

Almaden Oaks Community Pool

General Rules

1.0 GENERAL RULES

1.1 Waiver of Liability

Every member will have read and accepted the Almaden Oaks Community Center Pool Agreement and Release of Liability during the registration of their membership application form to begin using the AOCC facilities. The waiver specifies that no member or guest of a member shall have the right to pursue any claim against the guards or the AOCC Board members or representatives as a result of injury, loss, or damage to the person or property of that member (including everyone in the members family) and their guests.

1.2 Pool Rules and Club Policies

Every member is responsible for being familiar with all pool rules and club policies and is expected to adhere to them at all times. Members are also required to inform all of their guests of these rules and ensure that each guest completes and turns in an Almaden Oaks Community Center Pool Guest Waiver of Liability Form for each season. This must be completed before using the AOCC facilities, as the guest waiver will state that members are ultimately responsible for their guests' actions and behavior.

1.3 Rule Enforcement

Members are asked to help enforce rules when other members are abusing them if a guard is not available. Members should inform a guard as soon as possible if a situation arises that is endangering any person's safety at AOCC.

1.4 Rules Subject to Change

The rules and policies of AOCC are subject to change without notice, and adherence to new rules is a condition of continued membership. Supplemental policy information, such as waivers, party regulations, and similar documents or notices, are considered AOCC rules, although not included in this document.

1.5 AOCC Property

No person shall remove items from the pool. These include, but are not limited to, umbrellas, flotation devices, chairs, equipment, BBQs, supplies, etcetera from AOCC without specific permission from an AOCC Board member.

1.6 Check-in / Waiver Forms

Every member and guest must check-in with the gate guard when first arriving. Any guest fees are due at check-in. We do not accept I.O.U's. This is the honor system if no AOCC Representative is present. All waiver forms must be on file before anybody uses the facility, regardless if they are swimming or not.

1.7 Injuries / Hazards

All injuries, accidents, and conflicts between patrons should be reported immediately to a Guard so that they can be appropriately documented and followed up on if necessary. In addition, any hazards, breakage, or other problems needing attention should be reported to a Guard or AOCC Board member as quickly as possible.

1.8 Inappropriate Conduct

Guards and AOCC Board members have the right to address any conduct that may be inappropriate, offensive, harmful, or obnoxious to others in and around the facility. Repeated or significant offenses will be reported to the AOCC Board for follow-up with the offending members.

1.9 Non-transferable Memberships

Membership cannot be sold, transferred, or reassigned.

1.10 Non-refundable fees

No refunds of membership fees will be granted.

1.11 Legal Agreement

If any term of this agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void or unenforceable, the remainder of the conditions herein shall remain in full force and effect.

1.12 California Law

This agreement shall be governed by and construed by the laws of the State of California.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP STATUS

2.1 Membership Requirement

All members in good standing have paid their dues, satisfied their required work hours within the acceptable time frame, or have paid the opt-out work hours fee and are not on suspension for behavior infractions. If a member does not satisfy their work hours, a \$75 fine is required to be paid to renew their membership.

2.2 Financial and Other Reparations

Members are responsible for paying any damage or financial costs the AOCC incurs as a result of the actions or negligence of anyone in the member family or a guest of that family.

2.3 Member Suspension

A member's status may be suspended if their actions are deemed to be contrary to the best interests of AOCC. During the suspension, the member loses membership rights and is not entitled to any refund of dues paid.

2.4 Membership Revocation

Membership privilege may be revoked by the AOCC Board if there is sufficient evidence that the rules have been abused. All membership fees and dues will be forfeited.

3.0 FACILITY RULES

3.1 Facility Entry and Exit

Ingress and egress to the AOCC premises by members and their guests shall only be through the parking lot gate.

3.2 Digital Identification

At check-in you will be asked to verify your identity. Verification could be the last 4-digits of your primary phone, a government Id or your picture to be placed on your account to link you to your Membership.

3.3 Child Member Rules

Child members (13 or under) can only use the pool when accompanied by a designated adult supervisor, and a lifeguard is on duty. Lifeguards can determine that a person will be considered a non-swimmer if they fail to demonstrate specific required basic swimming skills. Non-swimmers are not allowed in any water depth over their shoulders unless accompanied into the deeper water by a qualified swimming adult supervisor, and only then with a guard's awareness.

3.4 Wading Pool Rules

Only children 5 years old and under and non-swimming children can remain in the wading pool area, and in either case, an adult supervisor must be in the water as well.

3.5 Entry to Wading Pool

The only acceptable way to enter the wading area is walking down the steps or coming in from the pool. No jumping, sliding, or diving allowed.

3.6 Safety Hazard: Lack of Understanding

Anyone too young or incapable of understanding the rules may be removed from the water until an adult supervisor can accompany them back into the water safely to control the child's unsafe or distracting behavior.

3.7 Safety Hazard: Unsafe Behavior

Guards reserve the right to limit members or guests to specific areas of the pool if their swimming ability would present a danger to themselves and/or others.

Guards reserve the right to remove anyone from the water if they believe that person constitutes a severe safety hazard to themselves or others.

3.8 Safety Hazard: Rule Abuse

Guards reserve the right to remove anyone from the water if they believe that person is repeatedly abusing the rules or is annoying other members and refuses to improve their behavior.

3.9 Behavior With Lifeguards

Guards must be free from distractions to do their primary job, which is to prevent injuries and save lives. They are to be obeyed quickly and without contention while they are on duty. Anyone who wishes to ask an involved question, or have a conversation with a guard or lesson instructor, must do so when the guard is not on duty. Any appeals, challenges, or complaints regarding a guard should first be directed to an AOCC Board member if necessary, but not to the guard.

3.10 Unaccompanied Children Under 14

Children under 14 can not be at the pool without adult member supervision.

3.11 Pool Capacity

The pool maximum capacity according to state law is 54 people. The wading pool area can have a maximum of 8 children. However, at the discretion of any guard or AOCC Board member, the maximum pool occupancy may be restricted to 45 people or less, depending on the situation. If there are too many people in the pool, the problem will be solved by dividing the boys into one swim group and the girls into another swim group, with the larger group going first.

3.12 Swim Hours

Swimming is allowed only during general membership hours or pre-approved parties and swim lessons with guards on duty. The pool schedule is available online for your convenience.

3.13 Vacate Facility Conditions

The facility should be vacated completely during an electrical storm, during severe weather conditions, after a large earthquake, or any other potentially dangerous situation.

3.14 AOCC Right to Close Pool

The AOCC board reserves the right to close the pool during poor weather or if no members are in attendance.

3.15 Close Without Notice

The AOCC board may be required to close the pool due to unforeseen circumstances such as; power failure, pool equipment failure, chemical hazard, lack of guard coverage, or any other technical difficulty, may cause the closure to the pool without notice.

3.16 Guard Shack

No children are allowed in the guard shack.

3.17 Pool Furniture Usage

Lounge chairs are first-come, first-serve. Chairs and tables are not to be used as footstools, towel racks, etc. All chairs are to be returned to the deck and stacked when no longer in use. Please treat AOCC furniture and facilities carefully and with respect.

3.18 BBQ and Picnic Area Usage

Barbecues and tables throughout AOCC are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please do not linger at tables if it is obvious that other members are hoping to use them. Occasionally AOCC guards will reserve tables and or Barbecues for parties, so please respect the "Reserved" signs placed on them. Barbecues can only be used with an adult supervisor present. Please ask Guards for the key to turn the gas on if you're using the gas Barbecues, and return the key once you've turned the gas timer on.

3.19 Bathroom Usage

Bathroom misuse is a major concern and a potential financial problem at AOCC. Game playing, vandalism, plugging the toilets, excessive use of supplies and showers will not be tolerated. Please refer to 1.8 for action taken against members.

4.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY POOL RULES

4.1 Pool Water Cleanliness

Everyone is encouraged to shower before entering the pool for the first time. If entering from the grassy area, please wash off your feet before re-entering the pool.

4.2 Long Hair

Hair longer than shoulder length MUST be securely tied back with a soft hair holder.

4.3 Diaper Regulations

Young children not yet fully toilet trained must use reusable swim diapers while in the pool. Disposable swim diapers are not allowed. Diapers must be checked each time the child enters the pool and each time after the child leaves the pool. Here's an example of a Reusable swim diaper: [My Pool Pal Reusable Swim Diaper, found at Amazon.com](#).

4.4 No Smoking and use of Alcohol

No smoking is allowed on AOCC property, including the parking lot. Alcohol is permitted only on the grass or picnic area. Nobody under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be allowed in the pool or on the deck.

4.5 Intoxication and Illegal Behavior

Intoxication, illegal behavior, or profanity is not allowed. This behavior will not be tolerated anywhere within the AOCC facility. Anyone found to violate this rule will be immediately asked to leave the premises. Please refer to 1.8 for action taken against members.

4.6 No Animals

No animals, except licensed service animals, are allowed on AOCC property.

4.7 Toys in Pool

No plastic or rubber rafts, toy squirt guns etc., are allowed in the pool unless it is a special activity day announced in advance. Balls, diving rings, and diving sticks are allowed with the lifeguards' permission when attendance is low.

4.8 Bicycles, Skateboards, etc.

Bicycles are to be parked in the parking lot in the designated bicycle stand. Skateboards and roller-skates/blades are not allowed on the pool deck.

4.9 Germ and Disease Control

People with open wounds, sores, or rashes are not allowed in the pool. People who have had diarrhea in the past 2 weeks should not enter the pool. People with an airborne contagious or infectious disease are not allowed at the AOCC facility at all. Blowing noses, urinating, or defecating in the pool are obviously serious infractions of the rules, and the member may be asked to leave the facility.

4.10 Food, Drinks, Containers

No food, drinks, or gum are allowed in the pool. Absolutely no glass containers are permitted on the deck. Any glass breakage or sharp object found elsewhere within the AOCC grounds should be reported immediately. Any unattended sharp or dangerous objects lying in the pool grass area will be confiscated.

4.11 Proper Pool Attire

Everyone entering the pool must be in a swimsuit. No tee-shirts or bodysuits allowed. Any changing into and out of bathing suits must occur at home or in the changing rooms provided in the bathroom facilities, regardless of age.

4.12 Floatation Devices

The AOCC does not recommend personal floatation devices for non-swimmers as they are not capable of saving lives. If an adult chooses to let their child use them, we restrict these non-swimmers to the wading area only.

5.0 ACTIVITY RULES

5.1 Inappropriate Activities

No riding, swinging, standing, pulling, or jumping is allowed on the safety ropes, lane lines, starting blocks, etc. No dunking or other water games that include physically interfering with another are allowed.

5.2 Use of Ladders

Ladders are for quick entry and exit only. Do not play on the ladders or jump off the ladders or the steps.

5.3 No Diving

There is no diving off the side of the pool except in the designated diving area. This area consists of the 4 ½ foot and deeper section, indicated by a dark tile line at the base of the pool. The safe area to dive depends on age and height and is subject to change based on these factors. Diving is defined as the entrance into the pool other than feet first. If splashing or jumping irritates or endangers others, the member will be asked to stop.

5.4 Use of Water Toys

Snorkels, aqua joggers, fins, kickboards, pull buoys, etc., and can only be used at the guards' discretion.

5.5 Avoid Drain Clogging

At no time should any swimmer bring into the pool anything that is small enough to enter the drain. For example, any balls under the size of a softball are too small.

5.6 Adult Swim Rules

Adult swim times are called by the Lifeguard (usually the last 15 minutes of every hour) at the guard's discretion. All persons 17 or under must clear the pool and be 10 feet away from the pool. Infants or toddlers 4 and under can be in the wading pool only if

accompanied by an adult who is in the wading pool as a swimmer. Guards reserve the right to verify the age and ability of all swimmers during this period where an employee is not observing the pool.

6.0 GUEST RULES

6.1 Member Accompanied Guests

All guests must be accompanied by a member in good standing, sign in at the office with the member, and have a complete Waiver of Liability Form on file before using the facilities. Guests under 18 must have a parent or guardian sign their waiver. Each member is allowed to invite 5 or fewer guests per day. The number of guests per day includes ingress and egress. If a member wants to invite more than 5 guests, we request you to schedule a party to ensure enough guards are on duty for normal operations.

6.2 Guest Entry Restriction

The AOCC reserves the right to restrict the number of guests allowed during inclement weather. During hot weather, defined as 90 degrees or above, guest entry may be restricted per Lifeguard discretion based on pool capacity. On such days it is recommended that members call the pool before visiting to check availability/capacity. Guests with scheduled parties will not be affected.

6.3 Member Responsibilities with Guests

The "sponsoring" member is responsible for signing in themselves and their guests at the office, turning in Waivers for each guest and informing their guests of all applicable AOCC rules. The behavior and actions of the guests are the responsibility of the sponsoring member. Guests will be asked to leave if they are causing problems that require expulsion.

6.4 Member Control of Children

If the adult member cannot adequately control or supervise their guests/and or children, they will be required to leave with their guests and/or children at the AOCC Boards discretion, for the safety of all members and guests.

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