

# Pool & Tennis Rules

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## Scope and Authority

These Pool & Tennis Rules (“Rules”) apply to all members, household members, guests, and invitees while on Hunters Creek Swim & Racquet Club property. Use of any HCSRC facility is at the risk of the member or guest. The pool manager (or assistant manager on duty) and lifeguards have authority in the pool area to enforce these Rules. The Board of Directors may adopt, amend, or temporarily modify these Rules for safety, operations, or special events (including swim meets and Club functions).

## Season and Hours

Pool season typically runs from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Operating dates, hours, closures, swim meets, and special events are published on the Club calendar. Members and guests must comply with posted hours. Presence on the premises outside normal hours without written authorization is trespassing.

## General Conduct and Grounds

- Treat staff, members, and guests with respect. Abusive, offensive, or profane language is prohibited.
- Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests.
- Dispose of trash and recycling in designated containers.
- Portable audio must be kept at a level that does not disturb others or nearby residents.
- HCSRC is not responsible for loss or damage to personal property.
- Members are financially responsible for damage to HCSRC property caused by themselves, household members, or guests.

## Guests

Guest access is governed by the separate HCSRC Membership Guest Policy. Guests must comply with these Rules at all times.

## Pool Admission and Identification

Admission is granted at check-in by confirming membership and identity. Members may be asked to provide their membership number and/or name and to allow staff to confirm the member photo on file.

## Supervision and Swim Proficiency

1. Supervision requirements:
  - Children under age 10 must be accompanied by a supervising person age 16 or older.

- Members ages 10–15 may be admitted without adult supervision only after (a) passing the basic swim test administered by HCSRC staff and (b) submission of any required junior member authorization/identification form.
  - Staff may require any swimmer to demonstrate proficiency (including completion of the basic swim test) if safety is in question.
2. Basic swim test (members ages 10–15):
- Swim one length of the pool without stopping and without assistance.
  - Tread water in the deep end for 1 minute without stopping and without assistance.
  - Bob 5 times in water deeper than the swimmer’s height.

## Health and Hygiene

- Shower before entering the pool after exercise (e.g., tennis, basketball, jogging) or when otherwise needed for cleanliness.
- No person with a communicable illness, open/wet bandage, inflamed eyes, nasal/ear discharge, or a contagious skin condition may enter the pool.

## Safety and Staff Authority

- The pool manager (or assistant manager on duty) and lifeguards are in charge of the pool area and may enforce these Rules and take necessary action to protect patrons and property.
- Running, pushing, shoving, wrestling, horseplay, and other unsafe conduct is prohibited.
- Keep clear of lifeguard stands and staff work areas unless conducting business with staff.

## Photography, Video, and Drones

To protect privacy, photography and video recording at HCSRC facilities are permitted **only** for personal use involving the member’s own family members and the member’s invited guests. Members shall not photograph or record other patrons, staff, or children who are not part of the member’s family or invited guest group. Recording that interferes with operations, creates a disturbance, or is directed by staff to stop must cease immediately.

Drones are prohibited on or over HCSRC property at all times, whether launched from the premises or from off-site.

## Food, Beverages, and Containers

- No food is permitted within five (5) feet of either pool.
- No glass containers of any kind are permitted in the fenced pool area.

## Smoking and Vaping

- Smoking is prohibited inside all HCSRC facilities including the clubhouse and bathhouse, and within the fenced pool deck area.
- Vaping is prohibited inside all HCSRC facilities including the clubhouse and bathhouse, and may only be conducted away from others within the fenced pool deck area.

## Adult Break Period

A ten (10) minute break period (“adult break”) may be called each hour except during the final open hour for that day. During the adult break, swimmers under age 16 must exit the water until staff ends the break. At the discretion of the pool manager or lifeguards, a parent/guardian may accompany one child under age 3 in the water during the break, provided the adult remains within arm’s reach at all times.

## Pool Equipment and Games

- Pool toys and swimming equipment (e.g., masks, snorkels, fins, swim rings) may be used only with permission of the pool manager or lifeguards.
- Inflatables/rafts may be restricted by staff based on crowding and safety. Staff may limit approved rafts to specific types or sizes.
- Lifeguards may pause or restrict basketball/hoops or other games to prevent inadvertent strikes or interference with others.
- Pool games may be played only with staff permission and only in areas that do not disturb or jeopardize other swimmers.
- Mermaid tails, monofins, weighted belts, scuba weights, or other restrictive or mobility-limiting swim gear are prohibited unless expressly authorized in advance by the Board of Directors.

The Board may grant authorization for approved training, instruction, demonstrations, or special events conducted by qualified organizations, subject to any conditions imposed for safety and operations.

## Chair and Seating Reservations

To ensure fair access to seating, members may not reserve or block chairs, tables, or deck areas by placing towels, bags, or other items unless they are actively present in the pool area. The Events Coordinator may designate and reserve chairs or seating areas for approved Club events and may establish reasonable reservation procedures for those events. Any member items placed to “hold” seats may be removed by staff when necessary for operations, safety, or event set-up.

## Lap Lanes

Lap lanes will be kept open and clear for lap swimmers when designated. Do not cut across, dive into, or swim under lap lanes or otherwise interfere with lap swimming.

## Weather Closures

In the event of thunder or lightning, pools and the pool deck area will remain closed until at least thirty (30) minutes after the last sound of thunder or sight of lightning, and until staff reopens the area.

## Children and Wading Pool

- Children age 6 and under who can swim must have a supervising adult in close proximity when in the main pool.
- Any non-swimmer must have a supervising adult within arm's length at all times.
- Only children age 6 and under and supervising adults are permitted in the wading pool. Children may not be left unattended.
- Children not toilet trained must wear a swim diaper (or rubber/plastic pants over cloth diapers). Regular disposable diapers are not allowed.

## Diving Board and Deep-End Rules

- Only one person on the diving board at a time.
- No dive shall be made until the diving well is clear and the previous diver has exited the well.
- No diving off the side of the board.
- No flips or feet-over-head jumping. Standard forward diving is permitted as directed by staff.
- No jumping or diving into the diving area from the pool sides while the diving board is open.
- No backward jumps or backward dives are permitted from the diving board.
- No flotation devices (including rafts, water wings, float rings, or life preservers) are permitted in the deep end while the board is open. Masks and snorkels may be allowed only when the board is closed and only with lifeguard permission.

Diving area management: Lifeguards may close the board and open the diving area for general swimming. When crowding or conditions make board use unsafe, lifeguards may keep the board closed or reopen it at their discretion.

Non-proficient swimmers may not use the diving board. Receiving, catching, or otherwise positioning a swimmer in the diving well to meet a diver is prohibited unless expressly authorized by the pool manager or lifeguards based on conditions (crowding, swimmer ability, and safety). Such permission may be withdrawn at any time.

## Appropriate Attire

All patrons, regardless of age, must wear proper swim attire to enter the water.

## Pets, Bikes, and Wheeled Devices

- No pets are permitted in the fenced pool area and may not be tethered to the pool fence or HCSRC facilities (service animals excepted only as required by law).
- Bicycles must be stored in bike racks and kept off public walkways.
- No roller skates, in-line skates, skateboards, or similar wheeled devices are allowed on the pool deck.

Strollers and baby carriages may be permitted in the pool area at staff discretion.

## Enforcement and Complaints

Staff may deny entry, require a patron to leave the water, restrict equipment, and/or suspend pool privileges for rule violations as authorized by the bylaws. Safety directions from lifeguards or the pool manager must be followed immediately.

Suggestions or complaints may be directed to the Board of Directors at [hc-pool-board@googlegroups.com](mailto:hc-pool-board@googlegroups.com).

## Lost-and-Found

Lost-and-found items are collected and maintained by lifeguards during operating hours. Items may be turned in at the guard stand or other staff-designated location. Items not claimed within a reasonable period may be donated, discarded, or otherwise disposed of at the discretion of the pool manager.

## Tennis Court Rules

### Access and General Rules

- Only members in good standing and their guests may use the courts.
- Access is by key only and the gate must remain locked at all times.
- One key per membership may be issued. Lost keys may be replaced for a replacement fee set by the Board.
- Tennis shoes are required on the courts.
- Only players are allowed inside the courts.
- No pets, skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, bicycles, or other potentially damaging objects are allowed on the courts.
- Children under age 10 may not play unless accompanied by an adult.

- Members are responsible for damages to the courts or equipment and must remove all trash after play.

## Court Etiquette and Time Limits

- When others are waiting, play is limited to one (1) hour for singles or doubles. Court changes are made on the hour.
- Players who have used a court for a fraction of an hour must vacate on the hour if others are waiting.
- Waiting players have priority based on time of arrival and must remain at the courts to retain priority.
- All waiting players must wait outside the fenced area of play.
- No more than four (4) players per court at any time unless authorized for a Club event.