



**POOL POLICIES & IMPORTANT INFORMATION** Updated January 15th, 2020

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)

*"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 policies:

**Safety**

1. 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. Children ages 5 and under must be within arm's reach of a responsible adult at all times.
3. You must be at least 14 years old to attend the pool without an adult 18 years old or over.
4. 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).
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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 typically set to 83° F.
8. Only our flotation devices are permitted except on special occasions. Floaties that go on each arm or innertubes can be dangerous unless a responsible adult is within arm's reach.
9. Remove all jewelry that may come loose while swimming.
10. 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.
11. Non-swimmers or weak swimmers must pass a swim test performed by a lifeguard to go into the deep end without an adult.
12. Sexual misconduct and/or harassment is not tolerated.
13. Weapons (firearms, knives or anything that can be used as a weapon) is prohibited.
14. Anyone who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be asked to leave the property immediately.
15. 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. 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.
4. 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 may also be posted under *Facilities: Aquatics: Special Announcements*. You might also receive an email if you have provided your email address. If you wish to receive a text message, be sure to add that information on your contact form or see the front desk staff.
5. 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, we encourage you to ask a patron who is using it to share lane space. We ENCOURAGE, but do not require 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.
6. We encourage you to bring a lock and use in the locker rooms for any important personal belongings. However, locks must be taken off at the end of each visit. We are not responsible for lost, stolen or broken items.
7. There is a Family Changing and Restroom available (located down the hallway near the front desk) to be used for swim lesson families or swimmers with special situations. The lobby restrooms are not to be used for changing only.
8. Members should use only the front door when entering or exiting the building.
9. Key Tags (Pool Members Only: Monthly/Annual/Winter): should be scanned in each time you enter the facility (members only). One key tag is provided at no charge. Replacement tags must be purchased for a fee of \$5.00.
10. Pets/Animals: With the exception of service animals, pets and animals are not allowed within the Aquatic Center.

### **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.).