

## **NORTH STAR SWIM CLUB – OPERATING RULES**

The following rules have been formed to assure maximum enjoyment and safety for everyone using the pool and club facilities. It is the responsibility of each member to know and abide by these rules and ensure the same of their guests. Parents are expected to explain the rules to their children and to instruct them to obey the directions of the Pool Manager and Lifeguards. Any failure to comply with these rules or the instructions of the Pool staff shall be considered sufficient cause for suspension of pool privileges for the offending member and may be considered sufficient cause for cancellation of membership in accordance with the By-laws.

### **SECTION I – POOL HOURS**

1. The pool will be open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day with opportunities for an extended season when possible.
2. For specific pool hours, see the calendar at [www.northstarpool.org](http://www.northstarpool.org).
3. The pool will be open for Early Morning Lap Swim for members 18 and older on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 6-8 a.m. For specific dates, please check the Pool Hours at [www.northstarpool.com](http://www.northstarpool.com).
4. The pool will be closed for general participation during swim team functions and social activities sanctioned by the pool. The schedule for specific swim team functions is provided on the Pool Hours Calendar and on the Swim Team Schedule available at [www.northstarpool.com](http://www.northstarpool.com).
5. The pool may be open for competitive swim team training from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and for swim lessons from 11:30-12:30 p.m. Monday through Friday during part of the season.
6. The pool may be closed as necessary for maintenance purposes, or at any time deemed necessary, by the lifeguards, for health or safety reasons.
7. Unauthorized entrance to the pool area or buildings during off-hours will be cause for suspension of privileges for one year, and is subject to prosecution.

### **SECTION II – ADMISSION**

1. ALL members must register themselves and their guest(s) before entering the pool. Only one registration per day is required.
2. When you enter the pool gate you need to stop at the sign in desk and provide your family name to the guard. The guard will then look up your family name and membership information to confirm your membership status and log your entry into the sign in database.
3. Pool privileges are granted only to those with dues and membership fees paid in full, and to their qualified guests.

### **SECTION III – GUEST PRIVILEGES**

1. All members entertaining guests must register themselves and their guests before entering the pool grounds. The member must remain on the pool premises while the guest is in attendance. All individuals not included on your yearly invoice must be signed in as guests.
2. A maximum of ten (10) guests is allowed in a given day per bondholder.
3. Local guests (persons living within a 7-mile radius of the pool) shall be entitled to privileges of the pool a maximum of three times per year.
4. Active members may purchase a guest pass card. Guest pass cards are held by the individual member and it is the responsibility of the member to bring the card when inviting guests to the pool. Guest pass cards may be carried over from season to season.

5. Guests of an active member may, with the approval of the Board, be granted full privileges of the pool for extended periods:
  - a. An individual guest (e.g., babysitter, grandparent) may be registered for the season for a fee of \$60.00.
6. Inactive members may purchase one \$60.00 guest pass each season which is valid in the year it is purchased. The guest pass is good for ten (10) admissions of the inactive members or guests during normal swimming hours.
7. Members shall assume responsibility for the conduct of their guests and will be liable for any damage their guest(s) may cause.

#### **SECTION IV – POOL RENTAL**

1. Small parties with 10 or fewer guests can be held at any time during normal operating hours with no charge other than use of guest passes as needed.
2. Special parties may be arranged with the Pool Manager and Activities Director.
3. Special parties before and after regular Pool hours:
  - The rental fee of \$75 per hour includes two lifeguards
  - Private parties must be completed by 12:00 a.m.
  - After-hours parties may not start before normal pool hours conclude. Party set-up is allowed one hour prior to scheduled start time.
4. Special parties during regular Pool hours:
  - The rental fee of \$100 for 2 hours with a maximum of 30 guests
  - Includes reservation of Pavilion area and adjoining pool seating.
5. No more than one party may be scheduled for any date. All party dates are on a first-come, first-served basis and may be reserved by a deposit of \$50.
6. All activities must be sponsored by a member/bondholder, who shall be present at the party and will be responsible for the conduct of all the persons attending the party.
7. Fees shall include the use of the facilities (dining pavilion, BBQs, refrigerators, volleyball court, etc.), and the services of lifeguards, even though swimming may not be the primary purpose of the party. Two lifeguards are required for the first 50 guests; plus one (1) guard for each additional 25 guests. The rental fee includes two lifeguards; additional guards are billed at \$15 per hour. Payment is required prior to the start of the party.
8. It is the responsibility of the sponsoring member to return the party area to a clean condition.
9. NO GLASS or ceramic items (e.g., beverage containers, serving dishes, candle holders) are allowed due to safety factors.
10. Activities shall be conducted in a manner suitable to a residential community:
  - The volume of music will be at the discretion of the Pool Manager, and all music must be played over the pool's P.A. system.
  - No live bands or DJ's are permitted for private parties, without permission of the Board.
  - Music must cease by 11:00 p.m.
11. The lifeguards shall be in complete authority at all times, and disregard of their instructions by anyone may be cause for:
  - the removal of the problem individual from the party;
  - the early ending of the party;
  - the suspension of the sponsoring member/bondholder.
12. In general, after hours activities shall be governed by all appropriate sections of these rules and the Swim Club By-Laws.

#### **SECTION IV – SAFETY**

1. Swimming is not permitted unless a lifeguard is on duty.
2. Children under the age of six (6) must be under the direct supervision of a responsible person who is at least 16 years of age.
3. The wading pool is for the use of children under six (6) years of age. A responsible person who is at least 16 years of age must be inside the fenced area of the wading pool at all times with the child/children, whether or not, the child/children are in the water.
4. Children between seven (7), and eleven (11) inclusive, may use the main pool only when accompanied by a responsible person of 14 years or older. Lifeguards will not act as babysitters.
5. Children 12 years and older, who have passed the basic swim test, may be granted unsupervised use of the main pool, at the request of their parents and at the discretion of the pool staff.
6. At the discretion of the lifeguard, a basic swim test may be required. The swim test will consist of swimming two lengths of the pool, and floating, bobbing, or treading water for one (1) minute.
7. Only one person at a time will be permitted on the diving board. No diving will be permitted from the sides of the diving area when diving boards are in use. Only one bounce is permitted per dive. Equipment and objects may not be used or carried by the diver while on the diving board. Ex: towels, chairs, balls, etc. All diving must take place from the end of the diving board. Chronic, dangerous misbehavior on the diving board will be grounds for suspension of the pool membership.
8. No diving from the pool deck at the shallow end.
9. No running, pushing, dunking, splashing, ball playing or other undue disturbances will be permitted in the pool area.
10. Throwing of any object is prohibited.
11. The only water accessories allowed in the pool are:
  - a. Goggles and face masks (no glass facemasks)
  - b. Flippers
  - c. Ear plugs and nose clamps
12. The lifeguards may permit kick boards, balls, and pool noodles when the pool is not crowded.
13. No glass containers of any type (beverage, suntan lotion, etc.) shall be permitted within the pool enclosure.
14. The pool must be cleared immediately during any electrical storm. The pool will not be reopened until 30 minutes after the last lightning is seen and/or thunder is heard.
15. No pets are permitted within the pool enclosure at any time.
16. Profanity and abusive language will not be tolerated.
17. Smoking is not permitted on club grounds.
18. No intoxicated person(s) shall be brought into the pool area.
19. All personal injuries, regardless of how slight, must be reported immediately to the lifeguard on duty and a record made of the same.
20. All persons use the pool at their own risk. The club is not responsible for any accidents or injuries. Children outside the fence or in the parking lot are not under the supervision of the lifeguards on duty.
21. All members and guests shall drive slowly and carefully on entrance streets and in the parking area.
22. Bicycles must be parked in the designated area.
23. Absolutely no skateboarding or roller-skating on pool property or in the pool parking lot.
24. Costs for repairs of, or replacement of, any damages to club property will be charged to the responsible bondholder.

## **SECTION V – HEALTH**

1. Showers must be taken before entering the pool. If suntan preparations are used, the bather must take another shower before entering the pool.
2. Any person having obvious communicable disease, skin eruption, fungus, infection, eye, nose, or throat infection, or wearing bandages, may not use the pool.
3. Soap and towels must be kept out of the pool.
4. Expectorating or blowing your nose in the pool is prohibited.
5. Trash must be deposited in receptacles provided. There are specially marked containers for recycling of aluminum cans, plastic bottles and newspapers.
6. Children who are not toilet trained must wear swim diapers that are covered by tight-fitting garments. Cloth or disposable diapers may not be worn in either pool.

## **SECTION VI – GENERAL**

1. The lifeguards will be in charge at all times and will have complete authority to enforce the rules, including limiting the activities of anyone disturbing the safety and/or enjoyment of others.
2. Adult Swim may be called at the discretion of the Pool Staff, typically on the hour in the afternoon. The duration of the Adult Swim may be up to 15 minutes at the discretion of the Pool Staff. For this purpose, an adult is defined as someone 18 years or older.
3. A Lap Lane is designated at all times for the use of members wishing to swim the length of the pool. Rotational swimming is in effect.
4. Articles, which are lost or found, shall be reported to the lifeguard. The club assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to personal property.
5. Personal clothing, towels, or bathing suits shall not be left in the change house overnight.
6. The pool office is to be entered by authorized persons only. The office is for the use of the pool staff and loitering there is prohibited.
7. The provisions of the Delaware State Board of Health take precedence over any and all of these rules.
8. Rules may be revised at any time. Members suggesting changes may do so by submitting proposals in writing to the Board of Directors.
9. Failure to comply with the Rules shall be cause for suspension or expulsion, as defined in Article VI, Section 4, of the Club by-laws.
10. The Board of Directors will address any question as to interpretation of these rules. Until that meeting is held, the Pool Manager's opinion shall be the rules.