

**NORTH SEVERNA PARK COMMUNITY POOL
RULES AND REGULATIONS
2022**

The following rules and regulations are for the protection of, and benefit to, all users of the pool facilities and are designed to ensure safe and sanitary operation of the pool, consistent with maximum enjoyment. Failure to comply with these rules is considered cause for suspension or termination of pool privileges. The Board of Directors, NSPCA (the "Board"), 2 Marbury Rd, Severna Park, MD 21146, is the final authority for resolution of any dispute or question regarding these rules and regulations.

Lifeguards have authority to direct anyone not abiding by these rules and regulations to leave the pool premises. Reinstatement of suspended pool privileges must be sought from, and may only be granted by, the Board of Directors, NSPCA.

Comments about rules, regulations or operation of pool facilities may be made in writing to the Board of Directors, NSPCA by email at northsevernaparkcommunity@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT NOTE: CHILDREN 12 YEARS AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT (See Section II, Rule 6). A PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST BE IN THE POOL WITH NON-SWIMMERS AT ALL TIMES (See Section V, Rule 10).

SECTION I: MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Each new member household is required to pay a non-refundable Initiation Fee/Pool Bond of \$375.00. The Initiation Fee is not transferable to other parties or family members/dependents.
- 2) Persons listed on a membership must reside on a permanent basis in the same household.
- 3) Membership is not valid until all fees are paid and the member has acknowledged they have read and agree to follow the rules and regulations stated in this document.
- 4) Membership will not be guaranteed/held when a member fails to pay all fees by the required due date.
- 5) A \$25 non-refundable fee will be assessed for all returned checks.
- 6) If a member fails to pay pool membership dues for five or more consecutive summers, s/he will be required to pay a new initiation fee to re-join the pool.
- 7) Annual pool dues are non-refundable at any time during the pool season.
- 8) In cases where pool membership is full, a non-refundable \$50 Application Fee will be required to hold a place on a waiting list. The Application Fee will be applied to the Initiation Fee when a membership is granted. The Application Fee is not refundable when a person chooses to take their name off the waiting list and/or does not accept a pool membership once one becomes available. Subsequent requests to be placed on the waiting list will require an additional Application Fee.
- 9) All members are expected to participate in the pre-season pool work day. This is typically held the first weekend of May. Members will assist with cleaning up leaves and debris around the property and preparing the pool for the upcoming season. Each member family who participates shall receive a credit to be used toward concessions or guest passes at the discretion of the Board.

SECTION II: ADMISSION TO THE POOL

- 1) The pool gate is secured with a code lock, with an access code that is changed annually. Each member household will receive the access code to the pool gate. The code is not to be shared with anyone who is not an active pool member, including any pool guests. The pool gate is to remain closed and locked at all times.
- 2) The pool will open Memorial Day weekend (Sat.) and close on Labor Day (Mon.). Operating hours are 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on weekdays while Anne Arundel County Public Schools are in session, and 11:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. daily otherwise. A lifeguard will be on duty during these hours.
- 3) The pool will be closed during inclement weather at the discretion of our pool management company.
- 4) Each member's online account profile shall be updated by the member each year with family member names and ages and contact info.
- 5) All members must check in upon arrival at the pool. Members' and sponsored guests' names must be provided to the Gate Guard or entered in the check-in kiosk if a Gate Guard is not present.
- 6) **CHILDREN 12 YEARS AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.** The adult must remain at the pool with the child. If the adult departs, the child will be required to leave.
- 7) Babysitters must be listed on the family's membership account and must be 13 years of age or older. Pool use by babysitters will only be allowed when babysitting a pool member.

SECTION III: GUEST RESTRICTIONS

- 1) Guests will be limited to a reasonable number at any given time at the discretion of the lifeguard on duty. If the pool is deemed to be crowded, admission of pool members takes precedence over guests.
- 2) **All guests must be checked in at the gate.** Sponsoring members must accompany, and are responsible for, their guests at all times. No member may sponsor as a guest any person suspended, terminated, or refused membership to NSPCA Community Pool.
- 3) Pool members 13 years of age or older may sponsor guests. They are responsible for checking in their guests.
- 4) Members may purchase a non-refundable Guest Card from the website (www.northsevernaparkpool.com) Guests 2 years of age or less and adults ages 60+ are free.
- 5) Authorized private parties are subject to the additional rules/fees as outlined in Section IX. **Only pre-arranged, pre-approved private parties, coordinated with the Board, are authorized.**
- 6) Requests for exceptions to the general guest policy may be made to the NSPCA Board, and are granted solely at its discretion. A change in family composition, marital status, custodial relationship, etc. may warrant modification to an existing membership.
- 7) Sponsoring guests is a privilege afforded to regular members at the discretion of the Board and is never to be used in lieu of regular membership. The Board/Pool Manager is the final authority for determining legitimate frequency of guest visits, but shall in no case result in frequent and regular attendance. We suggest a guideline of no more often than weekly guest visits, regardless of sponsor.

- 8) Abuse of guest rules may result in suspension or revocation of membership.

SECTION IV: HEALTH

- 1) Shower with soap and water before entering the pool. Wash feet with foot shower when entering the pool to remove dirt & grass.
- 2) Persons with colds, sores, skin diseases, running noses, bandages of any kind, or carriers of communicable diseases are **NOT** to use the pool.
- 3) Parents must accompany small children to the bathrooms, which are **ONLY** to be used for hygiene purposes; loitering/horseplay is strictly forbidden.
- 4) **COUNTY REGULATIONS PROHIBIT DIAPERS IN THE MAIN POOL. THIS INCLUDES SWIM DIAPERS.** Please use the baby pool designated for children that are not toilet trained. Dispose of soiled diapers immediately and appropriately in trashcans.
- 5) Children under the age of 30 months (2 ½) will not be permitted in the main pool at any time. The ages of children will be verified with the records at the gate. Non-toilet trained children over the age of 30 months (2 ½) years also will not be permitted in the main pool.
- 6) Swimming suits are the only acceptable apparel permitted as swimwear. Shorts, jeans, other street clothes, etc. are not acceptable substitutes.
- 7) Use the trashcans and recycling bins provided to dispose of waste appropriately. Members must ensure that their guests do the same.

SECTION V: SAFETY

- 1) No one is to be in the pool unless a lifeguard is present on the pool deck, and the pool is officially open.
- 2) All persons using the pool or pool area do so at their own risk and sole responsibility. The management does not assume responsibility for any accident or injury in connection with such use.
- 3) Members must refrain from unnecessary conversation with lifeguards, or any action that impedes or distracts them from duty. Any obstruction of or disruption to the lifeguards' ability to perform their duties will be treated extremely seriously.
- 4) No one but the lifeguards may sit in the lifeguard chairs.
- 5) No loitering, misuse of pool/cleaning supplies, modification to signs/facilities, or horseplay is permitted in the pool or in the bathrooms and showers.
- 6) Running, pushing, dunking, wrestling, disruptive ball playing, or other boisterous behavior on the pool grounds is prohibited. The lifeguard on duty has full authority to ensure and enforce acceptable behavior and appropriate use of pool facilities. Immediate banishment from premises may result from failure to comply with guards' directives.

- 7) No prolonged underwater swimming or breath holding. Competitive or repetitive breath holding can be deadly.
- 8) **Children less than 13 must demonstrate to the lifeguards their ability to pass the deep-water test to be permitted beyond the 5-foot marker.**
 - a. Deep-water test: The child must swim, using a legitimate stroke, the width of the pool twice without stopping. In addition, the child must be able to tread water for one (1) minute.
 - b. The lifeguard will mark by date and initials on the membership card or equivalent documentation when the child has passed the deep-water test. The lifeguards will maintain a record of guests who have passed the deep-water test.
- 9) All parents are cautioned not to allow their children to become overly fatigued. The management and/or lifeguards may require a member to take a rest period if fatigue or chill is observed.
- 10) All children who are non-swimmers, including those wearing flotation devices, must be accompanied by an adult when swimming in the main pool.
- 11) Swim masks, goggles, swim fins, snorkels, and flotation devices are permitted at the discretion of the lifeguards.
- 12) Use of water toys (floats, noodles, etc.) will be at the lifeguard's discretion. They must be removed if directed by the lifeguard.
- 13) No Super Soaker Water Guns are permitted in the pool or pool enclosure.
- 14) No floats or rafts of any type are permitted on the diving board. No jumping into floats from the diving board.
- 15) A 15-minute Quiet/Adult Swim for members 18 years and older is planned every hour beginning at a quarter to the hour. During the last hour of the day (between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.) there will be **NO** Quiet/Adult Swim. When only one lifeguard is on duty, the pool water will be cleared every hour on the hour for 10 minutes in lieu of Adult Swim.
- 16) **ALL** injuries, no matter how small, **MUST** be reported to the lifeguard immediately.

SECTION VI: DIVING RULES

- 1) Use of the diving board will be at the lifeguard's discretion.
- 2) Diving from the edge of the swimming pool is only permitted at the deep end of the main pool.
- 3) Swimmers will keep clear of the areas just off the end of the diving board.
- 4) Only one (1) person at a time is allowed on the diving board.
- 5) Excessive bouncing is not permitted on the diving board.
- 6) No horseplay on the diving board, reckless/aggressive or unsafe diving is permitted at any time. Violation may result in expulsion from the pool grounds.
- 7) Divers must not dive until the previous diver has cleared the diving area.

- 8) Divers will dive forward only.
- 9) Diving off the side of the diving board is not permitted.
- 10) No diving with floatation devices is allowed.

SECTION VII: POOL ENCLOSURE RESTRICTIONS

- 1) No smoking is permitted within the fenced area of the pool.
- 2) No glass containers of any kind will be permitted in the pool, in any area of the pool house, or on or near any concrete surface around the pools.
- 3) No drinks of any kind will be permitted in the main pool.
- 4) Chewing gum is not permitted in the pool or on the deck area.
- 5) No food or beverages may be consumed within the limits of the concrete pool apron on both pools. Food must remain at the tables provided. Members must clean up and dispose of their own trash in the trashcans provided.
- 6) No pets are allowed within the fenced pool area.
- 7) Pool and/or lawn chairs are not to be placed in the pools.
- 8) No metal, plastic, rags, or other foreign objects will be allowed in the pool.
- 9) No personal grills or cooking equipment are permitted. Please use the grills that are provided.
- 10) No motor bikes or motor vehicles are permitted on NSPCA property unless authorized by the NSPCA Board.
- 11) Bicycles, scooters, etc. must be parked at the designated bike racks. They are never allowed on concrete skirt/grass area around pool.
- 12) No advertising or solicitation is allowed in the pool or picnic area unless expressly authorized in advance by the Board.
- 13) Please respect personal or community property that may be left in the pool area or bathhouse. The Lost and Found is kept in a basket. Please check the Lost and Found regularly for missing property. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at the end of the season.
- 14) Only **PERSONAL** entertainment devices (audio, video, or other) are allowed. No devices which have an impact beyond the individual user are permitted. Exceptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis for community events, activities, or Parties, and are solely at the discretion of and controlled by the Board/ Pool Manager. With the exception of personal radios, the Board/Pool Manager controls all music.
- 15) Loud noise which is disruptive to the membership or the neighborhood, whether shouting, singing, radios, etc., is not permitted within the pool enclosure. No abusive or profane language or breach of the peace will be tolerated.
- 16) Alcoholic beverages may be consumed with discretion and in accordance with State Law. Anyone abusing this privilege will be asked to leave the pool grounds, and membership may be suspended or terminated at discretion of the Board.

- 17) Members coming and going from the Community Pool must respect the rights of the private property owners in the neighborhood around the pool. Do not litter along the streets adjacent to the pool.
- 18) NSPCA is not responsible for lost or damaged personal property.
- 19) No one is permitted in the pool area when the gate is chained and locked; doing so is trespassing!
- 20) Cost of any property damage will be charged to the responsible party.

SECTION VIII: WADING POOL RULES

- 1) Health Department Policy regarding babies: “The child must wear a specifically designed Swim Diaper. The diaper must be checked frequently, and the child must be closely supervised.” No cloth diapers or disposable-type diapers/training pants are permitted under any circumstances; synthetic fibers clog the pool.
- 2) Soiled diapers must be changed and disposed of in a trashcan immediately.
- 3) The wading pool is for the use of children six (6) years and younger only. These children must be accompanied by an adult or responsible sitter 13 years or older, within the fenced-in-area surrounding the wading pool. Lifeguards are not posted in this area. Older children are not allowed to use the wading pool even during Adult Swim.

SECTION IX: PARTIES

- 1) Parties must be scheduled with NSPCA at least one week prior to the event. Parties will gather in the picnic area or open grassy back lot and are not to interfere with normal traffic of members in the pool area. When in the pool, party attendees are subject to all rules, regulations, and directions by the lifeguard in the same manner as other members.
- 2) A Party Agreement Form must be completed and submitted to the Board at least one week prior to the party. Fees must be submitted in advance with the signed party agreement. The Party Agreement Form is available on the website.
- 3) Members hosting a pool party are responsible for reporting their final guest count to the Board no later than 2 days in advance of the party. Parties with greater than 20 non-member guests shall be considered on a case-by-case basis, as additional lifeguards may be required. The Board shall make the final determination.
- 4) Pool party fees: \$100.00 party reservation fee for up to 20 guests
\$2.00 per guest over 20 guests
NSPC Pool Members who are guests of a party are not included in the guest fee.
- 5) Parties for guests under the age of 21 must be adequately chaperoned by adults. “Adequately chaperoned” will be defined as being to the satisfaction of, and remains at the discretion of, the Board. At a minimum, 1 adult must be present for every 5 children under the age of 13.
- 6) Persons renting the picnic area are responsible for thorough and complete clean-up of the area after use.
- 7) Persons renting the picnic area are responsible for the behavior of their guests and their adherence to pool rules.

SECTION X: MISCELLANEOUS

- 1) Each person who acts as an Officer or Board Member of the Board of Directors, NSPCA or its Pool Committee shall be indemnified by the North Severna Park Community Association Pool against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by him or her in connection with the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding in which s/he is made a party by reason of his or her being or having been an Officer or Board Member, except in relation to matters as to which s/he shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for gross negligence or willful misconduct, and except any sum paid for by the Pool in settlement of an action, suit or proceeding based on gross negligence or willful misconduct in the performance of his/her duties.
- 2) The right of indemnification provided herein shall insure to each Officer or Board Member referred to in (a) whether or not s/he is such Officer or Board Member at the time such costs or expenses are imposed or incurred, and (b) in the event of his or her death shall extend to his or her legal representatives.

The North Severna Park Community Association Pool is a private membership pool, supported by thousands of volunteer hours both during and outside of the pool season. Though the facility is older, we strive to maintain and improve it to ensure that a family-friendly, safe, recreational facility will be available to future, as well as current generations of members.

We appreciate your support of our goals and of our facility.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO A SAFE, PLEASANT SEASON!