Requirements for Non-Lifeguarded Private Clubs (includes fitness, golf, racquet, wellness, etc.)

In water recreation facilities where lifeguards are not present, the WA State Water Recreation Facilities Regulations (WAC 246-260-131) require owners to adopt rules, provide enforcement of conditions for pool use and notify users (members, guests, etc.) when first using the facility and at least annually thereafter.

When private clubs have swimming pools without lifeguards (including spas or wading pools within the pool enclosure), conditions for use include:

- Children 16 years of age and younger cannot use the pool facility unless supervised by a lifeguard; and
- Children 17 years of age using the pool facility must be accompanied by another person at least 17 years of age.

When private clubs have standalone spas or wading pools (i.e., outside of the lifeguarded swimming pool enclosure), conditions for use include:

- If a child 12 years of age or less is using the pool, a responsible adult 18 years of age or older shall accompany the child and be at the pool or pool deck at all times the child uses the facility; and
- If anyone 17 years of age or less is using the pool, a minimum of two people shall be at the pool facility.

Other information such as pool and spa hours, safety rules, showering requirements, and location of phone and other emergency equipment may also be included. Requirements for the pool/spa rules signs that are posted in the pool enclosure can be found at https://srhd.org/programs-and-services/pools-water-recreation under the resources section.

Annual notification can be accomplished one or more of the following ways:

- Posted at the front check-in desk
- Posted in the locker rooms
- Newsletters
- New member information packets