

The Villages of Steeplechase 2020 Swimming Pool Rules

The Lifeguards have the authority to enforce the rules listed here to ensure the health, safety, and comfort of all participants.

Participants not abiding by these rules may be asked to leave the facility and may also be subject to suspension or termination of facility privileges.

Identification of Residents

All residents and guests 6 years of age or older must provide either a valid Villages of Steeplechase Pool Pass or a valid Villages of Steeplechase Guest Pass to gain entry to the pool and deck area. An Adult Resident (over 18 years old) MUST accompany all guests that are under 12 years old.

Hours of Operation

Sunday – Saturday 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM (or dusk, whichever occurs earliest) – Regular Season.

Friday – Sunday 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM (or dusk, whichever occurs earliest) – Extended weekends in September

Monday through Friday when there is only one lifeguard on duty there will be a 30 minute break between 3:00 PM and 3:30 PM for the lifeguard to take a lunch break. There will also be a 15 minute break at the top of each hour to allow time for the lifeguard to test the water, inspect the facility and take a break so he/she is attentive when lifeguarding. During these breaks no one will be allowed in the pool.

Pool Closings

In addition to Charles County and State of Maryland Health Code Standards, the pool will be closed for the following reasons:

- Operational and mechanical difficulties affecting pool water quality.
- During severe weather conditions (heavy rain, lightning, and thunder) and warnings, especially when visibility to the pool bottom is compromised (deck also closed).
- For 30 minutes following the last occurrence of thunder or lightning (deck also closed).
- For a period of time following any mishap that results in feces, blood or vomit in the pool water.

Appropriate Behavior

- All swimmers MUST shower before entering the pool.
- Proper swim wear is required, which does NOT include jeans, cutoffs, or thongs.
- NO PETS are allowed in the pool or on the pool deck, unless they are service animals.
- NO GLASS, ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, or ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES is permitted anywhere in the pool area. Possession of alcohol will result in immediate expulsion.
- NO FIREARMS allowed on the premises.
- Food is NOT allowed in the pool area except in designated eating areas. Non-alcoholic drinks in non-glass containers are only permitted on the concrete patio or balcony of the Resident's Club (not on the Pool Deck).
- Audio equipment must be used with personal headphones in pool and locker room areas.

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Swimming Pool Rules

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- Swimmers **MUST** stay off ropes, safety lines and lifeguard stands.
- Do not open skimmers.
- Obey all printed signs around the pool area.
- Refrain from distracting the Lifeguards while on duty - they are here for your safety.
- No one is allowed in the Lifeguard/ First Aid Office except Lifeguards, their supervisors or maintenance personnel.
- Inappropriate behavior such as running, pushing, wrestling, excessive splashing, standing or sitting on shoulders, or spitting of water is **NOT** allowed and may result in expulsion from the pool area.
- Children, ages five and older, **MUST** use their gender appropriate changing room.
- Private parties cannot be accommodated.
- Swim aides and pool toys will be allowed at the Lifeguard's discretion.
- Rafts and Floats are **NOT** permitted in the pool as they reduce the ability of the lifeguards to scan their zone of protection.
- All children who are not toilet trained **MUST** wear approved swimmers' diapers while in the pool.
- Admission will be refused to any person having a skin disease, inflamed eyes, nasal or ear discharge, or any communicable disease.

Health and Safety

- Pool is open only when a Lifeguard is on duty.
- If the Pool capacity is reached, no further swimmers will be admitted in the pool.
- **DIVING IS NOT PERMITTED.**
- All children 4 years of age or younger must be supervised by an adult (18 years of age or older) within arm's length at all times when on the pool deck or in the pool.
- All children regardless of age using inflatable armbands (i.e., water wings) or any approved Coast Guard flotation device **MUST** be supervised by an accompanying adult in the water and be within arm's length of the child.
- Strollers are not allowed on the pool deck.
- Children under age 12 **MUST** be directly supervised by a responsible individual age 18 or older.
- All Residents and Guests must remove their own trash when exiting the pool area.