Waters Landing Association, Inc. 2019 Community Swimming Pool Rules & Regulations Pool A 20000 Father Hurley Blvd. 301-972-3688 Pool B 13501 Waters Landing Drive 301-972-9432 The following rules and regulations govern the use of the Waters Landing Association swimming pools. Their purpose is to ensure safe and sanitary operation of pool facilities and to maximize the enjoyment by all residents. Each resident is requested to read the rules carefully; parents should be sure their children understand the rules and obey the lifeguard, who is responsible for enforcement. The Association has contracted with a professional pool management company, RsV Pools, Inc. (301-330-0073) to operate the pools. A qualified lifeguard will be on duty at all times. **The pool management company maintains final discretion in enforcement of pool rules and regulations.** Your cooperation with pool personnel will make the pools safe and pleasant for your enjoyment.

<u>HOURS OF OPERATION:</u> The pool season runs from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day. Please see the <u>Pool Schedule</u> for specific hours at each pool. Occasionally each pool may be closed to accommodate changes in the Swim Team competitive schedule. The pool will be closed temporarily when lightning or severe weather is present or approaching, and must remain closed until the storm has passed our area--as determined by the Manager. The pool may close for the day if extended storms or low temperatures are expected.

**MANAGEMENT & AUTHORITY**: The pool manager, lifeguards, and staff are in charge of the facility. Being responsible for the safety of patrons and equipment, they are called on to make important decisions that users may not always agree with or like. Please cooperate with them and direct your constructive comments to the Pool Manager or Association Staff. The pool may be closed at any time due to weather or operational difficulties. On crowded days, restrictions may be placed on acceptance of additional patrons and guests. Such decisions are made at the sole discretion of Pool Management.

<u>SUPERVISION</u>: Lifeguards are to monitor and control the overall use and conditions of the pool, not to keep an eye on individual swimmers. *All Children (members & guests) 12 years of age and under must be accompanied and supervised at all times by a responsible adult pool member 18 years of age or older.* Sitting on the edge of the pool chatting with others is not considered adequate supervision of small children using the pool. The wading pool is for children 5 years of age or younger and must be directly supervised at all times by an adult.

**PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY**: Persons using the pool area do so at their own risk and sole responsibility. The Association and the pool management assume no responsibility for any accident or injury in connection with such use, or for loss or damage to personal property. The cost of any property damage will be charged to the responsible party.

**PASSES:** Each eligible resident will be issued a recreation pass. All patrons require a pass to gain entrance to both pools. Each member must present their pass & sign in prior to entering the pool facility. Passes are not left at the guard gate. Children (12 & under) must be accompanied by an adult, but require their own "child" pass. Teens (13 – 17) may come without an adult, but require their own "teen" pass. Children & Teens will NOT be permitted to enter the pool utilizing an adult pass. If recreation passes are lost, replacement passes may be obtained at the Association Staff Office for a fee of **\$5.00**.

<u>GUESTS</u>: Guests must be accompanied by a pool member and must register as they enter the pool area. All guests count. Each **adult** pool member will be allowed a maximum of two (2) guests per day. Each **teen** pool member will be allowed only one (1) guest per day. **Guests may only enter the pool utilizing a guest pass**. The first guest pass of the season is complimentary. Each additional guest pass (10 visits per pass) at <u>\$15.00</u> each are available from the Association Office at 20000 Father Hurley Blvd, checks only. Under no circumstances will the guards be allowed to accept cash at the gate for guest entry.

<u>ATTIRE:</u> Proper bathing attire for a family oriented environment must be worn in the pool. Street clothes (cut-offs, t-shirts, shorts, etc.) are not proper attire and will not be permitted in the pool. In accordance with Montgomery County Department of Health codes, children in either cloth or disposable diapers must wear tight-fitting waterproof pants in the pools; disposable diapers alone do not qualify. Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back. All patrons must shower before entering the pool.

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**<u>SWIM PROFICIENCY</u>**: Any person using the main pool may be required to demonstrate swimming proficiency to the Lifeguard before continued use of the pool without direct supervision.

## **RSV POOLS SWIM SAFE PROGRAM**

The program has the following 4 purposes:

- 1) Identify the children who cannot swim independently to assure proper guardian supervision.
- 2) Identify the children who cannot swim for easier identification of potentially dangerous situations.
- 3) Provide motivation for non-swimmers to reach a goal, producing more water safe children at each pool.
- 4) Provide recognition for children who have achieved basic swimming skills.

The program will be conducted in the following process:

- 1) Lifeguards will have all children take a swim test during designated adult swim periods of the pool operation.
- 2) The swim test will vary depending on pool size.
- 3) The basic swim test will include a swim covering the length of the pool.
- 4) Following the swim, each child will tread water for 60 seconds.
- 5) The children who successfully pass both requirements will be issued a SWIMSAFE bracelet that needs to be worn at all times the child is at the pool through the entire pool season. Children will receive their first SWIMSAFE bracelet free of charge. Replacement swim safe bracelets can be issued for a charge of \$3.00 each.
- 6) Each child passing the swim test will be recorded in a notebook.
- 7) Bracelets are not transferable. Any replacement bracelets issued will require a signed waiver by each child's guardian stating that the bracelet is for that child's use only.
- 8) A lifeguard can retest a child with a SWIMSAFE bracelet on if there is uncertainty regarding the child's ability to swim.
- 9) Children who cannot pass the swim test will be allowed in the pool with an adult guardian in the pool within arms reach of the child per county requirement.

## This program will require flexibility and patience from parents.

<u>DIVING BOARD</u>: Only one (1) person at a time is permitted on the diving board. Diving off the side of the board or swimming in the diving well is prohibited. The lifeguard may close the diving board for safety or if the interests of the majority warrant it. Divers make only one bounce on the board. No Sharks & Minnows will be allowed in any part of the pool, including the well. <u>Diving boards may be removed prior to or during the 2018 season per</u> <u>Montgomery County mandates.</u>

**FLOATATION EQUIPMENT/TOYS:** US Coast Guard approved life jackets & water wings may be used in the pools at the Lifeguard's discretion, as long as an adult is within arms' length of the child. Play equipment will be allowed, at the lifeguard's discretion, when there are no more than 20 bathers in the pool. Absolutely no play equipment will be allowed when there are more than 20 bathers in the pool. No inner tubes or rafts allowed. Absolutely no floatation devices allowed in the well.

<u>ADULT SWIM PERIOD</u>: Each hour, at fifteen minutes before the hour, the Lifeguards will call a fifteen minute "Adult Only" swim period. The Adult Swim Period forces rest periods for children under 18 years of age, allows time for more orderly lap swimming, and gives the Guards a time for a break. Depending on pool and crowd conditions--and at the sole discretion of the Guards--a limited number of adults may be accompanied by infants under direct physical control.

**FURNITURE:** To protect the vinyl surfaces of the pool furniture from chemicals found in most tanning/blocking lotions, towels must be used on pool furniture. Please report any damaged furniture to the Manager.

**<u>REFRESHMENTS & TRASH/RECYCLING</u>**: Please feel free to bring your own NON-ALCOHOLIC refreshments; however, glass containers are prohibited items. Please place trash & recyclables in the appropriate containers.

**DISTURBANCES**: Running, pushing, wrestling and other horseplay pose an unacceptable safety hazard and cannot be tolerated. Undue disturbances, including but not limited to loud music that detract from the enjoyment of the facility by other patrons are prohibited. Members may be asked to cease, directed to take a short "time out" or to leave for the day.

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