

SOUTHWEST SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

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About Southwest Swim Club

Southwest Swim Club is a member-owned, non-profit, private swim club in Columbia, Missouri. The location is in the Old Southwest neighborhood of Columbia at the corner of Stadium Blvd and College Park Drive. We have been in this location since the early 1960s.

Our swimming pool and sundeck was completely rebuilt in 2014. It has a large diving well with two diving boards, six lap lanes, and the Sun Deck. There is a separate shallow baby pool that is fully fenced for safety. The pool is surrounded by a concrete deck with umbrella tables & chairs as well as lounge chairs.

Members have access to our three tennis courts (resurfaced for 2018) with a pickleball court, a basketball court, a beach volleyball court, and a playground that is adjacent to the pool. We also have shuffleboard and a foosball table.

Pool Management

Southwest Swim Club is managed year-round by members who volunteer for the SWSA Board of Directors. There are 13 members on the Board of Directors, and each is responsible for a part of the club, such as facilities care, membership, budget, personnel, social activities, swim/tennis, and so on.

During the pool season, a Pool Manager is hired to run the pool operations and keep the facility safe and secure. The Pool Manager and the Personnel Chair (from the Board) hire two assistant managers as well as lifeguards for the season. All staffers wear official red swimsuits as uniforms to make them easy to spot.

All staffers are certified with current Red Cross, Starguard, or other valid lifeguard certification on file with SWSA. In-service trainings are held regularly through the season.

Our staffers are all in school (high school or college) or are a teacher, so staff time is considerably limited after school starts back in mid-August. Because of this, our hours change significantly at this point in the season.

Hours of Operation

The regular daily hours of the pool are 10am to 9pm.

There are a number of exceptions to these hours. For instance, we shut down at 3pm on the days when we host home swim meets. We close during weekday swim lessons. We are open later on Fridays in July for Family Fun Nights.

Our Google Calendar and Facebook/Twitter are the best ways to follow changes to the regular hours of operation at the pool.

Early Bird Swim in July

From 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from July 1 until August 10, the pool is open for Early Bird Swim. This is Adults-Only (18+) lap swimming and exercising. A lifeguard will not be on the stand during this time, but a manager will be in the guardhouse. The baby pool is not open during Early Bird Swim.

Hours Change in Late August

Most of our staff members are either in school at Columbia Public Schools (CPS) or at an area college (or teaching at an area school or college!) so our staff is very limited on weekdays starting in mid-August, and we must adjust our weekday hours accordingly.

Beginning on or about August 15 (the first day of CPS), the schedule will be:

10:00 AM: Pool will be open for Deck & Dip only

3:00 PM: Pool will close

4:30 PM: Pool will reopen for general use

9:00 PM: Pool will close

Deck & Dip means the pool is open for adults only (18+). Adults may swim laps, use the sun deck, or sit and chat with friends. No children are allowed during Deck & Dip. Lifeguards will not be on the stands, though a manager will be on duty in the guardhouse during this time. During Deck & Dip, the Baby Pool is open but only to parents/caregivers with babies or small toddlers.

Effectively this means the pool is closed to families until 4:30pm on weekdays between August 15 and Labor Day.

Parking

Parking is available in our adjacent lot, along the street next to our lot, and along College Park Drive. We are also permitted to use the parking lot behind the Seventh-Day Adventist Church across College Park Drive (EXCEPT when church services are held on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings before noon).

Internet

The pool provides wireless internet access. Please ask at the guardhouse for credentials.

Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found for toys naturally overlaps with our Community Toy collection. If you are missing a special toy, contact pool staff as soon as possible so that they can attempt to locate it. For this reason, it is important to clearly label any special toys with the child's name.

Inclement Weather Policy

At the onset of thunder, lightning, or rain affecting water visibility, swimmers must leave the pool and clear the pool deck for at least 30 minutes while management reviews conditions and deems the pool safe for reentry.

Events & Parties

Southwest has many traditions, parties, and events through the summer. Below is a list of some of our usual activities, but this is not all-inclusive:

- **Member Work Day:** This event is held in mid-May, before pool season starts. Since our club is member-owned, we get together every year to take on the yearly chores related to getting the pool ready for use. We hose down our pool deck and furniture, we clean up our flowerbeds, we scrub up the bathrooms, and more.
- **Sign-Up Day:** This event is held in the week or two before the pool opens. Members can stop by to pick up their guest passes, sign up for swim team and lessons, talk with the Pool Manager or Board members, and chat with other members.
- **Fourth of July:** We close early at 6pm on July 4th, but before the early closing we will have a full day of fun activities planned by the staff and the Board's Social Chair. This usually includes a late-afternoon club-wide potluck dinner, a diving contest, games, and other activities.
- **Tween Nights:** We have monthly Tween Nights with specific themes, games, and activities.
- **Family Fun Nights:** Every Friday night in July is Family Fun Night, each with its own theme and activity.
- **Adult Nights:** We have regular after-hours parties for adults to relax together for kid-free fun.

We will try to include upcoming events on our mass emails, but usually social media (Facebook/Twitter) is the best place to keep track of events. They will be added to the Google Calendar as well. Links to these can be found in the Contact Info section of this handbook.

Hosting a Party

Anytime you will be accompanied by more than 5 guests, you **MUST** fill out a During Hours Party Request¹ and submit it with 48 hours advance notice to the Pool Manager. This is required to ensure that we will have adequate staffing and security. There is no extra charge for a During Hours Party, though guest passes or guest entry must be provided for every guest. This form is **REQUIRED**, and we have been forced to turn away parties who did not provide the form.

Registering a party does not guarantee a space under the pavilion or a space on picnic tables. Most families hosting parties will come early to claim space for parties. If necessary, the manager and staff on duty will assist with finding an area for parties, though this space may not be the most ideal. Additionally, claiming party space under the pavilion does not guarantee privacy.

All swim club regulations apply during any party. Anyone not complying will be asked to leave.

After Hours Parties

You can also rent the pool for an After Hours Party! We do charge set rates for these events based on the number of people expected. After Hours Parties are held from 9:00pm to 11:00pm and dates are subject to availability. Parties must leave at 11:00PM.

¹ <http://swwim.org/party-requests/>

For after-hours parties that include people under the age of 18, additional adult supervision must be provided by the hosting member family. These chaperones must be at least 21 years of age. One chaperone must attend for every 10 minors.

The form for After Hours Parties is on our website and lists the rates. Please see <http://swwim.org/party-requests/>

Food & Drink

Outside Food & Drink

Outside food and drink (with the exception of alcohol) are permitted at Southwest Swim Club. Families can eat at the umbrella tables on the pool deck. We also have picnic tables around the playground and under the covered pavilion where larger meals and potlucks can be shared between families.

Picnic foods are welcome and we have an onsite grill for your use. This is available first-come, first-serve and all necessary grilling equipment (charcoal, matches, utensils) must be brought by you. Please clean up the grill and area after use.

Food delivery (including pizza, sandwiches, etc) is welcome as well! In fact, it's something of a club tradition that warm summer evenings will bring a parade of food delivery trucks. Food deliveries will be announced over the public address system.

Exceptions to the food & drink policy:

- No alcohol is permitted! Please do not test us on this. We will ask you to leave if you have alcohol on the premises. Alcohol is not permitted at Southwest Swim Club at any time.
- No glass containers. This includes glass water bottles, glass picnic containers, Mason jars, or any other type of glass.
- No food or drinks in the pool.
- No gum is allowed

Food Concessions

Food concessions sold at Southwest are very limited. We have two vending machines in the guardhouse (one for soda, one for snacks) and these only take cash. The guardhouse is not able to make change for the vending machine.

The guards sell a variety of ice cream and popsicles in the guardhouse. They only accept cash.

Cleaning Up

Clean up after yourself! The club is owned and maintained by its members, and we do not have janitorial staff. Members are responsible for cleaning up after themselves and their family members. This is not just on the way out of the club, but during the whole visit. If you have wrappers that blow away in the wind, please chase them down and dispose of them properly. If you have a spill that requires a mop or broom for clean-up, please ask for cleaning supplies at the guardhouse.

If you see trash left behind by other people, please pick it up! Help us keep our facility and grounds neat and clean.

Trash containers are provided in various places around the facility, and recycling bins for aluminum & plastic bottles is located in the guardhouse next to the vending machine. Members are expected to use the recycling bins for materials that can be recycled.

Your Family

Your membership includes those who reside with you on a full-time basis. For all others, including children, guest passes must be used. When you check in at the gate, you are only asked to give the guard your family last name. They will check you off the list.

If a member or guest has a medical condition, allergy, or special needs which may require accommodation, please discuss with pool management.

Attire

Please wear appropriate swimwear at all times.

Cut-off jeans are not appropriate for pool use. Thongs are not appropriate at the club.

We do not allow the use of mermaid tails or water wings in the pool.

Swim Diapers

Children who are not fully toilet-trained (or adults who are incontinent) must wear a swim diaper in the pool. These diapers should fit snugly around the waist and legs. Caregivers should check diapers every 30-60 minutes. Soiled diapers must be removed from the pool immediately and changed well away from the poolside (preferably in the restrooms). Please clean people and diaper-changing areas thoroughly to avoid contamination. The guardhouse can provide cleaning products and plastic bags for soiled clothing if needed.

Diaper-changing tables for children have been installed in both restrooms (new for 2018). Please wipe down the table before and after use.

Southwest Swim Club encourages the use of reusable swim diapers, whether alone or on top of a disposable swim diaper.

If accidents or leaks happen in the pool, please notify staff immediately. We understand that it's embarrassing, but we do need to know in order to take care of the problem. (If you are too embarrassed to say anything directly, anonymous calls made from the parking lot are better than nothing.)

Children

All children ages 9 and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult or childcare provider.

Each child in the member family is entitled to one session of group swim lessons for free each summer as part of your membership.

Guests

Guests MUST be accompanied by a member at Southwest Swim Club. Guests may not use passes alone. Members do include the children on the account, so if member children are accompanied by a non-

member adult (such as a grandparent or a babysitter), they will be allowed entry; however, grandparents and babysitters must use guest passes or pay at the gate for entry.

All memberships include a set number of guest passes free each summer. Family memberships include 20 guest passes; Single and Emeritus memberships get 10 guest passes.

Additional passes can be purchased at the guardhouse at any time during the summer. These are sold in books of 10 passes for \$30. Guests can also pay directly at the door- the cost for entry is \$4/person. We do not have a discounted rate for any age group.

If you will be bringing more than 5 guests at one time, you are REQUIRED to register this as a During-Hours Party with pool management. There is a form on the website that must be filled out. There is no charge for a During Hours Party (other than passes for guests). We need to have advanced notice to ensure we have adequate staffing and security.

Babysitters & Grandparents

Babysitters and grandparents may accompany member children to the pool without a member adult present; however, they must use guest passes or pay at the gate for entry.

If non-member caregivers are accompanying children to lessons or swim practice during times when the club is open (including evening swim practice, evening swim lessons, all individual swim lessons, and all tennis lessons), caregivers must use a guest pass or pay at the gate for entry, even if the adult does not plan to swim and/or is not dressed for swimming.

Extended Family

If a person who does not reside with you full-time will be attending the pool with you on a regular basis through the summer, you can add that person to your membership at the cost of \$75/person/summer. This is often used for childcare providers (including grandparents) who may want to bring the children to the pool during summer days.

Please contact the Membership Chair as soon as possible if you wish to add Extended Family to your membership.

If you will be using multiple babysitters during the summer, each of them would need to be added individually; you cannot use one "placeholder" spot for all babysitters.

Facilities

Pool

Our pool was rebuilt in 2014. There are three sections of the pool: the diving well, the Sun Deck, and main pool. Each of these sections is patrolled by lifeguards.

Main Pool

The main pool is 3' deep on the west end and 5' deep on the east end.

The following are not permitted at Southwest Swim Club:

- Do not hang on the swim lane ropes
- Do not sit or climb on the wall between the main pool and the Sun Deck.
- Avoid crossing lanes when in use (whether marked or not)
- Running on the deck is strictly prohibited.
- Unsafe play and rowdiness are not permitted. This includes riding on shoulders.
- We do not allow large inflatable devices such as rafts or tubes in the pool.
- Water guns are not allowed.
- Baby saucers and water wings are not Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs), and are not allowed.
- Pool noodles and kickboards are allowed, as long as swimmers do not slap them against the water.

This is not an all-inclusive list; please see the Rules & Regulations section of this document for a more complete list.

Adult Swim

Adult Swim is held 2-3 times each day. At the appointed time, a whistle will blow and all children must exit the pool. Adults (ages 18+) may use the pool and the diving well during this time.

Adult Swim times:

- 2:00 PM – 2:15 PM
- 4:00 PM – 4:15 PM
- 6:00 PM – 6:15 PM (as needed, at manager's discretion)

A second whistle will blow to signal the end of Adult Swim. Children may reenter the pool when this whistle blows.

The baby pool is open during Adult Swim, but is (as always) reserved for children ages 5 and under.

Lap Swimming

Most of the time, the only marked lane for swimming laps is the northernmost lane.

When lanes are not marked, lap swimmers may use other lanes to swim laps. To avoid disruption, please cluster lanes towards the north side of the pool and away from the entrance to the Sun Deck. It may not be possible to keep an unmarked lane clear during busy times of the day.

Be courteous and avoid crossing lap lanes when in use, whether marked or unmarked.

Water Basketball Hoop

We have a water basketball hoop that gets regular use. This is not for use with real basketballs; use only plastic or soft balls. We have rules about the use of this hoop: no touching the rim, no playing from the side of the pool (the deck), and no rough play.

Sun Deck

The Sun Deck refers to the shallow entry section on the south side of the pool that is separated from the main pool by a wall. Sitting, climbing, or hanging on this wall is not permitted at any time.

The Sun Deck is 1' deep in the shallowest section with large wide steps that gradually step down to an area that is 3' deep. A seating area in the water is available.

This is a popular area for families with small children to play, but please avoid blocking off stairs entirely as they are needed for entry/exit.

Handstands, diving, and excessive rowdiness are not allowed in the Sun Deck area.

Diving Well (Deep End)

The diving well refers to the deep end section of the pool with two diving boards. This area is sectioned off with a rope. Hanging off this rope is strictly prohibited.

Use of the diving board is given precedence over open swim in the diving well. Open swimming in the diving well is allowed up until someone wants to use the diving board, at which point all swimmers must move into the main section of the pool or exit the pool.

Everyone using the diving boards must be able to swim the width of the diving area. In the situation that an individual is not able to meet this requirement, the person must either wear a Coast Guard Approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD), or ask that a lifeguard be available to "catch" the person. Parents are not allowed to "catch" their child.

Use of the diving boards is limited to one person at a time, and divers should only bounce once on the board. Do not use goggles on the diving board. Hanging off the board or rough play in the diving well area is strictly prohibited.

Respect Pool Staff

Members and guests are expected to promptly and respectfully comply with directions from guards and staff members. The staff is responsible for enforcing rules and regulations.

Consequences for violations will be imposed at the discretion of SWSA staff, and may include warnings, temporary removal from the pool or other area, and restriction on behaviors. SWSA Bylaws do permit the termination of membership and permanent removal of members and guests with approval by the SWSA Board of Directors.

Members and guests should not interfere with or sit alongside a lifeguard who is "on the stand" (referring to an on-duty lifeguard watching the pool from the lifeguard stand or next to the pool). Questions for lifeguards should be directed to guards who are in the guardhouse or at the front desk. Do not divert the attention of a lifeguard on the stand.

Only on-duty guards and board members are allowed in the guardhouse.

PFDs (Life Jackets)

Only Coast-Guard-Approved Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) are allowed at Southwest Swim Club. Please note that water wings are not approved and may not be used in the pool at Southwest.

A rack of Coast-Guard-Approved PFDs are available at Southwest for community use on a first-come, first serve basis. Staff members can assist with fitting these PFDs if requested.

If a lifeguard determines that a swimmer does not have the skills to swim in a certain depth of water, that swimmer will be required to wear a Coast Guard Approved PFD, or the swimmer will be restricted to a depth-appropriate area.

Toys & Community Toys

Southwest Swim Club maintains a collection of toys that are available for community use on a first-come, first-serve basis. This includes soft and plastic balls, basketballs (not for use in the water), water toys, pool noodles, etc. We welcome donations to our collection!

We do not allow the use of rafts, tubes, water wings, mermaid tails, or baby saucers at Southwest Swim Club.

Basketballs are available for use on the basketball court. We also have a number of other games for playing outside the pool.

Baby Pool

The baby pool at Southwest is separated by a fence from the main pool. It is 12" deep and includes a step for entry. Several umbrella tables and picnic tables are located inside this fenced area. Lifeguards do not patrol the baby pool so supervision by responsible adults or childcare providers is required at all times.

The baby pool is reserved for children ages 5 and under.

Small children will assume that all unattended toys and items in the baby pool area are community property. Since we have a collection of community toys, this is often the case, so parents are not policing their children's use of toys. If your children bring special toys to the pool, they should be clearly labeled with your child's name. If your child is not willing to share, it's best to store these toys out of sight when not in use to avoid the possibility that a toddler might wander off with it.

Water wings and baby saucers are not allowed at Southwest Swim Club, whether in the main pool or the baby pool.

Swim Lessons

Each child in your member family is entitled to one session of group swim lessons for free each summer as part of your membership. Sign up begins at Sign-Up Day, but you can also sign up at the guardhouse after the pool opens to reserve spots.

The club will be closed during weekday swim lessons, but not during evening swim lessons. If a non-member adult (such as a babysitter or grandparent) will be accompanying a child to a swim lesson while the pool is open, the adult must provide a guest pass or pay at the gate for entry (even if the adult is not dressed for swimming or does not plan to swim).

Swim Team

Southwest Swim Club has a swim team. Our Southwest Stingrays Swim Team competes within the Show-Me Swim Conference, a summer swim league that has been operating in Columbia since the 1960s. Our competitors include other area swim clubs, country clubs, and the city Parks & Recreation team.

There is a fee to participate in swim team, and swimmers must attend two practices a week. These practices are held during the day. Evening practice is also available for an additional fee.

Parents of swimmers are required to volunteer for swim meets.

Sign up will begin on Sign-Up Day with information sent out in advance about practices and swim meets.

The club closes early at 3:00 PM on days when Southwest hosts swim meets at home. There are usually 2-3 home meets every year, and they happen in June. During these swim meets, swimmers can invite non-member guests (such as family members) to watch them compete.

During evening swim practice, the club will be open. If a non-member adult (such as a babysitter or grandparent) is accompanying a swimmer to practice, the adult must use a guest pass or pay for entry at the gate, even if the adult does not plan to swim or is not dressed for swimming.

Basketball, Beach Volleyball, and Other Activities

We have a basketball court and basketballs available for use. There are four-square courts marked out on the basketball court as well.

Shuffleboard and foosball are available under the pavilion next to the guardhouse.

Beach volleyball is available- the court is located next to the tennis courts. It can be accessed by going outside the club and around the side of the building. The beach volleyball courts are not easily visible from the pool deck or the guardhouse.

Playground

Between the pool deck and the tennis courts is a playground with a climbing structure and swings. The base of the playground is mulch and dirt. Please rinse off children between playing in the mulch and getting back into the pool.

There are also swings outside the club entrance.

Tennis Courts

We have three tennis courts, one of which can also be used for pickleball.

The tennis courts are being resurfaced for 2018. Please help us protect our investment!

Members can access the tennis courts after-hours (and off-season) by checking out a key from the guardhouse. This requires a \$25 deposit. Keys must be returned when relinquishing membership. (During the resurfacing in 2018, we will be changing the lock on the tennis courts. Those who have a key will need to trade it in for a new key.)

Members who use tennis courts after-hours or off-season must clean up after themselves since staff will not be on duty. Please contact the Board or the Pool Manager with any concerns or questions about the tennis courts or facility at these times.

Tennis Lessons

Group tennis lessons are available for a fee. Sign up begins at Sign-Up Day, but you can also sign up at the guardhouse after the pool opens to reserve spots. Individual tennis lessons are available by contacting the tennis coach.

The tennis courts are accessed through the club. If a non-member adult (such as a babysitter or grandparent) will be accompanying children to tennis lessons, this adult will need to provide a guest pass or pay at the gate for entry.

Pool Rules and Bylaws

The Southwest Swim Association is governed by the Bylaws. A full copy of the Bylaws is available on our website². The Bylaws regulate membership in the club, organization of the club, frequency of membership meetings, makeup of the governing board, and so on. The Bylaws are distinct from (but have no conflict with) the SWSA Rules & Regulations (which can also be found on our website³, but are listed here as well).

SWSA Rules and Regulations

General Facility Rules

- All members must sign in at the pool house. Guests must be registered and accompanied by a member.
- Members receive 20 guest passes and Emeritus members receive 10 passes. Additional passes may be purchased for \$4 per pass.
- Only on-duty guards and board members are permitted in the guardhouse.
- Food and drink are permitted on the deck only.
- Members are responsible for the disposal of trash and use of the recycling containers for aluminum and plastic bottles.
- The following are not permitted at the pool or on the grounds of Southwest:
 - Glass containers
 - Alcoholic beverages
 - Illegal drugs (authorities will be called if drug use is suspected)
 - Smoking, including electronic cigarettes
 - Firearms or other weapons
 - Vulgar language; lewd or crude behavior
 - Inappropriate physical displays of affection
 - Vandalism or improper use of facilities, equipment, or furniture

Facility Use

- Children ages 9 and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult or childcare provider
- Wading pool is reserved for children ages 5 and under. Supervision by a responsible adult or childcare provider is required at all times.
- Each member child may receive one session of swim lessons; additional sessions may be obtained for an additional fee.
- When marked, the northernmost lane is reserved for lap swimmers. Be courteous and avoid crossing the lane when in use.
- At the onset of thunder, lightning, or rain affecting water visibility, swimmers must leave the pool and clear the pool deck for at least 30 minutes while management reviews conditions and deems the pool safe for reentry.
- All parties held during regular hours or after hours must be scheduled in advance in writing with the staff. After-hours parties are available for a fee. All parties are scheduled on a first-come,

² <http://swwim.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/2016-SWSA-BYLAWS-approved.pdf>

³ <http://swwim.org/about-swsa/swsa-rules/>

first-serve basis. Party forms are needed when members bring more than 5 guests. Party forms can be found on the website (<http://swwim.org/party-requests/>).

- The following are not permitted:
 - Cut-off jeans and thongs (appropriate swimwear must be worn at all times)
 - Bicycles, skateboards, scooter use on the pool deck, basketball, or tennis courts
 - Running on the deck; unsafe play and rowdiness

Water Safety

SWSA follows Red Cross Guidelines for your safety.

- Members and guests are expected to promptly and respectfully comply with guard directions.
- Swimming is strictly prohibited when there is no lifeguard on the guard stand.
- Neither members nor guests may interfere with or sit alongside a guard on duty.
- Only Coast Guard Approved Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) are allowed. SWSA provides Coast Guard Approved jackets for the use of adults or children onsite. Staff members can assist with device fitting.
- In the situation where a swimmer whose skills are inadequate for the water depth in which they are swimming is identified by a lifeguard, that swimmer will be required to wear a Coast Guard Approved PFD or the swimmer will be restricted to a depth-appropriate area for their skill level.
- The following are not permitted:
 - Rafts, tubes, water wings, baby saucers, and water guns. (The manager or lifeguard may allow certain items under certain conditions only.)
 - Hard balls of any kind
 - During use of the water basketball hoop: touching the rim, playing from the deck, and rough play are all prohibited
 - Slapping noodles or slapping kickboards

Water Safety: Diving Well

- All persons using the diving boards must be able to swim the width of the diving area. In the situation that an individual is unable to meet the swim requirements, the option of wearing a Coast Guard Approved PFD or having a lifeguard “catch” a person are allowed. Parents are not allowed to “catch” their child.
- Use of the diving boards is limited to one person at a time
- Divers should only bounce once on the board
- Goggles are not allowed when using the diving board

Water Safety: Sun Deck

- Sitting or hanging on the Sun Deck wall at the edge of the swim lane is not allowed.
- Excessive rowdiness, handstands, and diving are not allowed in the Sun Deck area.

If a member or guest has a medical condition, allergy, or special needs which may require accommodation, please discuss with pool management.

Consequences

SWSA staff is responsible for enforcing the SWSA rules and regulations. Consequences for violations will be imposed at the discretion of the SWSA Staff, subject to the following: All staff may impose

immediate sanctions to assure safety, order and protection of property. Immediate sanctions include warnings, temporary removal from the pool (or other area), and/or restrictions on behaviors.

Pool Managers on duty may impose additional sanctions, including:

- Verbal Notice to the member, parents, guardians and guests;
- Written Notice to the member, parents guardians and guests;
- Temporary loss of pool and grounds privileges;
- Termination of membership and permanent removal from the pool and grounds, upon approval of the SWSA Board of Directors, in accordance with the SWSA Bylaws.

Factors to be considered in determining sanctions include:

- Level of intent;
- Risk to safety;
- Harm to property;
- Previous rule violations and sanctions.

Pool Membership Information

Southwest Swim Club is a member-owned private swim club. Once you join the club as a member, you are expected to pay annual dues until you formally relinquish membership in the club. Dues are owed by May 1 every year. It is possible to suspend membership, or skip a year of membership, by contacting the Membership Chair.

Members pay a membership fee which is refunded when membership is relinquished. All members are issued a membership certificate as proof of this membership. It is an orange, embossed, official-looking certificate that you should put somewhere safe, as you will be asked to return it on relinquishment.

Membership is governed by the Bylaws of the Southwest Swimming Association. This includes caps on the number of club memberships, the cost of membership, the types of membership, and other details.

Types of Membership:

- Family Membership: Includes all family members residing in the same house full-time. Extended family members may be added. We have a cap of 400 Family memberships.
- Single Membership: Limited to one member only. We have a cap of 10 Single memberships.
- Emeritus Membership: Individuals or couples where one member is over age 65 are eligible for conversion to Emeritus membership. Only current members may convert to Emeritus membership. We have no cap on Emeritus Memberships.
- Seasonal Membership: Temporary seasonal membership extended to those on the waiting list to take the place of those who have suspended membership for the season. Seasonal members enjoy all the same privileges as full members until the end of pool season. These are offered to those who are at the top of the waiting list for the current season and so are likely to be offered full membership for the next season.

Memberships are not transferable. If a member wants to relinquish membership, that must go through the Membership Chair. Open memberships are offered to those on the waiting list in the order of application only.

Contact Info

Pool Manager

Kelly (Wilson) Gaskins is our returning Pool Manager for 2018. Kelly was previously the Pool Manager for 2017, and has also served at Southwest Swim Club as a lifeguard. We are happy to have her!

List of Board Seats and Members for 2018:

- President: Ann Alofs
- Vice-President: Richard Perkins
- Emeritus Representative: Kate Harry
- Facilities Chair: Michael Currier
- Membership Chair: Abbie Brown
- Personnel: Brock Boland and Jacquie Bowles
- Social Committee: Colleen Colaner (Johanna Cox will be filling in for Colleen during summer 2018)
- Social Media/Communications: Jenn Sonnenberg
- Swim/Tennis: Chris Drury, David Townsend, Jenn Sonnenberg
- Treasurer (Budget): Alicia Minor
- Assistant Treasurer (Money Management): Amanda Spry-Bazat

Links

Our website: <http://www.swsim.org>

Announcements are sent to Twitter and our Facebook Page. The Facebook Page also has Facebook Events for certain activities. We have a separate (but connected) Facebook Group for use as a community discussion board. Instagram is for pretty pictures.

- Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthWestSwimClub/>
- Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/swsacommunity/>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/swswimclub>
- Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/southwestswimclub/>

Our Google Calendar:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/b/1/r/month/2018/8/1?tab=mc&t=AKUaPmbps3SwYPX39SaWtzDZKz-u9hYctffsI2d8H4-ZGX9TEe8iM6Obd8O7PYJdvBMyo7aDG4RHuK8sapK-w_YdoMDi0rwtQ%3D%3D

This is a public calendar for Southwest Swim Club. We are trying to make it easier for you to know what's happening at the club and when so that you can plan your visits. You can add this calendar to your own Google Calendar or another iCal-compatible online calendar for easier viewing.

Mass Emails

We send out mass emails using MailChimp several times a year, especially in the spring. We have an ongoing problem with these emails being sent to our members' Spam or Junk Mail folders. We have done as much as we can on our end to alleviate this problem. The best way to ensure that email doesn't get sent to Spam folders is for every member to do the following:

- Add our email address (members@swwim.org) to your email address book or Contacts list
- When you receive an email from us, mark it as "Not Junk" or "Mark as Safe Sender"

These two things alone will help tremendously with making sure you see the emails we send to you.

We can add multiple emails for every member to our list. Please contact the membership Chair if you want to do that.

Contact Address, Phone, Email

Club Address (not for mailing): 1101 College Park Dr., Columbia, MO 65203

Guardhouse Office Phone (during pool season only): 573-445-7667

Membership/Mailing Address: SWSA c/o Abbie Brown, 1306 Ridge Road, Columbia, MO 65203

Contact emails:

- Membership & Most Questions: members@swwim.org
- Board President: president@swwim.org
- Pool Manager: manager@swwim.org