



Sun Valley
Group of Schools

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Swimming Pool Policy

1. Back ground

1.1 The directive of the WCED has been issued that all schools with on site swimming pools have a safety policy in place

2. Legislation or Authority

2.1 South African Schools Act 84 of 1996

3. Supervision and Admission

3.1 No persons may use the pool unless a responsible person, coach or teacher, capable of providing supervision, is on duty

3.2 In addition, at least two people should be present whenever the pool is being used.

3.3 Medically compromised learners or patrons (person with disabilities, mentally retarded, epileptic, hypersensitive, etc.) must be accompanied by their companion, facilitator, adult guardian or parents at all times

3.4 Parents/guardians are prohibited from being at the pool area during practices.

3.5 Employees are the only people allowed in the staffroom, filter room, chemical storage area and office sector

3.6 Visiting schools or teams must follow the school's swimming pool safety plan

3.7 Socializing with the supervising staff is prohibited as they can be distracted from their duties at the pool. Please arrange with the

4. Facility Safety rules

4.1 Running, boisterous or rough play, pushing, acrobatics, dunking, wrestling, diving or jumping haphazardly, snapping of towels, improper conduct causing undue disturbance or acts that can endanger anyone are prohibited

4.2 Spitting, blowing of nose into the pool or onto the deck, improper display of affection, profanity, chewing gum, and smoking is strictly prohibited

4.3 Food or refreshments may be consumed in restricted areas

4.4 Change rooms – Children 6 years and older must change in gender appropriate changing rooms

5. Equipment

5.1 Face masks or snorkels may not be used except during approved programs. Goggles are permitted.

5.2 Swimming blocks are restricted to approved swimming practices and swimming events. Only one person per diving board is permitted. Diver must dive from the front of the apparatus. No reverse dives, back dives or other such dives are permitted

5.3 Floatation devices are permitted

6. Liability

6.1 Shade protection may be provided wherever practicable. The W.H.O (Wear Hats Outside) policy of the school must be applied

6.2 Loitering will not be allowed at the pool area

6.3 Glass containers, alcoholic beverages, drugs and pets are not allowed at the pool area. Service animals are permitted in the pool area

6.4 Leave valuables at home. Lost and found valuables may be collected at the designated counter. The Sun Valley Group of Schools has no liability for the loss or theft of anyone's belongings

7. Emergency

7.1 Any injury occurring at the pool must be reported to the Sports Management Office immediately

7.2 All rescue equipment must be easily accessible

7.3 Communication with emergency services must be available

8. Servicing, Chlorination and Cleaning

8.1 The pool is serviced daily by a full-time Swimming Pool Manager who is responsible to keep the water quality at prescribed levels, maintain the pumps and sand filters and clean the pool and ablution areas regularly

8.2 During summer months when the pool experiences high volume usage, cleaning and chlorination will take place in the evening or early morning under the supervision of the Pool manager

8.3 All chemicals must be stored and handled in strict accordance to Health regulations to ensure no injuries or fatalities take place.