

North Hills Pool Operating Rules

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The following rules govern the use of the swimming pool and facilities and have been formulated to afford you and your family maximum enjoyment and safety. Please read the rules carefully and make sure that your children and guests understand them also.

ELIGIBILITY - MEMBERSHIP LIST

All members in good standing of the North Hills Pool are eligible to use the swimming pool, bathhouse, and other facilities.

MANAGEMENT

The Pool Manager and Lifeguards will be responsible for the enforcement of the swimming regulations and the Safety and Health Rules. The Manager has the authority to delegate this responsibility. This will be done in the manner they deem necessary - a whistle, a warning, or temporary removal from the pool. The Lifeguards will report to the Pool Manager and will be responsible for carrying out the established Lifeguard functions. Please respect the authority as it is given to them to maintain the safety of you and your family.

Members may be suspended from privileges for not complying with the regulations. Matters of extreme disciplinary action will be brought to the attention of the Pool Board of Advisors.

POOL SEASON

The pool season shall be from the Saturday before Memorial Day to Labor Day. Variation in the weather conditions from year to year may warrant the Pool Board modifying the season.

HOURS

Monday - Thursday 12 pm - 6 pm
Friday & Saturday 12 pm - 7 pm
Sunday 1 pm - 7 pm

During inclement weather, the Pool Manager or head guard may close and reopen the pool at their discretion.

The pool may close early on occasion due to rentals or scheduled events. Notice of such events will be posted in advance.

Members may arrange to hold special parties at the facilities through the Pool Manager, Event Committee, or Superintendent of the Pool Board. The Pool Board will annually establish the rental fees. A security deposit will be required. If the facilities are properly maintained and only normal cleanup is required (less than 60 minutes), the deposit will be refunded. Members are responsible for the actions of their guests. Exceptions to the below rules for parties are allowed provided members communicate clearly with the manager and lifeguards about their requests, (ex. allowing rafts or pool balls).

The Pool Board may authorize special events that will be conducted on the site. Notice of such events will be posted at the Pool at least five (5) days in advance of the event.

REGISTRATION

The name of each person entering the pool area must be registered with the appropriate employee, manager, or Pool Board Member present. If multiple members of one family are signing in at one time, only the family name and total number registering need be entered.

Members are responsible for the registration of their guests. Guest fees will be determined annually by the Pool Board. Fees will be collected by the designated employee, manager, or board member after sign in. Members are to be with the guests unless other arrangements have been made with the pool manager. Guests are to follow all pool rules including having to pass the qualification test before swimming in the area beyond the rope and lifeguard chair.

Pool Safety and Health Rules

1. Personal conduct in the entire pool area must be such that the safety of self and others are not jeopardized. Anyone whose conduct is detrimental to others in the pool may be removed from the pool area. This will be done at the discretion of the Pool Manager or the Manager's designee.
2. No swimming will be permitted without a Lifeguard on duty.
3. Lap lane is reserved for lap swimmers, play is only permitted in this area if no lap swimmers are present.
4. Children 9 years old and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times when on the premises. A guardian may be any other member who is at least 14 years of age and who is at least 5 years older than the child requiring supervision.
5. No children under 11 years of age who have not passed the swim test are permitted in the main pool and / or on the pool deck unless accompanied by an adult or responsible person 14 years or older.
6. Only children under 6 years of age will be permitted in the wading (baby) pool. Parents or babysitters of the children in the wading pool are responsible for the conduct and safety of their children. **No child will be allowed in the wading pool without the above supervision being present.**
7. Children 10 years of age and under must pass a swim test in order to swim in the area beyond the Lifeguard station rope without direct supervision. The swim test will consist of swimming 25 yards, jumping into the deep water and treading in deep water for 1 minute. Children passing the swim test will wear an identifying NH wristband. The first wristband will be given free at the completion of the test. Additional bands can be secured at a nominal fee. The restricted area will be for swimmers who have not passed the test.
8. Children 10 & under who have not passed the swim test are permitted in the 3-5 foot large pool area if accompanied by one adult per child; supervising adult must remain within arm's reach of the child at all times.

9. Running, shoving, splashing, dunking, towel flipping, or any other dangerous actions that will interfere or endanger other swimmers, in or out of the water, are prohibited.
10. Frisbees and balls are not permitted in the pool area with the exception of inflatable beach balls. Inner tubes or rafts are not allowed in the water unless for special parties / rentals.
11. Only diving toys such as rings are permitted in the main pool area. No barbies, boats, action figures, etc. are permitted. Small toys will be permitted in the wading pool area providing children and their supervisors are mindful of other patrons and avoid throwing toys or interfering with others' safety.
12. Straight diving must be from the end of the diving board only. Sideways diving prohibited. Only 1 person is permitted on the diving board at a time. Diving is permitted only in designated areas.
13. No flips, either front or back, are permitted on the diving board.
14. Jumping into the water from a stationary position, from the diving board, or the edges of the pool are permitted as long as such actions do not interfere with or endanger any of the other swimmers.
15. Swimmers under 16 years of age will be required to vacate the pool for a period of 15 minutes rest every hour. All swimmers remaining in the pool during the break must conduct themselves in an acceptable manner. Children 3 & under are permitted in the pool during breaks with an adult; supervising adult must remain within arm's reach of the child at all times. Children may not sit by the side of the pool and dangle their feet, arms, or head in the pool during break.
16. All persons will be required to vacate the pool during thunderstorms, cleaning and maintenance and at other times as deemed necessary by the Pool Manager or Manager's designee.
17. All swimmers must wear regular swimming suits.
18. No person having, or suspecting that they have, a communicable disease, skin eruption, eye, ear, nose, or throat infection should use the pool facilities. This is a West Virginia State Law.
19. No food or beverages (except water) shall be brought within 15 feet of the pool. No food or beverages (except water) are permitted in the fenced-in wading pool area. All refuse shall be placed in the receptacles provided.
20. No breakable containers of any sort are permitted anywhere on pool grounds.
21. Those members leaving chairs or lounges at the pool are requested to fold them and stack or hang them neatly in the designated area when they are leaving the pool area.
22. No personal clothing, towels, or bathing suits are to be left in the bathhouse overnight. A lost and found box will be kept by the Lifeguards. All property in the lost and found box for a period longer than 2 weeks will be discarded.
23. The Pool does not assume any responsibility for lost, misplaced, damaged, or stolen articles.
24. The Pool does not assume any responsibility for injuries that may occur.
25. No pets are allowed inside the fenced-in pool area.
26. Noodles (flotation devices) will be allowed in the pool. They will **not** be used in any way that will interfere or endanger other swimmers in or out of the water. Limit is 2 noodles per person.
27. Regular disposable diapers are **not** allowed to be worn in the pools. Swim diapers are acceptable for children still requiring diapers.
28. Only authorized personnel may enter and exit the pool area through the gated door by the diving board. All others must use the main front door under the shelter.