

University City Swim Club Policies

What happens if there is a pool closure due to maintenance problems?

You will get an email notice that the pool has been shut down and practice is canceled. No refunds will be given unless announced otherwise. Super Swimmers and above can choose a makeup day. Practices are scheduled M, T, W, Th (5:30 – 7:00 pm), Saturdays (8:00-9:30 am).

Do I need to stay at the pool during practices?

No. But please be on time in picking up your child.

If I choose to stay during practice where should I sit?

Please stay in the bleacher area. Parents or children on deck may be asked to move.

I'd like to speak to my child's coach. What should I do?

Please do not approach our coaches during practices. This is a safety issue and takes the focus away from our swimmers. The best time to talk to a coach is before or after practices.

Do we have to participate in meets?

We ask that your child compete in our two home meets. If your child is not ready or is unwilling you will still be expected to work as a volunteer at our meet. Volunteer opportunities are coordinated through the Meet Director.

Can we take a break and come back during the season?

Yes. However, you must let the secretary/treasurer know that you will be on break. If you fail to do so, you will continue to be billed.

Email info@universitycityswimclub.com with any changes.

Are scholarships available?

If you are in need of financial assistance and funds are available, please request a financial aid package. Assistance is given based on your income and number of people in your household. Those members receiving financial assistance are asked to give back to the club through extra volunteering efforts.

Why do we have to join USA Swimming?

We are a USA Swimming affiliated club with USA Swimming certified coaches. Your USA-Swimming athlete membership is a requirement of USA Swimming. We would lose our insurance coverage and club affiliation if all swimmers are not athlete members. Our club does not receive any of the \$52 membership application money. Membership is good for a year.

Dear Parents, Swimmers, Coaches:

On January 31, 2013, UCSC's Board of Directors addressed two important safety items: (1) the establishment of a lightning policy, and (2) the establishment a policy concerning the proper time for swimmers to enter the pool for practice. The safety of our swimmers is our number one priority.

The following are the UCSC Lightning Policy and Pool Entry Policy. Both have been adopted by the Board for implementation and are effective immediately. The Board reserves the right to modify and/or adopt a more formal and final version of these Policies which will be posted on the UCSC website for future reference.

Lightning Policy

UCSC will no longer conduct practice when lightning is present. While there appears to be a very remote chance that electrocution could occur, the slight risk is enough to warrant a cancellation of practice.

In the event parents observe lightning within the 20 minutes prior to the beginning of practice, they should assume that practice is cancelled and should not proceed to the Natatorium. There will be no refunds for a cancelled practice; however, Super Swimmers and above may attend a "make up" practice on another evening of their choice within the week following the cancelled practice.

In the event that coaches observe lightning after practice has commenced, the coaches have been instructed to evacuate the pool and to conduct dry land exercises for a reasonable period of time within their discretion. Parents should presume that practice will end early and should return to the Natatorium to pick up their children.

If the coaches observe no lightning for 35 minutes after the last lightning strike, practice will continue in the pool if time permits. Practice will not go beyond the regularly scheduled time. Partial practices will not be refunded; however, should lightning become present during the first 30 minutes of practice, Super Swimmers and above may attend a "make up" practice on another evening of their choice within the week following the partial practice.

Pool Entry Policy

No swimmer should enter the pool until their designated coach is present. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** In the event parents bring their children to practice early, they are responsible for their child's safety until the regularly scheduled time for practice, or until the child's designated coach authorizes the child to enter the pool, whichever occurs first.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in the implementation of these policies.

Tim Lemen, UCSC President