

**Beechwood Recreation Association, Inc.**  
**Pool rules 2011**

**General**

These rules are for the protection and benefit of all persons using the Beechwood Recreation Pool. They have been established to assure safe and sanitary operation of the pool facilities. Adults are expected to set a proper example and caution their children regarding safety measures and insist they obey the instructions of the pool employees.

**Authority**

- The gate staff /lifeguards are in complete authority and every person who uses the pool or other facilities shall abide by his/her instructions. The lifeguards are required to document and report any infringement and/or violation of these rules to the manager.
- If, in the opinion of the gate staff/lifeguard, a person is acting in such a manner as to endanger himself or disturb any other person's reasonable enjoyment of the pool, said person may be asked to leave the premises and the manager will be notified.
- No employee may be reprimanded by a member or their guests. If the issue cannot be resolved by the on-duty staff or the pool manager, a complaint may be submitted in writing to the Association Board of Directors.
- Failure to comply with pool rules, or respect pool property, may be grounds for suspension of pool privileges.

**Breaks**

Children under the age of 16 must clear the pool at designated break each hour for 15 minutes. Children **MUST** stay clear of the water including feet/hands. **Only non-swimmers held in parents' arms are allowed to be in the pool during break.**

**Inclement Weather**

The pool will close during storms and re-open at the discretion of the management. Pools and decks must be cleared immediately during thunder/lightning. Pool area is closed for thunder (20 minutes) and lightning (30 minutes). The clock starts over at each new thunder roll or flash.

**Identification**

Membership/emergency information (including new member photos) will be kept at the gate. This information is for the use of the gate staff only. Please wait at the gate to be checked in by the gate staff.

**Pool telephone**

The pool phone is for incoming calls and emergencies only.

**Guests**

All guests must enter with a member. Guests may not stay if 'their' member leaves. A guest may not enter the pool more than 5 times per calendar month; even with different members. Members are responsible for the member's or member's child's guests. A youth member bringing a guest **MUST** have written/verbal permission from the member parent to bring a guest. Written permission **MUST** include the name of the guest. The member parent may call the pool (874-4634) and give permission.

Guest fees: 5 and over--\$5    4 and under--\$3

### **Refreshments**

Refreshments may be purchased at the concession stand. Concessions may not be able to accept bills over \$10. Members may establish an account at the concession stand to avoid carrying money at the pool. Food/beverages may be brought to the pool in non-breakable containers. **No glass or alcohol is permitted.** Neither the concession nor the gate may refrigerate guest's items. Food/beverages are not allowed within 3 feet of pool/wading pool. Trash should be disposed of properly.

### **Member Responsibilities**

Adults are responsible for their children. All persons using the association facilities do so at their own risk. Members should exercise good common sense and insist that their children follow all pool rules and instructions of pool staff. The association is not responsible for any accident or injury in connection with such use, nor will it be responsible for loss of money or other property. It is everyone's responsibility to help keep bathrooms and other areas clean and any damage to association property can be charged to the responsible family.

Association members 12 and older may be responsible for younger siblings. They may not be responsible for younger guests.

Members should not impede pool operations by "hanging out" at the gate, engaging lifeguards in conversation, or distracting the concession workers in the snack bar. The use of abusive language, profanity, offensive behavior, and/or disregard/disrespect for staff/members will not be tolerated from anyone.

### **Youth unaccompanied by an adult**

To enter the pool area a youth (under 18) must be with an adult or meet the following criteria:

Have family info and emergency form signed and on file at the gate.

Be twelve years old **OR**

Be nine years old and have passed the swim test

Swim test consists of swimming one length of the pool and staying afloat in the well for 2 minutes. The test must be supervised by lifeguard and recorded by gate staff.

### **Health and safety rules**

All persons must shower before entering the water.

No children over the age of 6 are to be in the wading pool. Any child in the wading area **MUST** be attended by a person over the age of 12.

Children of any age not 'potty trained' **MUST** wear swimmyies. These are available for purchase at the gate.

Admission may be refused to anyone with skin abrasions, open sores, inflamed eyes or wearing bandages.

Proper swim wear must be worn; clothing of any kind that may hamper the swimmer or cause damage to the pool is not permitted.

The use of recreational equipment such as swim fins, masks, floats, balls, noodles etc will be permitted at the discretion of the staff.

NO glass containers of any kind.

NO alcohol.

NO chewing gum.

NO items deemed to be weapons.

NO running, pushing, wrestling or hard ball throwing, sitting on shoulders, or any other activity deemed unsafe will be permitted in or around the pool area. Fighting is cause for immediate

removal from property.

NO hanging on the diving blocks. It can loosen the bolts.

NO pets allowed on deck or in the pool.

NO littering or spitting.

Smoking is allowed for persons 18 and over. Please get a butt can from the gate and be considerate of those around you.

### **Diving board and the well**

All youth under the age of 16 MUST pass the swim test to go off the diving board or swim in the 'well'.

Only one person on the board at a time.

Board weight limit is 250 pounds

The water below and in front of the board must be kept clear when the board is in use.

NO hanging on the board.

The diving board is for diving-not dancing, playing etc.

Diving must be from the end of the board in a forward motion.

Dives the staff deem are bringing you too close to the board will not be permitted.

No flips or handstands off the side of the pool

No dives off the side, except in the well.

No running dives-3 steps is the limit.

No members are allowed to adjust the board tension.

Swim goggles may be worn off the diving board. Swim masks, tubes, noodles, water wings, scuba flippers, safety vests, etc. may not be worn off the diving board.

NO type of flotation device (water wings, tubes, rafts, noodles etc) may be in the 'well'.

Lifeguards will regulate when and for how long the board may be 'closed' for games in the well.