

Chestnut Run Pool Association

Woodstown, New Jersey

Rules and Regulations

The following rules and regulations are for the benefit and protection of all members and guests. These rules have been established to assure safe and sanitary operation of all pool facilities. Parents are requested to caution their children to observe all rules and obey the instructions of the pool manager, lifeguards, all other employees and officers. Any failure to comply with these rules shall be sufficient cause for immediate suspension of pool privileges for the offending member for a period of from one to seven days and can also be considered sufficient cause for cancellation of membership. Parents shall be notified.

I. GENERAL (rev. July 2014)

- A. Admission to the pool will be identification at the pool office located in the entryway to the pool. Guests and/or visitors must be registered at this point. All pool members older than three years of age must have an admission identification card on file at the pool office. Staff personnel will insure that the card is on file prior to admitting members to the pool. Cards will be on file when dues are current. No admission will be permitted unless admission cards are on file at the office.
- B. Children under 13 years of age must leave the pool by 5:00PM unless accompanied by a parent or an adult at least 21 years of age.
- C. The kiddie pool will be unattended by pool association guards. Children in this pool are the direct responsibility of their parents, an adult, or a child 14 years of age or older who has a pool white band.
- D. The pool will be closed to swimming to the general membership during scheduled swim meets.
- E. The pool manager will control the public address system.

- F. The manager may dispose of personal belongings left at the pool for more than one week.
- G. The Association will not be responsible for loss or damage to personal property.
- H. Banded areas are defined as follows:
1. Red- the area extending from the shallow end to the rope.
 2. Blue- all areas excluding the diving well.
 3. White – the entire pool (with observed height restriction on high dive).
- I. Children without bands are allowed in the pool ***only if accompanied*** in the water by parent or other adult.
- J. Pool hours are as follows:
1. Monday through Thursday – Noon to 8:00 PM
 2. Friday and Saturday – Noon to 9:00 PM
 3. Sunday – 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM
 4. Adult Lap – Sundays, Noon to 1:00 PM
 5. Lap Swimming – Using the lane next to the diving well, can be arranged at other times the pool is open if the activity level in the pool permits. The manager or guard will decide.
 6. The kiddie pool will be closed during swim meets.
- K. Random lifeguard rescue and accident drills will occur through the season for the safety of the members.

II. GUESTS (rev. August 2022)

- A. **Guest** – A person who is invited to the pool by a member and uses the pool facilities, whether or not they actually swim in the pool. A guest is limited to six (6) occasions of swimming privileges during any one season. Only special “open to the public” functions do not count toward the limit of six (6) visits per season. This does not include pre-approved

houseguests (rev. February 2021).

B. Responsibility

1. It will be the responsibility of the member inviting the guest or visitor to see that he/she is registered at the pool office.
2. It will be the responsibility of the pool member in charge of an Association-sponsored event to properly register the visitors.
3. A single member may bring three (3) guests per visit. A family may bring six (6) guests per visit. If a member desires to bring more guests he/she must complete a use of facilities request and it must be approved. (rev. 6/23/97)
4. For the guest's safety, he/she must apprise the guard on duty of his/her swimming ability. If the guest is 15 years of age or under, he/she must obtain and wear a band while in the main pool.
5. Member's parent/guardian must sign in guests (of members younger than 10 years of age) personally and remain at the pool.

C. Banding of Guests

1. Red band test is the same as that for members.
2. Blue band test is the same as that for members.
3. White band test is the same as that for members.

D. Rates for Guests (rev. May 2023)

1. Guests – Day rate: \$10.00 for guests entering from the opening of the pool until 5:00PM, and Evening rate: \$6.00 for guests entering from 5:00PM until closing. The kiddie pool use (for age 4 and under) will be \$6.00 for the entire day. Guest books will be available at \$80.00 for 10 daily passes (20% savings).
ALL guest passes expire at the end of the season.
Guest fees are not refundable.
2. Non-local guests – One week/person- \$50.00. One week/family up to four-\$100.00. Any additional person in the family unit is \$25.00 per week.

E. Parties

1. All members interested in hosting a party/event must complete a party booking form. To obtain this form, please email events@chestnutrunswimclub and a form can be sent via email.
2. A non-refundable \$50.00 deposit will be required to reserve the party date and time. This deposit will be applied toward your party.
3. Guests are defined as any children and adults attending the party. The fee covers guest fees for nonmembers and an extra lifeguard to ensure safety and to assist nonmembers with swim tests.
4. All parties are booked in 3-hour increments. Upon completion of the party, all regular member/guest rules will apply. Any guest staying after the party must be signed in and paid for as a guest.
5. The party host is responsible for set-up and clean-up of the party. Please be sure to leave the party area in the condition it was prior to the event.
6. Once the party begins, all attendees must go to the lifeguard. At this time the lifeguard will go over the rules of the pool and determine which attendees will require a swim test. Please note, any young children using the baby pool and the baby pool area must be supervised at all times by an adult. Likewise, any child who has not taken a swim test may not be in the main pool unless an adult is in the pool to supervise the child.
7. The party host(s) are responsible for all party attendees during the event.
8. One week before the party's date, a list of all party attendees must be submitted to the Manager. This list should indicate if attendees are members or nonmembers. At this time, the remainder of the party fees are due.
9. The fee schedule is as follows:
 - Up to 15 guests - \$100.00
 - 16-25 guests - \$125.00
 - 26-40 guests – \$150.00
 - 41-60 guests - \$200.00Maximum number of party guests is 60.

III. DISCIPLINARY RULES AND CONSEQUENCES (rev. March 2019)

- A. First violation of Rules and Regulations - verbal warning (unless disrespect, or any type of abuse or assault is involved, which is addressed in III., D.)
- B. Second violation for children – benching for a maximum of 30 minutes.
Second violation for adults (18+) – suspended from the pool for the remainder of the day.
- C. Third violation for children – suspension from pool, to be determined by the pool manager and lifeguard, with re-admittance to the pool and grounds only after a conference is held with the parent/ guardian, child, pool manager, and board member(s).
Third violation for adults - suspended from the pool for one week.
- D. The following will not be tolerated at the Chestnut Run Pool:
- Disrespect for any pool employee or member
 - Open defiance of the pool rules
 - Verbal, emotional, and/or physical abuse of any kind
 - Physical altercations/assault

The following applies if any of the above behavior occurs:

Note: if the situation warrants, the proper authorities will be contacted immediately.

Otherwise,

- 1st Offense – member is to leave the pool for the remainder of the day or- if the offense occurs after 4PM, the member leaves immediately and may not come to the pool the following day the pool is open.
- 2nd Offense – Member leaves the pool immediately and is suspended for one week.
- 3rd Offense – Member is immediately suspended from the pool until the next CRPA Board meeting. At that time the Board will determine the consequences on a case by case basis. NO dues will be reimbursed for time lost at the pool due to infractions.

- E. A record of violations will be kept in the pool office.
Continuous violations will be cause for suspension from the pool for the remainder of the season, with no reimbursement of dues.

IV. SOCIAL MEDIA – Rules for Pool Members (May 2023)

A. PROHIBITED

All Chestnut Run Pool members must refrain from posting on social media any content that falls under any of the following:

- Comments that are profane, offensive, defamatory, or violent in any way regarding the pool, its Board members, and any other members as related to the Chestnut Run Pool
- Personally attacking specific groups or individuals in regard to any issues/actions involving Chestnut Run Pool
- Deliberately disorderly comments regarding the Pool Association and its members, meant to abuse, harass, threaten, or intimidate
- Content related to confidential Chestnut Run Pool Association business
- Content that fosters, advocates, or perpetuates discrimination against any CRPA member that is based on a person's race, religion, gender, color, national origin, age, sexual orientation, marital status, or disability
- Any type of discrimination (to be determined at the sole discretion of the association)
- Sexual content or links to sexual content
- Content that encourages or conducts any activity that is offensive, harmful, or illegal in any way
- Images of adults and children taken without express personal (adults) or parental (children) consent on pool property and/or posted on any site
- Community gossip relating to the pool, its Board, and its members
- Personal opinions as representing the Chestnut Run Pool Association's views
- Rants about individuals, groups, and any issue that involves the CRPA and/or the pool and its property

- Criticism of the pool, Association, Board, and/or its members

B. CONSEQUENCES

Any evidence of an inappropriate use of social media regarding the Chestnut Run Pool Association will be evaluated by the Board of Trustees. If it is determined that there is an infraction, the Board will determine the consequences on a case-to-case basis.

V. SAFETY (rev. July 2017)

A. All children 15 years or younger using the pool are to wear the appropriate band.

B. Explanation of bands:

1. **Red Band – Beginner.** Child must reach the pool dividing rope without assistance, either by walking and/or swimming then return to the shallow end. Child is not allowed to touch the side of the pool for assistance. All holders of red bands must be retested each year.

2. **Blue Band- Intermediate.** Child must jump in the water over the child's head in the blue band area and swim free style two lengths of the pool and swim from the side of the pool out to the third line and back. The child must be able to float on his/her back. All holders of the blue band must be retested each year.

3. **White Band – Advanced.** Child must swim four lengths of the pool starting in the deep end, tread water for one (1) minute, retrieve an object from the bottom of the pool in the diving area, and float on back. **All holders of white bands must be retested twice. Once a child receives his/her white band, the pool employee who administered the test will immediately go over the diving well rules with the child and parent/guardian and have the diving board rules form signed by the parent/guardian and child. (This form will be kept on file for the remainder of the season.)**

- C. Those persons who have reached their 10th birthday and who have and wear, while in the main pool, identification of their swimming ability at the White Band level, will be allowed to use the pool without being accompanied by an adult (not applicable after 5:00 PM).
- D. All persons under ten (10) years of age who do not qualify in "C" above will not be permitted within the pool facilities at any time unless accompanied by a parent or responsible adult, or a sitter 14 years of age or older who is white banded.
- E. Use of the kiddie pool shall be only for children without bands.
- F. No floating devices, except pool property when permitted by the manager, will be allowed in the main pool. Small inflatable rubber or plastic toys will be permitted in the kiddie pool. No hard, sharp, or breakable items will be permitted.
- G. At the discretion of the lifeguard, white band swimmers will not be allowed in the red band area.
- H. All members and guests, including children, shall use the pool and facilities at their own risk.
- I. No running, pushing, wrestling, ball playing, or undue disturbances will be permitted within the pool area.
- J. No food or beverages of any kind will be allowed in the pool or on the pool apron.
- K. No glass containers of any kind will be allowed in the pool, on the pool apron, or on pool grounds.
- L. No smoking will be allowed in the pool or on the pool apron.
- M. No articles of clothing may be left on the pool apron.
- N. Bicycles shall be parked in the prescribed area.

- O. No running dives are allowed from the pool apron.
- P. “Hand over head first” and “cannonball” diving from the pool deck edge is permitted only in **6 feet or more of water** (the area closest to the flag pole on the blue band side of the diving well safety rope). **Flips, somersaults, or inward/cut-a-way dives are not permitted from any deck edge**, at any depth.*
- Q. Entry at all other deck edge locations should be by ladder or by sitting at pool edge. The only permitted standing entry is a simple feet first **unexaggerated** jump into the water.*
- R. Use of the high dive and diving well area is limited to adults and children with white bands who meet the pool’s height requirement, forty-nine (49) inches. Also, to use the diving boards, the swimmer must weigh below 250 pounds.
- S. Posted Diving Area Rules include:
1. Diving boards are open if the safety rope located in the diving well just beyond the two diving well ladders is up
 2. Diving boards are closed if the safety rope is down
 3. EVERYONE under 16 years old must wear a white band to be in the area.
 4. Only ONE person at a time may be on the diving board
 5. Only dive off the FRONT of the boards, and exit pool by ladder on the same side as the diving board
 6. All high divers must exceed red-line height restriction (forty-nine inches)
 7. Wait until the high dive board clears before climbing the ladder
 8. On high board dives: cannonballs and feet-first dives only; NO flips and ALL other dives are strictly prohibited
 9. On low board dives: front dives, back dives, and front flips only; ALL other dives are strictly prohibited
 10. Due to safety issues, climbing down the high dive ladder is NOT allowed. Once a swimmer begins to climb the ladder, he/she is committed to jumping off the diving board.

- T. When diving boards are open, a lifeguard will be on diving board duty.*
- U. During periods of heavy pool use, or limited lifeguard availability, diving board use may be closed temporarily (typically, 30 minutes out of the hour, until a guard can be rotated to diving board duty). When the diving boards are closed, the diving well will be open to white band swimming and diving from the pool deck (the diving well safety rope will be removed at these times).*
- V. No “free” swimming is allowed in the diving area. Dive and swim directly out of the diving area, except at the discretion of the lifeguard.
- W. Only one (1) person is allowed on the diving board at a time.
- X. Members shall drive slowly and carefully on driveways and parking areas. Park in prescribed areas only.
- Y. The Board of Trustees may authorize the use and consumption of alcohol by adults for special occasions on specified evenings. On any such occasion, no minors may be permitted on the premises (Amended in By-Laws 10/10/78); without parent (Amended 2/96). Alcohol is not permitted in the kiddie pool area at any time.
- Z. No street clothes of any type may be worn in the pool.
- AA. Bicycles must be walked on all pool property except for the driveway.
- BB. Chestnut Run Pool is not responsible for any member or guest once he/she leaves the fenced-in area.
- CC. The lifeguards and manager have the authority to impose any other rules to insure the safety of the swimmers.
- DD. **NO TALKING TO LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY.**

Everyone at the pool has the responsibility to notify lifeguards on duty of any pool deck or in-water emergency or unsafe condition. Once someone notifies a lifeguard of the condition, the lifeguard is in charge and will determine appropriate action. The person is not permitted to engage the lifeguard in any further discussion or dialogue, unless the lifeguard requests further information or action by the person. All other conversations with ON DUTY Lifeguards are prohibited. Members wishing to discuss anything in further detail are to seek out management, office staff, or off-duty lifeguards.*

Recommendation

The CRPA Board of Trustees requests our membership to support the following pool safety measure:

BUDDY SYSTEM – In addition to the current swim band rules, all children under the age of 15 are encouraged to join in two or three person “Swimming Pool Buddy” partnerships immediately upon arriving at the pool.

The basics of the Swimming Buddy System are as follows:

- 1. Buddies know who their buddies are.*
- 2. Buddies look out for the well-being of their fellow buddies.*
- 3. Buddies stay within eyesight and normal voice contact (30 feet or less) at all times.*
- 4. Buddies who lose sight of or forget their buddies must tell the lifeguards right away.*
- 5. Buddies must report emergencies or unsafe conditions to the lifeguards right away. Buddies do not attempt rescue themselves.**

Please see the Pool Manager if you have any questions.

* Several items in this Safety section are taken from the 1998 Chestnut Run Pool Water Safety Improvement Plan (Revised 7/15/1998) The CRPA Board of Trustees recognizes and thanks the John and Denise Morrison Family, in memory of their son, Matt, for their support with this effort. With their assistance, Mr. Tom Ebro, a nationally recognized expert in water safety and pool operations, conducted a survey of the Chestnut Run pool and worked with the Board on the improvement plan.

V. HEALTH (rev. 7/31/2007)

- A. Expecting or blowing one's nose in the pool is prohibited.
- B. Admission to the pool may be refused to anyone with an open wound, inflamed eyes, infections, or wearing a bandage.
- C. Wrappers from food should be deposited in the trash containers.
- D. No pets will be allowed in the pool area.
- E. Lifeguards may order children under the age of eighteen (18) years from the pool if they show signs of fatigue.
- F. "Swim diapers" must be worn by every child who is not toilet trained. Please see the pool manager to discuss the appropriate swim wear for infants and toddlers.

VI. ADDITIONAL RULES

- A. Any member, guest, or visitor shall use no abusive language.
- B. Property damage costs will be charged to the responsible member. Parents are financially responsible for damage by their children.
- C. Drugs are not permitted and will be reported to parents and/or the authorities.
- D. Swim breaks have been established as a rest period for children. Therefore, during swim breaks, only adults eighteen (18) years of age and older and unbanded children with their parents may be in the pool.

The above may be revised or added to at any time by the Rules Committee. Enforcement of these rules will be by the manager and the lifeguards and will have the complete backing of the Association officials.

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In this document the term “pool” refers to the actual swimming pool; “pool apron” is the concrete around the swimming pools; and “pool grounds” means the entire area within the fences and gates of the CRPA.