

Darien Swim & Recreation Club

Rules and Regulations

Revised and Approved by the Board of Directors

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Introduction

The Board of Directors of the Darien Swim and Recreation Club has adopted the following rules and regulations to govern the safe and sanitary operation of its pools and facilities. These rules are intended to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all members and may be amended by the Board at any time. The on-duty Pool Manager may implement temporary policies when necessary for safety or operations, subject to later Board review.

Certain rules required by the State of Illinois may not be altered. Pool supervisory staff, DSRC Board Officers, and the Pool & Grounds Chair are responsible for enforcing these rules and may remove individuals from the premises for the remainder of the day if their behavior is inappropriate or violates club rules. Any such removal must be documented and reported to the President and Board within 24 hours.

Suspensions longer than one day may only be enacted by the **Board of Directors**, in accordance with Article III, Section 12 of the DSRC Bylaws.

General Regulations

All rules apply equally to members and their guests while on Club property.

Personal Conduct & Safety

- Running, pushing, dunking, horseplay, or throwing objects is strictly prohibited.
- Ball games, water polo, or games involving lifting or carrying other swimmers (e.g., “chicken fights”) are prohibited.
- Drink responsibly and keep beverages in unbreakable, closed containers. Individuals who appear intoxicated will be asked to leave the premises.
- Personal music speakers are not permitted on Club property.
 - Music will be provided through the Club’s outdoor speaker system. Members may use personal headphones but may not play music through external speakers out of respect for other guests.
- Nerf balls may be used at the discretion of pool management.

Pool Access & Use

- Pool hours are listed by the Pool’s main entrance and at darienswim.com
- The Pool will not open if the outside temperature is below 68°F or during inclement weather.
- The pool may only be used when lifeguards or supervisory staff are on duty.
- Floating objects are allowed only with permission from the on-duty lifeguard.

- The final 15 minutes of each hour are reserved for adult swim (ages 18+). A lap lane will generally be made available at all times, unless safety or staffing needs require otherwise.
- Anyone wearing suntan products must shower before entering the pool.
- Anyone entering the diving area must be able to swim to the satisfaction of the lifeguard.
- Access to the large pool may be restricted based on demonstrated swimming ability.
- Scuba equipment is not allowed.

Property & Equipment

- Use of Club facilities is at personal risk. The Club is not responsible for injuries, accidents, or property loss/damage.
- No animals are permitted on Club property.
- Bicycles must be parked in designated areas.
- Glass containers are strictly prohibited anywhere on Club property, **except inside the clubhouse.**

Furniture & Grounds

- Adults may use BBQ grills during pool hours or special events, subject to safe operation and staff oversight.
- Deck furniture is limited to one person.
- Personal belongings must be removed from unoccupied furniture.
- Lounge chairs may not be placed next to diving boards or in the concession stand area unless approved by management.
- Members and guests must use the designated entrance only. Do not shortcut through private property to access the Club.
- Concerns regarding staff should be reported directly to the Pool Manager or a member of the management team.
- The Board of Directors may close the pool for health and safety reasons or for scheduled events.

State of Illinois Regulations

The following are based on the Illinois Swimming Facility Code (77 Ill. Adm. Code 820) and the Illinois Swimming Facility Act (210 ILCS 125), which govern all licensed public and semi-public swimming facilities in the State of Illinois. Members may view the full laws online at dph.illinois.gov or by searching the citations above.

- Individuals with infectious or contagious conditions (e.g., diarrhea, skin lesions, colds, eye infections, or excessive sunburn) may not enter the pool.
 - Showering with soap before entering the pool is strongly encouraged, especially if applying lotions or oils. Re-showering is required after re-entering the pool from outside.
 - Street shoes are not permitted on the pool deck unless expressly allowed by management for accessibility.
 - Street clothing, including cut-off shorts, is not permitted in the water. Only swimwear made of swim-appropriate fabric is allowed.
 - Personal conduct must promote safety and hygiene; rough play, running, spitting, or spouting water is prohibited.
 - Food, drink, gum, tobacco, and alcohol are not permitted in the pool or on the pool deck unless expressly authorized by the Board.
 - Long hair may be required to be secured or covered with a swim cap at the discretion of pool management.
 - Spectators not entering the water should remain outside the pool deck area unless actively supervising children or assisting someone with special needs.
 - Additional rules may be posted or issued verbally by management to ensure health and safety.
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Admittance Requirements

- Every individual, adult or minor, entering Club property must check in at the front desk each time they enter, regardless of whether they have entered earlier that day. Each person must be individually identified by name. Members must identify every member of their household who is entering, and every accompanying guest, at the time of entry.
- Front desk staff may deny or delay entry until all individuals in a party have been identified and any required guest passes or fees are recorded.
- Membership must be purchased and held by an individual who is at least 18 years of age. Because membership requires entering into a binding financial agreement with the Club, including responsibility for dues and any charges incurred, only adults age 18 or older may purchase or hold a membership in their own name. Minor children are covered under a household membership held by an adult and may not purchase a membership independently.
- Only members or their guests are allowed.
- Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a responsible individual age 13 or older. The number of children one member may supervise is subject to management discretion.
- Wading pool: limited to children age 3 and under, with supervision.
- Regular diapers are not allowed in any pool. Swim diapers or training pants with waterproof covers are required for non-toilet-trained children.

- Intermediate pool for children age 7 and under.
 - Members must have a photo on file for identification, either uploaded through the member portal or taken by staff.
 - Members are financially responsible for any damage to Club property caused by themselves or their guests.
 - Intoxicated individuals are not allowed entry.
 - Membership renewals will not be processed until all outstanding balances are paid in full.
 - Members who are not current on their payment plan will have their membership temporarily suspended until all scheduled payments are brought up to date.
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Guest Policy

- Guests must be accompanied by a member.
 - Guests are subject to all Club rules and must follow staff instructions at all times.
 - Guest admittance may be limited.
 - Guests must be registered, and fees paid.
 - No guest admitted without a member present.
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Diving Rules

- No one is allowed beneath the diving boards—either in the water or on the deck—at any time.
 - Only one person is allowed on each diving board at a time. Wait on the deck until the diver has cleared the area.
 - Exercise caution when jumping/diving.
 - No diving off board sides or pool edge in diving area.
 - No swimming in diving board landing zone.
 - High board use: age 8+ only (exceptions at management discretion).
 - Exit from the diving area must be through the designated ladders or by swimming into the main pool. Running on the diving board or surrounding deck area is prohibited.
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Clubhouse Rental Guidelines

For the most up to date information on Clubhouse rentals, please visit darienswim.com and click on **Clubhouse Rental**.

Nannies/Guardians

- A **qualified guardian** must accompany children under the age of 10 at all times (see definition below).
- A qualified guardian is someone who meets **at least one** of the following criteria:
 - Any member of at least 13 years of age
 - A non-member relative of at least 18 years of age
 - Designated *nanny* with valid **Nanny Pass** (see below)
- Pool management reserves the right to deny guardian access if the individual poses a safety or supervision concern.

Nanny Passes:

- Members may purchase a Nanny Pass to allow a designated caregiver (e.g., nanny) to accompany their children to the pool.
- The Membership Committee will issue a Nanny Pass upon receipt of the appropriate Nanny fee.
- Nannies will **not** be allowed entry for just themselves.
- Members are responsible for the behavior and compliance of their designated nanny while on club grounds.
- Nanny Pass use is subject to club rules and may be revoked if misused.

Definition of a "Nanny":

- Any designated non-member authorized to use a member's Nanny Pass
- At least 15 years of age
- May only enter the pool when directly supervising a member's minor children

Concession Area

- Entry to the concession area from the clubhouse is prohibited.
- Members are expected to clean their tables and surrounding area using the provided supplies:
 - Garbage cans are available for disposing of refuse.
 - Soap and water are provided for cleaning tables and chairs.
 - A hose is available for washing down the surrounding concrete area.
 - Be courteous and clean up promptly so the area remains enjoyable for all members.

Private Swim Lessons Disclaimer

- Private swim lessons are not an official Club activity and are **not** covered by Club insurance. Any arrangements made for private lessons are strictly between the member and the instructor.
 - The Club assumes no liability for incidents arising from private lessons. Members will be responsible for any direct costs to the Club resulting from incidents related to private swim lessons.
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Standards of Conduct

All members and their guests are expected to conduct themselves respectfully and responsibly in all interactions involving the Club, its members, guests, and staff. These expectations are grounded in the Club's commitment to providing a safe, welcoming, and family-friendly environment for all members, guests, and staff.

- Treat all members, guests, and staff with respect and courtesy.
- Verbal altercations, shouting, hostile or threatening gestures, intimidation, or physical confrontations will not be tolerated.
- Hate speech, including racist, sexist, homophobic, or otherwise discriminatory remarks, will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- Abusive, harassing, or threatening communication will not be tolerated, including profane tirades, personal attacks, or repeated unwanted contact after being asked to stop.
- Behavior that disrupts the peaceful use of the facility or creates a confrontational environment is not permitted.
- Disputes should be referred to the Pool Manager or guard staff rather than handled directly between members.

These standards apply not only on DSRC grounds but also to any communication directed at members, guests, staff, volunteers, Board members, or officers when that communication concerns Club business or a person's role at the Club, regardless of the method or location of the communication. This includes in-person interactions, phone calls, text messages, email, and social media.

Nothing in this section restricts a member's right to disagree with, criticize, or organize other members regarding Board decisions, policies, or the conduct of Club affairs, provided such communication remains free of the abusive or threatening conduct described above. Good-faith

criticism is not a violation. The manner of the communication, not its substance, is what these standards govern.

Disciplinary Process

Members are accountable for their own conduct and the conduct of their guests. The following disciplinary procedures will be followed for violations of DSRC rules, including the Standards of Conduct. Guests may be ejected or banned from the facility at the discretion of management.

- **First Warning** – May be issued verbally or in writing by Board Officers or Pool Supervisory staff. If issued in writing, documentation will be sent to the member's email address on file and shared with the Board Secretary for Board presentation.
- **Second Warning** – Issued verbally and in writing. This may result in a suspension of pool privileges for up to seven (7) days, as permitted by the Bylaws. Any further disciplinary action will require review and approval by the Board of Directors.
- **Third Incident** – A third documented incident, regardless of type or timing, will result in immediate suspension of membership privileges pending a special meeting of the Board of Directors to consider expulsion.
- **Immediate Suspension or Expulsion** – The Board of Directors reserves the right to suspend or expel a member at any time for serious violations, including but not limited to physical altercations, threats, or behavior that endangers others, without issuing prior warnings.

All disciplinary actions will be documented and retained by the Board Secretary.

Appeals: Members may submit a written appeal to the Board of Directors within 7 days of receiving notice of a suspension or expulsion. Appeals will be reviewed at the next regular or special Board meeting, and the Board's decision will be final.

NOTE: These procedures are governed by Article III, Section 12 of the Bylaws, which limits suspensions by staff to a maximum of seven (7) days and requires Board involvement for longer or permanent actions.

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Glossary of Terms

Member

An individual listed on a paid household membership. Only members may access the pool without a guest fee.

Guest

A non-member who is invited and accompanied by a member. Guests must follow all Club rules.

Nanny

A designated non-member caregiver authorized by a current member to supervise children. Must be age 15+ and possess a valid Nanny Pass.

Guardian

Any individual who meets the criteria to supervise children under age 10. Includes members age 13+, adult relatives, or a designated nanny.

Club Property

All grounds, buildings, and facilities managed by DSRC, including the pool deck, clubhouse, concession area, lawns, walkways, and parking areas.

Suspension

A temporary loss of membership privileges, typically due to rule violations or overdue payments.

Expulsion

Permanent termination of membership, enacted only by vote of the Board of Directors.

Pool Supervisory Staff

Lifeguards, managers, and assistants employed by the Club or its management company who are responsible for enforcing pool safety and behavior rules.

Board Officers

The elected officers of the DSRC Board of Directors, which include the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.