

**The Plantations Two Community Association, Inc.**  
**SWIMMING POOL RULES AND OPERATING POLICIES -- As of May 2022**

*(Note—these Rules and Policies are subject to change at the discretion of the Board of Directors)*

In the interest of ensuring pleasurable swimming for all, to ensure maximum safety and better pool management, the following rules and policies have been adopted by the Board of the Plantations Two Homeowners Community Association, Inc.

For the purposes of these rules and policies, "pool" and/or "pool area" is defined as the complete area enclosed by the fence which includes both pools, the pool building, the shower rooms, and the pool office.

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**GENERAL RULES**

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1. ~ No Swimming until a Rescue Ready Lifeguard is in Position ~
2. All members and guests using the pool or pool area do so at their own risk and sole responsibility.
3. Members will be held responsible for all actions of their children and guests.
4. Plantations Two assumes no responsibility for any accident or injury in connection with the use of the pool.
5. All injuries on Association premises must be reported to the Pool Management staff immediately.
6. First aid needs will be attended to in the Pool office.
7. Plantations Two will not be responsible for any loss, theft or damage of personal property of any kind. It is strongly recommended that members clearly mark all items brought to the pool.
8. Unauthorized persons found inside the pool area while the pool is closed will lose their privileges for the remainder of the season and risk prosecution for trespassing.

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**POOL MANAGEMENT & LIFEGUARD(S) RESPONSIBILITIES**

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1. Certified lifeguards and pool manager will be on duty during all hours of operation.
2. In order to provide and maintain a safe and healthy environment, the lifeguards and pool manager are authorized to enforce all rules and regulations.
3. The pool manager is in charge of the pool, responsible for ensuring regulations are obeyed, and has been directed by the HOA Board to dismiss from the pool property any adult or child for any infraction of the rules or when safety is threatened.
4. The pool manager can bar any person from the pool for up to one (1) week for each violation or for the remainder of the season for three (3) violations.

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**ADMISSION POLICIES**

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All members, associates, and guests must check in at the pool admission desk every time they enter the pool facility. No one will be admitted to the pool area without completing the check-in process:

1. Member Check-In Policy:
  - a. Upon entering the pool building, all members and associates ages 5 and above must SCAN their pool access tag at the admission desk.
  - b. Pool staff will validate all members and associates.
  - c. If the photo on file does not match, the pool staff may ask for a valid ID for proof of address.
  - d. If there is no photo on file the staff will take your picture.
  - e. Pool staff may refuse admission to a member or associate whose pool privileges are non-verifiable, revoked, or not on file.
    - A membership not on file could be in default for failure to pay HOA dues, a violation of published HOA Covenants, By Laws, Architectural rules and regulations, or prior violations to these pool rules and policies. In such cases, admission to the pool may only be approved after all fees have been paid or all violations corrected.

- If a member is not on file the attendant will refer the member to the Plantations Two Business Office or HOA Board for clarification.
- f. New member(s) or associate(s) pool access tags will be processed by the HOA for distribution at the pool admission desk.
  - g. Replacement pool access tags can be purchased during the pool season for \$10.00 per tag:
    - *Online at [www.plantationstwo.com](http://www.plantationstwo.com) under the "Payments" tab via PayPal/credit.*
    - *By Check (payable to Plantations Two Community Association, Inc.) and either mailed to Plantations Two Community Association, PO Box 396, Damascus, MD 20872 or dropped off at the pool reception desk. New access tags are only processed through the business office.*
    - *Replacement pool access tags will be left at the pool reception desk for pickup. You will be permitted access to the pool by manual check-in at the pool reception desk until your replacement tag is available.*
2. Guest Check-In Policy:
- a. Guest passes will be issued in a paper card format and a guest card must be presented to the pool attendant for processing by the member when entering the pool area with their guest(s).
  - b. A Guest is anyone **2 years or older** that is not part of a current membership household. Guest passes are not transferable and not refundable.
  - c. Guests may re-enter the pool (with the member) on the day of their admission at no additional charge.
  - d. Guest passes are for use by an adult member to bring non-residents, extended family, friends, playmates, etc. to the pool. Additionally, all guests must print their name in the daily visitors' log.
  - e. Each pool season a membership household will receive one free guest pass card for its first 5 guests.
  - f. Additional guest pass cards may be purchased for **\$15.00 (5 guests per card)**:
    - *Online at [www.plantationstwo.com](http://www.plantationstwo.com) under the "Payments" tab via PayPal/Credit (you need to bring your PayPal or credit card receipt to the pool admission desk to receive your visitor pass card. OR*
    - *Purchased at the pool admission desk by Check (NO CASH) payable to Plantations Two Community Association, Inc.*
  - g. Any organized group (up to 30 members or guests) is considered a party and not allowed entry into the pool via guest passes. For large groups or parties refer to Pool Parties & Events section below.

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### AGE REGULATIONS & RESTRICTIONS

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1. Adult member passes (brown pool access tags) are for members 16 years of age or older.
2. Children's passes (red pool access tags) are for members **5-15** years of age.
3. Children **under 12** years of age **must be** accompanied and cared for by an adult when visiting the pool.
  - a. Children under 6 years old must always have a responsible person in the water with them and within arms' reach.
  - b. Children 6-11 years old must be cared for at pool side by a responsible person in swimming attire.
4. Children **12 to 15** years of age **are eligible** for individual/unaccompanied pool access **only if** –
  - a. A child has written permission from a parent or guardian; **and**
  - b. A child passes the required swim test, administered by a lifeguard.
  - c. The pool manager will not validate passes (brown pool access tags) for youths **12 to 15** years of age until the youth demonstrates the ability to swim one pool length unassisted and tread water unassisted for 1 minute.
  - d. Once children 12 to 15 years of age have passed their swim test and have written permission to be at the pool unaccompanied the child will exchange their red access tag for a brown access tag.
5. Babysitters who are members and between the ages of 14 and 16 may be considered for admission with member children they are caring for:
  - a. When prior written permission from the child's parent or guardian is provided to the pool manager.
  - b. When the babysitter has received their adult access tag (brown tag).
6. Day Care Providers who are Members must use guest passes for non-member children they are caring for and are limited to a maximum of 5 children.
7. Associate passes are seasonal and for use by a non-member paid babysitter, nanny or caregiver. Associates will receive a red pool access tag which cannot be exchanged for a member access tag.

- a. Associates are individuals who are --
    - Responsible for supervising a member’s children at the pool (limit 5 children), or
    - Exclusively caring for a family member who is dependent on full-time care and assistance (i.e., persons with disabilities, etc.).
  - b. Associates are only allowed entry to the pool when accompanying the member(s) they are caring for.
  - c. Associates cannot bring personal guests and proof of age and ID can be required.
8. Use of Slide, Well & Deep Area:
- a. Member Children 8 years or younger who wish to use the slide, swim in the well area, or swim in the deep areas of the pool must pass a swim test. Once a child passes their name will be added to a list in the pool office. These kids will receive a wrist band each time they come to the pool.
  - b. Non-member Children 12 years or younger who wish to use the slide, swim in the well area, or swim in the deep areas of the pool must pass a swim test. Wrist bands will be given after successful completion of the swim test.
9. Wading pool is for children **5 years or younger**. Children using the wading pool are the responsibility of the parent(s), not the lifeguards, and must be accompanied by an adult.
10. Persons responsible for children using the wading pool and non-swimmers using the main pool must keep their charges under immediate supervision at all times. When using the main pool the responsible person(s) must be in swimming attire, in the water with the children and within arms’ reach at all times.
11. Rest periods for children (or adult swim time) will be announced each hour by the pool staff.
- a. During this period, all children 15 years old and younger must be completely out of the main pool.
  - b. Children under the age of 2 may accompany adults in the main pool during this period.
  - c. The wading pool is for children 5 years of age or younger and must, at all times, be supervised by an adult (including during the adult swims).
12. Lifeguards may ask a child of any age to complete the swim test if, in the lifeguard's opinion, the person does not exhibit the ability to swim in deep water.

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## FACILITIES

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1. Alcoholic beverages and drugs are prohibited in the pool area. Persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be asked to leave.
2. Smoking and vaping are not permitted in the pool area.
3. Pets are not permitted in the pool area, with the exception of service animals. No animals, including service animals, may enter the pools.
4. Only authorized personnel are permitted in the pool office (except for first aid or by request of the staff), filter equipment room, electrical closet, valve closet, or on the lifeguard stands.
5. Only the pool staff is permitted to operate the accessible pool lift chair device.
6. Glass containers are prohibited while on pool property.
7. Waste and trash from the consumption of food or beverages must be deposited in the trash containers provided. All food consumed on the pool deck must be eaten while sitting at a table. Food waste such as seeds, skins, vines, etc., must be deposited in the containers provided – not on the pool decking. .
8. No wheeled vehicles (bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, etc.), will be allowed in the pool area. With the exception of:
  - a. Wheelchairs or other assistive devices for persons with disabilities.
  - b. Baby carriages and strollers will be permitted in the table area and must be kept at least 15 feet from the pool at all times.

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## HEALTH, HYGIENE & ATTIRE POLICIES

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1. Before entering the pool, all persons must take a cleansing shower using soap and water. This is to reduce the amount of grass clippings, sand, and debris brought into the pool area on the feet and body.
2. Spitting, spouting water and blowing one’s nose, and urinating in the pool are prohibited.
3. No chewing gum is allowed in the pool area.

4. Any persons having apparent skin disease, sore or inflamed eyes, cough, cold, nasal or ear discharge, wearing Band-Aids or bandages, or having any communicable disease, will be excluded from the pool.
5. Members with medical conditions: It is suggested that members who have medical or physical conditions, such as dizziness, fainting spells, etc., make it known to the pool manager for your safety.
6. Infants/children not toilet trained and incontinent adults entering a pool must wear a swimsuit with a clean swim-diaper or diaper and rubber pants. **Disposable diapers are prohibited.** If diaper becomes soiled, the wearer must leave the pool immediately, and may not return until he/she has showered and changed.
7. Pool users must wear swim suits/trunks in the pool. Street clothing, cut-offs, gym shorts and/or underwear are not permitted as swimwear.
8. Clean T-shirts for modesty or medical reasons may be worn over swimwear.

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### POOL USE & SAFETY POLICIES

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1. The pool may be closed at the discretion of the pool management team due to inclement weather, including but not limited to thunder, lightning, rain, as well as operational breakdown, or any reason relating to public health and safety.
2. At the lifeguards' discretion, a swimming lane may be roped off for those wishing to swim laps.
3. Abusive language, yelling and screaming, dunking, water fighting, aggressive splashing, acrobatics, running, tripping, towel snapping, wrestling, and pushing people into the pool are prohibited.
4. Persons entering any portion of the pool must avoid diving or jumping onto other persons in the pool.
5. Slide & Well Rules:
  - a. Feet first down the slide – no head first.
  - b. Only one person may go down the slide at a time.
  - c. When the slide is being used, no one may dive from the sides of the pool or swim into the slide area.
  - d. Swimmers should leave the diving well by the nearest ladder after exiting the slide.
  - e. *The well area may be used for activities other than the slide at the lifeguard's discretion (i.e. open well).*
6. Only Coast Guard approved safety devices, or YMCA approved arm floats and swim trainers may be worn in the main pool. Adults must supervise and be within arm's reach of non-swimmers and children wearing life jackets, arm floats and foam swim trainers, as per Montgomery County regulations.
7. Rafts, squirt guns or squirt toys, and hard plastic or weighted diving sticks are prohibited. Soft or torpedo type diving sticks, float rings, noodles, and soft (squish) balls are allowed. Other pool toys may be allowed on a case-by-case basis.
8. Masks that cover the eyes and nose may be worn for children age 10 or older, and must be approved by the lifeguard or pool manager before use.
9. Swim fins may be used only in a roped swim lane and must be approved by the lifeguard or pool manager before use.

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### POOL PARTIES & EVENTS

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1. All parties or events must be reserved and receive prior approval by the pool committee. For detailed information regarding parties refer to the 2022 Pool Party Reservation Information, the 2022 Pool Party Reservation and Agreement, and the 2022 Pool Party Rules and Guidelines posted at [www.plantationtwo.com](http://www.plantationtwo.com).
2. For quick identification and to ensure safety, all pool party attendees (members and guests) will be given wrist bands and children 12 and under must pass a swim test administered by a lifeguard in order to swim in the deep areas of the pool, swim in the well, or use the slide.

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### POOL DATES & HOURS

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Dates: Starting the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend through the Monday of Labor Day Weekend (May 28 – September 5, 2022)

Hours: On Any Day Public School is in Session (May, June, August or September): 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Regular Summer Hours (school not in session) (May thru September): 12:00 noon – 8:00 pm