

The Plantations Two Community Association, Inc.
SWIMMING POOL RULES AND OPERATING POLICIES -- May 2023

(Rules and Operating 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.

GENERAL RULES

1. The Plantations Two Board of Directors has the authority to enforce all pool rules and operating policies, and can bar any individual from the pool for violations of these published rules and operating policies.
2. **No Swimming until a "Ready-to-Rescue" Lifeguard is present on the pool deck.**
3. All members and guests using the pool or pool area do so at their own risk and their sole responsibility.
4. Members will be held responsible for all actions of their children and guests.
5. Plantations Two assumes no responsibility for any accident or injury in connection with the improper use of the pool.
6. All injuries on Association premises must be reported to the Pool Management staff immediately.
7. First aid needs will be attended to in the Pool office by the lifeguard staff.
8. 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.
9. 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.

POOL MANAGEMENT & LIFEGUARD(S) RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Certified pool manager and lifeguards will be on duty during all hours of operation.
2. In order to provide and maintain a safe and healthy environment, the pool manager and lifeguards 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 has the authority to 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.

ADMISSION POLICIES

All members, caregivers, 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 Policies:
 - a. Upon entering the pool building, all members (ages 5 and above) and caregivers must SCAN their pool access tag at the admission desk. Access Tags are assigned to individuals and cannot be shared or loaned. Loaning or sharing your access tag can result in loss of pool privileges.
 - b. Pool staff will verify all members, caregivers, and guests.
 - 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 caregiver 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 or outside membership 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 desk attendant will refer the member to the Plantations Two Business Office or HOA Board for clarification.
 - f. New member and caregiver pool access tags are only processed by the HOA (*not the pool staff*).
 - g. Replacement pool access tags can be purchased during the pool season for \$10.00 per tag:
 - *Online at 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.*
 - *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 Policies:
- a. Guest passes are for use by an adult member to bring non-residents, extended family, friends, playmates, etc. to the pool. **All guests' names must be printed in the daily visitors' log.**
 - b. A Guest is anyone **5 years or older** that is not part of a current membership household.
 - c. Pool members must accompany their guest(s) to the pool and are responsible for ensuring that their guest(s) obey all published rules and procedures. Guest passes are required for all guests even those who are wearing street clothing because they are utilizing the pool area.
 - d. Guests may re-enter the pool (with the member) on the day of their admission at no additional charge.
 - e. Guest passes will be issued in a card format and a guest card must be presented by the member to the pool attendant for processing when entering the pool area with their guest(s).
 - f. Pool members who abuse the guest policies will be subject to termination of their guest pass privileges and possible 1 week violation suspension of their pool privileges.
 - g. Each pool season a membership household will receive one free guest pass card for its first 5 guests. Guest passes are not transferable and not refundable.
 - h. Additional guest pass cards may be purchased for **\$15.00 (5 guests per card)**:
 - *Online at 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 by Check (NO CASH) payable to Plantations Two Community Association, Inc.*
 - i. Any organized group (up to 30 members and guests) is considered a party and not allowed entry into the pool via guest passes. For large groups or parties refer to the Pool Parties & Events section below.

AGE REGULATIONS & RESTRICTIONS

1. Adult member passes (Brown Access tags) are for members **15** years of age or older.
2. Children's passes (Red Access tags) are for members **5-14** 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. Minor children must be cared for at pool side by a responsible person in swimming attire.
4. Children **12-14** 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 has passed the required swim test, administered by a lifeguard. Specifically –
 - The pool manager will not validate receipt of Brown Access tags for youths **12-14** years of age until the youth demonstrates the ability to swim one pool length unassisted and tread water unassisted for 1 minute.
 - Once children **12-14** 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. Member children 12-14 years of age who have received their adult (Brown) access tag can accompany & care for other member children when prior written permission from the child's parent or guardian is provided to the pool manager.
6. Day Care providers who are members must use guest passes for the non-member children they are caring for and are limited to a maximum of 5 children.

7. Caregiver passes are seasonal and for use by a *non-member* babysitter, nanny or caregiver. Caregivers will receive a Red Access tag which cannot be exchanged for a membership Brown Access tag.
 - a. Caregivers are individuals who are --
 - Responsible for supervising a member's children (limit 5 children), or caring for a family member who is dependent on full-time care and assistance (i.e., persons with disabilities, etc.).
 - Only allowed entry to the pool when accompanying the member(s) they are caring for.
 - b. Caregivers cannot bring personal guests and proof of age and ID can be required.
8. **Use of Slide, Well & Deep Areas:** Member children 8 years or younger and 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. Once a child passes (1) their name will be added to a list in the pool office and (2) the child will receive a wrist band each time the child visits the pool.
9. Wading pool is only 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 and within arms' reach of the children 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 14 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 only for children 5 years of age or younger and must, at all times, be supervised by an adult (including during the adult swims). Older children may NOT use the wading pool during the rest period.
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.

FACILITIES

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. Glass containers, dangerous objects and materials are prohibited while on pool property.
4. Pets are not permitted in the pool area, with the exception of registered service animals. No animals, including service animals, may enter the pools.
5. 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.
6. Only the pool staff is permitted to operate the ADA pool lift chair device.
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 trash containers provided – not on the pool deck.
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.

HEALTH, HYGIENE & ATTIRE POLICIES

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.

POOL USE & SAFETY POLICIES

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. **Swim aides, floats, noodles and toys are not permitted to be used on the slide.**
 - b. Feet first down the slide – no head first.
 - c. Only one person may go down the slide at a time.
 - d. When the slide is being used, no one may dive from the sides of the pool or swim into the slide area.
 - e. Swimmers should leave the diving well by the nearest ladder after exiting the slide.
 - f. *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 allowed** in the main pool. *Per Montgomery County regulations, adults must supervise and be within arm's reach of non-swimmers and children using approved safety devices, wearing life jackets, arm floats and foam swim trainers at all times.*
7. **Toys:**
 - a. **Allowed** items include only soft toys, pool diving sticks, noodles, and soft (squish) balls, etc.
 - b. **Prohibited** items include rafts, floats, squirt guns or squirt toys, hard plastic or hard balls, etc.
 - c. Other pool toys may be allowed on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the pool staff.
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.

POOL PARTIES & EVENTS

1. All private parties **must be reserved and receive prior approval** by the pool committee and pool manager (maximum attendees 30). For detailed information refer to the 2023 Pool Party Reservation Information packet posted on the web (www.plantationstwo.com).
2. Events (special functions with over 30 attendees) **require prior approval** by the Plantations Two Community Association **Board of Directors**.

POOL DATES & HOURS

Dates: Starting the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend through the Monday of Labor Day Weekend

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