

Almaden Oaks Community Pool

General Rules

1.0 GENERAL RULES

1.1 Waiver of Liability

Every member will have read and initialed agreement to the Almaden Oaks Community Center Pool Agreement and Release of Liability on their membership application form prior to the first day of the new season and prior to receiving a membership ID Card (generally corresponding with Membership Day) in order to begin use of the AOCC facilities. The waiver specifies that no member or guest of a member shall have the right to pursue any claim against AOCC, its employees, Board members or representatives as a result of injury, loss or damage to the person or property of that member (including everyone in the member family) and/or their guests.

1.2 Medical Release Form

Every member will complete the Almaden Oaks Community Center Pool Medical Release Form and turn it in with the membership form to the Membership Chair. This form will remain in the pool office and used in case of an emergency.

1.3 Pool Rules and Club Policies

Every member is responsible for being familiar with all pool rules and club policies, and is expected to adhere to them at all times. Members are also required to inform all of their guests of these rules, and make sure that each guest completes and turns in a Almaden Oaks Community Center Pool Guest Waiver of Liability Form for each season, prior to using AOCC facilities. As the guest waiver will state, members are ultimately responsible for their guests' actions and behavior.

1.4 Rule Enforcement

Members are asked to help enforce rules when other members are abusing them, if a guard is not available. Members should inform a guard as soon as possible of a situation arises which is endangering the safety of any person at AOCC.

1.5 Rules Subject to Change

The rules and policies of AOCC are subject to change without notice, and adherence to new rules are a condition of continued membership. Supplemental policy information, such as waivers, party regulations, and similar documents or notices is considered to be AOCC rules, although not included within this document.

1.6 AOCC Property

No person shall remove anything from AOCC without specific permission from an employee or Board member.

1.7 Check-in / Waiver Forms

Every member and guest must check in at the office when first arriving and pay the appropriate guest fees, (on the honor system if no AOCC employee is present). All waiver forms must be on file before anybody uses the facility, swimming or not.

1.8 Injuries / Hazards

All injuries, accidents and conflicts between patrons should be reported immediately to a guard, so that they can be properly documented and followed-up on if necessary. Also, hazards, breakage or problems needing attention should be reported to an AOCC employee as quickly as possible.

1.9 Inappropriate Conduct

All AOCC employees and Board members have a right to address any conduct that may be inappropriate or offensive in public, or harmful or obnoxious to others in and around the facility. Any guard, instructor or employee of AOCC, or any Board member at their discretion will govern any situation not covered by these rules, as a situation arises, and shall be reported to the Board.

1.10 Non-transferable Memberships

Membership cannot be sold, transferred or assigned.

1.11 Non-refundable fees

No refunds of membership fees will be granted.

1.12 Legal Agreement

If any term of this agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms shall remain in full force and effect.

1.13 California Law

This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP STATUS

2.1 Membership Requirement

A member in good standing is one who has paid dues, worked the required work hours within the acceptable time frame and is not on suspension for behavior infractions.

2.2 Membership Responsibilities

All members are required to pay dues by the deadlines set by the Board and volunteer their time for AOCC work hours as set by the Board each year, or pay the fee in lieu of completed work hours.

2.3 Financial and Other Reparations

Members are responsible for paying any damage or financial costs the club incurs as a result of the actions or negligence of anyone in the member family, or a guest of that family.

2.4 Member Suspension

A member's status can be suspended if their actions are deemed to be contrary to the best interests of AOCC. During the suspension, the member loses membership rights, and is not entitled to any refund of dues paid. More details are included in the AOCC By-Laws.

2.5 Membership Revocation

Membership privilege may be revoked by the Board if there is sufficient evidence that the rules have been abused. All membership fees and dues will be forfeited.

3.0 FACILITY RULES

3.1 Facility Entry and Exit

Ingress and egress to the AOCC premises by members and their guests shall only be through the parking lot gate.

3.2 Identification Cards

The main gate into the facility is to remain closed and locked at all times. Each member family will be issued a Membership ID card at the beginning of the season, which will be good for one year. If a Membership ID card is lost, a fee will be charged. Membership cards are not to be loaned or borrowed by any person outside the member family. Such ID cards will be confiscated if found and the member may face a fine, suspension or expulsion.

3.3 Child Member Rules

Child members (13 or under) can only use the pool when accompanied by a designated adult supervisor and a lifeguard on duty. Lifeguards can determine that a person will be considered a non-swimmer if that person fails to demonstrate certain required basic swimming skills. Non-swimmers are not allowed in any water depth over their shoulders, unless accompanied into the deeper water by a qualified swimming adult supervisor, and only then with the awareness of a guard, who must be on duty at the time. The only exceptions are infants or young children who are in the arms of their adult supervisor the entire time.

3.4 Wading Pool Rules

Only children 5 years old or under and non-swimming children can remain in the wading pool area, and in either case, an adult supervisor must be very near, or in the water as well.

3.5 Entry to Wading Pool

The only acceptable way to enter the wading area is walking down the steps or coming in from the pool. No jumping, sliding or diving allowed.

3.6 Safety Hazard: Lack of Understanding

Anyone too young or incapable of understanding the rules may be removed from the water until an adult supervisor can accompany them back into the water safely to control the child's unsafe or distracting behavior.

3.7 Safety Hazard: Rule Abuse

AOCC employees can remove anyone from the water if they believe that person constitutes either a severe safety hazard to themselves or others, is consistently abusing the rules, or is consistently annoying other members and refuses to improve their behavior.

3.8 Behavior With Lifeguards

Guards must be free from distractions so they can do their primary job, which is to prevent injuries and save lives. They are to be obeyed quickly and without contention while they are on duty. Anyone who wishes to ask an involved question, or have a conversation with a guard or lesson instructor, must do so when the AOCC employee is on a working break. Any appeals, challenges or complaints regarding an employee should first be directed to a Board member if necessary, but not to the employee.

3.9 Unaccompanied Children Under 14

Adult members are encouraged to notify a guard if they observe any children under 14 who are at the pool without supervision during guard hours. Members between 14 and 18 years of age will be allowed in the pool area only if a lifeguard is on duty or they are accompanied by a qualified swimming adult.

3.10 Pool Capacity

The pool capacity according to state law is 53 people maximum. However, at the discretion of any AOCC employee or Board member, the maximum pool occupancy will usually be held to 45 people or less, depending on the situation. If there are too many people in the pool, the problem will be solved by dividing the boys into one swim time and the girls into another swim time.

3.11 Swim Hours Availability

Swimming is allowed only during general membership hours.

3.12 Vacate Facility Conditions

The facility should be vacated completely during an electrical storm, during severe weather conditions, after a large earthquake or any other potentially dangerous situation.

3.13 AOCC Right to Close Pool

AOCC and its board reserves the right to pool closure during inclement weather or 5 or less members are in attendance.

3.14 Close Without Notice

A technical difficulty can cause closure to the pool without notice.

3.15 Wading Pool Capacity

The wading pool area can have a maximum of 8 children at any one time. Adults are allowed in the wading pool only when accompanying babies and toddlers.

3.16 Office

No children are allowed in the office.

3.17 Pool Furniture Usage

Lounge chairs are reserved for adult use, unless it is obvious that the pool area has few adults present. If more adults arrive, children are expected to give up their chairs to the adults. Chairs and tables are not to be used as footstools, towel racks, etc. All chairs are to be returned to the deck and stacked when no longer needed. Please treat AOCC furniture and facilities carefully and with respect.

3.18 BBQ and Picnic Area Usage

Barbecues and tables throughout AOCC are on a first come, first serve basis. Please do not linger at tables if it is obvious that other members are hoping to use them. Occasionally AOCC employees will reserve tables for parties, so please respect the "Reserved" signs placed out. Barbecues can only be used with an adult supervisor present.

3.19 Bathroom Usage

Bathroom misuse is a major concern and a potential financial problem at AOCC. Game playing, vandalism, plugging the toilets, excessive use of supplies and showers will not be tolerated.

3.20 Facility Hours of Use

AOCC membership will abide by the hours of operation. Hours may vary due to swim lessons and the time of the year, but will be announced in advance and posted on the website. These hours include all AOCC property.

4.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY POOL RULES

4.1 Pool Water Cleanliness

Everyone must shower before entering the pool the first time, or after using non-waterproof lotions or oils. Only waterproof lotions are allowed the pool. Feet must be rinsed off each time before entering the pool after being on the grassy area.

4.2 Jewelry

No jewelry is allowed in the pool if it can come off or is sharp enough to hurt someone.

4.3 Long Hair

Hair longer than shoulder length MUST be securely tied back with a soft hair holder.

4.4 Diaper Regulations

Young children not yet fully toilet trained, must have swim diapers and rubber pants while in the pool. No disposable diapers, they disintegrate. Diapers must be checked immediately each time before the child enters the pool, and each time after the child leaves the water. According to the Health Department, people can get very ill from certain bacteria, which are not controlled by the normal chemicals, found in a properly balanced pool. This bacteria cannot be contained properly in cloth diapers, or disposable diapers, therefore, we must require you to use ONLY Swim Diapers with rubber pants over them. For example: [My Pool Pal Reusable Swim Diaper, found at Amazon.com](#).

4.5 No Smoking

No smoking is allowed on AOCC property. Alcohol is allowed only in the picnic area. Nobody under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be allowed in the pool or on the deck.

4.6 Intoxication and Illegal Behavior

Neither intoxication, inappropriate behavior nor profanity is allowed. No illegal behavior will be tolerated anywhere within the AOCC facility. Anyone found to be in violation of this rule will be immediately asked to leave the premises and a written warning will be issued.

4.7 No Animals

No animals, except those allowed by the law to accompany disabled people, are allowed on AOCC property.

4.8 No Inappropriate Behavior

Running, pushing, pulling, spitting, loud whistling, yelling, wrestling, throwing objects, rough housing etc., is not acceptable anywhere near the pool. No radios or loud activity/games are allowed on the pool deck or near guards. Excessive behavior, which annoys neighbors, is not permissible.

4.9 Toys in Pool

No plastic or rubber rafts, toy squirt guns etc., are allowed in the pool unless it is a special activity day announced in advance. Balls, diving rings and diving sticks are allowed with the lifeguards' permission when attendance is low.

4.10 Bicycles, Skateboards, etc.

Bicycles are to be parked/locked inside the picnic area or the parking lot in the designated bicycle stand. Skateboards and roller-skates/blades must be carried or stored while inside the AOCC facility.

4.11 Germ and Disease Control

People with open wounds, sores or rashes, are not allowed in the pool. People with airborne contagious or communicable disease, are not allowed at the AOCC facility at all. Blowing noses, urinating, or defecating in the pool are obviously serious infractions of the rules.

4.12 Food, Drinks, Containers

No food, drinks, or gum are allowed within 10 feet of the pool. Absolutely no glass containers are allowed on the deck, or in the pool area. Any glass breakage or sharp object found elsewhere within the AOCC grounds should be reported right away. Any unattended sharp or dangerous objects lying in the pool grass area may be confiscated.

4.13 Proper Pool Attire

Everyone entering the pool must be in swimsuits. No tee-shirts, or body suits allowed. Any changing into and out of bathing suits must occur at home or in the changing rooms provided in the bathroom facilities.

4.14 Floatation Devices

Guard approved flotation safety devices are allowed in the wading area only. If the child does not know how to swim without safety devices, the child does not belong outside the wading area. Safety devices do not prevent drowning, and can give false security...watch your child carefully!

5.0 ACTIVITY RULES

5.1 Inappropriate Activities

No riding, swinging, standing, pulling or jumping is allowed on the safety ropes, lane lines, starting blocks, etc. No dunking or other water games that include physically interfering with another are allowed.

5.2 Use of Ladders

Ladders are for quick entry and exit only. Do not play on the ladders, or jump off the ladders or the steps.

5.3 No Diving

There is absolutely no diving off the side of the pool except in the diving area. Outside of the diving area, face the pool and do feet first entry only. If splashing or jumping irritates or endangers others, the member will be asked to stop.

5.4 Diving Exception

Diving is allowed in the designated diving area with lifeguard approval.

5.5 Use of Water Toys

Snorkels, aqua joggers, fins, kick boards, pull buoys, etc., and can only be used at the guards' discretion.

5.6 Avoid Drain Clogging

At no time should any swimmer have anything in the pool that is small enough to enter the drain.

5.7 Adult Swim Rules

Adult swim times are called by the Lifeguard (usually the last 15 minutes of every hour) at the guard's discretion. All persons 17 or under must clear the pool and be 10 feet away from the pool. Infants or toddlers 4 and under can be in the wading pool only, if accompanied by an adult.

6.0 GUEST RULES

6.1 Member Accompanied Guests

All guests must be accompanied by a member in good standing, must sign in at the office with the member, and must have a complete Waiver of Liability Form on file before using the facilities. Guests under 18 must have a parent or guardian sign their Waiver.

6.2 Show Membership ID

It will be necessary to show your Membership ID card if you are an AOCC member and staying in the pool/pool grounds after the last swim session.

6.3 Guest Fees

Guests must pay a guest fee, even if not swimming, as posted. IOUs will not be accepted.

6.4 Guest Entry Restriction

Per existing member request, AOCC will implement the policy of restricting the number of guests allowed during inclement weather. During hot weather, 90 degrees or above, guests will not be allowed, per Lifeguard discretion based on pool capacity. It is recommended that members call the pool prior to, to check availability/capacity.

6.5 Member Responsibilities with Guests

The "sponsoring" member is responsible for signing in themselves and their guests at the office, turning in Waivers for each guest, and informing their guests of all applicable AOCC rules. The behavior and actions of the guests are the responsibility of the sponsoring member. Guests will be asked to leave if they are causing problems that require expulsion.

6.6 Member Control of Children

Members must abide by the up to 5 children rule, excluding your own, and if they cannot adequately control or supervise their guests/and or children, they will be required to leave with their guests and/or children at the AOCC Boards discretion, for the safety of all members and guests. In addition, AOCC requests that if your guests are under the age of 5 years old, we require an additional adult (18 years or older) in attendance for supervision and safety purposes.

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