

SCIENCE PARK POOL RULES AND INFORMATION

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- Lifeguards and Management Staff must always be obeyed.
- Guards are here for your safety. However, parents are ultimately responsible for their children – in and out of the water.

The pool is divided into three sections. Buoys on the rope separate each section.

1. The shallow section is primarily for small children and non-swimmers. When the shallow section is active with small swimmers, guards may ask “bigger” kids to move to the main pool area for safety reasons.
2. The main pool is the middle and largest section.
3. The deep end is usually reserved for diving.

Pool Rules

1. Patrons younger than 12 must be accompanied to the pool by a responsible person 16 years or older.
2. If a child is unable to swim to the edge of the pool by themselves, the responsible guardian **must remain within arms-length while in the pool.**
3. Inflatable devices that are Coast Guard Approved (including Puddle Jumpers) can be used to aid non-swimmers, however, the responsible guardian **must accompany and remain within arms-length of the non-swimmer wearing the device when he/she is outside the shallow end of the pool.**
4. Under no circumstances may inflatable devices be allowed to assist individuals who are going off any of the diving boards.
5. **ABSOLUTELY NO DIVING** in any area except the diving well.
6. Divers waiting for the board should stand behind the board ladder
7. No flips off the side of the pool.
8. Swimmers must be facing forward when jumping into the diving well and/or off the diving boards.
9. Running on the pool deck is not permitted.
10. Roughhousing in the pool or on deck is not permitted.
11. Do not hang or play on the ladders.
12. Do not jump from, or dive through the ladders.
13. Kickboards and swim buoys are available, but should be used only by lap swimmers and for lessons.
14. At a minimum, two lap lanes are available for lap swimming. Additional lanes will be set up to accommodate higher demand, as needed. Lap lanes can be reserved at: <https://www.sprapool.com/reservations/>
15. Lap lanes can be shared. We encourage sharing!
16. Please do not swim through the lap lanes or hang out/play in the lap lanes.

17. If thunder/lightning is heard/seen, follow the instructions of Management and Lifeguards. Everyone must immediately clear the pool and deck area and move to the parking lot. No one will be permitted to stay within the gated area or pool house. No one can reenter the pool until a period of at least 30 minutes has passed during which no thunder/lightning is heard/seen. The lifeguards will indicate when it's safe to get back in the water.
18. One person is allowed on each diving board at a time. Go straight off the board, swim directly to the nearest ladder and exit the water.
19. If diving boards are in use, only those diving may be in the diving well.
20. Toddlers or infants that are not "potty-trained" should wear a clean swim diaper (preferably a disposable diaper) when using the pool.
21. Only sponge-type balls (i.e. "Nerf Balls") are permitted in the pool. The pool's basketballs are to be used only for playing basketball. The basketball hoop in the shallow end of the pool is for children 10 and under.
22. Please keep the toys of small children in the shallow section of the pool.
23. Rafts are permitted, except at times when the pool is crowded. The rafts could limit the guards' ability to see the swimmers. The manager on duty will make this call, as needed.
24. Please don't talk to lifeguards (in the chairs or on the deck) unless it is an absolute necessity, and then only briefly.

SPRA Info You Need to Know:

- SPRA is a tobacco and alcohol-free facility. Neither will be tolerated and you will be asked to leave for violating this rule.
- This is your pool – help keep it beautiful. Please clean up after yourself - use the trash containers located throughout the pool and bathhouse area.
- Please make staff aware if something is broken, more toilet paper is needed (it is ok to change the roll yourself!) or of a problem or an opportunity to make SPRA better.
- A snack bar is open every day, usually from 12 noon until 7:00 PM. Ask at the snack bar how to set up an account for the summer, so you don't have to bring cash.
- Be aware that many of our members have severe, even life-threatening food allergies. Please dispose of trash (especially peanut-related wrappers, peanut shells, etc.), wipe off chairs and tables, & clean messy hands and faces prior to re-entering the pool.
- No chewing gum or glass containers in the pool or concrete deck area.
- Chairs and picnic tables are available and should be shared. Please return the chairs to the designated chair areas around the pool when you are finished using them.
- The lockers located in the bathhouse are for lifeguards only. Please do not store belongings in these lockers. SPRA is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Patrons are advised to keep valuables with them and label small items (i.e. goggles, toys).
- SPRA is not responsible for items left at the pool. Please leave valuables at home! At the end of each month, unclaimed lost and found items are donated to Goodwill.
- Everyone must enter and exit through the large gate and check in at the window on the side of the pool house.

- Swimming lessons are available to SPRA members. Please check the website for more information: <https://www.srapool.com/swim-lessons/>
- The SPRA Dolphins Swim Team welcomes swimmers ages 4-18 of all skill levels. Whether you're new to swimming or have years of experience, our supportive and fun environment helps everyone improve and enjoy the sport. We practice Monday through Thursday, with evening sessions also available Sundays, Mondays and Wednesdays. Our team competes in the Central Pennsylvania Swim League with optional meets usually occurring on Thursday evenings. Don't be intimidated—our team is all about learning, growing, and having fun in the water! If you have any questions, please reach out to the parent reps via email: spracconcessions@gmail.com
- When SPRA hosts a home swim meet, the pool closes to general membership at 4 pm that day. You'll be notified by email of those dates, and there will be reminder signs at the pool.
- Please be careful driving into and out of the parking lot, especially crossing the bike path. Some of our members bike to SPRA – look out for them and proceed slowly through the parking lot.
- When parking on the bike path side of the parking lot, please pull up onto the grass, to allow for a middle row of cars on busy days.
- Other activities for members, as well as their guests, are available throughout the season. Check the website (www.srapool.com) for more information.
- Members are permitted to bring guests throughout the season. One-time-use guest passes cost \$8.00 per person and can also be purchased in packs of 5 and 10 at a discount. Each guest may come no more than 10 times/season, regardless of who invited them.
- The pool is available to rent by members and non-members. Pavilions may also be reserved for parties. Check the website for more information: <https://www.srapool.com/reservations/>.
- Please feel free to contact the pool's management or a SPRA board member if you have any questions or need additional information at spraboard@spramembers.com.