



# SOUTH SHORE YMCA OUTDOOR AQUATIC CENTER AT THE EMILSON YMCA

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GUIDE 2024

The **Outdoor Aquatic Center** is available for those South Shore YMCA (SSYMCA) members who have purchased a Seasonal Pass (Pass). This was implemented to ensure a safe environment and create an optimal user experience. Passes are made available only to SSYMCA members. Pass registration is expected to open each fall for the future summer season. All Passholders must maintain an active SSYMCA membership to uphold their Outdoor Aquatic Center Pass.

The following Guide was created to set clear expectations and enhance the user experience. Policies and procedures will be consistently evaluated and may be adjusted with or without notice.

The SSYMCA Member Code of Conduct applies to the use of the Outdoor Aquatic Center and all SSYMCA facilities. Please see the "Pool Rules" section of this document for details on swimming tests and other pool rules.

### HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY – FRIDAY	JUNE & JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
• Pool #1	6am – 9am - Lap Swim 10am – 8pm - All	6am – 9am - Lap Swim 10am – 7:30pm	6am – 9am - Lap Swim 10am – 7pm
• Pool #2 & Splash Pad	3:30pm – 8pm	3:30pm – 7:30pm	3:30pm – 7pm
• Playground	10am – 8pm	10am – 7:30pm	10am – 7pm
SATURDAY & SUNDAY			
• Entire Facility	10am - 7pm	10am – 7pm	10am – 7pm
CONCESSIONS			
• Monday – Sunday	11am – 7pm	11am – 7pm	11am – 7pm

*Hours of operations may change with or without notice based on operational, weather, or other situational issues.*

### OUTDOOR AQUATICS CENTER FACILITY ACCESS

You must have an active South Shore YMCA Membership and Outdoor Aquatic Center Seasonal Pass to access the Outdoor Aquatic Center facility. If your SSYMCA membership should lapse, the Pass will automatically terminate. If a Pass is terminated, the SSYMCA has the right to sell the Pass to another active SSYMCA member on the waiting list. All Passholders must maintain an equivalent active SSYMCA membership for the duration of this program. To hold a Household Season Pass you must have an active SSYMCA Household Membership. Passholders must present a SSYMCA membership key tag to access the Outdoor Aquatic Center.

### AGE REQUIREMENTS

SSYMCA Household Season Passholders and guests 13 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult while using the Outdoor Aquatics Center.

## **GUEST PASSES**

To ensure safety and create an optimal user experience for our Passholders, guest usage will be limited. Guests must be accompanied by a SSYMCA Seasonal Passholder.

- All guest fees are \$20 per person.
- Guest passes are valid for the remainder of the day in which the pass was purchased.
- Current Passholders may bring up to 1 guest per person on their membership.
- Guest Passes are not available to non-passholders, non-members or members visiting from other YMCAs through the YMCA National Reciprocity Program.

## **APPROPRIATE SWIMWEAR**

- Proper swimwear must be worn and must be appropriate for a family environment.
- Swimsuits must provide full coverage and be made of material that is intended for water use.
- The following are not considered appropriate swimwear:
  - Translucent
  - Underwear and other undergarments
  - Absorbent materials such as denim, cotton, wool, etc.

## **DIAPERING**

- Infants and toddlers who require diapers are required to wear two layers while in the pool:
  - Layer 1: a disposal swim diaper (worn underneath)
  - Layer 2: a reusable waterproof swim diaper (worn over disposable swim diaper)

## **FOOTWEAR**

- Inside the SSYMCA Outdoor Aquatic Center, we recommend wearing water resistant sandals, slides, water shoes or flip flops.
- Footwear is not permitted inside the pools except appropriate water shoes.
- Bare feet are permitted inside the Outdoor Aquatics Center, but please use caution.
- We strongly encourage closed toe footwear in the playground areas to reduce risk of injury.

## **SEATING**

- Please consider courtesy towards your fellow users as you reserve seating.
- Please limit usage to 2 poolside chaise lounge chairs per household, per visit.
- Pool seating is available on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Bringing personal chairs/seating is not permitted, but you may bring towels or blankets for sitting.

## **FOOD & DRINKS**

- Full, family-friendly concessions will be available for an additional cost.
- Food and beverages are not allowed in or near the pools or splash pad.
- Please enjoy food and beverages inside the seating areas or food designated areas.
- Bringing your own food and beverage into the Outdoor Aquatics Center is allowed.
- Alcohol is strictly prohibited.
- All glass containers are prohibited.

## **PERMITTED ITEMS FROM HOME**

- Coolers
- Food & beverages
- Towels, blankets, bags
- Strollers are permitted but must be stored in designated locations off the pool deck.

## **PROHIBITED ITEMS FROM HOME**

To keep all users safe, comfortable, and ensure a positive experience for all, the following items are **not** allowed into the Outdoor Aquatics Center:

- Floatation devices, snorkels, fins, and inflatables such as noodles, rafts, water wings. (*Exception: US Coast Guard Approved Lifejackets are permitted*)
- Portable chairs
- Wheeled carts
- Alcoholic beverages, vape or tobacco/CBD/THC products, gummies, etc.
- Glass containers
- Pop-up tents
- Beach umbrellas
- Pets/animals
- Sport balls, yard games, frisbees, and other throwable objects
- Fireworks, sparklers, open flames, candles
- Chewing gum
- Audio speakers

## **LOCKER ROOMS & RESTROOMS**

- Universal changing cabanas, locker rooms and individual restrooms are available for use.
- A limited number of security lockers are available for members wishing to secure wallets, mobile phones, car keys or other items. The SSYMCA is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

## **INCLEMENT/SEVERE WEATHER**

In the event of inclement or severe weather, the SSYMCA will decide on closure and/or delayed opening of the Outdoor Aquatic Center based on the forecast and/or visual confirmation of conditions. We will inform Passholders in the following ways:

- Posts on our website and social media platforms as timely as possible
- Signage posted at the Outdoor Aquatic Center entrance and at the Emilson YMCA Welcome Center
- In the event of thunderstorms, we will evacuate the Outdoor Aquatics Center and reopen when safe.

## **BIRTHDAY PARTIES / GROUP GATHERINGS**

The Outdoor Aquatic Center does not permit unauthorized group outings, birthday parties, reunions, functions, or business events. Please speak to a member of the staff to allow us to help coordinate your celebration. These activities must be officially facilitated in advance by the SSYMCA during predetermined times.

# SOUTH SHORE YMCA POOL RULES

## GENERAL RULES

- All swimmers under the age of 15 must be swim tested.
- Any child under the age of 7 must have an adult within arms-reach. Children under the age of 13 must have an adult on the pool deck or in the water with them. For safety purposes, there must be one adult for every three children in the swimming area.
- For the safety of everyone, we ask that patrons do not run on the pool deck.
- Entering the pool:
  - You may walk in through the zero entry areas and stairs or slide in from any of the walls.
  - When jumping into the pool, swimmers must face forward and jump feet first into a clear and designated area. Swimmers may not flip, spin, or jump backwards into the pool.
  - Diving is not permitted in any part of the Outdoor Center.
- For your own safety, please refrain from holding your breath for long periods of time. This includes:
  - Swimming underwater long distances
  - Breath-holding games
- Please refrain from wearing band aids or athletic/medical tape in pools.
- Food or drink of any type is not allowed in the pool.
- No glass of any kind allowed in the facility, this includes but is not limited to: glass food containers, water bottles, dishware, straws, utensils, dive masks, etc.
- All participants who are not toilet-trained must wear swim diapers.
- To lap swim, you must be 15 years or older or have passed the swim test.
- Should lane space become limited, we ask that you share with other swimmers by utilizing a circle swim technique.
- Only US Coast Guard accepted floatation devices are permitted. Should you have a question about your child's floatation device, please ask any of our aquatics staff.
- Masks, fins, snorkels or objects with hard surfaces are not allowed in the pools.
- Please refrain from prolonged conversation with the lifeguards while they are actively guarding.
- For the safety of all, we ask that swimmers do not engage in any rough housing/horseplay, including but not limited to:
  - Sitting on Shoulders
  - Aggressive splashing
  - Pushing/Shoving
  - Tossing each other
  - Hitting/Kicking
  - Dunking

## SWIM TEST COLOR BAND SYSTEM

- **Red - Under the age of 7, Shallow Water Only:** Red bands will be given to children under the age of 7 who have not passed the swim test or have chosen not to take it. Children with red bands must stay in the shallow end designated by lane lines. Adult caregivers of children with Red Bands must be in the water and within arm's reach of the child. Children under the age of 2 are not required to wear the band, but still must stay within arm's reach of an adult. Children who are categorized as RED swimmers or those that do not take the swim test, will be required to wear a US Coast Guard approved life jacket while in the pool.
- **Yellow - Age 7 & over, Shallow Water Only:** Yellow bands will be given to any child 7 and older who has not passed the swim test or has chosen not to take it. Children with yellow bands must stay in the shallow end designated by lane lines. Adult caregivers of children must remain in the pool area or in the water with their child. Children who are categorized as YELLOW swimmers or those that do not take the swim test, will be required to wear a US Coast Guard approved life jacket while in the pool.
- **Green - Any age (passed swim test):** Green bands will be given to any child of any age who has passed the swim test. Children with green bands may utilize the deep end of the pool. Children under the age of 10 must have an adult caregiver on deck or in the water with them. Children with green bands may use the water slide.