

HILLSIDE SWIMMING CLUB, INC.

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RULES & REGULATIONS

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The following rules and regulations are for the protection and benefit of all members. These rules have been established to ensure that the club, and all its activities, operates in a safe and sanitary way. We strive to offer a family friendly environment, and we urge parents to caution their children to observe all Club rules and obey instruction from the pool manager on duty and other staff members.

Any failure to comply with these rules shall be considered enough cause for immediate suspension of Club privileges for the offender and may also be considered enough cause for cancellation of membership.

Section 1. POOL HOURS

- 12: 00 noon to 9:00 pm daily.
- Any area of the pool may be reserved for group instruction, Monday through Friday from 12:00 am to 1:00 pm - said area to be marked by means of ropes and floats.
- The Board of Directors may designate special nights for adult or teen only pool activities and will provide prior notice to all members.
- The pool may be closed for maintenance operations, health conditions, weather, or any reason deemed necessary by the pool manager or the Board of Directors.
- At the discretion of the pool manager, a specific time will be allotted for adult-swim only (age 18 and over) and lap lane swimming.

Section 2. MEMBER OBLIGATIONS

- Membership ID cards must be available for inspection upon request, and guest bracelets must be worn the entire time by your guest(s) while on the property. If membership ID cards or guest bracelets are lost, pool manager or member of Board of Directors must be notified immediately.
- Transferring of membership ID Cards or guest bracelets is absolutely forbidden. Any individual or member doing so, subjects the member and family to suspension or expulsion from membership in the Club.
- Guest books must always remain in the possession of members. Providing guest books to non-members is strictly prohibited and will result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.
- Children under the age of six (6) must be accompanied by an adult when using the playground.
- All children under twelve (12) years of age must always be accompanied by an adult member while on Club property.
- All children under the age of thirteen (13) years of age must always be accompanied by an adult member after 6:00pm while on Club property.
- Members are responsible for the conduct and behavior of themselves, their children, and their guests at all times throughout the entire calendar year and not only during the summer season.
- Members are obligated to stay aware of Hillside Swim Club membership responsibilities including payment and paperwork due dates and deadlines. Club Information is disseminated by way of USPS, e-mail, text, and social media.
- Members are obligated to pay their annual dues along with any fees owed in the designated time provided. Failure to do so will result in additional fees and the possibility of membership being revoked.
- All bond holders are obligated to participate in 1 work party annually as outlined by the Board of Directors. These work parties last approximately 4 hours each. The Board of Directors offers

additional opportunities for members to satisfy this obligation through work on Club special events or through a work party buyout offered for a short period of time each season.

- Once annual dues are paid in full, members are required to update the ID cards for their entire family.

Section 3. RULES OF CONDUCT

- Members shall drive slowly and carefully on approach roads, in parking areas and on Club grounds. Vehicle speed is not to exceed 5 MPH. Vehicles on Club grounds shall be operated by licensed drivers only. Children under twelve (12) should always be supervised when walking in the parking area.
- All bicycle riders shall proceed carefully entering and leaving the Club's grounds. No bicycles may be parked or ridden on Club property EXCEPT in the driveway and to properly designated bicycle parking areas.
- No roller skating or roller blading allowed on Club grounds.
- No animals or pets are allowed on Club grounds. Properly registered Service animals are allowed.
- Abusive, profane or inappropriate language is not allowed on Club grounds. Fighting will never be tolerated and will result in immediate disciplinary action including possible suspension or expulsion from Club services.
- All patio tables may be used by all members and cannot be held by any person for their exclusive use. For that reason, no one may leave their belongings on any patio table to hold that table for future use. Any such belongings will be removed to the lost and found.
- All persons using the tables on the patio shall clean up and dispose of their debris in proper receptacles provided.
- Patio furniture, tables, and umbrellas are to be well cared for, and will require replacement at the expense of the member or their guests who intentionally damage them.
- Hillside Swim Club will provide music on the patio. Personal radios can be used only in the picnic area at a reasonable decibel level.
- Tables under the Awning can be reserved for parties and gatherings, on a first come basis by entering a valid club members name in the reservations book. A member can only reserve two tables at a time and cannot use another members' name to reserve space if that member will not be present.
- To ensure ample seating for all members, those having been granted a dedicated picnic space should always use their picnic table and allow patio tables to be used by those without a picnic space.
- The picnic area shall be kept in a neat, clean and sanitary condition. Members are responsible for the area immediately surrounding their picnic table. Open flames and unattended grills are prohibited and will result in removal. Propane tanks larger than 1 Lb. are prohibited.

- The pool manager shall be in complete charge of the operation of the pool and responsible for supervising the conduct of members and guests within the pool area. The manager should be treated with courtesy & respect. Failure to do so can result in disciplinary action.
- The pool manager and the Board of Directors have the authority to determine penalties for a member or guest because of conduct detrimental to the Club or to its members or guests
- Members or guests choosing to consume alcohol should do so responsibly. To maintain a family friendly atmosphere, intoxicated persons may be asked to leave the club safely, at the discretion of HSC staff.

Section 4. GUESTS

- Each member family shall be limited to twenty (20) individual guests per calendar month. All guests over the age of two (2) are subject to a guest fee.
- Guest books must always remain in the possession of members. Providing guest books to non-members is strictly prohibited and will result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion.
- Additional guest privileges may be granted by the Board of Directors for special Club or member sponsored activities. Requests for additional guest privileges must be submitted in writing to the Board for consideration at a Board Meeting prior to the event.
- All guests must be registered by a member before entering Club grounds.
- Hosting member must be present during the full duration of the guests' stay.
- Conduct of guests and the cost incurred because of any property damaged by guests is the direct responsibility of the member registering the guest and will be charged to that member.
- Daily Guest Fees:
 - \$ 10.00 for each adult guest
 - \$ 5.00 for each child between the ages of 2 years and 18 years

Section 5. HEALTH & SAFETY

- Smoking is prohibited on the Club grounds, except in the designated smoking area. This includes during parties and events inside the Clubhouse.
- All bathers must shower before entering pool.
- Conventional swimwear must be worn in pool by all persons. dungarees or underwear are prohibited.
- Swimmers may be refused admission to the pool if they appear to have an open wound, infection, contagious illness or poorly bandaged-area of the body based on the pool managers decision.
- Expectorating or discharging bodily fluids in the pool is prohibited.

- Beverages and Food are not permitted in the Pool area. Glass containers of any kind are not permitted within the fenced area of the main and baby pool. Plastic water bottles are permitted.
- No running, pushing, wrestling, ball playing or causing undue disturbance in or around the pool, patio, and picnic area will be permitted.
- Aluminum and wooden bats are prohibited on club grounds, as are hard baseballs. Whiffle ball bats and whiffle balls can be used with caution.
- Use of the diving board and slide is restricted to one person at a time. Diving is allowed in designated areas only. (Weight limit for diving board & slide is 225 lbs.)
- No air inflatable swim objects or non-inflatable toys, tubes, noodles, jackets, masks, flippers, floatation devices, footwear or other items shall be allowed in the main pool.
- Only United States Coast Guard (USCG) approved life vests are permitted in the shallow end of the main pool with adult supervision within the pool. Life-vested swimmers are not to be unaccompanied in the main pool at any time.
- Dunking or holding swimmers under water is strictly prohibited and will result in removal from the pool at pool manager's discretion.
- Intentional hyperventilation and competitive, repetitive or prolonged underwater swimming or breath-holding are dangerous and prohibited at the club.

Section 6. DEEP-WATER SWIM TEST

- Children ten (10) years of age or under shall not be allowed in the deep end of the pool until they have passed a deep-water swim test. The test is given by Lifeguard staff after receiving parental permission.
- The deep-water swim test consists of swimming two (2) widths of the pool and treading water for two (2) minutes, unassisted.
- Children under the age of nine (9), who have passed the deep-water swim test, may use the deep end of the pool only when accompanied by an adult on Pool deck.

Section 7. YOUNG SWIMMERS' RULES

- Children age five (5) and over may use the shallow section of the pool, unaccompanied by an adult. The shallow section of the pool is defined as between the rope floats and entry steps of the pool.
- Children under the age of five (5) may use the shallow end of the pool, but must be accompanied by an adult, in the pool, at all times.

- Infants must always wear swim diapers when in main or baby pool. Regular diapers are not allowed in either pool.
- Infants' diaper changes must be done in bathrooms and not at poolside.
- Use of the baby pool shall be limited to children under six (6) years of age, without exception.
- No metal or rigid plastic toys are allowed in the baby pool.

Section 8. GENERAL RULES

- All persons using any of the Club facilities do so at their own risk. The Club will not be responsible for any accident or injury to personal body or property in connection with such use.
- The Board of Directors reserves the right to deem any members' property left on the grounds a hazard to members and may remove at their discretion based on that determination.
- Lost and found articles will be stored in the Lost & Found cabinet. If an article is not claimed after seven (7) days, it may be discarded. All lost articles must be reclaimed by a parent. No children will be allowed to claim lost articles.
- The Club is not responsible for loss or damage to personal property.
- All complaints relative to the operation of the pool and Club should be submitted to the pool manager or Board members for appropriate attention.
- Persons in bathing suits will not be permitted inside the Clubhouse. Shoes are also required in the Clubhouse.
- Children under the age of eighteen (18) will not be permitted inside the Clubhouse.
- The grounds are maintained and managed by a hired and trained HSC grounds crew who reserve the right to request members cleanup of personal trash and require respect from all members and their guests.
- There is no running or ball throwing allowed within the patio area.
- The use of water balloons is prohibited in the playground, pool, picnic, and patio areas.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the pool or playground areas.
- Community picnic tables are clearly identified and are provided for any members' use. If all community tables are in use, members are permitted to use other member-owned tables that are not in use.
- Children under the age of six (6) must be accompanied by an adult when using the playground and bathrooms.
- The last two tennis courts towards the back of the property are to be strictly used for tennis only. Children should not use these courts unless they are playing tennis, and touching the nets is prohibited.

*THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY BE REVISED OR AMENDED AT ANY TIME
BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.*