

**Sturbridge Lakes Association
2022 Beach, Fishing and Common Grounds Rules**

Important Note: You will need to sign a covid waiver and check in for the beach online. This must be followed by anyone wishing to use the beaches. Covid rules will be provided at the beach and online.

The following rules will be enforced by the lifeguards and management. Any conduct by residents and their guests while using beaches and lakes for swimming, fishing, or boating that violates any of the following rules or any instruction given by the lifeguards at the beach, is subject to disciplinary action which may include the following:

Time outs supervised by the lifeguards; Being told to leave the beach for the day; Being excluded from the beach and common grounds for the remainder of the year.

All such decisions are at the discretion of the lifeguards and must be followed.

All decisions may be appealed with the Sturbridge Lakes Association Board of Trustees. All appeals must be in writing and will be heard at the first available Trustee's meeting.

Common Grounds Hours:

The common grounds are open for residents use between DAWN AND DUSK. Please restrict your use of the facilities to between these hours.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

1. Children under 13 must be supervised by a parent or adult (age 18 minimum) at all times. A parent must give written permission to a beach manager for a baby-sitter between the ages of 16 and 18 to be responsible for the child 12 years old or younger in their care.
To use a SLA watercraft it is required to be 18 years of age minimum.
Children age 13&14 may not bring guests.
Children age 15-17 may bring 1 guest

2. EVERYONE is required to WEAR their beach tag on their person while using any of the common areas, including the beaches and lakes. Tags will be checked at the beaches at all times and at the other common areas. If a tag is not

visible, the person will be asked to leave the areas. If the offender does not leave, the appropriate legal action will be taken to remove that person from the common area and future use may be suspended. EVERY PERSON USING A COMMON AREA MUST DISPLAY A TAG, EVEN GUESTS.

3. NO SKATEBOARDING IS PERMITTED ON THE COMMON GROUNDS. No disorderly conduct, profanity, unsafe practices, or horseplay is permitted.

4. No automobiles, all-terrain vehicles, mopeds, bikes, motorcycles, or go-carts are permitted on the beaches at any time.

5. No animals are permitted on the beaches at any time.

6. NO SWIMMING WITHOUT LIFEGUARD ON DUTY. It is your responsibility to determine if the lifeguards are on duty. The beaches will be open and guarded daily from Memorial Day to Labor Day from 11:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. Exceptions: Inclement weather and lake treatment. Lake treatment will be posted on the bulletin boards and at each beach house. If you have a question about whether the lake is open for swimming, please call the management office at (888) 884-8490.

7. Charcoal fires permitted in grilles only. All fires must be extinguished at least 15 minutes prior to leaving.

8. All picnic areas must be cleaned up and trash disposed of before leaving.

9. No glass bottles or glass containers of any kind are permitted. This includes the swimming areas as well the beaches, dams, tennis courts, and playgrounds.

10. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED ON ANY OF THE COMMON AREAS.

11. Ball playing on the beaches and in the water will be at the discretion of the lifeguards, dependent on the number of patrons present.

12. No rock, sand, shell, or seaweed throwing.

13. Do not tug, hang on to, or go beyond the lifelines (the ropes are used to mark the swimming areas).

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14. No swimming outside of the lifelines.

15. No chicken fights or diving from another person's shoulders.

16. No boats or canoes in swimming area. Follow safe boating practices while using boats or other watercraft on any of the lakes. No capsizing, diving, or jumping from the sides of the boats, since the lakes are shallow and that could cause injury. Wear a Coast Guard approved flotation device at all times. Do not dock your boat on other residents' properties. Boats are not allowed to be docked overnight on any of the common areas.

17. All children under the age of 14 must pass a swim test (to be determined by the lifeguards) in order to go into the deep water and to the dock. Ankle bands will be given to everyone who passes the test. Lost ankle bands can be replaced at the cost of \$1.00. Any child who has not passed the swim test will only be permitted to go to the dock with a parent/guardian if they wear a flotation device.

18. Small children with flotation devices (swimmies, rafts, rings, etc.) must be accompanied by an adult, and the adult must be within arm's reach of the child at all times that the child is in the water.

19. EVERYONE MUST LEAVE THE WATER IMMEDIATELY WHEN THE LIFEGUARD SIGNALS THAT THUNDER, LIGHTNING, OR OTHER ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS ARE PRESENT. THIS IS FOR YOUR SAFETY. PLEASE RESPOND IMMEDIATELY.

20. EVERYONE MUST LEAVE THE WATER IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.

21. No ball playing, running, pushing, shoving, or putting mud on the dock.

22. Diving will be restricted to certain areas of the docks. Please obey the signs on the docks. No swimming behind or under the dock. No diving to the side or back of the dock.

23. Use only the ladders to climb up on the docks. One person at a time on the ladder.

24. In order to use one of the Association's boats, a person must be at least 18 years of age. Lifeguards will have waivers to be signed by the

person before using the boat. Flotation devices must be worn by everyone. The lifeguards have U.S. Coast Guard approved flotation devices available. A member's tag will be held by the lifeguard while using the boat. The boat must be returned within the allotted time. A waiting list is provided.

25. All fishing on Sturbridge Lakes Association property is subject to NJ Fishing Laws and licenses are necessary. Any person fishing must also have the appropriate Sturbridge Lakes beach tag visible. Any person fishing without the tag visible will be considered to be trespassing and appropriate action will be taken. SLA may issue a hat or other identifying material to be visibly carried or worn by residents in a further effort to deter trespassers.

Do not remove the fish from the lakes. Catch and release only. Please be careful when removing hooks. Instruct your children on the proper handling of the fish.

26. All children under the age of 4 must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times while in the water. A parent or guardian must be within arm's reach of a child under 3 at all times.

27. No one is permitted to bring anything other than swimming equipment into the lake. Nor are they permitted to remove anything from the bottom of the lake, without the permission of the lifeguard.

28. Residents in good standing may launch their own non-motorized watercraft from the beach launch area but must have all proper safety equipment and must operate their craft in a safe responsible manner. Craft may not enter the swimming area and must obey all lifeguard directions.

THE LIFEGUARDS HAVE THE FINAL WORD WHEN IT COMES TO ENFORCING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS. PLEASE HELP MAKE THEIR JOBS EASIER AND FOLLOW THE RULES.

DEPENDING ON THE OFFENSE, THE STURBRIDGE LAKES ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND MANAGEMENT MAY PROCEED WITH LEGAL ACTION AND COMPLAINTS WILL BE FILED.

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