

PARKLAWN RECREATION ASSOCIATION OPERATING RULES

1. *HOURS OF OPERATION:*

a. Main Pool

Hours are posted on the www.parklawnpool.org web site, and at the pool.

b. Baby Pool

The baby pool is available for use when the main pool is open to the general membership. It is NOT available for use at other times (e.g. the baby pool is NOT available for use during morning swim team practice). **LIFEGUARDS ARE NOT PROVIDED FOR THE BABY POOL.**

c. Basketball Courts, Playground, and Picnic Area

Open during daylight hours to all community members who do not abuse PRA property. Dues-paying PRA members have priority over community residents. Non-members use these PRA facilities at their own risk. Any person abusing PRA property shall be held responsible.

2. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ASSOCIATION: The Board of Directors is responsible for establishing and enforcing rules for the Association's facilities. The Association is not responsible for loss or damage to personal property, including vehicles, nor for personal injury occurring in violation of these rules. The Pool Manager is responsible for enforcing the rules as directed by the Board and is responsible for injuries caused by his/her negligence. The Association is responsible for injuries caused by the negligence of the Board of Directors.

3. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEMBERS: Each member is responsible for the actions of all persons using the Association's facilities under his/her membership.

a. Members are responsible for ensuring that they and their guests are familiar with these rules and conduct themselves safely in accordance with these rules. Members and guest should exercise care and good common sense in the use of these facilities.

b. Members should maintain high standards of cleanliness. In this regard, swimmers must shower before entering the pool and must wear appropriate swimming attire (NO CUT-OFFS). Infants/children in diapers must wear swim diapers (NO STANDARD PAPER DIAPERS) any time they are in either of the pools.

- c. Members are responsible for leaving the pool deck and furniture clean upon their departure. Tables shall be left clean, and no trash shall be left on the ground. Members are responsible for cleaning up after all minors in their party.
- c. Members must reimburse the Association for any damage to its property or any other expense caused by violation of an operating or safety rule by a member or his/her guest.
- d. Members are responsible for ensuring that minors under their sponsorship/ membership adhere to the rules and regulations of the Association.
- e. All members and guests are expected to sign the log at the gate upon entry to the Pool regardless of whether they are planning to swim.
- f. Members are responsible for supervising their guests, especially children and teenagers. We expect guests to use good manners and comport themselves in a manner that is consistent with the family-friendly environment at Parklawn Pool.

4. INJURIES: A first aid station will be maintained at the swimming pool office. Injuries received anywhere within the Association property should be reported immediately to the Pool Manager on duty. For serious injuries, the Pool Manager on duty shall complete an accident form (as required by the Fairfax County regulations) as soon as practical.

5. SUGGESTIONS: A suggestion box will be maintained at the pool office for registering suggestions and complaints about the pool, courts, and grounds. Suggestion box items will be reviewed daily by the Pool Manager who will take immediate action on all safety items. The Board of Directors will review and take action on all other items. Issues may also be telephoned to the appropriate Board member.

6. AUTHORITY: The Pool Manager on duty has the authority to “bench” pool attendees for such behavior as foul language, running, unsafe behavior or other safety-related rule violations. In addition, the Pool Manager on duty may eject and/or expel any person from the Pool and its vicinity if such exclusion is necessary for pool safety or to preserve the peace and dignity of the Pool's atmosphere. In the event the person excluded is a minor, the following procedures will apply:

- A. The first time a minor is excluded from the pool in a season, the Pool Manager on duty or a Board Member will call the parent or guardian to report the expulsion. The minor will be expelled for the remainder of the day;
- B. The second time a minor is excluded from the pool in a season, the expulsion must last 48 hours, and the parent or guardian will be notified;
- C. Any additional times a minor is expelled from the pool in a season, a parent or guardian must accompany the minor at the pool for a period of one week

following the exclusion.

SAFETY RULES

Rules to be observed by all pool users:

- A. No running on the deck.
- B. No rough or dangerous play.
- C. Swimmers are not to put any weight on the lane lines or dividing ropes.
- D. Food and drink must be kept 10 feet away from the pool edge.
- E. No glass containers, sharp objects, or chewing gum is allowed in the pool area.
- F. NON-SWIMMERS will not be permitted to go beyond the 3 & 1/2 foot depth without close adult supervision.
- G. CHILDREN IN THE BABY POOL must be supervised by an ADULT who is within the baby pool enclosure. **For reasons of safety, use of the baby pool is restricted to children age 7 and younger and to those adults who are supervising them.**
- H. WEATHER: If the sky is overcast and the temperature is below 70 degrees F, or if rain is falling continually with no sign of letup, the pool manager may close the pool until weather improves. The pool manager on duty shall clear the pool for 15 minutes whenever THUNDER is heard, provided the sky is at all threatening. The pool manager on duty shall clear the pool and the deck area for at least 30 minutes after LIGHTNING is seen. He shall close the pool for at least 60 minutes in the event of a violent thunderstorm.
- I. **The DIVING BOARD** will be closed (and the diving well open to swimmers) only when a guard is posted at the nearby guard stand, or when fewer than six people are in the main pool. Whenever the diving board is closed, a barrier, generally a chair, will be placed against the ladders. An adult may be in the diving pool to supervise young children using the diving board.
- J. **RAFTS** may be used only by adults and only during breaks or when fewer than six people are in the water. Kickboards, water wings and similar swimming aids may only be used by: swim team members during official practices; adults during break or in the lap lane; or children with close ADULT supervision.
- K. **BALL USE** in the pool will be restricted to large, light-weight, plastic balls. Such use will

be permitted only when fewer than ten people are in the main pool and permission has been given by one of the guards on duty. Exceptions to this rule may be made in the cases of: (1) nerf balls when used under close adult supervision and when there are less than 15 people in the main pool, (2) volleyball games under close adult supervision, and (3) water polo games that are very closely supervised by the pool manager and at least one life guard.

L. TOYS may not be used in the main pool when more than 10 people are in the main pool. If toys are left on the pool deck where they present a potential hazard, the pool manager may remove them for the day (in the case of toys owned by the Association) or may hold them until their owner departs.

M. FURNITURE. All furniture being moved should be lifted off the ground and not dragged.

GUESTS

1. GUESTS. All guests must be accompanied by a member at all times unless pool usage is arranged in advance. If a member cannot accompany the guest, the member must notify the pool manager on duty with the names of the guests. Members are responsible for ensuring that their guests know and follow the pool rules. There are three types of guests as follows:

a. Association Guests: a prospective new member given free access to the facilities, or someone given free access in return for some service to the Association.

b. Local Guests: Those who reside within a two mile driving distance of the Pool including the Barcroft Terrace, Heywood Glen, Lake Barcroft, Lincolnia Hills, Parklawn, or Pinecrest areas. Generally, local guests are limited to three visits per season. However, visits of grandchildren of members (children of non-member parents) are not limited to three visits per season.

c. Out of Area Guests: Those who are invited for one day and who reside outside the local area as defined above.

2. POOL GUEST FEES. Guest fees will be charged for the use of the Association's swimming facilities. Disciplinary action will be taken by the Board of Directors against anyone found abusing guest privileges.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL GUEST PASSES MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE FROM A BOARD MEMBER OR AT THE SNACK BAR DURING SNACK BAR OPERATING HOURS. ALL GUEST ADMISSION PASSES MUST BE PRESENTED FOR COLLECTION AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE GATE.

Pool guests fees paid by check:

Local and Out of Area Guests

Adults and children age 3 or older: \$5.00/day/guest

Children younger than age 3: Free

Guest passes (a book of 10 single day passes): \$35.00

All guests, including spectators who do not expect to swim, will be charged a guest fee, except during swim meets.

Special group rates. The Board may establish special group rates for special events on a case by case basis.

3. BABYSITTERS. Sitters hired by active members of PRA are permitted to use the pool while they are performing their duties and while they remain fully responsible for close supervision of the charge(s). Sitters must bring a note from the parents of the child(ren) they are supervising detailing the arrangement. This note must be turned in at the office upon entering the pool. Members conducting child care for non-member child(ren) must consult the Board of Directors in order to make appropriate arrangements on fees.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

1. BREAK TIME. Prior to 6:00 p.m., there is a mandatory 15 minute break for all children under the age of 15. Each break will begin fifteen minutes before the hour, except the last break of the day which shall be at 6:00 p.m. All such children must clear the pool and the pool edge. This 15 minute break is a safety measure intended to ensure that children rest at least once an hour.

2. POOL ACCESS.

a. For all day access to the pool without a supervising adult, a child must be age 12 or older and must have passed the Pool Manager's swim test, and be registered to swim without a supervising adult.

b. For up to 3 hours access to the pool without a supervising adult, a child must be age 10 or 11 and must have passed the Pool Manager's swim test, and be registered to swim without a supervising adult.

c. For up to 1 & 1/2 hours access to the pool without a supervising adult, a child must be

age 8 or 9 and must have passed the Pool Manager's swim test, and be registered to swim without a supervising adult.

d. The Pool Manager's swim test requires that the child demonstrate an ability to tread water for 60 seconds and an ability to swim the length of the pool without difficulty (i.e., without stopping in process, without hanging on to the wall or the lane lines, and without anxiety).

e. The registration process includes providing the name and age of the child, the name of at least one emergency contact with contact phone numbers, and acknowledgement that the Pool Management and the Board of Directors cannot be responsible for children who leave the pool area.

2. BABY POOL ACCESS. For reasons of safety, use of the baby pool is restricted to children age 7 and younger and to those adults who are supervising them. **All children using the baby pool must be supervised by an ADULT in the baby pool enclosure.**

3. EVENING HOURS. After 6:00 PM, children under age 13 cannot stay at the pool unless accompanied by a supervising adult.

4. ADULT SUPERVISION. Adults are 16 years or older. For purposes of supervising a child at the pool, exceptions to the 16 year minimum must be approved by the Board of Directors.