

# Levin JCC Aquatic Facility Rules and Regulations

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The following rules and regulations have been deemed necessary for the continued safe operation of our pool area. We respectfully require each member to read and be familiar with each one. These rules and regulations have been established for your pleasure and safety, and they will be strictly enforced.

## **GENERAL CHILD SUPERVISION POLICY**

JCC Facility Policies and Procedures state that “member children ages 13 and older are permitted to be unaccompanied in the JCC facilities without parental or adult supervision.” This rule extends to the pool deck, as long as the supervising lifeguard is notified during each visit by the parent and an emergency contact form is on file in the aquatic office.

JCC Facility Policies and Procedures state that “member children ages 10-12 do not need to be accompanied in the JCC facilities (with the exception of the Fitness Center) as long as a responsible parent/guardian is on the JCC premises.” This rule extends to the pool deck.

Member children under 10 years of age will NOT be allowed on the pool deck unless accompanied by a responsible parent/guardian AT ALL TIMES. The only exception is for children ages 6-9 who are in a supervised program (i.e. swim team, dive lessons, etc...); during these programs the parent/guardian must be on the JCC premises, but does not have to remain on the pool deck. Member children who are 5 and under must have a responsible parent/guardian on the pool deck at all times, even if the child is in a supervised program.

## **SWIM TESTING AND CORESPONDING CHILD SUPERVISION POLICY**

All individuals under 18 years old must be swim tested. Please see our Swim Testing and Policy and Procedures for specifics.

Patrons must be re-tested at the beginning of EVERY pool season.

Red bands 5 years and older, but less than 48 inches, must have a parent in the water within arm’s reach or wear a lifejacket and have a parent/guardian who is in continuous visual contact with the child (i.e. not reading, lap swimming, etc.) in order to swim in the shallow end of the lap pool.

Red bands 5 years and older are allowed in the family pool without parent, but the parent must be present within the deck area of the family pool and have continuous visual contact with the child (i.e. not reading, talking on their cell phone, etc.)

Red bands 4 years and younger must have a parent/guardian in the water within arm’s reach at all times.

## **GUEST POLICIES**

JCC members may bring guests to the aquatic facility according to the membership guest policy.

Members are responsible for their guests at all times, and guests are subject to the same rules and regulations as members while at the Aquatics Facility.

In order to ensure everyone’s safety at the pool and adequate lifeguard coverage, members must notify the Aquatics Director 24 hours in advance if they plan to bring more than four guests to the swimming pool during one visit.

## **GENERAL POOL RULES**

**No one is allowed in the pool or the pool area unless a JCC lifeguard is on duty.**

**For safety reasons, conversations with lifeguards who are actively watching the swimming pools are not permitted.**

**The Aquatics Staff have final authority to enforce all rules of the pool.**

Please walk at all times when on the pool deck.

Food and drink are allowed in designated areas only. Food must be kept at least four feet away from the pool, and gum is not allowed in the swimming pools.

No glass containers or potentially dangerous objects may be brought on the pool deck.

All trash and litter is to be placed in proper containers.

Alcoholic beverages, drugs, gambling, or tobacco will not be allowed on the pool deck.

Pets are not permitted in the pool area.

Horse play and foul language is not permitted in the pool area.

Swimmers must shower before entering the water and after using the restroom.

All band-aids must be removed and discarded prior to swimming.

Swim diapers and/or rubber pants are to be worn by children who are not toilet trained.

Diaper changes should occur in the bathrooms. Please do not change children on the pool deck.

Only coast-guard approved devices are allowed in the pools. All inflatable devices (water wings, inner tubes, air mattresses, beach balls, etc.) are prohibited in both pools.

Water guns and large squirt toys are not prohibited in the play pool

Please do not hang on lane lines and safety ropes, or play on the entry ramp of the lap pool.

Flippers, kickboards, pull buoys and noodles may only be used in the lap pool.

No sitting or standing on kickboards.

Use of equipment is at the discretion of the lifeguard.

Lap swimmers have first priority in the lap lanes. Circle swimming will be required during high usage times.

Diving is permitted in designated areas only.

The JCC assumes no responsibility for loss, theft, or damage or personal articles.

## **DIVING BOARD RULES**

No one is allowed to use the diving board unless a lifeguard is on duty. If the area is marked closed by a sign or other device, no one is allowed to use the diving board.

To use the diving board, children must be a green band.

No goggles, sunglasses or flotation devices are allowed on the diving board.

Patrons may not move the fulcrum of the diving board past 6 unless under the supervision of a JCC diving coach.

Only one person may be on the diving board at a time (including the ladder). The next person should wait on the deck until swimmers reach the side ladder.

Multiple bounces, hanging from the diving board, running on the diving board, or swimming under the diving board is not allowed.

Children are not permitted to jump of the diving board to parents or other patrons in the water.

Divers should promptly exit the water at the nearest pool ladder.

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### **SLIDE RULES**

No one is allowed to use the slide unless an attendant is on duty. If the area is marked closed by a sign or other device, no one is allowed on the slide structure.

To use the slide, children must be either a yellow or green band.

No goggles, sunglasses or floatation devices allowed on the slide.

No diving, running, standing, kneeling, rotating, turning or stopping on the slide.

Patrons must go feet first, on their back, down the slide. No traveling head first down the slide.

One person at a time allowed down the slide. Groups or forming chains is not allowed.

You must keep all parts of the body within the slide.

After exiting from the slide, you must leave the splash pool promptly.

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### **DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES**

Offenses such as excessive running, horseplay, profane language, pushing, fighting, backtalk and dunking will be subject to disciplinary action. Violations will be handled according to the final guidelines.

1<sup>st</sup> offense – Verbal Warning

2<sup>nd</sup> offense – “Time Out” from swimming

3<sup>rd</sup> offense – “Time Out” and Aquatics Manager on Duty notified

4<sup>th</sup> offense – Expulsion from pool for the remainder of the day

5<sup>th</sup> offense – One week suspension from aquatics facility

6<sup>th</sup> offense – Suspension of pool membership

Serious incidents may skip steps of the disciplinary guidelines. First, second and third offenses may be handled by members of the Aquatics Staff. Fourth offenses will be handled by the Aquatics Manager on Duty and reported to the Aquatics Director. Fifth and sixth offenses will be handled by the Aquatics Director and the support of upper management.

Guests who are involved in offenses subject to a fourth or higher offense will not be allowed to return as a guest.