I. PURPOSE & INTENT

This Policy provides guidelines for the use of lifeguards and general safety for pools on all campuses of the University of South Florida System (USF System). The intent is to establish proper safety procedures and practices, as well as to promote and provide for a safe environment for students, faculty and staff.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. All members of the USF System community are governed by this Policy (students, staff, faculty and their guests). All pools under the jurisdiction of the USF System shall adhere to this Policy without exception. Lifeguards are a key component to this Policy. They are to fulfill all duties of their position as trained by their respective national organization (i.e. American Red Cross, YMCA). Lifeguards will guard all normal recreational swim activities as well as guard in the following circumstances.

1. Credit and/or non-credit swim classes (exception: Scuba and lifesaving classes)
2. Swim meets
3. Special events
4. Hydro-therapy
5. Camps

B. Pools with a capacity of 35,000 gallons or less may be operated without a guard if proper signage is present warning users to "swim at your own risk." All other pools will be enclosed by a barrier with proper signage and closed unless a guard is on duty.

Current Responsible Office*: Student Affairs and Student Success

*Refer to the appropriate Responsible Office website for a current name of the Vice President or other Responsible Officer.

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