

## **OPERATING POLICIES**

### Pool Rules

Note: Each of our pools has their own specific amenities, therefore rules may vary. Our pool rules, even those that are not posted, will be enforced by staff to ensure the safety of all users.

- NO smoking, eating, or drinking in the pool area.
- Swimmer MUST have a wristband to swim.
- Children who require a safety floatation device or all non-swimmers must have adult (18 & over) supervision in the water within an arm's reach.
- NO running or rough play is permitted.
- Street shoes or street clothes are not allowed in pool or on the deck.
- Diving in the shallow water is NOT permitted.
- No small balls, water guns, inner tubes, or rafts in pool.
- Swim pants or swim diaper must be used for children not yet potty trained.
- No playing on pool steps, rails or ladders.  
Kickboards and Noodles are to be used during lap swim and lessons only.
- Deep water test must be passed to be in the deep area.
- Lifeguard on duty has the authority to remove any swimmer from the pool area for not following the rules.

### Aquatics Policy

State Law requires that proper swim attire MUST be worn by anyone entering the pool.

The following are not allowed:

- Jeans or jean shorts
- Basketball style shorts
- Non plain white shirts
- Sports Bras undergarments

### Lap Swim:

- For YMCA members and non-members age 10 and older, who can swim down and back the length of the pool.
- During lap swim sessions, please use marked lanes for continuous lap swimming (not recreational swim).
- At times it may be necessary to limit lap swimming to one lane only.
- Please follow lap swim rules.

### Open Swim:

- Recreation swimming for YMCA members and their guest.

- During open swim, children under the age 7 must be accompanied in the water by responsible adult age 18 years or older.
- Children ages 7-13 may participate in Open Swim as long as they pass a swim test and parent remains in the facility.
- All Swimmers Must check in at the front desk and get a wrist band to swim.

\*DIVING BOARD RULES ARE POSTED NEXT TO DIVING BOARD\*

### Meyer Pool Rules

The Meyer Center pool would not have been possible if it were not for the generous donations made in honor of John & Jayne Simmons for the specific purpose of providing an outdoor pool.

- The YMCA reserves the right to close the pool at any time due to threatening weather conditions; (lightning, thunder, excessive cold, etc).
- A LIFEGUARD must be on duty before entering the Pool Deck. Children who require a safety floatation device or all non-swimmers must have adult (18 & over) supervision in the water within an arms reach.
- Absolutely NO Diving anywhere in the Pool.
- NO Running on Pool Deck.
- NO smoking, eating, or drinking in the Pool area.
- Coolers and lawn chairs are not permitted on Pool Deck.
- Absolutely NO moving the chairs or sun loungers on the Pool Deck.
- Swim pants or swim diaper must be used for children not yet potty trained.
- NO playing on the pool steps, ladders or rails.
- NO small balls, water guns, inner tubes, or rafts are allowed in pool.
- Kickboards and Noodles are to be used for lessons and lap swim ONLY.
- Lifeguard on duty has authority to remove any swimmer from pool area for not following the rules.

### Climbing Policy

- All climbers must sign a release of liability form before being able to climb.
- Climbers under the age of 18 must have the form signed by a parent or guardian before being allowed to climb.
- Closed toe shoes are required while climbing.
- Minimum age of climbers is 5 years old.
- Hair shoulder length or longer MUST be securely tied back.
- Minimum age to belay is 16 years old.
- No bouldering under climbers.
- Climbers under the age of 7 must have someone 16 years of age or older in the facility.

## **\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON BELAYING\*\***

In climbing, belaying is the technique of passing the rope through a belay device as the climber ascends the tower. The belayer controls the rope so that the climber, if he/she falls, does not fall very far. Learning to belay properly is a critical part of climbing safety. It also provides a great bonding opportunity between climbers and their belayers - fostering trust and communication. Any climbers under the age of 18 MUST have parental consent. Belayers must be a minimum of 16 years of age. If you meet the minimum belay age requirement, we will be happy to teach you how to belay anytime during open hours. Because of the high volume of climbers we sometimes experience, your waiting time to climb is significantly lowered by providing your own belayer, whomever it is - mom, dad, sibling, friend etc. If you do bring your own belayer/climbing partner, you also may bypass the line of climbers waiting for the YMCA Climbing Tower staff to belay them. If you are here to belay for your child/children, there will be no charge for parent.

### **Inclement Weather Policy**

The Edwardsville YMCA has developed the following inclement weather / emergency building closing policies out of concern for the safety of our members, program participants, guests, and staff. Please check our website or call in advance to confirm status of classes and facilities on days that the area is experiencing inclement weather. The YMCA reserves the right to cancel classes and close facilities at any time for safety reasons.

### **Programs / Classes**

- In the event of inclement weather, we will make a decision prior to morning classes on the status of those classes and programs. Once a decision is made we will post on our website, Facebook and email members. If we cancel morning classes, they will be cancelled until 12:00 Noon. The YMCA will re-evaluate the weather conditions during the morning to determine if afternoon classes/programs (12:00 – 4:00 pm) will be held. A decision will be posted by 11:00 am. A decision on evening classes/programs (4:00 pm – close) will be posted by 3:00 pm. This includes programs classes and lessons, drop in classes, team practices, and facility rentals.
- Weekends: The decision to cancel weekend classes/programs due to inclement weather is that of the CEO or his designate. All instructor-led classes meeting before 12:00 noon will be cancelled first. The YMCA will re-evaluate the weather conditions during the morning to determine if afternoon classes/programs (12:00 – 4:00 pm) will be held; a decision will be posted by 1100 am. A decision on evening classes/programs (4:00 pm – close) will be posted by 3:00 pm. This includes programs classes and lessons, drop in classes, team practices, and facility rentals.
- Outdoor programs /special events: Status of outdoor league games, programs, and special event will be determined by the program director. Cancellation information for each individual class/program will be distributed based on procedures handed out at beginning of

class/program. Please note that any classes cancelled due to inclement weather or emergency building closing will not be rescheduled because of space and scheduling conflicts. Credits will be issued for cancelled classes and will be available at the front service desk on or before the next session sign up date.

### Building Closings

- As a service to the community, the YMCA will make every effort to open regular hours during most cases of inclement weather. Certain areas of the YMCA will open only if staff can arrive safely to the site. The YMCA reserves the right to close the entire facility depending on the severity of the inclement weather if it is deemed in the best interest of our members, guest, and staff. The decision to close the YMCA facility due to inclement weather is that of the CEO or his designate.
- Lightning: According to Health Department regulations, in the event of lightning, our pools will remain closed for 30 minutes after last bolt of lightning has been sighted.
- The YMCA reserves the right to close the gymnasium to all non-members due to crowded conditions. For weather related closing/cancellations - YMCA patrons are advised to check our web site at [www.edwardsvilleyymca.com](http://www.edwardsvilleyymca.com) or contact either YMCA facility for up-to-date information during times when inclement weather could cause program cancellations or building closure.

### Open Gymnasium Policy

Open gymnasium use is limited to those individuals residing in School District #7 or to members of the Edwardsville YMCA. Proof of residency shall be in the form of driver's license, voter registration card, school identification card, or library card.

### Disciplinary Policy

As an organization centered on Christian Principles, the YMCA Board of Directors has implemented a Disciplinary Policy which applies to patrons of the YMCA. This policy will be strictly enforced and we ask that all patrons conduct themselves in a manner which is consistent with the YMCA mission. A copy of this policy is available at the service desk.

- All children under the age of 7 must be accompanied by an adult at all times while in the facility. (Exception: When in babysitting, preschool, or other supervised YMCA programs.)
- Lockers are provided for temporary use only while patrons are using YMCA facilities. Please bring your own lock for day-to-day use. Locks cannot be left on lockers overnight. Any locks left on lockers at closing time will be removed.
- The YMCA is not responsible for lost or stolen property. Due to the large volume of people using the YMCA facilities, we are unable to check

valuables at the service desk. Members and guests are advised not to bring valuables with them.

- Lost and Found articles will be kept at the YMCA for a period of 2 weeks, at which time they will be donated or thrown out. See the service desk to check our lost and found area.
- To better provide for your safety and health, we ask that all individuals with medical problems inform the YMCA staff of such before starting any of our programs.
- All cases of accident, injury or an unusual incident should be reported to the staff person on duty. The YMCA assumes no responsibility for injuries incurred while participating in YMCA activities. It is expected that anyone who uses the YMCA facilities carries their own medical insurance.
- Food and drink is prohibited in all areas of the facilities except designated concession areas.
- No Smoking! The YMCA is a tobacco free facility. Please do not smoke or use tobacco products anywhere within the facility.
- Proper attire should be worn while utilizing each area of the facility. Shirts and shoes must be worn in all areas of the YMCA except for the locker rooms and swimming pool. Black sole shoes are not permitted on the courts.

## **Skate Center**

### Skaters Rules of Conduct

- Skaters shall skate at a reasonable speed. If you are passing more skaters than are passing you, slow down!
- Skaters shall not skate in a reckless manner, weave in or out, play tag or skate in a manner that may jeopardize the safety of one's self or others.
- Skaters shall report all injuries to management regardless of severity.
- All skaters are requested to report any conditions that they believe may jeopardize their safety or the safety of others.
- Skaters shall not carry children while on skates anywhere in the building.
- Skaters shall not take caps, purses, combs, hair brushes, sunglasses, toys, food or any similar items onto the skating floor.
- Skaters shall not sit on walls, railings, tables or counters.
- Skaters shall not stop or stand on the skating floor.
- Skaters shall place all shoes, coats purses and personal belongings in a locked locker or check area. Management is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.
- Skaters shall not enter or exit the building while wearing skates.
- Skaters shall keep all food and drinks in the snack bar area.
- Skaters and guests shall not carry food and drinks in to this facility.
- Alcoholic beverages, illegal substances or anyone under the influence will not be permitted on premises.
- Skates that are designed for a toe or heel stop must be so equipped.

- Wheels must be clean and suitable for the skating surface.
- No smoking allowed in the building.

### Skate Center Dress And Conduct Code

- Skaters shall conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen.
- No in and out privileges, loitering or littering around building...
- All skaters shall be neatly groomed and clean. Proper attire shall be worn at all times.
- All skaters renting skates shall be required to wear socks. If you feel that your rental skates are defective or improperly adjusted, please return them to the rental skate counter immediately.
- Skaters shall tuck shoes laces inside the rental skates and return theirs to the rental skate area when the session is over.
- Management reserves the right to inspect lockers, skate cases and/or hand bags before entering or leaving the building.
- No foul language is permitted
- Parent spectators only.
- Management reserves the right or refuse admission or eject without refund anyone not meeting the standards set forth.

\*\*Please understand that these rules have be established and will be enforced to the safety and enjoyment of all skaters

Skate At Your Own Risk!