**Lap Swim / Lane Sharing Pool Etiquette**

1. **Lane Designations:**
	* When the pool is busy, swim lanes will be shared.
	* Make note of lanes that contain fast, medium, and slow swimmers. Choose a lane compatible with your preferred swimming speed.
	* Lifeguards may assist you with selecting the appropriate lane or ask you to move if your speed is not similar to those in your lane. Lifeguards may alter the configuration at any time.
2. **Entering the Water:**
	* Enter the water feet first. Never dive, jump, or push off into oncoming swimmers.
	* If there are swimmers approaching the wall, wait until they have turned and started the next lap before entering the water so as not to interrupt their progress.
	* It is the responsibility of the swimmer entering a lane to inform all swimmers in that lane of their presence so no injuries occur.
3. **Swimming Pattern:**
	* If there are two of you in a lane, you may choose to split the lane, each staying on your side of the black line.
	* Three or more swimmers in a lane must circle swim; stay to the right and swim counterclockwise.
	* Always swim complete laps of the pool. Avoid stopping in the middle of the lane as this will interfere with the progress of other swimmers and could cause collisions.
	* Stop only at the wall and once stopped, stay in the corner of the lane.
4. **Speed:**
	* Slower swimmers must yield to faster swimmers.
	* If a faster swimmer is gaining on you as you approach the wall, pause in the corner and let them pass you.
	* Provide adequate distance between you and the swimmer ahead of you.
5. **Passing:**
	* Pass on the left hand side.
	* Tap the foot of the person in front of you before passing.
	* If you are being overtaken at the turn, stop and wait until the other swimmer has pushed off.
6. **Water walking lane:**

Lane 5 is designated as a water walking lane. Lap swimmers may use this lane if no walkers are present, but must yield the lane if walkers arrive. If there are a large number of walkers and minimal lap swimmers the Lifeguards may ask swimmers to share lanes in order to open an additional lane for walkers.

**\*Be aware of what is going on within your lane at all times.**

**Pay attention to the lifeguards and follow their instructions.\***