

WILLIAMSTOWN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

POOL RULES & POLICIES

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For the health, safety and welfare of all persons using the Williamstown HOA pool, the following rules and regulations have been established. We ask you to please read carefully so we can have a smooth process during pool hours this 2022 season.

Pool Registration Eligibility

Homeowners must be in good standing to be allowed admission to the pool.

- Assessments must be current and there cannot be any open violations.

Tenants the homeowner must be in good standing as above for the tenant to be allowed admission to the pool.

Pool Hours

- The pool will open on **Saturday, May 28 through Monday, September 5, 2022.**
- Pool hours will be **Thursday through Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and holidays.**
- The Pool Operator has the right to close the swimming pool due to inclement weather, emergencies, and/or when a situation requires closing. Notice of such closing, and the anticipated time of reopening, will be posted at the entrance to the pool.

Pool Admission

- All Patrons use the pools at their own risk.
- All pool users will sign a Waiver of Liability Form at the time of check in. **POOL PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18) MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN AND MUST ALSO SIGN.**
- Pool management and the Board of Directors are not responsible for personal articles left in the pool.
- All Pool patrons are required to have registered prior to entry. After registration and purchase your information is stored in the computer and you will need to show ID for all adults to gain admittance.
- Persons ages three (3) years and up require registration for admittance.
- A responsible party must supervise all persons under the age of fifteen (15) **at all times ON POOL GROUNDS.**
- A responsible party must be at least a person sixteen (16) years of age or older. Lifeguards, pool managers, and WHOA staff are authorized to make the determination as to whether or not a person is considered to be a responsible person.
- Persons age twelve to fifteen (12 - 15) years are permitted **TO SWIM IN POOL** without being accompanied in the pool by a responsible party if they have passed the swim test administered by a lifeguard.
- Lifeguards may restrict or deny entry if facility is at capacity.

Pool Use

- Youth using the pools who are unable to demonstrate to lifeguards the ability to swim safely (non-swimmers) must be accompanied and supervised at all times by a responsible person who does demonstrate such swimming ability.
- Lifeguards, pool managers, and WHOA staff are authorized to make the determination as to whether or not a person is considered to be a responsible person.
- In order to demonstrate swimming ability, the person must:

- a. Swim a continuous 25 meters or one pool length (wall to wall) without stopping, holding lane lines, touching the bottom of the pool and without any assistance or aid.
 - b. Tread water for one minute.
- Swimmers of any age may be asked to perform the above skills at the discretion of lifeguards, pool management and WHOA staff.
- Non-swimmers must be within arm's reach of responsible person and must remain in shallow water (chest deep or less).
- Small plastic toys (at least three (3) inches in diameter) may be used in the pool. Lifeguards, pool management and WHOA staff will determine whether toys are appropriate for pool use.
- Incontinent or non-toilet trained persons must wear specially designed diapers or waterproof pants in all pools. Individuals not wearing appropriate swim attire will not be allowed to swim. Incidents causing pool closure for sanitary reasons may result in removal from the pool and suspension of pool privileges.
- The pools are designated as non-smoking areas. Persons wishing to smoke must do so outside the limits of the pool fence.
- All trash/recyclables should be discarded in the appropriate receptacle.
- Chewing gum on pool premises is prohibited.
- First aid supplies are available upon request.

Safety

- A fifteen (15) minute safety break is scheduled every hour.
 - a. During this period, only those participating in lap-swimming, lap-walking and swim instruction (instructor must remain with student at all times) are permitted in the main pool.
- No glass containers of any kind are allowed at the pools.
- Only United States Coast Guard approved floatation devices may be used by non-swimmers as floatation aids (if it is Coast Guard approved it will be indicated somewhere on the device) and a responsible person must be within arm's reach of person wearing or using one.
- Approved floatation devices are not permitted in the deep end.
- Floatation devices such as noodles, kickboards and barbells are permitted in the pools except in the deep end. Lifeguards, pool managers and WHOA staff may require removal of such devices if the use of such devices interferes with the use and enjoyment of the pool by others. Such floatation devices shall not be used as swimming aids by persons who are unable to swim.
- Tubes and rafts are prohibited.
- Pools may close due to inclement weather, vandalism, or sanitary reasons. All reasonable measures will be taken to reopen the pools as quickly as possible.
- Posted slide rules are to be followed. Only persons who demonstrate proficient swimming ability may use slides.
- Sliders must wait for a swimmer to reach the pool ladder before going down slide.
- No running, skipping or speed-walking on deck.
- Diving will only be permitted in the deep end.
- Swimming is prohibited unless a lifeguard is on duty and in the lifeguard chair.
- Pools are to be cleared immediately in the event of an emergency.

Health

- All Patrons must shower before entering the pool area per the **Prince William County Code Sec.25.1-22. (Ord.N0.86-172, 11-18-86; Ord.N0.94-53, 8-2-94).**

- Patrons with open sores, discharge, or who have had diarrhea within the last two (2) weeks should not swim. You can spread germs to other swimmers in the water. **Prince William County Code Sec.25.1-23. (Ord.N0.86-172, 11-18-86; Ord.N0.94-53, 8-2-94)**
- Appropriate swim attire suitable for a family environment is required in order to enter the pool facilities.
- Clothing that is not permitted includes, but not limited to: denim shorts, cutoffs, jeans, long or loose shirts, see through swimwear and thong swimwear.
- Street clothes are not permitted in the pool.
- All injuries must be reported to the pool management immediately.
- When necessary to call for medical help, any charges will be paid by the individual concerned.

Conduct

- Profanity, abusive language or behavior is not permitted and may result in removal from the pool facilities.
- Unsafe play, disruptive behavior and/or activity that endangers the safety of others or interferes with the use and enjoyment of the pool by others is not permitted and may result in removal from the pool facilities.
- Association members are responsible for the behavior of their children and/or guests.
- Failure to comply with rules and/or lifeguard, pool management or WHOA staff instruction may result in removal from the pool, suspension or loss of privileges.
- Loitering is not permitted in or around the pool facilities.
- Firearms, illegal drugs and alcohol are not permitted at the pools. Violators may be subject to prosecution.

Rule Enforcement

- 1st incident: Verbal instruction will be given regarding the rules.
- 2nd incident: Patron must leave the premises and the registration access may be withheld until the office is contacted and reviewed by the Board of Directors.
- 3rd incident: Pool privileges may be suspended.
- Pool management and/or WHOA staff reserve the right to contact law enforcement for instances deemed necessary.