

Lap Swim Program

Lap Swim Etiquette

Permission to use the swimming pool will be granted upon the condition that all swimming pool rules and regulations will be followed. Emergency training exercises may be scheduled during this program. Swimmers are required to participate in the exercise and follow staff direction. Permission may be revoked at any time for anyone who fails to comply with staff direction or pool rules and regulations.

Many patrons can enjoy either short course or long course lap swimming if all participants are courteous and considerate. To avoid conflict and make everyone's experience more enjoyable, please adhere to the following Lap Swim Etiquette:

Lane Designations

1. When the pool is busy, swim lanes will be shared.
2. Make note of lanes that contain fast, medium, and slow swimmers.
3. Select a lane compatible with your preferred swimming speed.
4. A walk-run lane may not be available during peak hours.
5. Lifeguards monitor the lanes and may alter the configuration at any time.
6. Lifeguards may assist you with selecting the appropriate lane or ask you to move if your speed is not similar to those in your lane.



Entering the Water

1. Enter the water feet first from the shallow end.
2. It is the responsibility of the swimmer entering the water to make sure the lane is clear of any other swimmers.
3. If there are swimmers approaching the wall as you are preparing to enter, wait until they have turned and started the next lap before entering the water so as not to interrupt another swimmer's progress.

Circle Swimming

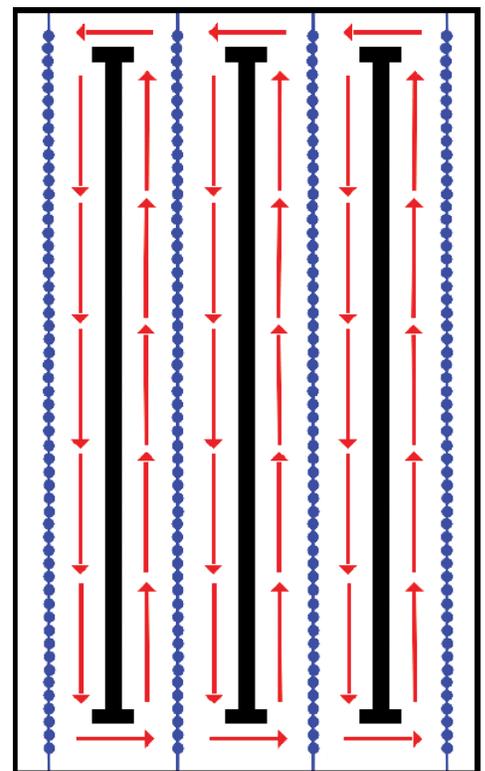
1. Swimmers are required to follow the circle swim pattern. The correct traffic pattern is to stay to the right and to swim in a counterclockwise circle in the lane (see diagram).
2. It is the responsibility of the swimmer entering the lane to be sure that all the other swimmers in that lane are aware of his/her presence and the necessary traffic pattern.
3. Always swim complete laps of the pool. Avoid stopping in the middle of the lane. This can interfere with the progress of other swimmers and cause collisions.
4. Stop only at the wall, and once stopped, stay in the corner of the lane, preferably in the left hand corner (from the perspective of the approach to the wall). Other lap swimmers need space to turn. Always leave the middle 1/3 of the wall clear for turning purposes.

Speed

1. Slower swimmers must yield to faster swimmers.
2. Be aware of your space in the lane and orientation of others. If you are approaching the wall and another lap swimmer is gaining on you while swimming at a faster rate than you are, pause at the wall to allow the faster swimmer(s) to pass you.
3. Be courteous of drafting. Provide adequate distance between you and the swimmer ahead of you.

Passing

1. Pass on the left hand side. If you are the slower swimmer and being overtaken at the turn, stop, and wait until the other swimmer has pushed off the wall.
2. A pass must be initiated in time to over-take the slower swimmer before the wall.
3. When using kickboards, please be aware of other swimmers in your lane and their needs to pass.



Circle Swim Diagram

When sharing a lane with others, keep to your RIGHT, and swim in a circular pattern as shown, above.