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## **MEMBERSHIP RULES AND POLICIES**

### **Section 1: GENERAL RULES**

- A. The club's managers and employees are responsible and authorized by the Board of Directors to enforce rules for conduct that will show propriety and proper etiquette to ensure the safety of all members and guests. Members and guests must obey verbal or written requests made by club managers, life guards and members of the Board of Directors.
- B. Members must check in and identify themselves and their guests when entering club premises. Guest fees must be paid for non members.
- C. No running!
- D. Foul or abusive language or behavior is not permitted.
- E. Alcoholic beverages may not be brought onto or consumed on the grounds. Per the club by-laws exceptions may be made only at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
- F. Smoking is not permitted inside the club's fenced in area or on the tennis courts. Smoking is permitted in the parking lot. All tobacco products must be disposed of properly.
- G. Please vacate the club grounds prior to or at the listed closing times. This includes restrooms.
- H. Any property of the club broken or damaged by a member or his guest shall be promptly paid for by such member. No person shall take any article belonging to the club.
- I. Complaints must be in writing, signed and forwarded to the Board of Directors for appropriate action.
- J. Contact club managers for party reservations and to obtain a complete list of party policies.
- K. The parking lot is not to be used for recreational uses by motorcycles, or other vehicles.
- L. Resignation procedure: Mail endorsed certificates to the Membership Chairperson with a letter of resignation.

## **Section 2: HEALTH AND SAFETY**

- A. Swimming privileges may be refused to anyone with skin abrasions, cuts rash, colds, coughs, inflamed eyes, infections or to anyone wearing bandages unless they furnish a statement from a physician stating that their use of the pool is safe and will not endanger the health of others.
- B. No glass containers of any kind are permitted in the pool area.
- C. Children less than twelve years of age will not be permitted on the pool premises unless accompanied and supervised by a responsible person of at least sixteen years of age, except during period of staff supervised activity. Exceptions to the above age may be left to the discretion of the pool managers. Please advise the manager on duty or life guards immediately of any potentially unsafe situations that you become aware of.
- D. Unattended children may not play in or loiter in the restrooms for lengths of time.
- E. No metal or rigid plastic toys will be allowed in the pool area at any time. Small air-inflated tubes, jackets, masks, goggles, swim fins and toys will be allowed in the pool at the discretion of the managers or of the life guards on duty. Please remove all toys from the pool when you are not using them.
- F. All swimmers must exit the pool water during electrical storms. State law requires that swimmers remain out of the water for a minimum of 20 minutes after last sighting of lightning.
- G. Use of the baby pool is limited to small children under the supervision of a responsible member.
- H. Parents, guardians or their designated person will be responsible for the supervision, safety and conduct of their children. Young children who are unable to swim or to touch the bottom of the pool must be within an arm's length of an adult or responsible youth at all times while inside the adult pool.
- I. The roped off lane of the pool is reserved for adult members who desire to swim lengths. Do not cross through it or jump over it. While swimming lengths, obey the rules of the road: keep to the right. No standing around in the swimming lane!
- J. During the peak hours of 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. the adult lane rope may be taken down at the pool manager's discretion to allow free swim for the majority of the members. Guaranteed lap swimming is available daily from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., during peak hours adults only swims, and from 4:30 p.m. to closing.
- K. Children age 8 years or under must satisfy a deepwater test before swimming or diving in the deep end of the pool. Please schedule this test with a manager.
- L. All children age 8 years or under must pass the deep water test before being allowed to participate on the swim team regardless of if they were listed on the swim team roster during

a prior season. Deep water tests will be held before the competitive season begins and during the swim season.

M. Members must clean up after themselves, their children and their guests. Remove personal belongings when leaving the premises. Dispose of all food and trash in your area. Return borrowed chairs to storage areas. Dispose of diapers properly in trash receptacles.

N. Grills are available for use. After grilling turn off the gas, clean the grill grate and any utensils used. Return the grill and utensils to the storage area.

O. Pets are not permitted on club premises except for special circumstances that have been approved in advance by the Board of Directors.

### **Section 3: GUEST RULES**

Article VI, Section I of the MSC By-Laws states, "The membership of any person extends the recreational privileges of the corporation to all members of the immediate family, consisting of parents and unmarried children living at the same address, and to such person or persons as the Board of Directors may authorize."

A. Guest privileges are extended to friends, neighbors, and relatives not covered in the above definition of members. Admission cost is \$5.00 per person. Admission cost after 5:00 p.m. is \$3.00 per person. Sponsoring members are responsible for the conduct of their guests.

B. Bona fide out-of-town house guests of a member shall be admitted to the club at the special rate of \$35.00 per guest family for any 7-day period, or lesser portion thereof.

### **Section 4: TENNIS COURT RULES**

A. Guest fee rules are in effect during all times that the courts are open for play. The cost is \$5.00 per person per day.

B. Players must produce a photo ID to prove club membership if requested by the managers, lifeguards or members of the Board of Directors.

C. Players 18 and over take precedence over juniors not accompanied by an adult player from 5:00 p.m. to dark Mondays through Fridays and for the entire day on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Players under 18 years of age and others waiting for courts shall have precedence over adults who used the courts during the previous hour.

D. Flat, rubber-soled, non-marking shoes must be worn by players to prevent damage to the playing surface. Ripple soles, basketball shoes and shoes with heels are not allowed. Only players are permitted on the tennis courts. No dogs are allowed in the vicinity of the tennis courts.

E. It is requested that all players keep noise to a minimum as a courtesy to other players.

F. Tennis courts will be closed during tennis clinics, which will be posted at the courts. Tennis courts will be closed during the winter months at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

G. Violation of any of the above rules may result in loss of tennis privileges.

### **Rules Summary**

For the enjoyment and safety of all members and guests, please conduct yourself appropriately and follow the established club rules. Be considerate and respectful to others. Children must be supervised at all times.

Article VI Membership, Section 7. a. of the MSC By-Laws states that members may be suspended temporarily or expelled from the club for improper conduct or for failure to follow the club's rules.

Please refer to the By-Laws of the Murrysville Swimming Club available on the web site listed above.

**Note: \*Policy statements listed below are Board of Directors' Policies previously approved and are not part of the By-laws. They are included strictly for informative purposes and may be changed at any time by the current Board of Directors.\***

#### **Policies for Article VI - Membership:**

i. **\*Policy** (Board Mtg. #40): Foreign exchange students and foreign visitors shall be admitted as members of the family group while they are residing here.\*

ii. **\*Policy** (Board Mtg. #47): Membership may not be assigned to another family when the member is out of the area for an extended period of time.\*

iii.a. **\*Policy** (Board Mtg. #48): The pool is utilized to the fullest extent by the membership and therefore may not be rented or used by outside organizations.\*

iii. b. **\*Policy** (Board Mtg. #501): The Board of Directors may approve a written request by a member to extend the hours of operation of the pool facility. Permission for a member's private party to use the pool is contingent with written acceptance to the following conditions:

1. At least 75% of the people attending the private party shall be MSC members. The requesting member shall identify the approximate number of members and nonmembers in his initial request.

2. The pool will remain open for use by other MSC members until the normal closing time.

3. The host member shall pay the daily guest fees for each non-member.

4. The member will prepay an amount determined by the Board of Directors to the Murrysville Swimming Club. Out of this amount, a \$100 rental fee plus overtime salary for three (3) lifeguards will be paid at time and one half per guard. The number of overtime hours worked will depend on the condition of the facility at the end of the party. If it is necessary for the

guards to police the area additional time will be added. The guest fees will also be subtracted from the prepayment. The remainder is a deposit which will be returned if the facility suffers no damage.

5. At the conclusion of the party, either the pool manager or an MSC Board member will be present to ensure that the facility is restored to its pre-party condition and properly locked.

6. No glass bottles or drinking glasses are permitted. Glass covers on serving dishes are permitted.

7. All litter and waste from the party is to be picked up, bagged and placed in the dumpster.

8. No tables, benches, barbecues, or other furnishings are to be moved from their areas until after the normal pool closing time. All furnishings must be returned to their original positions at the end of the party. The member may bring other tables and chairs to augment the pool furnishings.

9. Any MSC property which is broken or damaged shall be repaired or replaced to the satisfaction of the pool manager and Board of Directors.

10. All standard rules for safe conduct around the pool will be observed; i.e., no running on the pool apron, no horseplay, no diving in the shallow areas. The life guards and pool managers will enforce the rules.

11. Since the MSC insurance coverage does not extend to cover liability claims for anyone who suffers loss due to or while under the influence of alcohol on the MSC property after the normal closing time, the member will be advised to consider buying insurance for this event if the consumption of alcohol will take place. As a minimum all adults should remain competent to drive home from the party.

12. No more than one pool rental is permitted per calendar month during June, July and August.

**iv. \*Policy** (Board Mtg. #67): Pool privileges are extended to spouses and children of staff members.\*

**v. \*Policy** (Board Mtg. #72): Relatives, specifically under 25 or elderly parents, living in the same household are granted full club privileges.\*

**vi. \*Policy** (Board Mtg. #164) : A seminary intern serving in a local church may purchase a season pass as a house guest.\*

**vii.\*Policy** (Board Mtgs. #77, #167 & #383): Any member in good standing who is transferred outside the Greater Pittsburgh area and then returns, can rejoin the Club and be placed at the top of the waiting list, provided he goes through the same procedure as any other applicant:

(1) Submit application with \$25.00 fee

(2) Be approved for membership by the current Board

Former charter members who wish to rejoin lose their status as charter members.\*

**viii. \*Policy** (Board Mtg. #177): A foster child shall be considered part of the family membership.\*

**ix. \*Policy** (Board Mtg. #394): Members may arrange for a specific relative or employee to accompany the member's children to the club. The request is to be presented in writing and if approved by the Board, the MSC bookkeeper will inform the manager of the arrangement.\*

**x. \*Policy** (Board Mtg. #490): An Associate Senior Member may become a Senior Inactive Member, be released from paying the annual dues and workday assessment and remain inactive for up to two years at which time the Senior Inactive Member can return to Associate Senior Member status by paying the annual dues and workday fee if there are Associate Senior Member openings. A Senior Inactive Member has no pool or tennis court privileges and may use the club facilities only when accompanied by a member and must pay the guest fee.\*

**xi. \*Policy** (Board Mtg. #381): A new member shall have the privilege of electing a payment plan, providing the Initiation Fee and Stock Certificate are paid in full according to the following:

(1) Application and approval for membership shall be made between September 1 and January 31.

(2) Payment of one-third (1/3) of the total is to be made upon approval for membership, with two (2) additional payments allowed, due on the first of the next two (2) successive months. If approval is after the 15th of the month, the next payment is due on the first day of the second month (i.e. first payment due on September 16, second payment due on November 1, third payment due on December 1).

(3) The last day for the final payment is March 1, no exceptions.

(4) If an approved member decides to terminate membership before all monies have been paid, that member forfeits the application and initiation fees.\*

**xii. \*Policy** (Board Mtg. #362): The membership as of August 1 will be considered the membership number for the year. No refunds will be given to resigning bond-holding members unless the membership equals or exceeds that number. (301 was the number used when this policy was enacted, as this was the number of bond-holding members on August 1, 1986.)\*

#### **Policies for Article VII - Fees and Dues:**

**i. \*Policy** (Board Mtg. #71): Dues and fees for members joining the club during the swimming season shall be prorated.\*

**ii. \*Policy** (Board Mtg. #152): The dues of a resigning member will be refunded on the basis of an amount equal to the dues to be charged a replacement member, calculated on a pro rata basis for the remainder of the season.\*

**iii \*Policy** (Board Mtg. #451): Any member granted inactive status must pay the entire workday assessment for that year.\*

**iv. \*Policy** (Board Mtg. #458): A late fee of \$35.00 will be assessed to all persons failing to pay their dues or submit a letter of resignation by the April 10 deadline.\*

**Policies for Article XII - Miscellaneous:**

**i. \*Policy** (Board Mtg. #165): The Swim Team may have fund raising projects.\*

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