

Prince George's Community Pool

General Rules & Regulations

These rules have been written to provide for the protection and benefit of all. Failure to comply with them is cause for ejection from the pool or other disciplinary action. Responsibility for enforcing these rules lies with the Pool Manager and staff. Appeals of their decisions must be made in writing to the Board of Directors and will be considered at the next scheduled meeting. A written statement will be filed with the Board if any member is suspended from pool use. Repeated violations may result in loss of membership.

The Pool Manager may close the pool when weather or health considerations dictate. Members and guests must leave the grounds when the pool is closed.

GUESTS

Guests are not allowed on the pool grounds unless accompanied by a member. Members are responsible for the behavior of their guests at all times. Adult guests will be limited to a maximum of four (4) visits in total per pool season.

GROUNDNS

Glass containers are not allowed anywhere on the pool grounds. Food, beverages, and smoking are not permitted within the pool enclosures.

Chewing gum is not permitted on the grounds.

Only adults are permitted to use grills.

Radios and other electronic devices may be used for personal enjoyment, but inappropriate noise levels will not be allowed.

Pets are not allowed on pool property.

Abusive, offensive or profane language will not be permitted.

Children under age ten on the pool grounds must be under the supervision of a parent or a responsible person age 15 years or older at all times.

Members and guests shall refrain from excessive public displays of affection. Necking, fondling and petting are not allowed.

Any injuries occurring on pool property shall be reported to the Pool Manager. The Pool Manager shall give a written report of all such incidents to the Board of Directors.

Games and activities in the grassy area shall be under the supervision of a responsible adult. Such games should not interfere with the duties of pool personnel or members using other parts of the pool property. Unruly or obnoxious actions may cause the Pool Manager to curtail the activities.

Be courteous to others. The pool grounds belong to all of us and it is each member's responsibility to clean up after themselves and their children.

Lost and Found items are disposed of periodically—usually by charitable donation or through sales to members. A notice will be posted at the pool and on the listserv at least one week prior to a sale or donation.

SWIMMING

Anyone wishing to swim in water above their shoulders must be able to swim in a strong fashion. Persons unable to demonstrate their ability to swim to the lifeguard's satisfaction are not permitted in deep water.

Children unable to swim must be supervised when in the water in either pool. Children swimming without adult supervision must be able to demonstrate to the lifeguard's satisfaction the ability to swim, tread water, and rest in the water.

Children under 16 must leave the pool during the 15-minute rest period. Lifeguards may request additional rest periods if chill or fatigue is observed.

Swimmers are not allowed in the pool while wearing bandages or suffering with infections, diseases, colds, nasal or ear discharges, or with any communicable disease.

Diaper-age children must wear swim diapers or training pants under tight fitting pants; disposable diapers are prohibited.

Spitting, spouting of water, etc. are prohibited. Water guns or similar devices are not permitted.

Running, pushing, wrestling, dunking, splashing or otherwise causing a disturbance in pool area will not be tolerated.

Swim fins, snorkels, and flotation devices (except for Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices and infant swim rings used by non-swimmers) are not allowed in the main pool. Parents or guardians whose child is using a flotation device must be within arm's length of child.

The use of play equipment is left to the discretion of the pool management.

There shall be no loitering or playing in the lap lane. Persons within the lane must be actively engaged in swimming.

Members and guests shall refrain from talking to the lifeguards on duty. Questions or non-emergency requests for assistance may be directed to the lifeguard on duty at the Guard Shack.

All diving shall be executed in a safe manner. Divers will clear the diving area as soon as possible. There will be no diving until the previous diver has cleared the area below the board. Front facing dives, swan dives, front flips and back dives are permitted; inwards dives and backflips are not allowed.

BABY POOL RULES

All children using the baby pool must be supervised by a parent or responsible person age 15 or older who is inside the fenced baby pool area at all times. Families who fail to adhere to these rules could be temporarily prohibited from using the baby pool facilities.

Only children six (6) years of age and under may use this pool. Older children may gather in the enclosed area under the supervision of an adult, but they may not be in the water.

No jumping into baby pool or rough play is permitted.

Unsupervised children or those over the age limit may be asked to leave by pool personnel or any responsible adult.

The gate must be kept closed at all times.

No running is allowed in the pool or on the deck. Excessive, purposeful splashing or throwing of water is not allowed.

Water toys and floats are permitted in the baby pool. Parents should be sure that only safe, non-breakable objects are used.

Smoking and eating within the enclosed area are prohibited. No glass containers of any kind are allowed.

Special care and consideration for others are especially important with diaper-age children. For that reason:

- Disposable diapers are prohibited. Paper fibers will clog our filters and bacteria escape too easily.
- Swim diapers or training pants under tight fitting pants must be worn by all children not potty trained.

If a child vomits or has a bowel movement while in the pool:

- Remove all children immediately
- Notify the guards or office
- Assist pool personnel with clean-up

Change dirty diapers in the bathrooms or on a towel in the grassy area. Children with infections, diseases, sores, colds, nasal or ear discharges, or with any communicable disease may not use the pool facilities.

COMPLAINTS

With the exception of emergencies or potentially dangerous situations, please refer all complaints to a Board Member. The pool management committee will then relay the information to the pool management.

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Membership Guidelines

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

The composition of each family/membership unit dictates which membership category applies.

Category A: Two adults with dependent children sharing permanent year-round residence

Category B: One adult with dependent children sharing permanent year-round residence

Category C: Two adults without dependent children or with children under age two (2) sharing permanent year-round residence

Category D: Three or more adults, with or without dependent children under the age of 18 sharing permanent year-round residence.

Category E: Individual adult

Category F: Senior adult

Category G: Two senior adults (both age 60 or over) sharing permanent year-round residence

PART-SEASON MEMBERSHIPS

The pool relies heavily on funds generated from membership fees. Over 85% of our income is generated from our membership dues. Tracking the term lengths of members' part-season passes requires greater overhead than we are able to supply. Therefore, part-season memberships are only available for purchase based on the remaining season. The pool discourages part-season discounts and prices them accordingly. A full-season membership assumes the members will enjoy using the facilities for a total of around eight weeks during a season. Some families find themselves away for most of the summer and new members often join later in the season.

Part-season discounts use the following rate schedule:

Six (6) consecutive weeks or less

(available on or after July 25) = 75% full membership fee PLUS co-op obligation

Four (4) consecutive weeks or less

(available on or after August 8) = 50% full membership fee PLUS co-op obligation

Two (2) consecutive weeks or less

(available on or after August 22) = 25% full membership fee PLUS co-op obligation

DEFINITIONS

Individuals sharing permanent/year-round households live in the same house under the same roof AND share the house's plumbing fixtures (such as toilets, sinks, tubs, and showers) and the house's kitchen facilities. Dependent children age 18 or over may be included on a membership, even if not sharing year-round housing. Visiting relatives, babysitters, summer guests, etc. are not to be included as permanent/year-round residents of a household and should not be included as part of a membership group.

CO-OP OBLIGATION

The Prince George's Community Pool is a cooperatively owned and run facility. This means that it is the members who own and oversee the management of the facility. All memberships are therefore obliged to contribute to the co-op effort. Presently, the co-op obligation is set at a minimum of five hours of labor per season towards some aspect of running or managing the facilities. Memberships may opt to pay a \$100 (\$50 for senior memberships) fee in lieu of working the five hours. Adult children over age 18 (by the start of the season) must complete five hours of co-op work or pay an additional \$100 co-op fee. The co-op obligation is due before the pool opens each season. All co-op work must be completed by October 31st of the year of current season. Request for co-op refunds must be made in writing and submitted by November 15. Late requests for co-op refunds will not be honored.

FORMER COUPLE SPECIAL EXCEPTION

There is a special membership exception to accommodate a Category A family unit that separates for some reason. Should the parents of a Category A membership separate and live in separate domiciles, they and their children may keep applying as a Category A membership as long as each parent remains single. The intent of this exception is to allow the children and family members to remain involved in the community without the burden of having to pay for both a Category B membership and a Category E membership.

MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

Membership allows full use of the pool and facilities during posted regularly scheduled operating hours and in accordance with the posted rules.

Members may bring guests to the pool. Guests must be accompanied by members while on the pool grounds, i.e. the member and the guest(s) must be on the grounds at the same time. Guest fees will be charged for each guest's visit and will be collected at the entrance as the guest arrives. Guests will be required to sign in and provide contact information using a mandatory guest form from the front desk. In order to encourage purchase of memberships, any non-member adult is limited to a maximum of four (4) visits in total per pool season as a guest.

Members are eligible to bring occasional groups to the pool using the special party rate for group events. This rate allows pool members to reserve picnic tables and pay a reduced guest fee for non-member guests during regularly scheduled operating hours for occasional gatherings of between six (6) and fifty (50) people. Members must submit a Party Form (available on our website) to the pool manager at least seven (7) days before the scheduled event in order to receive the special rate.