

# Springmont Homeowners Association Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations

**Dues must be paid in full before members are permitted the use of the pool. The Board reserves the right to deny pool privileges to any member violating the Pool Rules and Regulations.**

## GENERAL

The swimming pool is a wonderful amenity that provides months of enjoyment for homeowners, their families and their guests. Many members enjoy the atmosphere of sitting poolside, sunbathing, wading, swimming laps, watching children, or just being outside socializing with their neighbors. The pool, including the pool deck, restrooms, and all parts and equipment inside the fence enclosure, is an important part of our community, increasing lifestyles and adding value to each property.

The pool is an expense and a luxury that we all share – operations, repairs and maintenance come from each full association member. Please treat the facility as if it were on your own property. These rules are intended to keep everyone safe and the facilities in great shape. The lifeguard will not always be at the pool. A responsible adult (over age 18) must accompany children.

\* Enforcing these rules is every member's responsibility. \*

## POOL HOURS

1. The pool opens Mid-May and closes Mid-September. The exact dates will be published in the newsletter and posted on signs.
2. Lifeguard hours are limited. Check the pool area for dates and hours.
3. The pool will be opened and unattended at 8:00 AM each day. Swim at your own risk when the lifeguard is absent.
4. The gate to the pool area will be locked from 9:00 PM until 8:00 AM
5. After posted pool open hours or special extended events, do not enter the pool area.
6. Pool area may be closed for cleaning or other reasons. Signs will be posted.

## MEMBERSHIP/POOL ACCESS CARDS

1. Pool access cards are issued to all full members – one per household.
2. Access will be denied if a member has not paid the annual association dues.
3. The access card is required for access to the pool area. Please comply with this requirement. Any full member has the right to ask anyone without proof of membership to leave the premises. The lifeguards will also enforce this rule.
4. PARENTS: Please closely monitor children's access to the pool area. A PIN can be added to the pool access card to further limit access.
5. Replacement or an additional access card will be issued for a charge of \$25 per card.
6. UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS to this private property is considered trespassing.

## SUPERVISION

1. When no lifeguard is on duty, No one under 18 years old is permitted to enter the pool area without an adult (eighteen or older) present who has explicitly agreed to supervise him or her.
2. Young adults ages eleven (11) to seventeen (17) may swim during guarded hours without an adult present provided they have a signed Parental Consent Form and meet "good swimmer" qualification as determined by the Pool Committee.

## BABYSITTERS

1. Babysitters must be sixteen (16) to supervise any child less than eleven (11) years of age when the lifeguard is present provided that the babysitter has a Parental Consent Form signed by the homeowner/member. The limit on number of children supervising is three (3). Babysitters under 18

- cannot supervise children when the lifeguard is absent.
2. Babysitters living within the Springmont Homeowners Association must be full members. Requests for variances from this rule must be submitted to the Board of Directors.

## **ENFORCEMENT OF RULES**

1. Lifeguards, when on duty, are responsible for the enforcement of these rules and have the authority to expel and/or reprimand anyone, at any time, for failure to adhere to pool rules, for misbehavior, use of abusive or foul language, overt sexuality, or apparent intoxication.
2. All members and guests are expected to respect the lifeguard's authority and directions.
3. All members are expected to assist in the enforcement of pool rules by notifying lifeguards of violations during lifeguard hours. During unguarded hours, members have the authority and responsibility to personally enforce pool rules and/or communicate violations to Pool Committee Members or the Gwinnett County Policy Department, as appropriate.
4. All members should familiarize their children and guests with pool rules and require their enforcement. Members are responsible for the actions of their children and guests whether the member is at the pool or not.
5. Anyone may be expelled at any time for violation of pool rules. The lifeguards, Pool Committee members, or Board members have the authority to expel anyone. First offense will result in a three (3) day suspension, second offense a ten (10) day suspension, and third offense will result in termination of pool privileges for the duration of the season.
6. Children accessing the pool under Parental Consent Form rules may be suspended with one infraction of rules. Suspension will be determined by the lifeguard based on the offense.

## **GUESTS PRIVILEGES**

1. Adult members (over 18) may bring no more than 6 guests from outside our community to use the pool. Residents of Rivergate, Springmont, or Greenfield Estates (including Oak Creek Forest) with unpaid association dues and their children may not use the pool at any time.
2. Depending on the capacity of the pool, and other restrictions determined by the Board of Directors, the number of guests may be restricted.
3. Member should report to the lifeguard and inform them of their guests.
4. No access cards will be issued to guests.

## **SAFETY AND SANITATION**

1. For safety reasons, there can be no running, pushing, jumping in/on others, jumping off the lifeguard chair, dunking or holding others under the water, or loitering in the restroom area. No diving is allowed anywhere.
2. Swimming alone is not allowed during non-lifeguard hours.
3. The pool must be vacated at the first sight or sound of thunder or lightning. It must remain vacant for up to thirty (30) minutes past the last occurrence of lightning/thunder or until the lifeguard gives permission to enter the pool.
4. On rain days (not severe), the lifeguard will remain at the pool until 7:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., if the weather is still unsuitable for swimming, the pool will be closed for the remainder of the day. The Pool Management Company has the right to close the pool early in the event of severe weather.
5. No one under the age of eighteen (18) will be allowed to swim during the designated adult swim/lifeguard break period. The period will be ten (10) to each hour starting at 12:50 PM. Babies/toddlers may swim with their parents during this time.
6. No pets, bicycles, skateboards, roller blades or other similar equipment are allowed in the pool area.
7. No one is to swim with open or infected wounds.
8. Suntan oils and lotions should be kept to a minimum when entering the water.
9. Members may be required to vacate the pool during cleaning.
10. Trash containers are in the pool area and must be used to place all trash. Do not expect the lifeguard to pick up your trash.
11. All persons and attire must be clean before entering the pool.

## **ATTIRE**

1. A proper swimsuit must be worn. Cutoffs and other improper swimwear are not allowed in the pool.

2. Swimwear must provide adequate body coverage to avoid inappropriate exposure that may be offensive to others.
3. Disposable diapers are NOT PERMITTED in the pool. Untrained children are **required** to wear swim diapers and/or rubber pants beneath a swimsuit. Infant swimwear may be available from the lifeguard. Parents please clean up any diaper related mess involving your children and then notify the lifeguard as the pool may require additional treatment.

## **GAMES, TOYS, ETC**

1. Exuberant games are not allowed when they interfere with the enjoyment of the pool by others.
2. When using portable music devices, the volume must be considerate of other members.
3. Water wings, children's small round floats, snorkel tubes, face masks and small soft plastic balls under 12" in diameter are permitted. Size limit of rafts/air mattresses is 3 by 6 feet. The number of toys and rafts in the pool is at the discretion of the lifeguard.
4. No tennis balls are allowed in the pool area.

## **FOOD, DRINK, SMOKING, ETC.**

1. Eating, and drinking is not allowed within 3 feet of the pool. No food or drink is allowed in the pool.
2. The entire pool area is NO SMOKING.
3. **No glass** may be brought in the pool area.
4. No one under the age of twenty-one (21) is allowed to drink alcoholic beverages. A person showing signs of intoxication may be denied the use of the facilities immediately and is subject to suspension.
5. Illegal activities and unlawful substances are prohibited in and on Springmont Homeowners Association properties.
6. After use, members are responsible for cleaning & straightening their tables & chairs and those of their guests and children. All trash must be placed in the receptacles provided.
7. No gum is allowed in the pool.

## **PERSONAL PROPERTY**

1. Members should not leave personal property in the pool area overnight.
2. Lost and found items may be discarded after seven days.

## **ASSOCIATION EQUIPMENT**

1. The telephone is for emergency use only. Members are permitted to use the phone with lifeguard's permission and must limit the call to two minutes.
2. No writing on or defacement of pool property will be tolerated.
3. No furniture or other equipment may be removed from the pool area or used in the water.
4. No loitering in or around the bathrooms.
5. Only pool management company employees, committee members, and association officers are allowed to enter the pump room.
6. The barbeque grill is for members only. Please clean the grill and turn the gas off at the tank after each use. Members who replenish (exchange/refill) the gas tank may seek reimbursement from the association Treasurer.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Members are financially responsible for any debts, damages or breakage caused by misuse or vandalism by either the member or their guest(s).
2. No member or guest shall reprimand or attempt to discipline any pool management company employee. Concerns or complaints should be brought to the attention of a Pool Committee member or Board of Directors.
3. If necessary to promote safety or to protect our community, these rules may be amended without notice.
4. Subjects not covered by the above rules will be handled by the lifeguard on duty or by the Pool Committee.
5. The health and safety of members and their guests is ultimately their own responsibility. By members' use of the pool facilities, members agree to and are bound by these pool rules and assume all responsibility, risks, liabilities and hazards incident to member's use of the pool.

**6. Members must not permit non-members into pool area nor prevent the gate from closing or locking.**

## **PARTIES**

A portion of the pool must be reserved by members for private parties. A party is defined as 10 or more guests, including children over five (5), who gather at one function; regardless of the number of member families involved. (That is, two member families hosting eight guests each is still a party.) Reservations ensure that there are no conflicts between separate parties and that the pool committee and other members are aware that large groups are using the facility. Failure to reserve the pool for private parties may result in suspension of pool use or charge of the pool party deposit to the homeowners account.

To reserve a portion of the pool, members must contact the pool committee chairperson at least two weeks prior to the party. The pool committee chairperson's contact information is posted at the pool. A refundable deposit is required and will be returned upon inspection or third-party report that the pool area, including restrooms, is clean and undamaged. The pool is reserved in the order that deposit checks are received.

The pool may not be closed to other members during a private party unless the pool committee has granted prior written approval. Under this situation, the member closing the pool may be required to pay a usage fee.

The pool committee may require large parties or parties extending beyond the normal closing hours to obtain and pay an additional certified lifeguard. The number of people expected must be disclosed when reservations are made. Gross misrepresentation of the number of people may result in the loss of deposit.

Members using the gas barbeque grill for parties will be asked to refill the tank or contribute towards gas use as appropriate. Please keep in mind that the grill is provided for member use and upkeep. No one is specifically assigned to grill maintenance.

## **Health Alert Protocol**

At times when the health of its members is threatened, the Board of Directors may enforce a Health Alert Protocol with the following special rules:

1. People must follow the applicable safety guidelines issued by Gwinnett County, the State of Georgia, the US Government, and the Springmont Homeowners Association Board of Directors.
2. Posted signs and placards that list guidelines and instructions specific to the health alert must be followed.
3. Swim meets, celebrations, and parties are suspended.
4. Occupancy in and around the pool is limited as determined by posted signs. When maximum occupancy is exceeded, people must wait in the parking lot area until others leave the pool.
5. The pool use is limited to pool management staff and members. Guest privileges are determined by posted signs.
6. Persons showing signs illness, especially related to the cause of the health alert, must leave the pool.
7. Social Distancing is in effect where people maintain a safe distance away from others who are not part of their household.
8. People who are threatened by the cause of the health alert (high risk persons) must not enter the pool.
9. People using chairs, tables, restrooms, and other equipment are responsible to clean and disinfect before and after use.
10. Personal Protective Equipment, such as a face mask, should be worn when not swimming.
11. Use a chair covering for pool chairs or bring your own chair.