

# SWIMMING POOL RULES

Ah, it's spring-time again! And I know we're all excited about soaking up some rays, enjoying an iced beverage, and jumping in the cool water to wash away the blistering heat of the upcoming sun-filled days. That is precisely why it's a perfect time to review the rules of our community pool again! Each year, we could all use a little refresher when it comes to things that help make us safer and happier.

- **No lifeguard on duty.** The neighborhood association does not pay for a lifeguard to be on duty at the pool. And that's why it is important that all people under 12 years old be accompanied by at least one responsible adult (18 years or older).

- **Pool hours: Dawn to Dusk** This means that as the days get longer, our hours at the pool are extended! Of course, this is assuming we find the time to tear ourselves away from chores and other responsibilities we may have calling us back at home.

- **Maximum Pool Capacity is 24 persons.** Two dozen is all it takes to fill that pool up. How would you have fun swimming with that many people anyway?! While it's usually not necessary to count, please pay attention to crowded space when bigger parties are gathering at the pool.

- **Swimmers must shower each time before entering the pool.** Now we all know how good it feels to rinse off in an outdoor shower, right? So think of this as a quick treat before the deep plunge into a full body of water. Even though the pool is chlorinated, this practice helps keep the water clean between pool maintenance sessions.

- **Children in diapers must wear training pants in the pool.** Speaking of sanitation, please make sure to change your baby's diaper before bringing them into the pool, and make sure to put on those training pants! No one wants to swim in...that.

- **Guests must be accompanied by a member.** Because we all want to make sure the safety and privacy of our community is maintained, all guests (friends or family) at the pool must have a member of the neighborhood with them. This is for our own protection as a community and neighborhood. Look at it as another opportunity to get to know your neighbors if you like.

- **No running or rough play.** We're at the pool to have fun, but remember that the pool deck gets slippery and it's important to walk carefully. Slipping on concrete or falling into water and dealing with injuries makes for a bad day at the pool! The pool deck can also get scorching hot in the summer and easily burn bare feet and toes. So bring your shoes or flip flops and walk carefully with each and every step you take at the pool!

- **No food or drink in the pool or on deck area not under the roof.** Bugs and critters like to come to the pool too, so please keep all food and drink in the pavilion area

to avoid encouraging them to visit more often. By keeping crumbs and drips centrally located, we can help convince those little guys to go somewhere else.

- **No glass containers in pool or pavilion areas.** While food and drinks are allowed to be brought in and enjoyed at the pool, make sure no glass passes by those gates. Glass is easily broken, as you know, and can be a hazard to barefooted people for months to come. Instead, pack your snacks in plastic bags or containers that can be saved and reused or appropriately discard your waste in the trash receptacle located by the fence.

- **No animals.** Sorry to all us animal owners; Fido can't come! While we know how much fun it is to swim with our pets — well, at least our dogs—no four-legged friends are allowed in the pool area. For a number of safety reasons, a precious pooch or cuddly feline has no place being at a community pool. Calm your pets down by letting them know you'll tell them all about it when you get back home!

- **No loud music or other excessive noise.** We're all trying to enjoy ourselves and spend time outside so please be respectful and keep music to a minimum volume to avoid disturbing other patrons of the pool. If you want to listen to loud music, wear those headphones you've got lying around for just these occasions! There's nothing better than closing your eyes and sinking in to your own little world with your own special soundtrack.

- **Proper swimming attire required.** Please dress appropriately. We're already pretty lucky here in Florida to be considered 'fully dressed' in a tank top, shorts, and flip flops. Outfit liberties are one of the many benefits we enjoy as residents of one of the warmest states in the country! So, even though this is 'your' pool and you may reside right around the corner, please remember you are in public when visiting the pool and standard rules of dress do apply.