

## HILLSMERE POOL ASSOCIATION, INC.

### *Operating Rules and Regulations*

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**The following rules and regulations are for the protection and benefit of all pool members and guests.** They are designed to assure safe and sanitary operation of the pool consistent with maximum enjoyment. The Board of Directors requests full cooperation from the membership in observing these regulations and ask that parents ensure that their children and guests understand the same. **Deliberate failure to comply with these rules shall be considered sufficient cause for suspension of pool privileges and/or disciplinary actions.**

#### **I. GENERAL RULES**

A. The pool operator or assistant pool operator, one of whom shall be on duty at all times, shall have final and conclusive authority to enforce these rules. In addition, they are authorized to restrict any action on the part of pool users which, in their judgment, may be prejudicial to the health and safety of others, or destructive to pool property. **For disciplinary purposes, the pool operators and lifeguards shall have the authority to request a pool user to sit out of the water for a specific amount of time based on an infraction of the rules. If misconduct persists, the pool operators then have the immediate right to suspend the use of the pool premises. The first suspension will be for the remainder of the day. The second suspension will be for three days. The third suspension during the season will be at least until the member--or the member's parents if he or she is under 18 years of age--has discussed the situation with the pool board at its next regularly scheduled meeting.** The board's options range from ending the suspension immediately to continuing the suspension until the end of the season. This procedure does not preclude the board from more drastic action, such as immediately suspending the member's pool privileges for the rest of the season if the first or second suspension so warrant. If a guest is asked to leave the pool for any reason, he or she may not return for the remainder of the season unless the pool board grants an exception.

B. **No member has the authority to direct the pool operator, assistant operator, lifeguard, or any other employees concerning the operation of the pool facilities.** This is the function of the President of the Corporation or his appointed designee. Suggestions for changes and improvements in these rules and regulations, or the operation of the pool, are invited. Such suggestion should be in the form of a written communication to the Board of Directors.

C. Use of the pool is limited to those hours when it is properly protected and controlled. All persons using the pool and premises do so at their own risk. The Hillsmere Pool Association, Inc., is not, and will not be responsible for any accident, injury, loss, damage, or theft.

D. **The cost of any damage to the property of the Corporation will be charged to and shall be paid for by the member responsible for the damage. Damage by a guest shall be charged to the sponsoring member.**

#### **II. POOL OPERATION**

A. **The pool will be open every day from the Saturday prior to Memorial Day to Labor Day. The hours will be from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. except on Fridays, when the hours will be 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

B. Swim team activities and swimming lessons will normally be scheduled during the mornings prior to the pool opening.

C. **The pool will be closed during inclement weather at the discretion of the pool operator.**

D. The pool may be closed for maintenance or for other reasons involving health and safety as determined by the pool operator. Notice of such closing will be posted at the entrance to the pool and otherwise announced as circumstances permit.

#### **III. POOL ADMISSION**

A. Member Classification and Rules

1. **Pool users must properly identify themselves as members to the gate keeper prior to entering the pool facility.** The pool operator or assistant operator has the authority to require confirming identification for any person already in the pool enclosure when there is doubt as to his identity. All memberships must be verified at the gate.

2. **Guest registration will take place with the gate keeper at the pool entrance.**

3. **All guest fees must be paid before entering the pool.** Guest fees will be set each year by the board of directors. For the 2008 season, the guest fees will be as follows: **\$2 for all guests entering premises of the pool, regardless of presence of swimming attire.**

4. **All guests must be accompanied at all times at the pool by members 10 years of age or older. Members between the ages of 10 and 17 may have only one guest with them at a time (October, 2000).** At each of its monthly meetings during the season, the pool board will determine whether to continue, suspend, or modify this rule.)

5. **Hillsmere residents who are not pool members will be allowed into the pool as guests on Tuesdays only, or on other days for prearranged birthday parties or special events as designated by the pool board. Hillsmere residents who are guests must leave the pool at the conclusion of these parties or special events.**

6. **All guests are subject to the same rules and provisions as members. The conduct of a guest is the responsibility of the sponsoring member.**

7. **Payment of the yearly dues allows the member and any permanent resident of the household, as identified on Emergency Contact/Request and Release form, use of the pool facility.** The Corporation has the right to request additional information to verify that the persons identified on the Emergency/Request and Release forms, and those persons who are over the age of 22, are, in fact, residents of that household.

B. Guest Classification and Rules

1. Casual guests

a. All guests, excluding residents of Hillsmere, will be defined as casual guests. At no time will a non-member resident of Hillsmere be permitted as a guest except as stated in III (A) 5 of these rules.

#### **IV. Special Restrictions on Children**

A. **Children under 10 years of age must, at all times, be accompanied at the pool facility by an adult or other responsible person 16 years of age or older.**

B. **Only children under 7 years of age may use the wading pool.** If not toilet trained, they must wear proper swim diapers or tight fitting rubber pants. **Children using the wading pool must be supervised by a parent or other responsible adult 16 years of age or older.**

C. **Any child under 16 years of age who has not passed the basic swimming test will be restricted to the training area of the pool unless accompanied in the water by an adult 16 years of age or older.** Guests who are infrequent users of the pool may be exempted from the swimming test if they are over 16 years of age; however, they will not be permitted in the diving area of the pool under any circumstances.

1. The swimming test consists of:

a. Swimming the length of the pool; and

b. Treading water continuously for 2 minutes.

2. The life guard conducting the swimming test will note on the emergency form when the child has passed the test.

D. Children over 10 years of age may swim alone provided they:

1. Pass the basic swimming test; and
2. Have a permission form on file from their parents that they may come to the pool alone and
3. Obey all of the pool rules.

E. Generally, the pool operator or assistant pool operator shall clear the pool, and/or certain lanes in the pool, of all children under the age of 16 for 15 minutes each hour to permit adult or lap swimming.

F. Four lanes of the pool will be cleared every hour for adult lap swimming.

#### **V. Pool Health and Safety**

A. All bathers must **shower before entering the pool.**

B. No street shoes are allowed on the pool deck.

C. **No glass containers** of any kind, including baby bottles, are allowed in the pool enclosure.

D. **No running, pushing, wrestling, ball playing or causing any undue disturbance in or about the pool enclosure will be allowed. There will be no dunking or water fights in the pool.**

E. **No chewing gum in the pool enclosure.**

F. No bobby pins or hair clips may be worn in the pool.

G. No pets are allowed at the pool.

H. Admission to the pool enclosure will be refused to anyone wearing bandages or with skin abrasions, colds, coughs, inflamed eyes, open sores, infections, excessive sunburn or any contagious disease.

I. **No smoking or consumption of refreshments will be allowed on the deck area.**

J. **Abusive or profane language will not be tolerated.**

K. **All injuries must be reported immediately to the lifeguard.**

L. **Spitting, spouting of water, urinating, or nose blowing in the pool will not be allowed.**

M. **Children who are not toilet trained will not be allowed in any part of the main pool.**

N. **The lifeline separating the diving area from the swimming area will not be used as a plaything.**

O. Diving Rules

1. Only one person will be allowed on the diving board at a time.
2. There will be no hanging or excessive bouncing on the diving board.
3. **There will be no diving from the sides of the pool in the diving area.**
4. Divers must ensure that the previous diver has cleared the diving area.
5. No diving towards the sides of the diving area.

6. No pushing of individuals on the diving board.

**7. No diving into water less than 5 feet deep.**

P. Inflatable toys, rafts or tubes may be used in the pool at the discretion of the pool staff. Training aids shall be used only in the training area.

**Q. To ensure maximum attention to pool safety by the lifeguards, members shall not converse with the lifeguards while they are on duty.**

R. All refuse will be placed in the trash containers provided. No food remains should be disposed of in the bathrooms.

S. No cutoffs, trousers, shorts, jeans or other street attire may be worn in the pool, since they may fray and damage the filters. Only authentic swimming attire will be permitted.

**T. Intoxication, impairment, or any other disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.**

U. Unauthorized persons will not climb or sit in the lifeguard chairs.

**V. Persons must drive slowly and carefully in the parking lot.**

W. Bicycles shall be ridden carefully and placed in the space designated for that purpose.

X. The pool will be cleared of all people in the event of an emergency. **The emergency signal will be 3 sharp blasts of a lifeguard's whistle.**

Y. Personal lawn chairs, tables and lounges will be removed from the pool facility when not in use.

Z. Any contingency which might arise and is not included in these rules is subject to the discretion of the pool operator and his staff.

AA. The pool manager has the authority to close sections of the pool in order to foster creativity of pool use. This shall include, but not be limited to, the use of a lane line for one or more lanes, for adult lap swimming.

BB. Any organized game under the direction of pool management will be allowed.

