



## **Patron Responsibilities**

**Phone: 302-856-7805**

**Website: [www.sussexacademy.org](http://www.sussexacademy.org)**

*"We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences."*

We wish to work together with you to create a *SAFE, CLEAN, HEALTHY* and *FUN* facility for *ALL*.

The mission of the pool is aligned directly with the Sussex Academy of Arts and Sciences School Attributes. We, the staff, abide by and are expecting all those who swim at the Aquatic Center to abide by the following rules and regulations:

**Updated October 1st, 2019**

### **Rules and Regulations**

1. Always swim when a lifeguard is on duty AND on deck. There may be times when only one lifeguard is in the facility. If the lifeguard asks you to exit the pool so that they can take a quick relief break, we appreciate you following the lifeguard's instructions.
2. Every individual must sign-in/scan-in or check-in at the front desk every time you enter the facility (this is to ensure we know who is in the building at all times in case of an emergency).
3. We encourage you to verbally mention to staff (in addition to adding this information on the Contact Form) if you have any medical or other issues.
4. Bring your towel, non-slip water shoes (shoes for pool only) AND your car keys into the pool area with you each visit so that if you had to exit the facility quickly, you could also leave the grounds.
5. New swimmers age 14 and under who want to go into the deep end without a parent or adult must pass a swim test performed by a lifeguard. Please see the lifeguard on duty.
6. If there is ever a time when you or your child have blue lips and are shivering, please exit the pool and warm up. The pool temperature is set to 83° F.
7. Only our flotation devices are permitted except on special occasions. Floaties that go on each arm or use of innertubes can be dangerous unless a responsible adult is within arm's reach and keeps a close eye at all times.
8. Remove all jewelry that may come loose while swimming.
9. No breath-holding games are permitted. If you are an adult and are practicing this skill, please notify the lifeguard on duty before entering the pool.
10. Patrons must follow all of the Aquatic Center rules posted in the Aquatic Center area and all other directions of the Lifeguards on duty.

11. Weapons (e.g. firearms and knives, etc.) are prohibited at SAAC.
12. Sexual misconduct and/or harassment is not tolerated.
13. Anyone who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be asked to leave the property immediately.
14. SAAC has the right to add to & enforce the rules and regulations.

#### **Common Courtesies**

1. Cellular devices/Communication devices with a camera are prohibited in the locker/changing rooms. Please turn off your cell phone or have it placed away in your bags.
2. Cameras should only be used for specific purposes directly related to your child's programming. No posting of photos on social networks of people other than you or your own family members without their permission.
3. Our hours of operation and lane availability are subject to change. It is recommended that you check our website before each visit to see if there are any changes to the daily calendar or in the hours of operation. [www.sussexacademy.org](http://www.sussexacademy.org)
4. Typically, when Sussex Academy is closed due to weather, the pool will also be closed, but this is not always the case. It might be posted on the WBOC *website* only. The closing will NOT be rotating at the bottom.
5. If there is a circumstance where the pool must CLOSE, this information will be posted on the Sussex Academy website on the first page at the top running flag. It will also be posted under *Facilities: Aquatics: Special Announcements*. You might also receive an email if you have provided your email address.
6. Lane Sharing: There might be times when lane sharing will be required. Our 8-foot-wide lanes can accommodate several swimmers at one time. If all 8 lanes are full, it is okay to ask a patron who is using it to share lane space. We follow the Circle Swim Code. Similar to the rules of the road, swim on the right side of the lane and if you need to pass a swimmer, go around them on their left unless you make different arrangements with your co-swimmer.
7. We encourage you to bring a lock and lock up any important personal belongings as we are not responsible for lost, stolen or broken items. However, locks must be taken off at the end of each visit.
8. Family Changing room and Restroom will be located down the hallway (near the front desk). Do not use the lobby restrooms for changing.
9. Members should use only the front door when entering or exiting the building.

#### **Health and Hygiene**

1. Please shower before entering the pool. We HIGHLY recommend this because a pre-shower/rinse will wash away any excessive oils/lotions/ointments that may obscure our pool readings.
2. We sell pool diapers in the lobby. Please see the front desk staff.
3. Diapers must be placed in a tied plastic shopping bag before disposing in trash cans. Diapers should only be changed in the restrooms where changing tables are provided.
4. All swimmers must shower before entering the pool area (head to toe).
5. Smoking/Use of Tobacco products are prohibited on school/aquatic facility grounds.
6. Shoes that are worn outside cannot be worn in the pool (e.g. Boots, tennis shoes, beach sandals, etc.).



**Please check off each before signing**

- I agree that I have read and understand all of the rules and common courtesies.
- I agree to follow these rules and explain them to all those who are in my care.
- I understand that I must provide a Contact Form that includes emergency phone numbers for myself and for each of my guests.
- I agree to assume full risk of injuries that I or my minor children may sustain as a result of participating in all of the activities connected to the Aquatic Center. I agree to indemnify, hold harmless and defend Sussex Academy and the Aquatic Center for any and all injuries, damage, or loss on behalf of myself or my minor children may have against the School or the Aquatic Center as a result of my participation and or my children's participation.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

List all those who are under your care: (For those bringing drop-in guests or having parties.)

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