

VILLAGE WEST POOL

Operating Rules and Regulations

2009

ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO KNOW AND ABIDE BY THESE RULES

I. PURPOSE

The following rules and regulations are for the protection and benefit of all persons who may use Village West, Incorporated facilities (hereinafter referred to as the "pool"). They are designed to ensure the safe and sanitary operation of the pool, and to promote consideration towards others, so that all may enjoy their time at the pool. These rules are applicable to all persons authorized to use the pool, i.e. members, their families and guests, and Village West, Inc. employees (except in times of emergency).

II. MANAGEMENT

- A. The day-to-day operation of the pool is the responsibility of the Pool Manager.
- B. The scope of the Manager's duties includes the enforcement of discipline for the safety of all persons concerned. In the absence of the designated Pool Manager, the designated Assistant Pool Manager, or other duly designated employee, assumes the duties of the Pool Manager.
- C. The Pool Manager will be guided in the performance of his/her duties by the rules and regulations set forth herein, and from those instructions received from Officers and functional Chairpersons of Village West (the Board of Directors).

III. ENFORCEMENT OF THE RULES

- A. Members are responsible for the conduct of their families and guests. Any concerns can be addressed to the Board of Directors.
- B. The Pool Manager and his/her staff have the authority to enforce these rules as interpreted by the Board of Directors. They may suspend the pool privileges of any person for at a maximum of 24 hours when there is an infraction.
- C. In accordance with the By-Laws, the Board of Directors has the authority to suspend or terminate the privileges of any pool user for such period as is deemed reasonable for the infraction.
- D. Progressive Penalty Policy
 - 1. 1st infraction: Warning
 - 2. 2nd infraction: 15 minute benching
 - 3. 3rd infraction: The manager shall eject any person from the facility for at least 24 hours. If the person ejected is under the age of 15, a parent or guardian will be notified.

E. Behavior constituting immediate ejection (no warnings)

1. Profanity (cursing) to a staff member or patron
2. Fighting, pushing or throwing someone into the pool
3. Intoxication (alcohol or drugs) on pool property
4. Harassing and arguing with the guards or members of the Board of Directors.

NOTE: Individuals refusing to comply with the administered discipline will be remanded to the custody of the Fairfax County Police.

IV. RULES GOVERNING THE AREAS OF THE POOL

A. ENTIRE POOL AREA:

- **NO BACKWARD DIVES**
- **FOOD OR DRINKS** shall not be consumed within 5 feet of the water's edge
- **NO SMOKING**
- **NO GLASS**
- **NO GUM**
- **NO ALCOHOL**, unless approved by the Board of Directors for a sanctioned function
- **NO PUSHING**, acrobatics, wrestling or undue disturbance in or about the pool will be allowed
- **NO RUNNING** on the pool deck
- **NO SPITTING OR SPOUTING OF WATER**
- **BALLS:** small, soft balls, such as Koosh balls are allowed; water basketballs, when being used for playing water basketball or beach balls for water volleyball are allowed
- **CHILDREN WEARING FLOTATION DEVICES:** only Water Wings or USCG approved life vests are permitted in the main pool for safe, artificial support. **PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST BE WITHIN ARM'S REACH AT ALL TIMES**
- **LIFEGUARDS** sitting in the chairs should not be distracted from their duty. Patrons may not engage them in lengthy conversations. If you have a question or issue, please seek out the manager on duty, or other guard in charge who is not "in the chair"
- **LOITERING:** loitering around the guards or the office is prohibited
- **RAFTS** are permitted only on Raft Night (Tuesday). "Noodles" will be allowed at the discretion of the manager. "Noodles" may not be used as a weapon. The manager has the authority to revoke privileges, or to confiscate an item
- **ROPES/LANE LINES** are not to be held, pulled, or tugged
- **TRASH AND BELONGINGS** Patrons are responsible for personal belongings and for disposing of trash. Unclaimed personal items will be disposed of after one week.

- **WATER BASKETBALL** can be played during uncrowded conditions. Hanging on the rim is prohibited.

B. WADING POOL

- **ONLY CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER ARE PERMITTED IN THE WADING POOL**
- **ALL CHILDREN WITHIN THE WADING POOL ENCLOSURE MUST BE SUPERVISED AT ALL TIMES:** No child is to be left in the wading pool enclosure without the personal and specific supervision of a responsible person, 13 years or older, designated by the parent. ***It is the parents' duty to ensure that a responsible person is exercising supervisory control over their child.*** No guard will be assigned to the wading pool. Guards have the responsibility for seeing that the rules governing the use of the wading pool are followed.
- **RAFTS AND "NOODLES" ARE PROHIBITED** in the wading pool.

C. SHALLOW END

- **NO DIVING**
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D. LAP LANE

- The lap lane is to be used for swimming laps only.
- **DO NOT CROSS THE LAP LANE** to get to the diving well or the ladder.

E. DIVING BOARD AREA

- **NO BACKWARD DIVES**
- **NO DIVING OFF THE SIDE OF THE BOARD**
- **NO FLOTATION DEVICES**
- **NO INWARDS, CUT-AWAYS, GAINERS** or other types of dives that propel a diver back towards the diving boards are permitted.
- **ONE (1) BOUNCE ONLY**
- **ONE** person will be allowed on a diving board at a time-**EXIT** the diving well as soon as you surface, using the ladders only. Do not cross the lap lane.
- **YOU MUST PASS THE SWIM TEST** to be allowed on the diving boards (swim 1 length of the lap lane and tread water for 1 minute).

F. SLIDE

- One person on the slide at a time.
- You may go down the slide feet first only.
- Swimmers must stand clear of the flume exit
- Use the ladder to exit the pool if going down the slide again

G. PAVILION

- **PARTIES** The Pavilion is available for rental by MEMBERS for private parties. However, out of consideration for the other members using the pool and pavilion, only half of the pavilion may be reserved for private use. Reservations must be made in advance through the Social Chairperson. A rental fee of \$25.00 will be charged. An additional fee of \$3.00 per non-member swimming guests will be charged. The cost is \$1.00 after 5:30 p.m. A guest passbook which allows 10 guest visits for \$20.00 may be used. *The reserving member is entirely responsible for set-up and clean-up of any private party. They are also personally responsible for full payment and for ensuring that all guests obey the Pool Rules.*
- **PLEASE CLEAN UP** when you are finished.
- **DO NOT leave** towels or other personal items on the tables in the pavilion.

V. IDENTIFICATION

All persons using the pool are required to properly identify themselves and sign in at the front desk. The pool has the authority to require confirming identification for any person seeking admission to the pool or already within the pool enclosure when there is any doubt as to identity. It is the responsibility of members to identify, register and pay admission for guests upon entry. All persons must sign out as they leave the pool.

VI. POOL OPERATIONS AND HOURS

A. HOURS OF OPERATION The hours of operation for 2008 are as follows:

Memorial Day to Labor Day: Weekdays 4-8:30 pm; Weekends 12-8 pm
After Fairfax County Public Schools close: 11 am-8 pm; Weekends 12-8 pm
Regularly scheduled hours may vary for swim meets or other special events. A calendar of events is available at the front desk.

B. REST PERIODS Every hour, all persons under the age of 16 will promptly vacate the pool, on signal, for a period of 15 minutes. A signal will be given when the pool is again open for general use.

C. POOL CLOSING The pool will be closed and the pool property vacated at any time the Pool Manager determines a health or safety hazard exists.

D. TRESPASS Any unauthorized person entering the pool property before or after operating hours without the permission of the Board of Directors will be considered to be trespassing and will be prosecuted.

VII. GUEST RULES

A. A guest privilege shall consist of admission to and use of the pool facilities by any person who is not a member of Village West Pool.

- B. All guests will be registered at the front desk, and must always be accompanied by a MEMBER 13 years or older.
- C. Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests. The member who registers them while on pool property must accompany guests.
- D. Members must pay at time of admission for EACH guest.
- E. All guests are subject to the same rules as members.
- F. General guest privileges may be temporarily suspended, at the discretion of the Pool Manager, to alleviate the overcrowding of the pool.
- G. The daily guest fee is \$3.00 per person over the age of 2; after 5:30 pm, the fee drops to \$1.00 per person. A guest passbook is available for \$20.00 which allows 10 guest visits per book.

VIII. HEALTH

- A. Swimming and wading during and immediately following any illness is inadvisable. Individuals having colds, coughs, infections of the skin, eyes, respiratory or gastrointestinal systems, or wearing bandages will be excluded from the pool.
- B. Spitting, spouting of water, chewing gum or blowing the nose in the pool are strictly prohibited.
- C. All injuries occurring on the premises must be reported immediately to the Pool Manager.
- D. In cases of an emergency or when a parent cannot be reached, the Pool Manager is authorized to call for medical service or ambulance service. The member concerned shall pay any charge.
- E. The Pool Manager may require a person who has become chilled or overtired to leave the pool.
- F. Children not completely toilet trained will wear tight, waterproof pants under their swimsuits.
- G. Only bathing/swimsuits and swim shorts may be worn in the swimming pool. Walking shorts, cut off jeans or other garments are not permitted in the pool. A clean white T-shirt may be worn, at the discretion of the pool staff, for the prevention of sunburn
- H. No pets will be allowed on the pool premises, exception: guide dogs for the disabled.

IX. SAFETY

- A. All members, including children, shall use the pool and its facilities at their own risk. ***Children between the ages of 8 and 12 must be accompanied by a MEMBER 13 years of age or older, unless they have passed the basic swim test given by the pool staff for the current year. Children under the age of 8 who have passed the swim test for the current year must be accompanied by a responsible person 13 years of age or older. Children under the age of 8 MUST be accompanied by a responsible person 16 years of age or older AT ALL TIMES.***

- B. EVENING SWIMMING:** After 6 pm, all children 12 and under must be accompanied by a member 16 or older.
- C.** Swimming during off-hours or in the absence of a lifeguard is strictly prohibited for all members, guests and employees.

X. SWIMMING LESSONS

Only the pool staff may give swimming lessons requiring a fee. Schedules and rates will be posted on the pool bulleting board.

XI. PARKING AND DRIVING

- A.** Members and guests are cautioned to drive slowly and carefully on the driveway and the parking area. ***Maximum speed limit is 10 miles per hour. Pedestrians have the right of way at all times.***
- B.** Blowing of horns except, as necessary, to avoid an accident, is not allowed. Children will not be summoned by blowing of horns.
- C.** Bicycles should be parked in the bike rack.
- D.** Village West, Inc and the pool staff are not responsible for the loss or damage to personal belongings, bicycles, or automobiles located on or near the pool property.

XII. TELEPHONE

Members and guests are to use the pay phone at the front desk. The pool phone is normally for business purposes only. Any personal calls must be limited to 2 minutes. A simple phone message will be taken (name and phone number) for incoming calls and posted at the front desk. Guards and Village West pool are NOT responsible for relaying of phone messages.

XIII. GENERAL

- A.** Willful and malicious destruction, damage, or removal of property, including signs, regulations, decorations, equipment, trees, or any other plant life belonging to Village West Pool, shall be punishable by forfeiture of the member's pool privileges until such a time as full reimbursement is made for the restoration costs. Legal action will be instituted in those instances deemed necessary.
- B.** Members and guests are expected to be "Good Neighbors". Please do not walk on private property adjacent to the swimming pool grounds, use parking in front of homes (unnecessarily), be loud or rude, or in any other way be inconsiderate.
- C.** Tables in the pool are not to be used for the storage of towels, etc. If there are no pool chairs available for adults, persons under the age of 18 will, upon request, vacate the chairs.
- D.** Fairfax County Police are authorized to enter the pool at any time and exercise the same authority as in any public place.

XIV. PREVIOUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

These rules and regulations for the day-to-day operation of Village West, Inc superseded all previously established rules and regulations drawn for like purposes.

XV. APPROVAL

The 2009 Executive Members of the Board of Directors approved these rules and regulations on April 17, 2009.

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