

Managing Capacity at SS&T

Although some pools have instituted sign up times to attend their pools, SS&T is blessed with both a larger pool and a larger lawn space compared to other area private and semi-private pools. The following will guide decisions about managing access to the facility and the pool.

1. **State Regulation:** The State places the authority on the pool operator to decide how best to manage access to the club and the pool in a manner that observes State social distancing regulations. Further, SS&T, like all pools, is subject to a maximum 40% of the facility limits and 40% of the bather load limit.
 2. **Access to the Club:** At SS&T, as an outdoor facility, we do not have a facility limit. We will start by not imposing time slot sign ups to come to the Club, but rather manage access based on the number of people in attendance and the ability to maintain State social distance regulations. The State regulation is that people must wear a mask if they cannot maintain a social distance of 6 feet from non-family members. We have over 50,000 square feet of lawn space and anticipate being able to accommodate spacing requirements if members use the lawn space in addition to the pool deck area. Six (6) foot intervals have been marked around the pool deck to guide spacing on the deck. We are putting out fewer lounge chairs and tables along the deck this year to manage this process. Moving lounge deck chairs to accommodate family units or individuals is permitted provide the 6 foot distancing markers are utilized to guide spacing around the deck. As a reminder, we are asking the members who use the club provided furniture to wipe down the furniture before and after they are done using it. Also, members are encouraged to bring their own chairs for use on the lawn space. The over 50,000 sq. ft. of lawn space plus 6,200 sq. ft of deck space equates to about 277 sq. ft. of space per member household if every member household attended at the same time. This has never occurred in the past.
 3. **Access to the Swimming Pool:** Our licensed swimming pool bather capacity is 210 bathers. 40% of this capacity is 84 bathers. Based on historical pool headcounts made throughout the day, every day, we have never exceeded 53 bathers at one time. We have approximately 5,400 square feet of pool surface area or 64 square feet per bather at the maximum 40% load limit of 84 bathers (Think in terms of and 8 ft x 8 ft space per swimmer if maximum bather load occurs). Again, in the past, we have never exceeded 53 swimmers at one time, which results in a 100 sq. ft. space per swimmer (equivalent to a 10 ft x 10 ft area). That said, we will monitor the ability for non-family members to observe 6 foot distancing in the pool based on the dynamic environment in the pool. We encourage members to help regulate this by waiting to go in the pool if you think you will not be able to social distance properly in the pool. Lifeguards may ask persons to exit the pool if social distancing is not able to be effectively maintained. We will also periodically implementing "Adults Only" swimming throughout the day as in years past, so that our adults can enjoy the use of the pool. If our members help in observing the pool bather load and distancing, we should not need to move to a sign-up process for swimming time. As a reminder, the CDC has determined that there is no evidence that the virus that causes Covid-19 can be spread in properly maintained pool water and that proper operation of the pool should inactivate the virus, the same as is does for other viruses and bacteria.
 4. **Swim Programs:** The rules for the swim programs are different because State regulations permit groups of more than 10 swimmers plus coaches attending swim programs provided social distancing is maintained. Because these are structured swimming sessions, rules have been set up following formats created by USA Swimming, among other sources, to conduct a proper organized practice or training session.
 5. **Member Responsibility:** Our Members, and their families, will be able to enjoy our facility if they take on the personal responsibility to observe social distancing regulations and be respectful of others while at the Club.
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