance for \$3 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 (due to COVID restrictions, party rentals are not available in 2020)
- A guest may attend no more than 10 times per season

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 7 days in advance (the advance notice is required for staffing operations)
- Reservations can be made only by members who have been bondholders for at least one month
- When making a reservation, the following must be received (at least 7 days in advance):
 - Signed reservation contract
 - Reservation fee payment
 - Guest list
 - **NOTE:** If any of the above is not received, the reservation may not be accepted
- If you are planning to bring more than 10 guests, you must request and book a party in advance (at least 7 days). Rentals are based on the number of guests/participants regardless of whether they are non-members or members.
- An adult member must sponsor any reservations and be in attendance during the entire reservation
- The member requesting the reservation is responsible for:
 - Providing in advance a list of all planned guests
 - The set-up of their event (pool staff will make sure that tables are in their assigned positions for events)
 - The disposal of all trash in the proper receptacles

- Prior to party, receiving permission from and coordinating with the pool manager if a party wishes to provide music entertainment
 - This permission will be granted at the pool manager's discretion.
 - If music is approved, it is the reserving member's responsibility to ensure that it is played at a reasonable level and is in compliance with City of Newark noise ordinances.
- Removing and disposing of all decorations at the conclusion of the event
- Ensuring that guest behavior complies with pool rules and decorum
- The reservation sponsor 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
- Events are assigned to rented area(s) paid for, and include use of the main and baby pools
- Multiple parties may be scheduled on the same day at the same time in different locations
- The reservation sponsor is responsible for their own food, including keeping it cold – refrigerator/freezer in the snack shack are not for member use and are not included as part of a reservation