

# **ROBIN HOOD SWIM CLUB POOL RULES**

The following Rules and Regulations for the Robin Hood Swim Club (RHSC) have been established by the RHSC Board of Directors for the protection of its members, to assure the safe operation of the pool, and to provide enjoyable, safe recreation for all members and their guests. All members and their guests are responsible for abiding by these Rules and Regulations.

Members are charged with knowledge of these rules. Willful and repeated violation of these rules could, pursuant to the Bylaws and at the discretion of the RHSC board, result in the termination or suspension of membership for up to three months.

If you observe a safety violation or an unsafe condition, please report it immediately to the lifeguard on duty or the pool manager. Thank you for your cooperation, and have fun!

## **GENERAL RULES**

### **Authority of the Managers and Lifeguards**

RHSC currently employs co-managers to operate the pool. The managers are in charge of the pool at all times and are responsible for maintenance of order, cleanliness and safety on the pool property. The pool managers are also responsible for supervising all phases of pool operation and for enforcement of the Rules and Regulations established by the Board of Directors. The Managers are authorized to take reasonable action to ensure safety and maximum enjoyment of the pool. In particular, they are authorized to remove from the pool's premises any person whose language or conduct violates the pool's rules or regulations, or is a safety hazard.

The lifeguards are charged to enforce the RH Rules and Regulations in a fair and impartial manner. The lifeguards are trained and qualified in accordance with all County and State safety and health regulations. Lifeguards have full authority to clear the pool of all (or any) swimmers at any time.

If any pool member believes that he or she is being treated unjustly and/or wishes to recommend changes in these rules, please submit them in writing to the RHSC board - [board@robinhoodpool.club](mailto:board@robinhoodpool.club). Contact information is listed on the Board of Directors listing on the RH website or available at the front desk.

### **General Use of the Pools**

- No person shall use the pool unless it is officially open and guards are on duty.
- All persons must obey the lifeguards at all times.
- Running, pushing, acrobatics, wrestling, dunking, splashing, raucousness, abusive language or other acts of disturbance are prohibited.
- Unauthorized inflatable water gear is not allowed in the pool. Snorkels are not allowed at any time except by adult swimmers in the lap lanes.
- All swimmers must be properly attired. No street clothes may be used as swim suits.
- Talking to the lifeguards when they are on duty is prohibited, except to report a safety violation or an unsafe condition.
- You are expected to respect other members of the pool, guests, visiting teams and anyone who is present on the Robin Hood grounds. Any member, who uses language or engages in actions unbecoming to a club member, will be asked to leave.
- The cost of any property damage will be charged to the member responsible.
- All persons use the pool facilities at their own risk.

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### **Pool Entrance**

Members will be allowed entry to the pool only if they have paid current dues, initiation fees, and any past due amounts or late fees

ALL MEMBERS MUST SIGN-IN at the front desk.

Children: Parents have primary responsibility for their children's safety and behavior at the pool.

- Children who have not reached their twelfth (12) birthday must be accompanied by an adult except during swim team practice.
- Children from twelve to fifteen years of age must be accompanied by an adult until they successfully pass the Swim Test. For purposes of these rules, an adult is defined as someone sixteen years of age or older.

Guests: Members are responsible for ensuring that their guest(s) understand and follow the pool rules.

- All guests entering the Club must be accompanied by a member. The member must sign, at the front desk, the names of all swimming and non-swimming guests under the member's name. No guest will be admitted without a guest pass.
- Guest passes are available at the front desk for \$5.00
- There will be no charge for guests who are non-swimming senior citizens, handicapped persons or for babies under one year of age. The member accompanying the guest must assume responsibility for the guest's actions.

Only RHSC members, their guests and any party attendees with guest passes, and other authorized guests (e.g., visiting swim teams) are permitted entry into the pool.

### **Pool Operating Hours (subject to adjustments)**

Early Season & Late Season (During School Year)

3:30 pm – 7:00 pm Monday - Thursday

3:30 pm – 9:00 pm Fridays

11:00 am – 9:00 pm weekends and holidays

### **Summer Season**

11:00 am – 9:00 pm Daily

11:00 am – 5:00 pm 4<sup>th</sup> of July

### **Team Practices**

Swim Team Practice: Approx. 8:00 am - 11:00 am weekdays

Dive Team Practice: Approx. 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm weekdays

Swimming Lessons: Approx. 11:00 - 11:40 am and 5:45-7:00 pm Monday - Thursday

Only participants are permitted in the pool area during lessons and team practices, when the pool is not open for general use. Non-participants may observe the activity from designated areas – the lawn, pavilion and raised deck area – unless otherwise authorized by the pool board, coach or manager.

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## **Off Hours/Trespass**

Swimming during off hours or at any time when a lifeguard is not occupying the lifeguard stand is prohibited. Trespass or unauthorized use of the pool is prohibited; any unauthorized use or breaking and entering violation by a member of a pool family will be regarded as a flagrant violation of this rule, subject to suspension of membership for up to three months or to expulsion from membership.

The pool or portions of the pool and/or grounds may be closed during swim meets, dive meets, special pool sponsored events, or other events/activities that necessitate the closing of the pool. Any special activities or pool closings will be posted on the website and at the entrance to the pool (on a bulletin board) with as much advance notice as possible.

## **Emergency Pool Closing**

The pool may be closed by the pool manager on duty and the entire pool area cleared without prior notice for inclement weather conditions or for pool safety reasons. In case lightning is sighted, the pool grounds will be cleared but members may wait in the bath house for rides. If thunder or lightning are heard or seen, swimmers must exit the pool until the pool manager determines it is safe to enter the water. Please cooperate – they have only your safety in mind.

From the last sound of thunder, the pool will remain closed for at least 30 minutes. If lightning is seen, the pool will be closed for 1 hour and will remain closed from the last visual of lightning. The safety of our patrons is our paramount concern, so the pool may be closed before the first sound of thunder if the lifeguard and/or pool manager feels there is a risk of injury to any person using the facility.

The pool may also be closed in the event of "brown outs" or other biohazard situations which require sterilization and aggressive chemical treatment in order to make conditions safe for swimming.

## **Swim & Dive Meets**

- Swim "A" Meets - Saturday mornings - see website for dates of "home" (at Robin Hood) meets/relays.
- Swim "B" Meets - Wednesday evenings - See website for dates of "home" meets. Pool will be closed at 4:30 p.m. for "B" meets/relays.
- Dive Meets – Sunday evenings – See website for dates of "home" meets. Only the Dive well will be closed during Dive meets.

There may be other meets held at the pool during the summer season that may affect operating hours. These will be posted on the website at the beginning of the season.

## **Swim Lessons**

Swim lessons are offered by the swim lesson staff. Information and registration options can be found on the website [www.robinhoodpool.club](http://www.robinhoodpool.club) or via questions emailed to [swimlessons@robinhoodpool.club](mailto:swimlessons@robinhoodpool.club).

## **Main Pool**

- During full time operation, at least one lane will be set aside for those desiring to swim laps. A monthly sign-up genius will be distributed to members to reserve the lap lane. If you are a no show for your lap lane 2 or more times, you will be barred from making future reservations.
- Hanging or sitting on pool lane ropes (lane markers) is prohibited.
- Inner tubes, rafts, noodles, or other large water toys are not permitted in the main pool except on specified "Raft Days". Soft sporting equipment may be used in the main pool only by specific permission of the pool manager.
- No diving into the pool from the edges marked "No Diving."

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## **Diving Board, Slide & Well Use**

Diving is permitted only when the well is clear of swimmers and a lifeguard is present; swimming in the diving well is permitted only when the diving boards are closed and the well is under lifeguard supervision. The well or diving boards will be open based on a majority rules consensus of patrons at that time.

## **Diving Board Safety Rules**

- Only one person at a time is allowed on the diving board. Divers must wait on the pool deck until the preceding diver has reached the ladder.
- Members must have passed the swim test in order to use the Diving Boards.
- Divers must go off the board straight forward and swim to the nearest ladder. Do not jump to the side.
- Divers shall check both the water area and other boards before diving.
- Excessive bouncing or "horseplay" will not be permitted.
- No diving over people's heads.

## **Water Slide Safety Rules**

- Feet first.
- Keep all hands and feet on the slide.
- One person on the slide at a time.
- Keep away from the bottom of the slide.
- Look both ways when sliding.

## **Adult Swim**

The main pool is reserved for those sixteen (16) years of age or over during the last 10 minutes of each hour. Infants (2 years & under) may be held by an adult during adult swim.

## **Baby/Kiddie Pool**

- Use of the baby pool is strictly reserved for small children 3 years of age and under who cannot swim. Older children who can swim will only be permitted in the fenced baby pool area if they are accompanied by a parent attending to a younger sibling who cannot swim. Older, swim-capable children will not be permitted in the baby pool itself.
- There is no lifeguard for the baby pool. Children must be under the direct supervision of a responsible adult. Lifeguards are not responsible for the safety of those using the baby pool.
- Parents are requested to keep older children out of the baby pool.
- Children who are not fully toilet- trained must wear diapers and snugly fitting protective plastic pants in both the main pool and baby pool. The Montgomery County Health Department requires this non-water permeable barrier. (Available for purchase at the front desk)
- No diving or jumping is permitted in the baby pool.
- Safe water toys are permitted in the baby pool subject to approval of the pool manager.

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- All children who have not passed the Basic Swim Test must be closely supervised by a responsible adult. For safety reasons, adults should limit to a reasonable number the children for whom they are responsible.
- The use of life preservers, "water wings" or other flotation devices is permitted so long as the device is coast guard approved and an adult remains within arms reach at all times the child is in the pool. Children who cannot swim on their own require the supervision of a responsible adult.
- Children who are not fully toilet- trained must wear diapers and snugly fitting protective plastic pants. The Montgomery County Health Department requires this non-water permeable barrier. (Available for purchase at the front desk)
- The misconduct, incontinence, or vomiting of any child shall be the responsibility of his or her parent, parents/ or guardian, who shall be liable for any resulting damages to the Club, its members, or guests. If incontinence or vomiting occurs more than one time during the same pool season, the family will be billed \$100 for each occurrence to cover the costs of the additional chemicals needed to disinfect the pool, the costs of the pool staff, and the inconvenience to members who must leave the pool area.

### **Swim Test**

To swim beyond the shallow roped-off area of the pool, children under twelve years of age must be members of the Swim Team, or pass the Swim Test administered by a guard. The test is as follows:

- Step or jump into the water over your head.
- Return to the surface and float or tread water for 1 minute.
- Turn around in a full circle and find an exit.
- Swim 25 yards to the exit.
- Exit from the water. If in a pool, be able to exit without using the ladder.

Non-swimmers or weak swimmers must remain in shallow water of the roped-off area no deeper than their armpits; under no circumstances are they permitted in deeper water.

The pool staff are authorized to require any member or guest seeking to swim in the deep end of the pool to first demonstrate adequate swimming capability.

## POOL DECK AND GROUNDS

### **Food and Drink**

- Smoking is prohibited anywhere on RH grounds.
- Chewing gum is not permitted on pool grounds.
- Glass containers of any kind are not permitted on the pool grounds.
- Any persons under the age of 21 are prohibited from consuming alcohol on pool grounds. Intoxicated persons on the grounds are strictly prohibited. Persons who appear to be intoxicated in the judgment of any pool authority must leave when requested to do so.

### **Pool Deck and Grounds**

- Trash cans and recycling bins must be used for all debris as appropriate.
- Climbing or jumping over fences around the pool is prohibited.
- Radios, iPods, Cell Phones and other sound producing devices may be played on the pool deck only with the use of earphones to avoid disturbing others.

Approved by Robin Hood Swim Club Board of Directors May 2022

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## **Chairs and Lounges**

- Chairs & Lounges:
  - On weekends and holidays, lounges are reserved for members and guests 16 years of age and older. Adults have priority over teenagers.
  - Only one person is permitted on a lounge or chair at one time to prevent damage.
  - Lounges and chairs may not be reserved for persons not present in the pool area

## **Lifeguard Chairs & Office**

- Members and their guests are not to engage lifeguards in casual conversation while they are on duty or to request the lifeguards to assume responsibility for any children during the pool hours.
- Lifeguard chairs and the front desk/office, are OFF LIMITS to all persons but the guards. No sitting on the front desk by anybody.
- The office telephone is for pool business and may be used only to deliver messages of an EMERGENCY nature to a person at the pool. The Office emergency number is 301-384-9732.

## **Volleyball Court**

- DO NOT hang on the volleyball net.
- DO NOT throw sand.
- DO NOT use the volleyball area as a child's play sandbox. Injuries can occur if a hole is dug and not filled in.
- Rinse off ALL Sand at the shower prior to entering pool
- Turn off water after using the shower.

## **Use of sports equipment, game pieces** (i.e. Ping pong, Basketball)

### **Ball Use**

- Ball playing in the water is permitted at the lifeguard's discretion. No objects may be thrown over the lap lanes.
- Ball playing (soccer, kickball, volleyball, tetherball, or other inflatable ball games) and other special activities are permitted in the grassy area or on the tennis courts only.
- The manager on duty has the discretion to restrict these rules further to ensure members' safety.

### **Parking Lot**

- Drivers must drive slowly and carefully on pool property. Park front-end in only without blocking the sidewalk or stairs. Blowing automobile horns to summon children is prohibited.
- All bicycle riders must use the bike rack, ride carefully and pay special attention to moving vehicles.
- The RH parking lot and grounds are available ONLY to members and their guests during pool hours and when attending the pool. The lot may be locked each evening at closing and if so will not reopen until the next day.
- RH is not responsible for loss or damage to personal belongings, bicycles or automobiles on the pool grounds.

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## **Pavilion / Pool Rentals and Parties**

All pavilion or pool rentals before or after hours must be scheduled in advance through the pool manager. Rental forms are available on the website at [www.robinhoodpool.club](http://www.robinhoodpool.club) or paper forms are available in the guard office.

Pavilion rental costs and further information can be found on the rental forms.

Additional charges may occur if the pool manager determines that damages were incurred during members' rental. No additional charges are required if the pool manager concludes no damages occurred and no post-party clean-up by the guards was necessary. The RH member acting as party host is responsible for all clean up.

## HEALTH

- All persons using the pool must take a shower prior to entering the pool.
- Spitting, spouting in the water, or blowing the nose in the pool is not permitted.
- Children who are not toilet trained must wear swim diapers and tight fitting waterproof pants OVER the swim diaper. No disposable diapers are permitted.
- Use of any of the pools during an infectious illness, including COVID-19, is prohibited. In particular, individuals with infections of the skin or eyes, with respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, wearing bandages, with coughs or colds, or other evidence of a highly contaminable rash are not permitted in the pool.
- Dogs or other pets, except for guide dogs, are not permitted in the pool area.
- Smoking is not permitted in the pool area or within 50' of the entrances. Use of e-cigarettes or vaporizers is also prohibited.
- Members and guests should encourage their children to use the toilet facilities before entering the pool.
- Before entering the water, a person having a disability which is not normally apparent, e.g., epilepsy, must inform the pool manager or guard on duty of the disability.
- Introduction of foreign matter, including excreta, or dangerous objects and materials into the pool is prohibited.
- All injuries occurring on the premises must be reported to the manager in charge of the pool.

## DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Violators of these rules may be required to leave the pool grounds at the request and discretion of the Pool Manager on duty.

Other appropriate disciplinary action, including termination or suspension of membership or prosecution may be taken at the discretion of the Board of Directors and in accordance with the Bylaws.

**These Rules are subject to change any time at the discretion of the Robin Hood Swim Club Board of Directors. The pool membership will be notified of any changes to pool rules. New or amended rules will be posted in the pool office, locker rooms and on the website.**