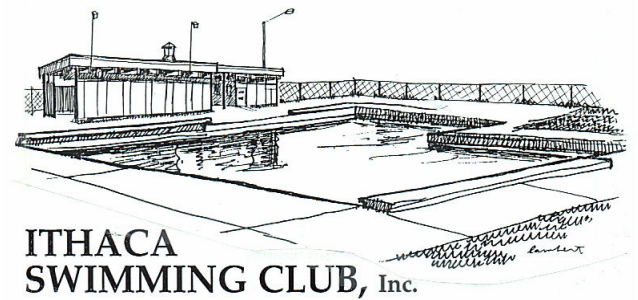


Members' Frequently Asked Questions



What time does the pool open/close?

Detailed information on pool hours is given in the Member Information portion of this website. Click on Pool Hours.

How do we know if the pool will be open if the weather is iffy?

Please call the club (266-9574) when the weather is marginal. The club will keep a guard on duty at all times, and will try to maintain regular hours with the following exceptions: Rain, temperature is below 60 degrees: the club will not open. Electrical storms and/or rain, or when the temperature is below 65 degrees: the club may not open. Rain and the temperature is less than 70 degrees: the club will close at 6:00 p.m.

When is lap swim?

There are always dedicated lanes available for lap swimming, but the entire pool will be dedicated to adult lap swimming during these times:

6:30a.m.-10:00a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Are children allowed in the pool during lap swim?

No, nor are they allowed in the locker rooms at this time.

How do I find out about swim lessons?

You can ask Kevin Markwardt, pool manager, or ask in at the pool front desk. Information and registration forms can also be found on this site on the Lessons page.

How do I find out about tennis lessons?

You can ask Ed Kiefer, ISC board, who is in charge of tennis, or can ask at the pool front desk. Information and registration forms can also be found on this site on the Tennis page.

How do I find out about water aerobics?

You can ask Kevin Markwardt, pool manager, or ask in at the pool front desk. Information will be posted on this website when it becomes available.

(continued next page)

What are the rules about using the deep end of the pool?

Children must be able to swim 25 yards on their front or back in order to be unsupervised in the diving area of the pool.

How old does my child have to be to stay at the pool alone?

Children can stay at the pool alone when they are 12. See the Annual President's Letter for the complete policy.

How many lifeguards are on duty?

We have a staff of about 6 full time guards and several part time subs. We usually have 3 guards at the pool. 2 guards will sit in the chairs and 1 will be in the office to answer questions, give first-aid, sell snacks etc. During busier times we will bring in a fourth guard. During quiet periods we may have only one guard up and during very busy periods we may have 3 guards up.

What is the ICS listserv?

The listserv address is Ithaca_Swim_Club@yahoo.com. This is a private e-mail listserv (mailing list). All members who provide e-mail addresses when they register are automatically added to the list, unless they specifically request exclusion. Messages are screened and forwarded to the pool manager, swim club board or board president, or entire club membership as appropriate.

My child lost her (fill in article of clothing/shoes/etc). Where can I find it?

You can check the lost and found near the pool office.

Could this notice about my child's missing (fill in article of clothing/etc.) be posted at the pool?

Yes, and it can be also posted on the ISC listserv.

I would like to get volunteers for (fill in event/activity/organization).

Could this be posted (nowadays, hopefully on the listserv)?

You can check with Karie Allison, ISC president, and then post it on the ISC listserv if she approves it.

Who do I contact about ... What is their phone number?

A list of board members' contact information and their areas of responsibility can be found in the Annual President's Letter, posted on this website under Member Information.

I have houseguests/visiting relatives for (fill in length of time) - can I bring them to the pool?

Yes, you can sign them in as guests at \$2.50/person/day or \$10/person/week.

[\(continued next page\)](#)

How can we get into the pool after hours/after the end of the season to look for my child's missing (fill in article of clothing, shoes, etc).

Who should we call about this?

You can call Kevin Markwardt, pool manager.

How do I use the barbecue?

Do I need to reserve it to use it?

Directions on how to use the barbecue are in the glass case next to the pool office . No, it does not need to be reserved.

I would like to have my child's birthday party/family event at the pool.

Do I need to reserve a pavilion/table(s)?

Pavilions do not need to be reserved, but you could put things for your party down ahead of time to help unofficially reserve your table (and it would be helpful to mention it to the lifeguards).

My child would like to have a lemonade stand/bake sale/etc at the pool - is this possible?

You can check with Karie Allison, ISC president.

I forgot my number - how can I find out what it is? -

You can check on your number in the pool office.

How is the pool sanitized without chlorine?

We use Bromine to sanitize the pool. It is more expensive than chlorine, but better for skin and swim suits, and works better to kill algae over a wider range of PH.

What is the proper etiquette for lap swimming?

(Answered by Shelly Matheny, 2008 ISC Board President)

-Please be willing to share the lanes.

-When there are 2 people in the lane, each swimmer takes a side and swims between the black line and the laneline...not in the middle.

-When there are more than 2 people CIRCLE SWIM: this means always swim on the right-hand side of the lane around the black line. Think of the line as the infield of a track and you must swim on the outside of it.

(Lap Swim Etiquette ... cont'd)

Your right shoulder will be close to the laneline at all times unless you are swimming on your back then your left shoulder will be close to the laneline.

-Be aware of your speed and try to circle swim in a lane with compatible swimmers. Feel free to rearrange yourselves to accomplish this.

-When passing a person do so on the left or at the wall on their left.
(sometimes a gentle tap on the foot is helpful so they realize you are there)

-When being passed please allow someone to do so or stop at the wall and allow them by you.

-Make sure when turning at the wall that you push off on the correct side of the lane.

Please try to follow these guidelines so lap swimming is enjoyable for everyone. If you have further questions please let me know or ask one of the guards, they would be happy to help.