

NATATORIUM SPECIFIC EAP

Purpose: Outline the policy and procedures for enacting the Aquatics specific Emergency Action plan for emergencies within the Gabrielsen Natatorium.

Scope: This policy applies to all UGA Recreational Sports employees in the area of Aquatics

Policy:

- I. The Department of Recreational Sports requires that anytime an incident occurs within the Gabrielsen Natatorium the Aquatics specific Emergency Action Plan (EAP) be enacted by an Aquatics staff member.
- II. Emergencies include but not limited to: water rescue, medical emergencies, dry-land emergencies.

Procedure:

- I. In the event that an emergency occurs, the witnessing lifeguard and/or Aquatics Manager will enact the Aquatics specific Emergency Action Plan (EAP)
- II. To enact the Emergency Action Plan:
 - a. The responding Aquatics staff member will alert the other staff members using the following whistle code:
 - i. Two short whistle blasts
 - ii. One long whistle blast
 - b. The Aquatics Manager will send the down lifeguard to the emergency area to assist in care/rescue of the distressed patron
 - c. The Aquatics Manager will then bring the following equipment to the area of the incident:
 - i. First Aid Kit
 - ii. Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
 - iii. Spinal backboard
 - iv. Walkie-talkie

- III. The remaining staff members will clear the pools and move patrons away from the area of the emergency
- IV. In the event of the emergency being life threatening, the Aquatics Manager will call 9-1-1 to request the aid of medical personnel (EMS)
- V. The Aquatics Manager will then use the walkie-talkie to alert the Facility Manager and/or Senior Manager of an emergency situation in the Gabrielsen Natatorium.
- VI. An Aquatics staff member will move to the loading dock to help direct EMS to the area of the accident
- VII. Aquatics staff members will provide care to the injured patron, within the scope of their training until EMS arrives.
- VIII. Once EMS arrives, Aquatics staff members will assist in providing care and begin the injury reporting process.
- IX. After EMS has completed their care of the patron, the Aquatics Manager will alert Aquatics pro-staff members that an emergency situation has occurred.
- X. All responding Aquatics staff members will de-brief following the incident to discuss how the situation was handled, what went well, what could be improved, etc.
- XI. If necessary, each responding Aquatics staff members will provide a written account of the incident.