

## RULES AND POLICIES

The South Hadley Swim Club is made up 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.**

As club members we are responsible to pay our dues **before the season starts, respect and enforce the Board of Directors' rules as well as the policies of the Greater Holyoke YMCA**, and to take care of the equipment, facilities and grounds. No person benefits financially from the 'Club'. **We are a not-for-profit organization that operates on a tight budget, so it is imperative that everyone does their own part to respect the club: the rules, the facilities, the equipment, the grounds, the members, the staff, and the management. 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 guest must understand that a **long whistle blast** indicates some type of emergency 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.**
2. **Sign in at the front gate.** Please **do not** have your children sign in for you! Adults are responsible to sign in their family and any guest(s). PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY AND RECORD THE REQUESTED INFORMATION ACCURATELY. The sign-in sheet is a legal document. They are reviewed, reconciled with guest passes and attendance observations, and archived for future considerations of policies and procedures.
3. **Please keep your Member ID visible upon entering the Club and during your stay.**
4. **Guest Passes:** EVERY GUEST must be signed in upon arrival and a guest pass for each guest is given to the lifeguard with your name and the guest's name **clearly** printed, and the proper date. The lifeguard staff has guest passes for purchase. **EACH AND EVERY GUEST MUST BE REPRESENTED BY A GUEST PASS SURRENDERED AT THE TIME OF VISIT.**
5. **Please introduce your guest to the Pool Manager, if on duty, or the lifeguards. YOU are responsible for your guest;** make sure they know the Swim Club rules and comply. Additional guest passes can be purchased for \$5 each, sold singly or in sheets of 5 for \$25.00. IOUs are not accepted in lieu of a guest pass. Any member with outstanding guest passes will be denied access to the Club.
6. Adult swim period is reserved for people 18 yrs. and older.
7. **The lap lane is reserved for anyone wishing to swim laps during the hours of 11:30 a.m.- 1p.m. and from 5 – 8 p.m. During the hours of 1 – 5 p.m. the lap lane will be removed when deemed necessary by the staff to accommodate the number of swimmers.**
8. For the safety of all members, please use the stairs, not the hill, between the pool and the clubhouse.

9. **No shoes allowed on deck** (unless physically necessary). Please place shoes **on the shelves**, keeping the walkway clear for the safety of all members. There is sufficient space on the shelves (two sides of the building) for shoes. *Shoes left on the pavement* always find their way into the traffic path of members arriving or leaving. This is not only discourteous to others, but also poses a safety risk to all members. ***The staff reserves the right to move any shoes left on the pavement. A chair will be left near the white board to assist persons in removing and putting on their shoes.***
10. **Food (and any beverage other than water) is allowed ONLY in the picnic area outside the pool fence. NO FOOD is allowed on the pool deck.**
11. **Water is the only beverage allowed on deck and only in NON-GLASS containers. Any other beverage attracts nuisance insects.**
12. **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.**
13. **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 bins are located down in the playing field area to make it easier to kids to access the equipment and put away what they have used.**
14. No flotation devices are allowed other than those approved by the Pool Manager.
15. Diving is allowed only in the deep end.
16. All children must be able to swim 1 pool length as demonstrated to the lifeguard in order to be alone in the big pool.
17. Members' children 12 and older can be dropped off. THEY CAN SIGN THEMSELVES IN.
18. **Use the can/bottle recycling container to dispose of EMPTY containers; throw all other trash in black barrels. Pick up your own trash.**
19. Please refrain from smoking on pool grounds.
20. **No diapers on children in ANY pool. Only approved Swim Pants are to be used.**
21. When lap swimmers are in the lap lane, please stay out of that lane. PLEASE DO NOT HANG ON LANE LINES!
22. Grills are for members. *Please advise a lifeguard if a propane tank runs out.*
23. **The Pavilion can be rented for parties.** The deposit is \$50 (payable in advance to reserve your date) and covers the first 10 people, member or non-members. After the first 10 people, the cost is \$5.00 per NON-MEMBER guest after that. No alcohol is permitted. Parties must be booked in advance. ***Please contact Amy Gray, Club Secretary, at 221-9414 or SHSC01075@gmail.com to book a party. Deposit is due at time of booking; balance is due on the day of your event. Please pay the Pool Manager.*** You may also pick up a Pavilion Reservation form from, and pay your deposit to, the staff at the Club.
24. **Presently, Swim Lessons are being organized by the YMCA. Information will be posted on the bulletin board at the Club and on our website when finalized.**

**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.**