

STONELEIGH COMMUNITY POOL

2024 SEASON RULES

Subject to Revisions by Pool Committee

The following rules and regulations have been established for the benefit of all users of the Stoneleigh swimming pool and related facilities to assure the safe operation and to provide enjoyable recreation for our members. Pool members are required to use common courtesy and treat pool management and patrons with respect. Verbal or physical threats are not tolerated and access to the pool may be revoked. Parents are responsible for monitoring their children and are the first line of defense for young children learning to swim.

GUEST POLICY

- Guests, other than immediate family members (eg. Grandparents/grandkids), are not permitted on first two weekends (Saturday and Sunday).
- All guest passes must be purchased online.
- Members who do not have photos on file may be restricted from inviting guests. Misrepresenting a guest's identity may result in the suspension of Member's privileges.
- Members are responsible for the behavior of their guests, including any damage they cause or claims they may make against the Pool or SCA.

POOL OPERATIONS

The pool will remain open on a regular basis until Labor Day. Management reserves the right to close the pool for repairs, inclement weather or other emergencies and may alter the hours of operation as necessary.

- While BCPS is in session (before June 16th 2023 and after August 26th)
 - Weekdays and Sunday 12PM-8PM
 - Friday & Saturday 12PM-10PM
- Regular operating hours of the pool (June 17th-August 25th)
 - Sunday-Tuesday: 10am – 9pm
 - Wednesday-Saturday: 10AM-10PM
- Post-labor day schedule will be announced in August
- The pool is open for members who signed up for morning lap swimming Monday to Friday mornings from 6:00am – 8:00am and Saturday 8AM-10AM.
- The pool will be used for swim practice Monday through Friday from 8:00am – 11:30am through July 19th
- A membership database with a current photo will be kept on file with the gate attendant. Members under 18 without an updated photo are not allowed to invite guests.
- The baby pool is open when there is a guard present. If there is not a guard present, the baby pool is not open.

POOL FACILITY

- No one will be allowed in the pool facility unless the pool is officially open and a lifeguard is on duty
- No scooters shall be brought into the pool area. Scooters can be left outside the gate near the bike rack.
- **Games involving tackling, throwing people, wrestling or aggressive physical contact are prohibited in the pool and on the grounds.**
- Entering the pool facility when it is not open for public use is trespassing. The police will be called if persons enter the pool when it is not open.
- The Stoneleigh pool uses camera surveillance at night
- Only current pool members will be admitted to the pool facility
- Admittance to the pool facility will be at the front gate.
- Children between the ages of 8 and 13 years old must pass the deep water test (see details of test below) to enter the pool without an adult, babysitter, or sibling over the age of 13
- Children under the age of 8 years old must be accompanied at all times by an adult, babysitter, or sibling over the age of 13 to enter the pool facility

MAIN SWIMMING POOL

For safety reasons the main swimming pool has been divided into two sections the shallow water area (less than 5 ft.) and the deep water area (5 ft. and deeper). The deep water area begins at the location of where the second pool rope can be installed when moving east from the bath house.

- A lifeguard must be on duty and positioned on the swim deck before swimmers are allowed in the water
- **SWIM DIAPERS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE MAIN POOL. CHILDREN MUST BE FULLY POTTY TRAINED TO USE THE MAIN POOL.**
- The number of lap lanes will change according to the following:
 - 7 lanes only when Sharks are practicing and days when there are home swim meets.
 - 5 lanes from Friday post-Shark's practice to Sunday close (eliminating 2 lanes in middle section)
 - 4 lanes based on Guard discretion when there is an event, or on weekends when demand for deep end exceeds capacity (eliminating deep-end lane)
- Swimmers above the age of 13 years can use all of the main pool at their own risk
- Parents are responsible for their young children. Non-swimmers must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or babysitter, when entering any pool. Non-swimmers must have an adult within arms reach.
- Children under 8 years are not allowed to use the pool without an adult present

DEEP WATER RULES:

- Children under the age of 13 can gain unaccompanied access to the deep-water area by successfully completing the swim assessment
- Children under 13 who successfully pass the deep-water test must wear the approved wrist/ankle band to gain entry into deep water area
- Re-Assessment - Swimmers may retake the assessment same day. If the swimmer fails on the second attempt, the swimmer must wait until the following day to retake the assessment

DEEP WATER TEST

- Complete a 50 yard swim (2 lengths):
 - The first 25 yards must be freestyle stroke, demonstrating an ability to understand and exercise the motion at a novice level or above. Doggie Paddle is not acceptable.
 - The second 25 yards will be choice of stroke (freestyle, breast, back, butterfly), but must be uninterrupted with the
- The swimmer may not swim underwater, stop during the swim, or pause on the wall or lane line, or touch the bottom of the pool
- Tread water for 1 minute:
 - Swimmer's head, ears, mouth and nose must remain above the water. (Swimmer may not rest the back of the head in the water)
 - The swimmer may not touch the wall or the pool floor

SHALLOW WATER & RAMP RESTRICTIONS:

- Children under 10 years old receive priority access to the shallow section. Groups of children over 10 should not organize games involving throwing objects when younger kids are present.
- Games involving hanging on the tongue (the section in the middle), hanging on the handicapped ramp, diving around the handicapped ramp, or any game involving tackling, wrestling, throwing people, or other aggressive physical play is prohibited.

LOLLIPOP RESTRICTIONS

- Diving in the lollipop area (round section in the deep water) is prohibited.
- Diving is allowed from the straight sections of the lollipop areas.
- Games or play involving simultaneously jumping from both sides of the lollipop area are prohibited.

SANDBOX

- **SAND MUST NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE SANDBOX.**
- Children should use the shower outside the sandbox to rinse sand before entering the main pool or baby pool. Children should not wash off sand in the bathroom showers.
- Water fountains, ice machines and bathroom sinks are **not** to be used as sources of water for sand.
- Parents must supervise their children and impart the importance of these rules. Sand outside the sandbox creates serious, costly problems like clogged drains.
- Cicadas should not be brought into the sandbox.
- **If you see children other than your own violating these rules, please make an effort to correct their behavior.**

ADULT SWIM (5PM-6PM Monday-Thursday after June 17th)

- The deep-end of the pool, including lap lanes and the button will be reserved for adults.
- The shallow end of the pool will be reserved for children 8 and under.
- Baby pool will be open.

DIVING/DIVING AREA

- Only one person allowed on the diving board at a time
- The individual on the diving board may bounce only one time at the end of the diving board
- Diving is limited to the forward direction only
- Immediately upon surfacing, swim to the nearest ladder and exit the diving zone
- The diving zone must be clear before anyone is permitted to be on the board

GENERAL SWIMMING

- Shower before entering the pool if dirty (after athletic activities and after exiting the sandbox)
- For safety purposes, only a life vest approved by the United States Coast Guard is to be used
- If a child uses such a vest, a parent or guardian must always accompany the child in the water
- Only tube-like floatation devices less than 30" in diameter and soft balls (e.g. Nerf, sponge, beach balls) may be used in the pool (at management's discretions)
- Large floatation devices are not allowed
- Ladders are to be used to leave the diving board area
- Refrain from using the pool if you have any open sores or rashes
- Do not take food and drinks near pool water

GENERAL RULES

- Do not enter the gate if you are sick, have a fever, cough or other symptom of Covid-19.
- **Glass is strictly prohibited anywhere on pool grounds**
- Profanity and gambling are prohibited. Soliciting is prohibited
- No smoking or vaping on the pool grounds
- Running, horseplay, and dangerous acts are strictly prohibited
- Pool management is not responsible for personal property. Lost and found will be cleared regularly
- Wear proper bathing attire
- Do not loiter outside of pool grounds
- Use proper receptacles for trash and recycling on and around pool property
- **RECYCLABLE – Please put pizza boxes and food containers in the trash, not recycling.**
- Chairs are not to be reserved for other members not already at the pool
- Picnic area is to be used by members and guests. No reserving tables.
- Clean-up picnic tables, grills and tables after use. This is a Members' responsibility.
- Show proper consideration for neighboring property regarding trash, parking, and noise
- Use the bicycle racks located outside the pool grounds. No riding of bicycles or scooters inside the pool gate.

PARKING

Parking is only permitted in the parking lot and on the street in designated areas.

- Parking is not permitted directly across from or in front of the pool
- The area in front of the pool entrance is for immediate drop-off and pick-up only - do not leave your car unattended in this area at any time
- Out of respect for our neighbors and other pool members please respect the parking policy

DISCLAIMERS

- Emails from Pool Management will constitute changes to, or clarifications of, these Rules. Please check your email for the latest updates.
- Members are responsible for the behavior of their guests; parents are responsible for the behavior of their kids, including damages they may cause.
- Direct all concerns to the manager or assistant manager before discussing with the pool committee.
- All members agree to save harmless the Stoneleigh Pool Committee, Pool Management and employees from any and all liabilities and/or action of any patron resulting from the use of the swimming pool, pool area and/or playground.
- The Management assumes no responsibility for accident or injury resulting from individual negligence, as well as, for loss or damage of personal property.
- All personal injuries, HOWEVER SLIGHT, must be reported to the Pool Manager
- Property damages or other expenses arising from violation of these rules by members, members' children, or members' guest will be charged to the member responsible.

- Activities will not be permitted which disturb the safety or enjoyment of others. Riding of bicycles, scooters, motorbikes, motor scooters, motorcycles, skateboards, roller skates, or rollerblades are not allowed on pool grounds. Games in the pool or on the grounds can be controlled or restricted by pool staff
- The Stoneleigh Pool Committee reserves the right to determine when to suspend or revoke a membership or remove any member for inappropriate or offensive behavior and/or language. Management may suspend membership pending Board review.
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- In accordance with Maryland State law, Stoneleigh Pool does not condone the use of alcoholic beverages by minors or possession of illegal drugs by anyone on the property
- THE POOL MANAGER (OR ASSISTANT IN HIS/HER ABSENCE) SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO REFUSE ADMISSION TO OR IMMEDIATELY EJECT ANY PERSON FROM THE PROPERTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF ANY POOL RULE.