

Pool Rules

Ridge Swim Club (revised July 2005)

WHO...The following rules apply to everyone on the Ridge Swim Club premises including the Board members, general members, staff, swim team participants, guests, contractors, salespeople, etc. Parents and coaches should inform their children and guests of RSC rules and support the Manager and his/her staff in the enforcement of these rules.

WHEN...These rules apply year-round whether the pool or ground are open or not.

WHERE...These rules apply anywhere on the Ridge Swim Club grounds.

WHAT...Pool and Ground Rules of the Ridge Swim Club.

General Rules

- A. Staff (managers and guards) are the final authority on permitted or prohibited actions. They are charged with enforcing the rules. To do so, they are authorized to deny use of the pool and/or grounds to anyone violating the rules.
- B. The Swim Club is not responsible for loss or damage to personal property.
- C. The Swim Club assumes no responsibility for any accidents or injuries occurring on Swim Club property.
- D. The cost of any Swim Club property deliberately damaged will be charged to the responsible member.
- E. If experience necessitates changes or supplements to these rules, such modifications may be made immediately by the Board of Directors and will be posted in a conspicuous area on the premises.
- F. Only authorized staff will be permitted in the office, snack shack and pump room.
- G. Members may reserve an area for parties. As a courtesy to all members reservations need to be made in advance by contacting the Pool Manager.
- H. Umbrellas, tables and chairs may not be reserved. All of the items are available on a first come basis. Pool furniture is not to be used for any purpose other than its original design, i.e. no forts, buildings. Shelving is provided in the eating area for coolers to be stored while members are using the pool. As in previous years, members are encouraged to bring fold up loungers of their own for their use. (Please be courteous of others and not allow all children to have their own chairs.)

Pool Hours

- A. Pool hours are generally from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm unless otherwise posted.
- B. At the discretion of the Pool Manager, the pool may be closed due to emergencies such as service demands or electrical storms.
- C. Swimming lessons and swim team practice hours will be posted on the premises.
- D. Dates of the swim team meets will be posted on the premises.

Admission to the Pool

- A. MEMBERS and their families are required to present their ID cards **EACH** time they visit the pool. Member must sign-in all family members entering the pool. **PENALTY** for forgetting your card...
 - a. Denied access to the pool
 - b. If membership cards are lost, replacement will be made at a cost of \$10 to the member
- B. GUESTS must be accompanied by a pool member while visiting the pool. Guest must be signed-in along with the member name bringing the guest. A fee for entry will be charged for the guest. Once the signing member leaves the pool, their guest **MUST** also vacate the premises.
- C. GUEST POLICY
 - a. Guests are welcomed when accompanied by a member
 - b. Members are responsible for all guest actions and behaviors
 - c. Groups of 10 or more **MUST** be scheduled in advance with the pool manager.
 - d. Guest Rates will be posted in the office.
 - e. Adults who are supervising children of pool members may be admitted to the pool free of charge. Such persons will only be admitted to the pool while supervising children of the absent member and presenting the Membership card of that member. Any members providing day-care services will be required to pay guest fees for those children who are not members of the pool.

Safety

- A. **NO** person shall use the pool unless it is officially open and the guards are on duty.
- B. In order to gain admittance, children under twelve (12) years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Such adult will be responsible for supervising the child at all times while on the premises.
- C. The Pools (exception of the baby/wading pool) will be cleared at 10 minutes to the hour for exclusive use of swimmers 16 years of age or older.
- D. A **Deep Water Test** is required of all individuals wishing to enter the lap pool's deep end. The test consists of swimming the width of the pool over and back and treading water for one (1) minute without touching the sides of the pool. The test is given by a guard on duty and may need to be repeated at the discretion of a guard on duty.
- E. Children **MUST** be supervised by an adult at all times while on the premises. This includes, pools, bathrooms, shower areas and all other facilities located on premises
- F. The wading/baby pool is intended for use by children five (5) and under. Children using the wading pool must be supervised by an adult at all times. Proper swimming attire is required in the wading pool. Children who are not toilet-trained must wear swimming diapers. Regular disposal diapers are not allowed.
- G. **NO** inflatable rubber or plastic tubes are permitted in the lap pool. No large inflatable rubber or plastic tubes are permitted in leisure pool.
- H. **ONLY age appropriate COAST GUARD APPROVED** flotation devices are permitted in the leisure pool. No flotation devices are permitted in the lap pool. When a personal flotation device (PFD) is brought to the pool, it must be checked at the front desk to verify it is Coast Guard approved. While a child is using a PFD, that child **MUST** be supervised by an adult.
- I. **ALL PFD** devices being used by members and their guests must be age and weight appropriate for that user. Parents using PFD's for their children are required to have a signed

waiver on file in the office prior to their use. The waiver will be kept in the office with their emergency contact card.

- J. **ALL FOOD OR DRINK (except water)** is to be consumed in designated eating areas (around snack shack and under lattice area in baby pool). **NO FOOD OR DRINK** is allowed on pool decking. All trash **MUST** be disposed of in receptacles provided for that purpose.
- K. **NO GLASS** containers will be allowed on premises.
- L. **NO RUNNING**, pushing or rough play is permitted around the pool area.
- M. **NO** intoxicants may be brought on, served, or permitted to be consumed on Swim Club grounds at any time. Intoxicated persons shall not be admitted to the Club premises.
- N. Cigarettes and other uses of tobacco will not be permitted within the confines of the fenced area at all. Smokers must exit the pool and smoke outside the fence.
- O. **NO ABUSIVE** language is allowed at the pool.
- P. Excessive speed in the parking lot will not be allowed
- Q. Bicycles are not permitted in the pool area and should be parked in the bike racks.
- R. Loitering the shower rooms shall not be permitted. Children will **NOT** be permitted to use the bathrooms/showers as a play area.
- S. Members and guests shall stay clear of lifeguard stands and not distract guards from their duties.

USE OF SWIM CLUB GROUNDS

The land immediately surrounding the swimming pool will eventually be used to provide additional types of recreational facilities for the Club members and their guests. Until such a time as these additional recreational facilities are located and installed, the Club grounds may be used for such things as picnics or volley ball. In addition to the pool rules, the following rules of conduct and courtesy will apply to the club grounds beyond the swimming pool area.

- A. The active boundaries of the club property will be defined and marked clearly. No person shall trespass upon or use in any way the land beyond these boundaries without their express written permission of the property owner.
- B. In order to protect property rights for those properties adjoining the Club property, access to grounds may only be granted via the access road provided.
- C. Suitable containers will be provided for refuse and debris. All persons will be responsible for seeing that they are used and that the clean wholesome appearance of the Club grounds is maintained at all times.
- D. Fires are expressly prohibited on the grounds except in those areas specifically designated for that purpose and the member has obtained permission by the pool Manager.
- E. **Playground** –
 - No throwing of any ground covering on the Playground
 - No standing on top of areas not specifically designated for that purpose
 - No pushing or roughhousing on or near equipment
 - The playground equipment is designed for children ten (10) years of age or younger

There is every reason to assume that the Ridge Swim Club is a most desirable adjunct to the community, but your responsible cooperation is necessary to continue such goodwill. It is important that you be especially sensitive in respecting the rights and property of others in our community. Parents are

requested to inform their children to observe the regulations and to obey the instruction of the Pool Manager and other employees. Failure to comply with the regulations will be considered sufficient cause for immediate suspension of pool privileges for the offending member and can result in cancellation of membership