

## Rules and Regulations for Salt Pond Outdoor Pool

### Admission Procedures

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1. All owners and eligible nonresident employees are required to have a photo ID to entrance to the pool.
  - a. Owners who do not have Salt Pond photo ID's may obtain them by completing an application form from the fitness center and returning the form with a passport-sized photo to the attendant.
2. Salt Pond homeowners, lot owners, and dependent children (children who reside at home, attend school, and are declared on your income tax) may use the pool at no additional cost.
  - a. All homeowners, lot owners, and tenants must accompany their dependent children under the age of 16 to the pool for admittance.
  - b. Dependent children 16 and over may obtain a special issued dependent photo ID. A special form must be completed with photo ID and returned to the indoor attendant. This ID is renewable every 2 years until criteria no longer applies.
  - c. Homeowners' children who are not dependents must use a yellow guest pass. If not accompanied by the owner, they must also have the owner's photo ID with the yellow guest pass.
3. Before the season starts, owners will receive a free nontransferable yellow "guest" card with 20 punches to be used by the owner's houseguests and non-dependent children.
  - a. Homeowners and lot owners accompanying guests to the pool for admittance will have the card punched for each guest for each day that a guest uses the pool facilities.
  - b. Guests may also bring the guest card with owner's photo ID for admittance.
  - c. Children under 2 are free.
  - d. **Homeowner's who provide tenants with photo ID and yellow guest pass could lose their privileges.**
4. After using 20 punches on the free yellow card, owner or guest with photo ID may purchase another 20-punch pass for \$20 from an attendant in the indoor facility.
5. Tenants in rental units must purchase a 20-punch blue tenant pass for \$80 from an attendant on duty at the indoor facility. Tenant must show a copy of the lease agreement to purchase the pass. Tenants will have the blue pass punched for each person using the pool facility (children under 2 are free). Owners also may purchase a tenant pass for \$80 to provide their tenant.
6. Full payment of the annual owner's assessments is required for use of all recreational facilities by owners, their families, their guests, and tenants.
7. Owners are responsible for the conduct of their family members, guests, and tenants.

## **General Rules and Regulations**

1. All children who are under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a person at least 16 years of age. This person must be a swimmer and must sit on the edge of the pool or be in the water with these children at all times.
2. Children between the age of 10 and 16 may swim unattended after passing a swim test given by a lifeguard at the pool. The test will be scheduled at the convenience of the lifeguard. The test consists of swimming 1 length of the pool, treading water for 1 minute, and holding your breath under water for 10 seconds.
3. Nonswimmers under the age of 16 must be supervised by an adult.
4. Children wearing water wings, life jackets, or similar flotation devices are permitted in the pool, if supervised by a person age 16 or over who is within "arms' reach" in the water.
5. Use of the pool and restrooms is prohibited by anyone having communicable diseases, wearing bandages, as well as persons with skin abrasions, colds, coughs, inflamed eyes, infections, or open sores.
6. Chairs, lounges, and/or tables cannot be reserved for members, guests, or tenants who are not on the pool premises.
7. The Salt Pond Homeowner's Association (SPHA) will not be responsible for loss or damage to personal property.
8. All persons using any of the pool facilities do so at their own risk. The SPHA will not be held responsible for any accident or injury in conjunction with such use.
9. Any fees, charges, or damages to SPHA property that are caused by an owner, family member, guest, or tenant will constitute a debt of the owner to the SPHA.

## **Season and Hours**

The season for the outdoor pool will begin Saturday before Memorial Day and continue through Monday, Labor Day.

Hours of operation are:

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Sunday through Thursday
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Friday, Saturday, and holidays

Lap swimming will be available daily for swimmers 16 and over from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. No lifeguard is on duty and only adults are permitted on the premises at this time. Please check pool gate for schedule.

## **Emergency Situations**

1. The pool must be closed at the first sign of thunder and/or lightning. It must remain closed for at least 30 minutes after the last thunder and/or lightning occurrence.
2. When the pool is closed due to thunder and/or lightning, the pool deck must also be cleared immediately.
3. The pool may be closed at any time due to a mechanical breakdown, contamination by fecal matter, or other operational difficulties, at the discretion of the lifeguard.

### **Wading Pool**

1. The wading pool is for children 5 and under.
2. Each child in the wading pool area must be accompanied by a person 16 or older.
3. No lifeguard is specifically assigned to the wading pool.
4. Small children may use toys in the wading pool, at the lifeguard's discretion.

### **Adult Swim**

1. There will be a 15 minute adult swim every afternoon at the following times: 12:45 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 3:45 p.m., and 4:45 p.m. At this time, all children under 16 will be required to exit the pool.
2. Children over age 5 may not play in the wading pool during adult swim.
3. Children may not be in the water during adult swim.

### **Personal Behavior and Conduct**

1. Use of profane and/or offensive language will not be tolerated.
2. Smoking is prohibited.
3. Spitting, spouting of water and similar behavior are strictly prohibited.
4. Dangerous conduct is not allowed. It is at the discretion of the lifeguard to enforce. The attendant may also observe and direct the lifeguard if play is deemed to be dangerous.
5. Noodles, diving sticks, and small toys are permitted in the main pool. However, no rafts, floats, balls, boogie boards, or inner tubes are permitted. This rule is designed to ensure that lifeguards can clearly see all swimmers.
6. Radios, CD players, and tape recorders will be kept at a low volume.
7. Towels will not be permitted on the fence.

### **Eating and Drinking**

1. Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages are permitted on the pool premises. However, they cannot be consumed within 4 feet of the pool. Glass and other breakable containers are prohibited.
2. Trash must be properly deposited in trash containers on the pool premises and in the restrooms.
3. Crumbs and spills on the pool deck should be cleaned up.

### **Personal Attire, Cleanliness, and Property**

1. Proper attire is required for swimming and sun bathing. No cut-offs, shorts, or street clothes are permitted in the pool.
2. All swimmers should shower before entering the pool. This includes swimmers who come directly from the beach, tennis courts, basketball court, or playground.
3. Children not toilet trained must wear “swimmies.” Disposable and cloth diapers are not permitted.
4. The following are prohibited from the pool premises and the restrooms:
  - pets of any kind (except working dogs)
  - alcoholic beverages
  - glass containers
  - illegal drugs
  - firearms and knives (toy or real)
  - skate boards
  - roller blades
  - bikes and scooters.

### **Enforcement of Pool Rules**

1. The lifeguards on duty have full authority to interpret and enforce pool rules and regulations.
2. The lifeguards have the right (with approval of the attendant on duty) to immediately suspend any person from use of the pool for up to 24 hours, if such action is necessary to insure safety and compliance with these rules. The chairperson of the recreational committee or available board member should be notified.
3. The lifeguards and attendant should contact the chairperson of the recreation committee or available board member if extension of the suspension of pool privileges is deemed necessary.

**If a serious situation arises, the lifeguard or attendant on duty will call the Delaware State Police for assistance at 302-855-2980.**