

## *West Side Tennis Club - Pool Rules*

The Board of Governors of the West Side Tennis Club has adopted the following Pool Rules. Observance of Pool Rules will ensure the safety, health, and enjoyment of all members and their guests. However, mere observance of Pool Rules is not sufficient to ensure maximum enjoyment of the pool. Maximum enjoyment of the pool can occur only when the participants act as though they are part of a community privileged to enjoy a beautiful facility in the company of their peers. If each member acts with the sense that his/her enjoyment of the pool impacts on and is impacted by the behavior of every other pool member/guest, our pool facility will be a splendid place to be. Basic civilities, such as cleanliness and mutual respect, will minimize the need to be concerned with specific rules. Nonetheless, it is helpful (and necessary) to announce the most basic ground rules. These rules help clarify those rare situations when people may misunderstand what is expected.

### **OVERVIEW**

Members with pool privileges must comply with these rules. They are also responsible that their guests follow the rules. The management of the pool and the management of the Club have full authority to enforce Pool Rules.

### **DECISIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE LIFEGUARD GOVERN THE ACTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED WHENEVER OBSERVANCE OF A RULE IS UNCERTAIN!**

These rules pertain to the pool area only. The Club's Grounds and House Rules shall remain in effect in areas outside the pool area.

Note: A pool closure necessitated from an unhealthy incident is not only frustrating to all members, but also very costly, and those who cause such a closure may be held liable.

### **SAFETY RULES**

1. The Department of Health rules are posted at the pool complex. These must be strictly adhered to.
2. The pool may be used only when a lifeguard is on duty.
3. There must be an adult responsible for the close supervision of each child under the age of twelve (12).
4. All persons using the swimming pools must take a shower before entering the pools.
5. The pool steps and ladders are to remain open for easy entrance to and exit from the pool. Do not obstruct access for others by lingering at the steps and ladders.
6. In and around the pool:
  - Safety aids are allowed and encouraged (i.e., swim noodles, kickboards)
  - Pushing, dunking, and dangerous games/activities are not permitted
  - Inflatable boats, hard balls, Frisbees, rafts, and large blow-up toys are not allowed
  - Excessive noise is prohibited
  - Running and games requiring running, are unsafe and are forbidden in the pool area
7. Do not stand or swim within the designated lap lanes if you are not swimming laps. Note: there will be a sign up sheet for the lap lanes. Please adhere to the schedule.
8. Climbing onto, jumping or diving off the lifeguard stand is subject to a fine and loss of all pool privileges for up to one year, as approved by the Board of Governors.

9. Management reserves the right to close the pool on any day or at any time.
10. Management must limit the number of people in the pool to the number posted as its capacity for the safety of all swimmers.

#### **ADMISSION TO THE POOL AREA**

Each member will be given a picture ID card and will be admitted to the pool area by presentation of the card to pool staff at the entrance. Guests must be signed in and registered at the reception desk of the Clubhouse. Members must be on Club premises while guests are using the pool.

#### **DRESS**

The dress code for the Club grounds outside of the pool area has not changed. Note that bathing suits, robes, etc. are not permitted outside the pool area.

All swimmers must wear proper swimming attire. Cut-offs, jeans, and Bermuda or tennis shorts are not considered swimwear.

#### **USE OF THE POOL BY CLUB MEMBERS WITHOUT POOL PRIVILEGES**

Club members who do not have pool privileges may use the pool area by paying the daily guest fee. They may not visit the pool area more than four (4) times in one season.

Non-resident members are subject to guest fees but are not limited to four (4) visits per season.

#### **GUESTS**

Only members with pool privileges may invite guests to the pool area.

Guests of members must be properly registered at the reception desk of the main Clubhouse. The guest card obtained at the Clubhouse must then be presented to enter the pool area.

No guest may visit the pool area more than four (4) times per season, even if different members have invited him or her.

Members will be responsible for the conduct of their guest and their observance of these rules. Members must be somewhere on the Club grounds while their guests are present. They need not be in the pool area. Guests should be aware of their hosts' whereabouts should they need to contact them.

The Board of Governors reserves the right to limit the number of guests per member during periods of high pool occupancy. If a member wishes to bring more than four (4) guests at one time, he or she should call the Club in advance.

Juniors, 14 years of age and older, are limited to three (3) guests per day.

## **JUNIORS AND INFANTS**

Parents should know and explain these rules to their children. Members and pool management should not have to, and will not discipline children for violating rules of the Club. Violators will be required to leave the pool and parents will be contacted to remove the offending child from the Club grounds. The rules are for the protection and enjoyment of all members.

Children under two (2) years of age are permitted to access the adult pool under the following conditions:

- They must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- They must wear two approved moisture-tight “swimmies” at all times. Lifeguards reserve the right to examine any child’s swimming attire at any time, and if it is determined that said attire is insufficient, then the child in question will be denied entry (or re-entry) to the pool until he/she is fitted with the proper attire.

Failure to adhere to these conditions will result in the indefinite suspension of all pool privileges for the child and his/her guardian.

Furthermore, in the event that any child has an “accident” while in the pool which may require that the pool be closed for cleaning, that child’s pool privileges will be permanently revoked and his/her parent/guardian will be responsible for all costs associated with said cleanup.

Children under the age of twelve (12) are not permitted to use the pool facilities unless accompanied and supervised by an adult.

A parent or adult guardian must accompany in the water any child who does not know how to swim. The lifeguard must be apprised, by the parent or adult guardian, that a child does not know how to swim.

Baby strollers must be braked and kept a safe distance from the pool, which means they are not permitted on the pool deck. Playpens are permitted in the kiddie area only on the weekends.

## **CHILD CARE**

A special “child care” ID card is available for grandparents or nannies of families with pool privileges for a fee for the season. The grandparents or nannies may only use the pool facility when supervising the member children.

Occasional babysitters must be registered at the front door and obtain a guest pass for the day. No babysitter may visit the pool more than a total of four (4) times per season if she/he is sitting for the same family. The babysitter may only use the pool facility when supervising the member children.

## **FOOD AND DRINK SERVICES**

Food may be eaten only in the designated area at the west end of the pool area.

Alcoholic beverages are prohibited anywhere in the pool facility.

Beverages must be contained in cans, plastic or paper containers only. Glass bottles or other breakable containers are not allowed anywhere in the pool area. Non-alcoholic beverages are permitted in all locations in the pool complex with the exception of the pools and the locker facilities.

The food purchased at the snack bar at the pool counts towards the food minimum of the Club.

Members are not permitted to bring food and beverage items, including coolers, from the outside.

#### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

The pool and the pool area must be cleared of all persons during inclement weather upon the direction of the Pool Manager or any lifeguard.

#### **INJURIES / EMERGENCIES**

In case of an emergency, immediately notify the lifeguard or pool manager and call 911 on the telephone located at the reception desk.

Personal injuries must be reported immediately to a pool manager, lifeguard, and the WSTC General Manager.

#### **DISCLAIMER**

The WSTC is not responsible for the loss, damage, or destruction of any property or for any accidents causing personal injuries resulting from the use of the pool or its facilities.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Please use one chaise lounge per member. It is not appropriate to place belongings on a chaise lounge and then leave the pool complex for several hours. Lifeguards will be instructed to remove unattended towels and belongings to make room for members who are present.
2. Radios and cassette players may be used only with headphones or earplugs.
3. Only chairs, chaises, and furniture supplied by the Club are permitted. No items may be placed to obstruct free passage around the pool deck.
4. No pets are allowed, with the exception of seeing-eye dogs.
5. Only games provided by the Club are allowed. Small toys may be permitted at the discretion of the lifeguard.
6. The gate by the bubble / kitchen court area is for emergency use only
7. The management reserves the right to refuse admittance to, or eject from the pool area, any persons failing to comply with any of the above Health and Safety Regulations.
8. All rules may be changed, amended, or added to at the

discretion of the Board of Governors.

