

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Revision of New York City Department of Parks & Recreation's Rules

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN the Commissioner of the Department of Parks & Recreation (“the Department”) by Sections 389 and 533(a)(9) of the New York City Charter and in accordance with the requirement of Section 1043 of the New York City Charter, the Department hereby revises § 2-14 of Chapter 2 to Title 56 of the Official Compilation of the Rules of the City of New York.

Written comments regarding the rules were received in accordance with the notice published in the City Record or electronically through NYC RULES at www.nyc.gov/nycrules and a public hearing was held on May 17, 2013 at Chelsea Recreation Center, 430 West 25th Street, New York, NY 10001. Written comments and a recording of the oral testimony from the hearing were made available to the public within a reasonable time after the hearing Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., at The Arsenal, Room 313, telephone (212) 360-1313.

Statement of Basis and Purpose

The purpose of this rule is to:

- Enhance recreational opportunities for individuals between the ages of 18 and 24 years at the Department's recreation centers, and address public health and transitional needs of these individuals, by creating a \$25 membership fee category for this age group.
- Reflect the Department's effort to complement New York City's Young Men's Initiative and other key programs.
- Allow patrons and former patrons who once held Senior Citizen Memberships a second opportunity to be grandfathered into that membership category. The Department on July 1, 2011 increased the minimum age for Senior Citizen Membership from 55 to 62 years, but allowed patrons between the ages of 55 and 61 years to renew at the Senior Citizen rate, provided such renewals took place prior to expiration of their memberships. Some patrons, however, were unaware of this option and either allowed their memberships to expire or purchased a new membership at the Adult rate. These patrons and former patrons will again be allowed to purchase Senior Citizen Memberships, if they do so by December 31, 2013 (in the case of those who allowed their memberships to expire) or upon expiration of their current membership (in the case of those who, after July 1, 2011, purchased Adult Memberships).

- Clarify the age ranges for each membership fee category.

Deleted material is in [brackets]; new text is underlined.

Section 1. Section 2-14 of Title 56 of the Official Compilation of the Rules of the City of New York is amended to read as follows:

(a) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Recreation Center. "Recreation Center" shall mean a building or structure located within property under the jurisdiction of the Department, with the primary purpose of providing recreational programming and other community activities.

Adult Membership Fee. "Adult Membership Fee" shall mean the membership fee for use of recreation centers in a particular class (i.e. Recreation Center [With an] with Indoor Pool, Recreation Center [Without] without Indoor Pool) for all patrons [who are eighteen (18) to sixty-two (62) years of age] between and including twenty-five (25) and sixty-one (61) years of age, not including session fees, except for patrons who otherwise qualify for the Senior Citizen Membership Fee. Membership includes, but is not limited to, use of fitness equipment, indoor pools and computer resource centers.

Young Adult Membership Fee. "Young Adult Membership Fee" shall mean the membership fee for use of recreation centers in a particular class (i.e. Recreation Center with Indoor Pool, Recreation Center without Indoor Pool) for all patrons between and including eighteen (18) and twenty-four (24) years of age, not including session fees. For patrons who, as of June 1, 2013, are between and including eighteen (18) and twenty-four (24) years of age and have six (6) months or more remaining on their Adult Membership, the Department will extend membership for three (3) months beyond the current expiration date. For patrons who, as of June 1, 2013, are between and including eighteen (18) and twenty-four (24) years of age and have less than six (6) months remaining on their Adult Membership, the Department will extend membership for one (1) month beyond the current expiration date. Membership includes, but is not limited to, use of fitness equipment, indoor pools and computer resource centers.

Senior Citizen Membership Fee. "Senior Citizen Membership Fee" shall mean the membership fee for use of recreation centers in a particular class (i.e. Recreation Center [With an] with Indoor Pool, Recreation Center [Without] without Indoor Pool) for all patrons sixty-two (62) years of age and over, not including session fees. [However, current Recreation Center Members who as of the effective date of this rule are fifty-five (55) to sixty-two (62) years of age and who seek to renew their Membership may continue to do so at the Senior Citizen Membership Fee rate, provided such renewals takes place prior to any expiration date.] Patrons who held active Senior Citizen Recreation Center Memberships as of June 30, 2011, but allowed their membership to expire, have until December 31, 2013 to purchase a new membership at the Senior Citizen rate. Patrons who held active Senior Citizen Recreation Center Memberships as of June 30, 2011, but allowed their Senior Citizen Membership to expire and subsequently purchased an Adult Membership, may purchase a new membership at the Senior Citizen rate after the expiration of their current Adult Membership. Membership includes, but is not limited to, use of fitness equipment, indoor pools and computer resource centers.

Child Membership Fee. "Child Membership Fee" shall mean the membership fee for use of recreation centers in a particular class (i.e. Recreation Center [With an] with Indoor Pool, Recreation Center [Without] without Indoor Pool) for all patrons under eighteen (18) years of age, not including session fees. Membership includes, but is not limited to, use of fitness equipment, indoor pools and computer resource centers.

Recreation Center [Without] without Indoor Pool. "Recreation Center [Without] without Indoor Pool" shall include all recreation centers without indoor pools, including, but not limited to the following recreation centers: Hunts Point Recreation Center, Hamilton Fish Recreation Center, Thomas Jefferson Recreation Center, Von King Recreation Center, Sunset Recreation Center, Red Hook Recreation Center, J.H. Wright Recreation Center, Jackie Robinson Recreation Center, Al Smith Recreation Center, Pelham Fritz Recreation Center, Lost Battalion Hall Recreation Center, Sorrentino Recreation Center, Williamsbridge Oval Recreation Center, St. James Recreation Center, Faber Recreation Center, Lyons Recreation Center, Al Oerter Recreation Center, McCarren Recreation Center, Highbridge Recreation Center and Owen Dolen Recreation Center.

Recreation Center [With] with Indoor Pool. "Recreation Center [With] with Indoor Pool" shall include all recreation centers with indoor pools, including, but not limited to the following recreation centers: St. Mary's Recreation Center, Brownsville Recreation Center, Metropolitan Pool Recreation Center, St. John's Recreation Center, Asser Levy Recreation Center, Hansborough Recreation Center, Recreation Center 54, [Recreation Center 59] Gertrude Ederle, Tony Dapolito Recreation Center, Flushing Meadows Corona Park Aquatic Center, Chelsea Recreation Center, and Roy Wilkins Recreation Center.

Session Fees. "Session Fees" shall mean all fees associated with specific instructor-led courses including, but not limited to the following activities: aerobic classes, martial arts instruction, music lessons, and yoga classes.

(c) *Recreation Center Membership Fee Schedules [as of July 1, 2011].* The Commissioner shall charge a recreation center member subject to these provisions the amount set forth in the following schedule for an annual membership. Such annual membership does not include session fees.

Type of Recreation Center	Child Membership fee	<u>Young Adult Membership fee</u>	Adult Membership fee	Senior Citizen Membership Fee
Recreation Center with Indoor Pool	\$0	<u>\$25</u>	\$150	\$25
Recreation Center without Indoor Pool	\$0	<u>\$25</u>	\$100	\$25