

PINEWOOD GREENS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

RULES FOR THE USE OF THE POOL

Effective May 28, 2022

The Pinewood Greens pool is located at 2731 Hyson Lane, next to the community center and the Association office. A nearby place to get away, the pool is open from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day.

The rules below are written so that the pool will be great fun for everyone.

It is absolutely essential that you read these rules and follow them while in the pool area.

We ask that all parents take the time to read and explain the rules to their children. Please teach your children to observe the rules and to obey the lifeguard instructions.

And most of all we hope that you stop by the pool to relax, enjoy the summer sun, and meet your neighbors. See you at the pool!

1. Pool passes.

- a. Passes may take different forms as the association uses different processes from year to year. Specific instructions will be issued each season. A pass could be:
 - i A traditional pass card
 - ii A check-in list of registered residents
 - iii An electronic pass
- b. Admission is by pool pass only.
- c. Passes are issued only to **full-time residents** of Pinewood Greens.
- d. You must present your pool pass to the lifeguard every time you enter the pool deck. You also must sign in. Without a valid pool pass, you cannot enter the pool area. Everyone, infants to grandparents, must have a pass.
- e. You must apply for pool passes each year. We publish an online application on the Association website at pinewoodgreens.com, typically in late April.
- f. Passes are issued by the Association office only. The lifeguards cannot issue the pool pass at any time. In order for the Association office to issue passes, the Association dues for the lot must be fully paid and up to date.

Passes must not be left in the pass box overnight. If you lose your pass, contact the Association staff during business hours; we can reissue your pass at a cost of \$5.00.

2. Obey the lifeguards.

- a. Everyone, adults and children, must obey lifeguard instructions.

3. General rules for behavior at the pool.

- a. The following serves only as a **general guideline** for good behavior at the pool. It would be impossible to list every potential rule.
- b. Everyone on deck must follow these rules as well as the instructions of the lifeguards. If lifeguard instructions are not followed promptly, anyone may be instructed by the lifeguard to leave the pool area (see Section 19).
- c. It is the responsibility of the owner of the lot to inform all family members who are permanent residents of the home, all other permanent residents of the home including tenants, and all guests of the Rules for the Use of the Pool. These rules apply to everyone in the pool area. See Section 19 if these rules are broken.
- d. Behavior that will endanger the health and safety of anyone in the pool area is never permitted. Behavior that continually distracts or repeatedly requires the attention of the lifeguard is not permitted and may result in the lifeguard requiring that person to leave the pool deck. Such behavior may also prompt a hearing under the Virginia Property Owners Association Act, Section 55-513 and/or suspension of pool privileges.
- e. We must all work together to make sure that the lifeguard can watch **everyone** at the pool, not just one or two swimmers whose behavior requires attention and therefore distracts the lifeguard.
- f. No running, pushing, ducking, rough play will be permitted in the pool or on the deck.
- g. Profane language is prohibited. Anyone using profane language will be asked by the lifeguard to leave the pool area for at least 24 hours. Continuous or repeated shouting or yelling is not allowed.
- h. Standing or sitting on another's shoulders is not permitted. Shoving or throwing another swimmer is never permitted.
- i. Spitting, spouting of water and similar unhygienic actions are not permitted.
- j. Diving is prohibited in the shallow areas as marked on the pool deck.
- k. Persons must stay clear of the lifeguard stations. No one may loiter at the check-in desk, the clubhouse entrance hallway, or in the bath house.

4. Children under 12.

- a. Children under 12 years must be accompanied and **watched at all times** by an adult or babysitter (see rules for babysitters in 5 below).
- b. Children under 12 years of age must not be left unattended at any time, whether in the main pool, the baby pool, or even on the pool deck. The parent, guardian, or babysitter cannot simply sign in a child under 12 and then leave the pool area.

- c. If a child under 12 cannot pass the lifeguard swim test, the parent, guardian, or babysitter **must be within an arm's length of the child** while the child is in the main pool. At the discretion of the lifeguard, any parent, guardian, or babysitter of any age who is acting irresponsibly, or not actively watching children in his/her care, may be instructed to leave the pool area.

5. Babysitters.

- a. The rules are very specific for babysitters who bring children to the pool. A babysitter must be 16 years of age or older.
- b. A responsible babysitter must **actively watch at all times** the children in the babysitter's care. This means that the babysitter must be within arm's length of the child while the child is in the main pool (if the child cannot pass the swim test). If the child can pass the swim test and is swimming in the main pool, the babysitter must remain in the main pool area and actively watch the child. If the child is in the baby pool, the babysitter, at a minimum, must be sitting on the coping stones watching the child in the water.
- c. The maximum number of children a babysitter can watch depends on the age of the children, but in no case can exceed 4 children. If the babysitter is 16 or 17 years of age, the babysitter may sign in and care for no more than **2 children**.

6. Guests.

- a. You can bring guests to the pool. You must be 18 or older to bring a guest and you must have a valid pool pass.
- b. No one under 18 can sign in a guest.
- c. You may bring no more than 5 guests per house at a time.
- d. Additional guests may be permitted for special events with prior approval from the Association office.
- e. Lifeguards will notify the Association of issues with guests and the Association will contact the resident to resolve those issues.
- f. **The adult who signs in a guest must stay with the guest at all times.** You cannot sign in a guest and then leave.
- g. Passes for paid non-resident nannies or babysitters will be considered upon presentation of a letter from the resident parents to the Association office.

7. Shower first.

- a. Everyone must take a cleansing shower before entering the pool or after using the toilet.

8. No Smoking at the Pool.

- a. No one can smoke at the pool, whether on deck or in the bathhouse.

9. Wading pool.

- a. The baby or wading pool is for children aged 6 and under only (and their older brothers and sisters).
- b. Parents (or babysitters) must watch the children at all times in the baby pool area. Attended lifeguard service is not furnished in the baby pool.

10. Swim test.

- a. The lifeguard may administer a swim test in order to determine whether the swimmer can go into water deeper than shoulder high of the swimmer.
- b. The swim test may be administered to anyone, regardless of age.
- c. If a child does not pass the swim test, the adult or babysitter must stay within arm's length of the child.

11. Floats and toys at the pool.

- a. Tubes and floats are not always allowed. The lifeguard will determine if tubes and floats can be allowed, depending on the size and the character of the crowd. The lifeguard makes the final decision if tubes and floats are allowed.
- b. Inflatable beach balls and nerf-like balls made of sponge are the only balls allowed in the pool area and are allowed only at the lifeguard's discretion. The lifeguard makes the final decision if inflatable balls or nerf-like balls can be allowed, depending on the size and the character of the crowd.
- c. No other types of balls are permitted in the water or on the pool deck. This includes, but is not limited to balls used in organized sports, such as footballs, tennis balls, basketballs, soccer balls or any other kinds of balls.
- d. Squirt guns are not allowed at any time in the pool or on deck. Toy boats, action figures, or other small toys are allowed only at the lifeguard's discretion.
- e. No bicycles, tricycles, skateboards or similar equipment are allowed in the bathhouse or in the pool area.

12. Radios, boom boxes and other audio equipment.

- a. Radios, boom boxes, or other audio equipment may only be used with earphones so as not to disturb other swimmers or nearby homes.
- b. The lifeguard may set up a radio or boom box.

13. Trash.

- a. Please do not litter. All pool patrons must place all trash in the trash cans. We all need to work together to keep the pool and the shower rooms clean so that the lifeguards can watch over us. Our lifeguards are here to watch the people in the pool, not tend to debris on the deck.

14. Breakable objects.

- a. Glass and breakable objects are not permitted on the pool deck or in the pool area.

15. Alcohol.

- a. No alcoholic beverages or intoxicated persons are allowed in the pool area.

16. Pets.

- a. No pets, other than seeing eye dogs, are permitted in the bathhouse or in the pool area.

17. Band-aids and illness.

- a. Person with colds, coughs, inflamed eyes, infections, band-aids and bandages are not allowed in the water.

18. Pool apparel.

- a. No cutoff pants or any street clothes may be worn in the water. Street footwear must be removed upon reaching the pool chair or table.

19. If these rules are broken.

- a. We ask that everyone who uses the pool take the time to understand and follow these rules.
- b. The rules apply to people of all ages, not just to kids.
- c. If you do not follow these rules and obey the instructions of the lifeguards, you may lose your pool privileges.
- d. The lifeguard may suspend pool privileges for up to 72 hours.
- e. For subsequent or continued violations, or for egregious violations that endanger the health and safety of anyone in the pool area, the Board of Directors or the Pool Committee may extend the suspension beyond the 72 hour period.

- f. For violations of the pool rules requiring suspensions beyond the 72 hour period by a person under 18:

A letter signed by the Pool Committee chairperson (or in the absence of the Pool chair, any officer of the Association) will be mailed to the parents or guardians of the child under 18. The letter will inform the parents or guardians that an adult over 18 will be required to accompany the minor to the pool and supervise the minor at all times while the minor is in the pool area for the rest of the pool season. The letter may also require that the parent attend a meeting with the Pool Committee before the child under 18 can enter the pool.

Additionally, a hearing may be held per the Pinewood Greens Association Suspension Hearing Policy. This hearing may suspend pool privileges for all residents of the property in addition to the violator.

- g. For violations of the pool rules requiring suspensions beyond the 72 hour period by an adult age 18 and over a hearing will be held per the Pinewood Greens Association Suspension Hearing Policy. This hearing may suspend pool privileges for all residents of the property in addition to the violator.

20. Landlord delegation.

- a. Pool privileges are automatically delegated to tenants of non-resident owners. Upon presentation of a pool pass application, pool passes will be written for tenants of nonresidents owners without calling the landlords. If a landlord wishes to revoke the tenants' pool privileges, the landlord must contact the Association office in writing; forms are available at the Association office. It is the landlord's responsibility to notify the tenants in this case. Pool passes for both the tenants and the non-resident landlord will not be issued.

21. General.

- a. These rules may be revised or additional rules established at any time.
- b. All persons using the pool do so at their own risk. The community assumes no responsibility for any accident or injury in connection with pool use or for any loss or damage to personal property.
- c. Persons using the pool area agree not to hold the community liable for any actions occurring within the pool area. Residents will be responsible for the actions of their children and guests.
- d. No one can use the pool or be on deck unless the pool is officially open and the lifeguards are on duty. Anyone found on pool property when the pool is closed will be considered trespassing and will be prosecuted.
- e. The right to use the pool may be suspended for any owner (or family members, tenants, guests, or other permanent residents of the lot) for any period during which an assessment against the lot remains past due for more than sixty days or for any other violation of Pinewood Greens regulations. See Pinewood Greens Homeowners Association Suspension Hearing Procedures.