

# POOL & DECK ETIQUETTE

## OPENING & CLOSING

The pool will close immediately if thunder, lightning, or tornado warnings are issued. In such cases, the pool will reopen at the discretion of the Manager on Duty after a minimum of 30 minutes.

**Aquatic Associates are responsible for the safety of all members and guests using the pools. The following rules and etiquette are not meant to be exclusive and are subject to change. Any questions about the following rules should be brought to the attention of the Aquatics Director or a Manager on Duty.**

Immediate attention must be given at the sound of the lifeguard's whistle.

No running on deck, boisterous, or rough play is permitted. Water guns are not allowed.

Ladders are for exiting the pool. Do not sit, swing, or hang on the metal railings or ladder.

Children under 16 are not permitted in or around the hot tubs. Additional Illinois State Swimming Pool and Spa Rules and Regulations regarding bather health and safety must be followed at all times.

Parents or guardians are responsible for and must supervise their children at all times.

With or without lifeguard on duty: Children 0-13 must have parent accompany and be in view at all times. Children 14-15 must have parent on Midtown premises. Children 16+ have full access to pool.

Only swimmers who can swim 1 Length of the pool are permitted in the deep end. A swim test will be administered when deemed necessary by a lifeguard.

No jumping backward, spinning, diving, or flips off the side of the pools, lifeguard chairs or diving blocks.

Bathers should not use the wall barricade in the middle of the pool for sitting, walking, climbing, or general recreation.

Only properly fitting US Coast Guard approved floatation devices will be permitted for non-independent swimmers. Inflatable floats, rafts or water wings are not permitted.

Parents must remain in the pool within arm's reach of non-swimmers, which includes children using floatation devices.

Only approved swim diapers are allowed in the pool. Swim diapers are available for purchase at The Shop.

Foam and/or sponge-based balls may be used for recreation only at the lifeguard's discretion. During busy time periods, ball play is not permitted. Hard balls such as baseballs, lacrosse balls, footballs, etc. are not permitted in the pool areas.

The Club does not provide noodles for recreation; however, Members may bring their own for personal, fitness usage.

Bathers are expected to shower before entering pools or hot tubs.

Adults have priority for the use of lounge chairs. Children 3 and under are required to share chairs with an adult.

Lounge chairs MAY NOT be reserved with towels or personal items during Open Seating times.

Appropriate swimming attire meant for pool usage is required to enter the pool. Cotton shorts/shirts are not allowed. We recommend footwear inside of the club.

Patrons who appear to be under the influence will not be allowed in or near the pools.

15-minute adult only swim times may be offered during peak hours. All children under the age of 16 must exit the pool during these times.

Be considerate of other members when using cell phones.

Please wear earphones when listening to personal music.

Lap lanes are for lap swimming only. No standing or talking in the lanes. Please do not hang on the lane line or safety rope. Please be courteous and share a lane when no other lanes are available.

Return all Aquatics Equipment to proper location when finished workout.

Food shall not be consumed in or around the pools. Food may be consumed in designated dining areas. Beverages are not permitted in the pool. All glass containers are prohibited.

Midtown is a non-smoking facility. This applies to all outdoor areas as well.

The use of the pool will be denied to any person having evidence of contagious disease or illness.

On occasion, a chemical re-balance may be called. This would remove all swimmers from the pool for a minimum of 30 minutes.

The club is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

In consideration of other members, please dispose of trash, towels, etc. upon departure.

All times and schedules are subject to change.