

# Douglas Aquatics, Inc.

## STORM POLICY **FOR FLST**

### LIGHTNING AND THUNDER

Pool staff should always be aware of the daily weather forecast. At the first sound of thunder or sign of lightning, clear patrons from swimming pool & deck. Swimming pools are connected to underground piping, wiring, cables, deck grating, overhead metal building structures, fencing, & lighting, which attract lightning. Therefore, all patrons must exit the fenced pool area.

Patrons must stay out of the water and off deck for (30) minutes after the last thunder clap or bolt of lightning.

Lifeguards are to **ENFORCE** this policy consistently & without **EXCEPTION**.

### SAFETY FIRST!

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### HEAVY RAIN

If there is heavy rain, but no thunder/lightning patrons can swim until the lifeguard can not see the bottom of the pool due to rain or the lifeguard clears the pool for thunder or lightning.

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### LIFEGUARD STAFF PROCEDURES

#### Before storm:

If a storm is approaching: Lay the lounge chair backs flat. Put umbrellas in the pump room or bathrooms. Put anything that could blow into the pool into the pump room or bathroom. (Example: plastic trash cans)

#### During storm:

All staff is required to stay at their facility until otherwise told by a supervisor. If your supervisor has not contacted you, do not attempt to contact them until at least 3pm. Staff is encouraged to seek shelter in the bathrooms, guard room, or clubhouse if the storm is severe.

#### After storm:

The morning after a severe storm, your supervisor may call and ask you to come in early if the pool needs extra cleaning from debris due to the storm. Please be prepared for this if your supervisor calls.

## **Forest Lakes Swim Team Lightning and Storm Policy**

**It would be expected that a valid pool lightning and thunder policy would include at least the following elements:**

Who is responsible for watching and listening for lightning or thunder?

**MEET DIRECTOR (Michelle Sandow-Pajewski) AND/OR EQUIPMENT MANAGER (Eden Weathersby)**

Who is responsible for making decisions for clearing the pool and/or pool deck?

**MEET DIRECTOR (Michelle Sandow-Pajewski) and/or REFEREE (Paul Merrel)**

Where is adequate safe shelter and what to do if none available?

**NONE IS AVAILABLE, SO ALL GUESTS ON DECK ARE REQUESTED TO RETURN TO THEIR CARS**

How long will the area remain clear after the last thunder or lightning was observed?

**30 MINUTES**

Who is responsible for keeping elapsed time?

**MEET DIRECTOR (Michelle Sandow-Pajewski) and/or REFEREE (Paul Merrel)**

Who is responsible for allowing activities to resume?

**MEET DIRECTOR (Michelle Sandow-Pajewski) and/or REFEREE (Paul Merrel)**

# FOREST LAKES SWIMMING POOL RULES

## SUMMER ~~2020~~

Welcome to the ~~2020~~ Pool Season. Listed below are rules that we ask you to follow to maintain a safe and family-friendly atmosphere at our Forest Lakes Pools

- ❖ Residents who are rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and above may come to the pool without an adult, provided they have their ~~FLCA~~ FLCA-issued pool card. Residents under this age must be accompanied by an adult resident or responsible resident 15 years or older. All residents must be signed in at the guard table and present his or her valid pool pass.
- ❖ Each adult resident may bring up to three guests per visit. Children holding pool cards may bring one guest per visit. All guests must register, be signed in and pay at the guard desk before entering the pool area. Guests are subject to the same rules and regulations as residents. Residents must accompany their guests at the pool for the duration of their visit.
- ❖ Parents, or responsible guardian, must watch their children closely whenever they are near or in the water, regardless of their age or swimming ability. A parent, or responsible guardian, must accompany and remain within arms reach of any individual with a known medical or physical condition that could place them at higher than normal risk while in or around the pool.
- ❖ Children using swim aids (water wings, swim sweaters, etc.) MUST be accompanied at all times in the water and on deck by a responsible adult.
- ❖ For the safety of all patrons, running, use of water guns, pushing, dunking, dangerous games or other hazardous activity is not permitted in the pool area. (This includes, but is not limited to riding on shoulders, playing on ladders, hanging on pool ropes and lane lines, and climbing on guard chair.)
- ❖ In the event of THUNDER AND/OR LIGHTNING, the entire pool and pool deck will be cleared for 30 minutes.
- ❖ NO GLASS CONTAINERS of any kind are permitted on the pool deck.
- ❖ NO playing around the pool drains.
- ❖ Inner tubes (with hole in the middle), noodles and soft balls will be permitted in the pool at the discretion of the pool management. Rafts or any device that covers the eyes and nose are not allowed in the pool. Flippers are allowed for lap swimming in lap lanes only.
- ❖ Disposable diapers are not permitted in the pools. Children must wear cloth diapers with plastic pant covers or swim diapers. Please change diapers in the restrooms.
- ❖ Pets are not permitted in the pool area, with the exception of service animals.
- ❖ No profanity. Please help us keep a family-friendly atmosphere.
- ❖ Water Slide:
  - One person on the water slide at a time
  - Adults may accompany small children; the child must be seated face forward on adult's lap
  - Water slide must be exited feet first
  - Roped area at bottom of water slide must remain clear
- ❖ Diving Board:
  - One person on the diving board at a time
  - One bounce on the board
  - Diving well must be clear before making a dive
- ❖ NO diving off the side of the pools anywhere except for in the diving well.

- ❖ Residents and guests must dispose of all of their trash.
- ❖ Proper swim attire is required. Cut-off shorts are not allowed. Clothing/t-shirts with profanity are prohibited.
- ❖ The "Emergency Signal" for clearing the pool is three (3) BLASTS OF THE WHISTLE. When this signal is sounded, all swimmers must promptly leave the pool by the nearest ladder or pool edge.
- ❖ Foul weather and/or air temperature below 65 degrees may cause pool to close.
- ❖ The pool management and/or guards on duty have the authority to dismiss any resident or guest not in compliance with the pool rules.
- ❖ Guards are on duty for everyone's protection. Do not distract them in any way. If you need to talk with one of them, wait until he/she is away from their guarding post.
- ❖ These rules and regulations are enforced for the safety of all residents and their guests. Regulations are subject to change throughout the season at the discretion of the Forest Lakes Board of Directors. Specific discipline procedures are posted on our website as well as on file with the pool management.

**All Forest Lakes Facilities are Smoke-Free**