



Southdown Country Club, Inc. Rules & Regulations



Following are the Rules & Regulations promulgated by the Board of Directors by the authority granted them under Article III, Section 3 of the Bylaws. These were **revised** and approved on **February 9, 2004**.

I. Pool Management Responsibility

The Pool Manager, an employee of Southdown Pool, who was hired by contract to manage the pool during the current season, is the agent of the Board of Directors (Board, hereinafter) and is in complete charge of the pool during the hours of operation and at after hours social events and parties. As agent for the Board, the Pool Manager is responsible for enforcing the Rules & Regulations outlined herein, and is charged for authority by the Board to make on-the-spot decisions on all matters affecting health, safety, and discipline. **The Pool Manager or a lifeguard may suspend pool privileges of any adult or child who does not comply with these Rules & Regulations.** Long-term suspensions (over three days) will be reviewed by the Board at the request of the Pool Manager and/or the Operating Committee Chairman.

2 Pool Admission

- A. **All members must properly identify themselves upon entering the pool and at the request of a lifeguard or other Board member or individuals appointed by the Board.**
- B. Members entering the pool with guests must identify the guest to a lifeguard and the appropriate fee will be collected at that time. **Guest fees are as follows:**
 - \$20.00 per family per day (up to 4 people maximum)**
 - \$10.00 per guest over 3 years of age**
 - Children age 3 & under are Free**
- C. **Large parties: The maximum number of guests during pool hours will be 25 per member with a maximum \$50 fee. The member bringing large numbers of guests must register with the pool rental coordinator at least one week in advance.**
- D. A member may authorize a person to bring their child/children to the pool if that person is at least 13 years of age, which is the age required by law for a babysitter. The member will be required to present a written request to the Board for approval. Upon approval, there will be no guest fee for this person for the year that the request was approved.

III. General Rules & Regulations

- A. **The cost of any property damage shall be charged to the member responsible. Damage by a guest shall be charged to the sponsoring member.**
- B. **No abusive, offensive, or profane language will be permitted.**
- C. Bicycles will be parked outside the pool in a designated area. Bicycles should not be left in the parking lot.
- D. **No skateboarding or rollerblading in the pool area.**
- E. All refuse will be placed in the trash containers provided.
- F. No pets will be permitted within the pool.
- G. Lawn chairs, card tables and chairs will be placed in such a manner as to allow free access to the bathhouse and the office. All chairs, tables, etc., shall be folded and stored when not in use.

- H. Lifeguards clear the pool of all children for a specific period of time to permit adult swimming in the pool. Children will remain out of the pool until told they can return.
- I. Members will not instruct the lifeguard regarding their duties but will report any problems to a Board member or the Pool Operations Committee.
- J. **Groups of 10 or more** for a function such as a child's birthday party must **notify a Board Member in advance** in order to: 1) assure adequate staffing of the pool; and 2) negotiate guest fees (\$50 maximum).

IV. Specific Health & Safety Regulations

- A. **Lifeguards shall have final and conclusive authority to enforce all matters relating to health, safety, and discipline, and may expel any persons failing to observe these Rules or otherwise conducting themselves improperly.** The guards will document any major and repeated minor infractions in the discipline log. **Examples infractions** include, but are not limited to: 1) **insubordinate behavior**; 2) **two people on the diving board**; 3) **pushing someone from the deck into the pool**; 4) **jumping or diving onto someone in the pool**; 5) **eating out of the food area**; and 6) **refusing to listen to the staff**.
- B. All bathers must take a soap shower before entering the pool.
- C. Persons using suntan oil will take another soap shower prior to entering the pool.
- D. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS** (including baby bottles) are allowed in the pool area.
- E. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the pool grounds.
- F. **No running, pushing, wrestling, ball playing, or causing of undue disturbance in or about the pool area is permitted.**
- G. No chewing of gum is permitted in the pool.
- H. No food containers, etc., are permitted in the pool.
- I. Smoking is not permitted in the pool.
- J. Admissions will be refused to anyone wearing bandages, or with skin abrasions, open cuts, open blisters, colds, coughs, extremely inflamed eyes, open sores, infections, excessive sunburn, or with nasal or ear discharge, diarrhea, or any infectious disease that may be transmitted through water (at the discretion of the lifeguard). Re-admittance despite persistence of the condition is allowed only with certification by a physician.
- K. Parents are responsible for and must attend to children under their care from inside the waiting pool fence. Only children six years of age and under may use the wading pool.
- L. Spitting, spouting of water, blowing of nose, etc., are prohibited in the pool.
- M. Parents are cautioned not to permit over fatigue. Lifeguards may direct a rest period if fatigue or chill is observed. This should last for no more than 15 minutes.
- N. Persons unable to demonstrate to a lifeguard their ability to swim will not be permitted in the deep water.
- O. When conditions dictate that the pool area should be closed in the interest of safety or health, lifeguards shall have the authority to affect the closing.
- P. The pool will be cleared of all people in the event of an emergency. **The emergency signal will be three sharp blasts of a lifeguard's whistle.**

Q. Life rafts, inner tubes, or artificial flotation devices may be allowed in the main pool area at the discretion of the lifeguards. Throwing baseballs, softballs, and frisbees are not permitted in the pool area, except by responsible adults during adult swim periods.

R. **Age Limits for the Main Pool:** No children under the age of 3 will be permitted in the main pool unless they are potty trained. Children are not permitted in the main pool in diapers, not even swim diapers. Children whom are not potty trained are permitted to use the baby pool, but must wear a swim diaper or a cloth diaper and rubber pants. **Reminder, fecal matter in the pool results in a closure of no less than 24 hours!!!** Children under the age of 13 who are unable to pass the swim test are not permitted to enter the water without adult supervision.

S. Children under the age of 8 are not permitted to enter the pool area unless accompanied by an adult or other responsible pool member 13 years of age or older. Children left for extended periods of time without parental supervision whom become behavioral problems shall be subject to review by the Board of Directors and may lose pool privileges unless they are supervised by a parent or guardian.

T. To insure maximum attention to pool safety by the lifeguard, members shall not converse with the guard in the chair.

U. No walkers, jumpers, or strollers are permitted in the wading pool.

V. Children must be qualified swimmers to enter the area designated for diving or to use the diving board (with or without parental supervision).

V. Diving Board Regulations

- A. Do not dive before the previous diver has cleared the area in front of the board.
- B. Dive in forward direction only.
- C. No horseplay is permitted on the diving board at any time.
- D. Only one person may be on the diving board at a time.
- E. Excessive bouncing on the diving board is not permitted.
- F. As a general rule, the diving area will not be used for casual swimming while the diving board is in use.
- G. No pushing of individuals on the diving board is permitted.

VI. Children's Swimming Tests

A. All children **12 and under** must pass this test administered by the lifeguard **each year** in order to be allowed in deep water (over three feet) without their parents. Parents and/or babysitters must supervise non-swimmers around the main pool. Non-swimmers must be supervised within arms reach.

B. Test:

1. Swim one length of the pool (from shallow to deep) to the satisfaction of the lifeguard.
2. Tread water for one minute.