Shaw JCC Akron

POOL RULES

General Pool Policies & Objectives

To provide a safe, enjoyable and clean swimming facility.

To increase interest in swimming through a variety of aquatics programs.

To establish a wholesome atmosphere for all participants at the outdoor pool.

Outdoor Pool Hours

Daily open swim 11 a.m.-7:45 p.m.

Daily adult lap swim 10 a.m.-noon except Mondays & Wednesdays 7-7:45 p.m.

Group fitness classes will periodically utilize sections of the pool.

Swim testing will be conducted during breaks and 15 minutes before the start of each hour.

This schedule is subject to change.

Member & Guest Policy

All members must show their membership cards at the gate entrance every time they visit the outdoor pool area.

If members have forgotten their membership cards, they must wait at the gate until the gate person verifies their membership.

A membership card is required to enter the building from the outdoor pool area.

Cards left overnight will be taken to the member service desk located in the fitness center.

Guest Passes

A member may bring guests to the Shaw JCC three (3) visits per year.

Daily guest pass fees are $10 for adults (18+); $7 for teens (ages 13-17); $5 for children (ages 5-12); and free for children ages 4 and under.

One week passes for out-of-town guests are available.

Guest passes for the outdoor pool may be purchased inside at the member service desks and in advance for Saturday visits.

Chaise Lounge Chairs

On busy days, priority use of chaise lounge chairs is for patrons 16 years and older.

Please limit lounge seating to 2 or 3 chairs per family on busy days.

Chairs may not be reserved for people who arrive later.

Jumping or standing on, or abusing chairs will not be tolerated.

Food

The snack bar is provided for your convenience during these hours: Sunday-Friday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.& Saturday (Shabbat), noon-6 p.m.

This schedule is subject to change.

Shabbat cards for food may be purchased during the week at the snack bar and the front desk.

Please eat in the designated areas behind the snack bar, grassy areas or shelter and clean up after you've eaten.

No food is permitted on the pool deck.

No glass bottles or cups are allowed for the safety of our members.

Kosher Food Policy

Members and guests are welcome to bring any food except meat and poultry.

Shabbat Cards

Jewish law and tradition embrace the Sabbath—Saturday, a day of rest, when no work is done and no money changes hands. To respect that tradition, we do not sell goods or services at The J on Saturdays.

Shabbat cards are available for purchase in advance for the snack bar. We cannot charge member accounts for guest passes or Shabbat cards on Saturdays.

Safety Breaks

Every hour on the hour for 15 minutes, the lifeguards will signal a safety break. At that time, only those 16 years and older and three years and younger (accompanied by an adult) will be allowed to swim in the outdoor pool.

Children 15 years and younger will not be allowed to go into the indoor pool at this time.

Children

An adult must supervise children ages 12 and younger at all times.

Children ages 13 and younger may be individually tested by a member of the pool guard staff to pass the swim test.

Children who pass the swim test will be given special recognition and the privilege of using the deep end swimming and diving areas of the outdoor pool. A wristband provided at the lifeguard building must be worn.

Children may be asked to take a swim test at any time at the lifeguard's discretion.

Swim test includes jumping or diving in deep water, swimming 25 yards and survival floating for 1 minute.

All testing will be conducted during the safety breaks at the head lifeguard's discretion and must be retaken every year.

Wristband Policy

Children ages 15 and under require a wristband to use the diving board, slide and deep end.

Wristbands may be picked up from the lifeguard building after a swim test is performed during slow periods or safety breaks that are conducted by the lifeguard staff.

For those swimmers who pass the test, their names will be placed on file at the lifeguard building for the summer.

Wading Pool

Lifeguards do not supervise the wading pool.

Children using the wading pool must be accompanied by someone 14 years or older, who shall be prepared to enter the pool in the event the child under his/her care has difficulty in the water.

Children ages 5 and younger are permitted in the wading pool at any time.

Children must wear swim diapers at all times to keep the pool sanitary.

Baby food in glass jars is not permitted in the pool area.

First Aid

Report all accidents to the pool office where first aid is available.

Diving Board & Slide Regulations

Children may be asked to take a swim test before using the diving boards and/or slides.

Wait until the previous swimmer has reached the side ladder before using the diving board or slide.

Enter slide with feet first.

Only one bounce on the diving board is permitted.

Dive straight off the front of the board, not the side.

Parents are not permitted in the diving well to catch children.

Only forward flips are allowed. No back flips, jumping backward or any trick dives are permitted.

Smoking and Alcohol Policy

Smoking and alcohol are prohibited in the outdoor pool area.

Safety & Pool Regulations

The following are important rules and regulations for keeping a safe swimming environment. Anyone who violates the rules will be removed from the pool area:

Please obey all lifeguard instructions; failure to do so may result in the patron being asked to leave.

Proper swim attire is required. No street clothes, cut-offs, denim shorts, or thong bathing suits are permitted in the pool area unless deemed appropriate for religious purposes.

A parent or guardian must accompany children under the age of 13 years old at all times. All children years and younger must be accompanied in the water by parent or guardian. Children who cannot swim must be within an arm's reach of a parent or guardian and remain in the shallow end.

Food and drinks are allowed only in areas away from the pool and are not permitted in the pool, except for water in unbreakable containers. Glass containers are not permitted.

No running on the pool deck.

No pushing, shoving, throwing, dunking, horseplay, or inappropriate behavior is allowed.

No diving or jumping into the pool, except off the diving board when the diving well is open.

Water guns may not be used during busy days, or if the use interferes with the enjoyment of other members.

Starting blocks shall not be used for any purpose other than for swim team or swim lessons.

No hanging on lane lines, ropes, or rails.

Children who are not toilet trained must wear swim diapers.
During peak lap swim hours, pool patrons must share lanes and circle swim.

The pool will be closed for at least 30 minutes in cases of bad weather (thunder, lightning, tornado warnings, etc.). The pool deck will be cleared of members and guests.

Swim lessons and personal training by authorized Shaw JCC personnel or by authorized groups only.

Band-Aids, gum, and trash must be deposited in the trash cans located in the aquatics area.

Spitting, spouting water, blowing the nose, or discharging bodily waste in the pool is strictly prohibited.

Patrons using the swimming pool must take a shower before entering the pool enclosure.

Patrons having open blisters or cuts are advised not to use the pool.

There is no open swim time during group swim lessons.

Adults ages 16 and older have a preference in lap swim lanes.