

Northern Pool Procedures

Accessing the Pool and Parking

Parking is available at the back of the school. The pool at Northern is in the center of the school, with no windows or direct access other than through the change rooms. To enter the change rooms, you must go through the main hallway at the front of the school. The boys are in the hallway on the south side of the auditorium, and the girls change room is through the hallway on the north end of the auditorium.

No using the Gym

Staff gets very upset when anyone is in the gym, whether it is passing through to the change rooms, parents waiting for swimmers or letting the swimmers or siblings run around and play. So please either wait for your swimmers in the change rooms or the hallways.

Pool and Change room access

As per our permit, we can access the change rooms 15 minutes prior our practice time and must be out of the change rooms 15 minutes after the practice finishes. We can only access the pool during our scheduled practice time.

Dealing with Pool Staff

Please be respectful to all pool staff, and if you ever have a problem, please contact the coach or office who will be more than happy to help address any issues that come up. Parents are not legal representatives of the club and only paid staff is allowed to deal with any pool staff for permitting issues.

No Parents on Deck

NYAC is asking for the cooperation of parents and not stay on deck during practices. For starters, the deck space is very small and does not meet the safety regulation to allow spectators. The pool at Northern has always been a challenge for our coaches with the deck space being small and parents being near the pool and swimmers. Plus the noise level when parents are sitting and talking near the coach who is trying to give instructions makes it hard for the coach to concentrate and the swimmers to hear.

Just as a teacher would have problems teaching if the parents were sitting in the classroom, coaches have the same challenges when trying to coach athletes, and this is especially difficult at the Northern Pool. To provide good quality programming with the athletes best interest in mind, we are asking for your support and understanding with regards to parents and siblings not to be on deck during practices.

We also ask the parents not wait at the change room doors that access the pool. As this is against fire hazard rules to block the doorways and the swimmers must be able to access the washrooms if needed.