

WESTMINSTER RIDING CLUB POOL RULES 2025

The staff (Lifeguards and Managers) are the final authority on permitted and prohibited actions and are in full charge of the pool area and grounds. **Full cooperation with the Lifeguards and Managers by all members, their children and their guests in adhering to the rules is expected. Infraction of the rules and any action deemed contrary to the best interest of the club may be enforced by dismissal from the pool area by the Lifeguards or Managers.**

Whenever mentioned in the following rules, the term ADULT MEMBER means either one member of a Full Family or Couple membership or the INDIVIDUAL named in a Single Guardian or Individual membership.

Whenever mentioned in the following rules, “The Club” or “WRC” refers to Westminster Riding Club.

I. GENERAL RULES

- A. Adult members are responsible for their children and guests at all times.
- B. POOL HOURS are 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Sunday, unless posted otherwise. The pool will close at 8:00 p.m. on school nights for Carroll County Public Schools. Swim team practice time will be 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Monday through Friday, unless otherwise posted. The Pool Manager may keep the pool open until 10:00 p.m. if crowds and weather conditions permit.
- C. Swimming Lessons and Swim Team information will be posted on the premises and the website at www.wrcswimandsocialclub.com
- D. The Club is not responsible for lost articles on its premises.
- E. The Club assumes no responsibility for any accidents or injuries occurring on the property of WRC. Adult members, their children and their guests swim at their own risk.
- F. The Office in the Clubhouse will be for the admittance of Staff and Board of Governors only.
- G. Children and guests of the Club members may use the facilities of the

clubroom **only when accompanied by an adult member 18 or older.**

- H. No one will be permitted inside the Snack Bar except the Snack Shack employees and Managers.
- I. Members planning pool parties must notify the Pool Manager in advance and complete a reservation form 2 weeks in advance.

II. GUEST RULES

- On weekdays, there are no restrictions as to the number of guests or the frequency. On Saturdays and holidays, there are no restrictions for guests residing outside of Carroll County. Each membership will be allowed to bring a guest family residing in Carroll County no more than once a month. The guest family may consist of 2 guardians and/or their dependent children living at the same residential address. Weekend guest privileges may be rescinded if the pool becomes overcrowded.
- Guests who have passed the deep water test will be given a wrist band to wear for the remainder of their visit.

GUEST SWIMMING FEES:

Guest fees may be paid at the gate by check or cash or may be charged to the member's Member Splash Account

\$8.00 for each guest age 12 and over

\$6.00 for each guest age 11 and under (children 1 year or under are not to be charged as a guest)

After 6pm is ½ off Guest Passes

Guests may purchase guest credits at any time through their Member Splash account.

A. Single members with an Individual Membership will be allowed one guest without restrictions except as stated in the Club By-laws under Article III, Section 5(d). An Individual membership shall consist of a person 21 years of age or older. If an individual with either a spouse or dependent child(ren) elects this class of membership rather than one of the other membership classes, the spouse or dependents SHALL NOT, even as a guest, be entitled to pool privileges.

B. As stated in the Club By-laws under Article III, Section 5(b) -- A Couple membership shall consist of 2 adults residing in the same household. If a couple with dependent children elects this class of membership rather than a Full Family membership, dependents under age 18 SHALL NOT, EVEN AS A GUEST, be entitled to pool privileges and dependents between 18 and 23 years of age shall be entitled to such privileges only as paying guests.

C. Guests **12** years of age and older may enter the pool area with an adult member or member's children **12** years of age and older. (See II.H. for exception).

D. Guests under **12** years of age may enter the pool area only when accompanied by an adult member.

E. Members' children under **12** years of age may bring a guest if the child has passed a swimming proficiency test and the guest is designated as a babysitter. The babysitter must:

- Be at least 16 years of age and be able to provide transportation from the pool in case of unscheduled pool closings or emergencies.
- Be responsible for supervision of the child both inside and outside of the pool enclosure.
- Pay appropriate guest fee and sign in and report to the guard as a baby-sitter.

F. Member's may add a nanny to their membership for the season. Each season the member must pay the nanny fee of \$80 and enter the nanny's name and picture into their member account. A nanny that is specific to one family must pay a guest fee if coming with another family.

G. Guests must leave pool area when member sponsor departs.

III. POOL AREA RULES

A. All adult members, their children and their swimming guest must sign-in at the front desk before entering the pool. *Grandparents not swimming may enter the pool and not pay fees after checking in at the gate*

B. Pushing, rough-housing, and running around the concrete apron of the pool are prohibited.

- C. For your personal safety, ***no beverages or food are allowed on the concrete apron around the pool and bathhouses. No glassware of any kind is permitted in the pool area.***
- D. All trash and recycling must be placed in proper receptacles found in the pool area.
- E. No smoking, vaping or other type of nicotine or drugs are permitted inside the gates of WRC. Smoking is permitted outside the gate by the smoking post.
- F. Members' children 12 years and older may enter the pool area without being accompanied by an adult member.
- G. Members' children under 12 years must be accompanied in the pool area by an adult member or babysitter as specified in Rule II H.
- H. Propellant toys should be kept clear of pool apron. No water repellent toys of any nature (this includes but is not limited to water or squirt guns) are allowed in the pool area.
- I. No admittance at any time either in or on the filter house.
- J. No pets of any kind will be permitted.
- K. No Mermaid fins of any kind.

IV. SWIMMING AND DIVING RULES

- A. A period of 15 minutes every hour may be reserved for adults who are 18 years of age and older. All others will clear the pool on the signal of the lifeguard.
- B. All persons engaged in athletics or games in the recreational area must shower before entering the pool.
- C. No one can use the pool unless it is officially open and the Lifeguards are on duty sitting in the guard stand.
- D. All persons must enter the diving pool from the diving board or slide and must swim directly to a ladder. Diving into the pool from the sides and swimming across the pool is not permitted unless authorized by

the lifeguard on duty.

- E. No balls or toys may be thrown to any swimmer on the diving board or slide.
- F. Activity in the water shall be restricted to the shallow end of the pool until satisfactory swimming proficiency has been demonstrated to the lifeguard and is so noted. All young swimmers who passed a swim test the prior summer, may be asked to re-take the test at the beginning of the new season to guarantee the swimmer's safety.
- G. Parents are strongly encouraged to make sure their child is potty trained before taking them into the main pools. Swimmers who are not potty trained must be in a swim diaper with rubber pants over top. Swimmers who are not wearing rubber pants will be asked to leave the water.
- H. No floating toys outside of the roped shallow
- I. **Children wearing flotation devices MUST be within arm's reach of an adult or responsible teenager.** Use of floatation devices is restricted to approved devices that are directly attached to the swimmer's body. These devices include swim vest or bubbles, life jackets and approved swimsuits with floatation devices. No inner tubes or rafts of any kind are permitted in the pool area (this includes the kiddie pool.) **Flotation devices are not permitted outside of the roped shallow end.**
- J. No rough ball playing in the pool or pool area. No hanging on the basketball net in the pool.
- K. No street balls inside the green pool gates. Any pool balls brought into the green gates are subject for inspection by any WRC staff.
- L. Only one person at a time is allowed on the diving board or slide.
- M. No diving into the main pool at depths less than 6 feet
- N. **Lifeguards may use their discretion to discipline a swimmer who is not obeying the rules of WRC. This discipline may result in a short "time out" where the swimmer must sit out of the pool.**

V. KIDDIE POOL RULES

- Children are not permitted inside of the kiddie pool enclosure **without**

adult supervision.

- Children **over 5 years of age** are not permitted in the kiddie pool.
- No changing of diapers within the kiddie pool enclosure.
- No food or drink permitted within the kiddie pool enclosure.

VI. POOL AREA RULES

The clubhouse, facilities and grounds are for the enjoyment and relaxation of all club members and the Board of Governors encourages their use. However, in order to protect these interests, we have established certain rules and regulations. We ask your cooperation and understanding in observing these rules, both for your own safety and out of courtesy to the other members.

1. The Clubhouse facilities and furniture are not to be added to, altered, or removed without approval by the Board of Governors.
2. All members are provided with a key card to access entrance into the clubhouse from the downstairs patio and from inside the pool grounds. KEY CARDS MAY NOT BE LOANED TO NON-MEMBERS OR MEMBERS' CHILDREN FOR ANY PURPOSE. MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING THAT THE CLUBROOM DOORS ARE KEPT LOCKED AT ALL TIMES.
3. CHILDREN AND GUESTS OF CLUB MEMBERS MAY USE THE FACILITIES OF THE CLUBHOUSE ONLY WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AND PARTICIPATING WITH AN ADULT MEMBER. CHILDREN AND GUESTS MAY NOT REMAIN AFTER MEMBER-HOST HAS DEPARTED.
4. Members are responsible for their guests and are responsible for any damage to Club property caused by either themselves or their guests. Members will be charged for the cost for repair of damages.
5. Members using the clubhouse are expected to leave it in a state of cleanliness. Lockers are available on a first-come, first serve basis for member storage. To obtain a locker you must contact Club manager.
6. Admittance to the Clubhouse in wet bathing suits is not permitted.
7. The downstairs Clubroom may not be reserved for exclusive use throughout the pool season (May - September).
8. Any member in good standing may reserve the upstairs banquet hall.

VII. VOLLEYBALL/BASKETBALL/PING PONG ETC.

- A. Proper attire is to be worn at all times.
- B. Volleyballs, Basketballs and Ping Pong paddles/balls may be signed out from the guards for use. It is your responsibility to return this equipment when finished. The guards may assign time slots if there is a wait.
- C. No throwing of sand.
- D. No glassware is permitted in any playing areas.
- E. No climbing of fences around the perimeter of pool or hill side.
- F. No hanging on or from the nets.
- G. No rollerblading, skating or biking.
- H. Proper footwear is recommended.
- I. Pushing and rough-housing is prohibited.
- J. Dogs and other pets may not be brought inside WRC gates.
- K. All trash must be placed in proper receptacles found in the area.
- L. Scheduled Club events will have precedent over any courts/fields.
- M. After playing, showers must be taken before allowed back in the pool.
- N. GUEST FEES FOR NON-MEMBERS PLAYING WITH MEMBERS ON THE VOLLEYBALL COURT:

To be paid at the gate to the lifeguard on duty prior to entering the court area.

- i. \$4.00 for each guest age 12 and over
 - ii. \$5.00 for each guest age 11 and under
- O. Guests must leave club property when *member sponsor* departs

VIII. PAVILION RENTAL RULES

- A. All parties will be reserved through the Club Manager 2 weeks in advance.
- B. The WRC member is responsible for the conduct and behaviors displayed by their guests during the duration of the rental.
- C. Refer to the WRC website for detailed information on the pavilion rental process.

FULL COOPERATION IS REQUIRED IN THE OBSERVATION OF GENERAL, POOL AREA, SWIMMING AND DIVING POOL RULES. SOME MAY SEEM RATHER STRINGENT, BUT THEY REPRESENT THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE POOLS SAFE, ENJOYABLE PLACES IN WHICH TO SWIM.

These rules apply to everyone on the WRC premises whether on the premise by invitation or not, year-round, whether the pool or grounds are open or not. These rules apply anywhere on the WRC grounds. Failure to comply with the regulations will be considered sufficient cause for immediate suspension of pool privileges for the offending member and other consequences per the By Laws and the Board of Directors.