

**WEST LAUREL SWIM CLUB, INC
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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ARTICLE I INTRODUCTION

1. The following rules and regulations are established for the benefit and protection of all members of the West Laurel Swim Club and their guests to assure safe and sanitary operation of the pool facilities and to enhance the standing of the Club in the community.
2. Members are requested to cooperate in observing these rules, and parents are reminded that they are responsible for familiarizing their children with these rules and for the behavior of their children at

the pool. Failure to comply with these rules will result in disciplinary action as specified under Article XXII.

ARTICLE II AUTHORITY

1. During the periods of pool operation, the Pool Manager (or, in his/her absence, the Acting Pool Manager) will have complete authority over Club property. All persons on the premises- including Club members, their families and guests, and Club employees - shall be bound by the Manager's interpretation of these rules. All comments and complaints concerning these rules, or the enforcement thereof should be directed, in writing, to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III LIABILITY

1. All persons using the facilities of the Club do so at their own risk and sole responsibility.
2. The Club will not be responsible for loss or damage to personal property. All lost articles turned over to the Pool Manager will be held for a period of ten days. At that time, all unclaimed articles will be disposed of at the discretion of the Board of Directors.
3. All personal injuries incurred on the club premises, regardless of how minor, must be reported to the Pool Manager immediately.
4. The cost of any damage to Club property will be charged to the responsible member-family.

ARTICLE IV POOL HOURS

1. The hours of operation will be determined by the Board of Directors and can be found on the club's web site (home page and events calendar) as well as posted on the Club bulletin board.
2. The Pool Manager will have the authority to clear the pool at any time for reasons of health, safety, maintenance or inclement weather. The Pool Manager will have the authority to close the pool with approval of the Board.
3. Trespass laws will be strictly enforced. Any member apprehended trespassing at any time during the year will be liable for revocation of membership. The use of adjacent private property as a means of gaining access to the pool grounds is also prohibited and is subject to disciplinary action as specified under Article XXII.

ARTICLE V ADMISSION

1. All member families will have on file at the pool an emergency card identifying the entire member family permanently residing in that household. The Annual Maintenance fee is due prior to the first day of the swim season. The Maintenance fee and Emergency card are required for admission.
2. Children who have not reached their tenth birthday must be accompanied at the pool at all times by a member at least 16 years of age.
3. All children under 16 wishing to use the 4 feet or deeper area of the pool, the diving well and the sliding board may be required to pass a swimming proficiency test as determined by the Manager.

4. The Manager may limit the total number of pool admissions for reasons of health and safety with approval of the Board.
5. The manager will refuse admission to anyone whose presence on the premises constitutes a hazard to either his/her own health or to the health of other individuals. Conditions for which admission shall be refused include but are not limited to: infectious or communicable diseases, serious cuts or abrasions, colds, cough, sore or inflamed eyes, infections, open sores, nasal or ear discharges, excessive sunburn, and intoxication.

ARTICLE VI GUEST PRIVILEGES

1. A guest is defined as any non-member who is sponsored for pool privileges by a member.
2. An individual can only be a guest at West Laurel, paying or by pass, 5 times in one season.
3. Members will be held responsible for the conduct of their guests. The cost of any damage caused by a guest to Club property will be charged to the sponsoring member.
4. It is the responsibility of the member to inform their guests of the Club Rules and Regulations.
5. No member family may bring more than five guests to the pool on any one day without the prior approval of the Manager of the Club.
6. All guests must be accompanied by a member. Both the guest(s) and sponsoring member are to sign the Guest Register, and the required fee must be paid.
7. Guests under 1 year of age are admitted free when accompanied by a member.
8. A special weekly rate may be obtained by advance payment to the Manager for bona fide house guests in a member's home. Weekly rate for a single guest is \$20 for a family is \$40. A 20 times pass is available for \$90 – must be used within the season.
9. Guest fee for a full day's pool privileges is \$5.00 per person effective seven days per week age 1 year and older. GUEST FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.
10. All guests, given special permission by the Board of Directors to use the facilities, must pay the guest fee. The Board of Directors, by a majority vote, can waive the guest fee.

ARTICLE VII DEFINITION OF AREAS

1. For the purpose of these rules the following definitions will apply:
 - A. POOL ENCLOSURE - The entire fenced area including bath house, snack bar, main pool and surrounding concrete deck, wading pool and grass lounging area.
 - B. POOL AREA - The main pool and surrounding concrete deck, the bath house and snack bar.
 - C. WADING POOL - The wading pool and surrounding area within the fence.
 - D. LOUNGING AREA - The grass area and other designated areas within the pool enclosure.
 - E. PARKING AREA - That portion of the Club facility used for ingress and egress, for the parking of vehicles, the driveway leading to the back gates and the walkway leading from the driveway to the front deck.

ARTICLE VIII RULES GOVERNING POOL ENCLOSURE

1. All types of glass containers are prohibited.
2. Eating is permitted within the pool enclosure. As they leave or change area, members are expected to properly dispose of all trash and leave the area clean for the next member.
Guard staff will be notified to assist in cleanup if there is a spill.
3. Smoking is prohibited within the pool enclosure and within twenty-five feet of the pool enclosure.
4. Chewing gum is prohibited.
5. No wheeled vehicles are permitted within the enclosure except for strollers and wheel chairs.
6. Lounges, chairs and mini-lounges can be used on the deck or in the lounging area.
7. No pets will be allowed within the pool enclosure (except service animals) nor may they be tethered on the surrounding fence.
8. Children who are not toilet trained must wear a diaper specifically made for pool use under their bathing suit.
9. Abusive, offensive or profane language will not be tolerated.
10. Running, pushing, wrestling, ball-playing or undue disturbance such as the blaring of radios will not be permitted.
11. Party areas can be reserved and times will be posted. Only party guests are permitted to use the party areas during the reserved parties.
12. In the event of thunder and/or lightning detected by a member of the guard staff, (WLSC implements the guidelines established in the American Red Cross Swimming and Water Safety Manual), the staff whistles will be blown and you will be instructed to:
 1. Vacate the pool enclosure (all open areas inside of the fence, including pavilions) and,
 2. Seek shelter in the snack bar or your hard-topped automobile. The bathrooms may be used as a last resort but running water/showers will not be allowed.
 3. The pool will remain closed for 30 minutes from the last occurrence of thunder or lightning heard/seen by the guard staff.
 4. The guard staff will inform you when it is safe to return to the pool.

ARTICLE IX RULES GOVERNING POOL AREA

1. All bathers must take a complete, cleansing shower before entering the pool area.
2. Cut-off jeans, shorts or other similar attire are not considered proper bathing attire and will not be permitted in the pool.
3. No dunking, throwing or pushing into the pool will be permitted.
4. Spouting water, spitting, nose blowing and similar unhygienic practices will not be permitted in the

pool.

5. Lifeguard chairs are to be occupied only by the lifeguard and unnecessary conversation with the lifeguard is prohibited.
6. Boisterous or rough play, pushing, acrobatics, dunking, wrestling, yelling, diving or jumping haphazardly, snapping of towels, improper conduct causing undue disturbances in or about the pool area or any acts which would endanger any patron are prohibited.
7. Maryland State Water Safety Rules require that a Coast Guard approved floatation device be used in pools. Therefore, all kick boards, fins, life jackets, inflated rings, seats, noodles or upper arm 'floaties' are not permitted unless the parent is working with the child within the pool. The pool manager has the right to inspect any floatation device to make certain it is allowable.
8. Splash balls will be permitted in the pool and are to be used only in the pool. The manager will decide when the pool is too crowded for ball playing. Infractions of the rule will cost the member the use of the splash ball for the remainder of the day. This rule will be evaluated periodically and if problems become serious the use of the splash ball will be denied.
9. No general swimming is permitted in the roped-off area defining the diving well. This rule may be waived by the guard on duty if the diving board is placed off-limits to all use when swimmers are in the diving well.
10. The management is responsible for proper order. Their instructions must be followed at all times.
11. The pool will be cleared for a ten-minute period each hour every day. At ten minutes to the hour a whistle will be blown and all persons under 16 years of age must leave the pool. A second whistle will be blown ten minutes later and persons under 16 years then may re-enter the pool. The Manager will decide when a rest period is unnecessary.
12. The 2-3 foot roped off area of the pool is for non-swimmers, beginner swimmers and accompanying adults.

ARTICLE X RULES GOVERNING DIVING

1. All diving will be executed in a safe manner.
2. The diving well may be entered from the diving board only.
3. Only one person is allowed on the diving apparatus at one time.
4. Dives will be made from the front of the board only.
5. Divers must spring only once on the board.
6. When a diver has surfaced, he must immediately swim out of the diving area or leave the water via the ladder. He must not swim under the board at any time.
7. A diver must wait until the preceding diver has surfaced and cleared the area.

ARTICLE XI RULES GOVERNING THE SLIDING BOARD

1. All sliders must meet the posted minimum height of 48 inches.
2. All sliding will be executed feet first in a safe manner.
3. Only one person is allowed on the slide (including the ladder) at one time.
4. A slider must wait until the preceding slider has surfaced and cleared the area.
5. When a slider has surfaced, he must immediately swim out of the sliding area. He must not swim under the slide at any time.
6. Sliders must make sure the sliding area is clear of other swimmer before proceeding with the slide.

ARTICLE XII RULES GOVERNING WADING POOL

1. The wading pool is always reserved for small children and those persons accompanying or supervising these children. Parent or accompanying adults are responsible for the safety of the children. No child is to be left unattended at any time.
The wading pool is under the jurisdiction of the pool staff on duty. However, a lifeguard is not on duty to oversee the wading pool.
2. Older sibling(s) are not permitted in the wading pool during the ten minute break, unless 16 years or older, and then only to watch small siblings so that the parent can use the big pool during the break
3. Children will be permitted to have rubber or plastic toys of a reasonable size in the wading pool.
4. The gate to the wading pool is to be kept closed.

ARTICLE XIII RULES GOVERNING LAP LANE SWIM

1. One (1) lap lane will be roped off at the deep end of the pool except during special events requiring the use of the full deep end.
2. Diving, playing or other interference with lap lane swimmers will not be permitted.
3. Lap lane swimmers will use courtesy and consideration for others such as swimming to the right, keeping end of lane clear, not overcrowding other swimmers and maintaining a steady pace.

ARTICLE XIV RULES GOVERNING POOL STEPS

1. The steps are for entering and exiting the four (4) foot and over area of the pool.
2. There will be no playing or sitting on the steps.
3. Use of steps is to be done in a safe manner.
4. The bottom step area is to be kept clear of swimmers.

ARTICLE XV RULES GOVERNING BENCHES

1. Benches are to be used for sitting purposes only. Standing on, reclining on or jumping over the benches is not permitted.

ARTICLE XVI RULES GOVERNING ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

The consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons over the age of twenty one is permitted only in a discreet and responsible manner.

1. Alcoholic beverages may be held and consumed inside the pool grounds only. Alcohol is not permitted outside the fenced area or in the parking lot.
2. Alcohol is discouraged on or close to the pool deck area, except as in situations when sitting on the deck. Alcohol is not permitted within 3 feet of the water's edge.
3. Responsible alcohol consumption is permitted if discreet. Discreet use includes covering the container with an insulator (koozie) or using a plastic cup.
4. Members and guests using the club's facilities are subject to removal from the premises if they engage in unsafe behavior, or behavior that disturbs the use of the facilities by other members or guests.
5. Any violation of state or local law applicable to the use or consumption of alcohol on the premises may result in suspension or loss of membership or guest privileges.
6. When the Club is closed for general use, but open for an event intended for those under the age of 21, no alcohol is permitted on the property.
7. When the Club is open for general use, and an activity intended for those under the age of 21 is being conducted, no alcohol consumption is permitted by those participating in the activity.
8. The Board of Directors and members are charged with observance and enforcement of the alcohol policy. The West Laurel Swim Club Staff Members do not enforce the alcohol policy, However, Staff Members are permitted, authorized, and encouraged to deny access to the deck and water to any person that appears to be under the influence of alcohol.
9. In keeping with other rules of the Club, NO GLASS CONTAINERS MAY BE BROUGHT ONTO THE GROUNDS AT ANY TIME.

ARTICLE XVII RULES GOVERNING WLSC PROPANE GRILLS

1. Only propane grills owned by WLSC can be used within the pool enclosure.
2. Propane grills must be used outdoors
3. The grill should be placed within the designated area, at least twelve feet from any building and out from under eaves and the bathhouse carport area.
4. Keep children at least three feet away from the grill area.
5. Never leave your grill unattended.

6. Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it. Turn on the propane gas at the cylinder.
7. After use, clean the grill clean by closing the lid and running on high for 10 minutes, clean the cooking grates with scraper, turn off, cool down, remove grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill and finally, turn off the propane gas at the cylinder.-

ARTICLE XVIII RULES GOVERNING PING PONG TABLE

1. Each member must sign in at the front desk to receive a ping pong paddle.
2. A deposit of \$0.25 will be required for the use of the ping pong ball.
3. Use of the table is limited to 30 minutes.
4. The member who signs in for the ping pong paddle is responsible for returning it to the front desk and signing out. If the equipment, paddle, net, table, or net braces, is damaged or the paddle and ball are not returned the member or member's parents will be assessed the cost of replacement. In the case of damage to the ping pong ball the \$0.25 deposit will be forfeited. The cost of replacement is \$3.00 for paddles, \$5.00 for net and braces. Use of the table will not be permitted until assessment is paid.
5. The game is to be played as rules dictate and any abuse will not be tolerated. Member complaints are to be expressed to the Club manager. Misconduct will result in loss of ping pong privileges.

ARTICLE XIX RULES GOVERNING MEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTIES

1. Only club members are permitted to reserve a party. The reservation is for 4 hours, the total party size is limited to 20 persons and the \$5 guest fee applies to each non-member guest, 1 year and older, unless using either 90 Times Pass or a Seasonal 20 Times Pass. Payment or pass is to be taken care of immediately following the party.
2. To reserve a party area the party giver must register in advance by receiving from, filling out and returning to the manager the 'Party Request Form'.
3. On party day, prior to their arrival, the party giver must provide the guard at the front desk a list of the names of non-member guests expected.
4. It is the responsibility of the party giver to see that their guests are informed of the Club Rules and Regulations.
5. The party giver is responsible for the conduct of their guests and is also responsible for the cost of any damage caused by their guest to club property
6. No glass containers are permitted.
7. Refrigeration is not available from the snack bar.
8. The back gates will not be used to bring in or remove party supplies.

9. All tables must be returned to their original spot.
10. All decorations are to be put up with tape - no pins - and must be taken down - tape included.
11. All trash must be taken to the dumpster.
12. The area used must be cleaned prior to leaving.

ARTICLE XX RULES GOVERNING BABYSITTERS

1. Babysitters are permitted at the pool with their charge(s) during normal 'sitting hours'. Babysitter or charge(s) must be a member of the Club and the other must pay the daily guest fee unless using either a 90 Times Pass or a Seasonal 20 Times Pass. Babysitter must be at least 18 years of age to bring children who have not reached their tenth birthday.
2. Prior to the first visit the babysitter must obtain, fill out, sign, have signed by a parent unless 21 years of age and return to the Club Secretary for Board approval a Request for Babysitting Guest Privileges form. Accompanying the request form must be a permission slip signed by a parent of each charge(s). Future charge(s) must have a permission slip on file.
3. Adequate chaperones, 18 years or older, must accompany babysitter if charge(s) will be using both the wading pool and the 2-3ft area the main pool.
4. Charge(s) wishing to use the 4 feet or deeper area of the pool; the diving well and the sliding board are required to pass a swimming proficiency test as determined by the pool manager.
5. It is the responsibility of the babysitter to see that their charge(s) are informed of the Club Rules and Regulations.
6. The babysitter is responsible for the conduct of their charge(s) and is also responsible for the cost of any damage caused by their charge(s) to club property

ARTICLE XXI RULES GOVERNING DAY CARE PROVIDERS

1. Day-Care providers, who are members of the Club, are permitted at the pool with their charge(s) during normal 'sitting hours'. Each non-member charge(s) and chaperone must pay the daily guest fee unless using either a 90 Times Pass or a Seasonal 20 Times Pass.
2. Prior to the first visit the day care provider must obtain, fill out, sign and return to the Club Secretary for Board approval a Request for Day Care Provider Guest Privileges form. Accompanying the request form must be a permission slip signed by a parent of each charge(s). Future charge(s) must have a permission slip on file.
3. Adequate adult chaperones must accompany day care provider if charge(s) will be using both the wading pool and the 2 ft roped off area of the main pool.
4. Charge(s) wishing to use the 3 feet or deeper area of the pool, the diving well and the sliding board are required to pass a swimming proficiency test as determined by the pool manager.
5. It is the responsibility of the day care provider to see that their guests are informed of the Club Rules

and Regulations.

6. The day care provider is responsible for the conduct of their guests and is also responsible for the cost of any damage caused by their guest to club property

ARTICLE XXII RULES GOVERNING PARKING AREA

1. The parking lot will be used only for parking of members' and guests' vehicles. Unnecessary mechanical work and the cleaning or maintenance of vehicles is prohibited in the parking lot.
2. Members will drive slowly and carefully. The speed limit in the parking area is 10 miles per hour. County and State Police have been given permission to patrol the parking area and to enforce applicable laws.
3. The gates at the "West Laurel Swim Club" sign are for entering the parking lot and the other gates are for exiting the parking lot.
4. The concrete driveway leading to the back gate is for the use of maintenance vehicles and those persons needing special access to the pool. No parking is permitted on the driveway at any time. Bicycles, scooters, skate boards, roller or in-line skates are prohibited from using the driveway.
5. The concrete walkway leading from the driveway to the front deck is for strollers and persons needing special access to the front desk. Bicycles, scooters, skate boards, roller or in-line skates are prohibited from using the walkway.
6. No parking is permitted in front of the driveway apron.
7. No alcohol is permitted to be consumed in the parking area.
8. The back gates will not be opened unless needed by maintenance vehicles and those persons needing special access to the pool. Party Givers are not persons needing special access.
9. Upon request, the back gates will be opened for persons needing special access to the pool. The gates will then be locked and a second request must be made to re-open the gates when the special needs person wishes to leave the pool.
10. If the special needs person is in a vehicle, that vehicle can be backed up onto the deck far enough to discharge or pick up that person. The vehicle must be moved to the parking area after discharge.
11. Bicycles will be parked in the bicycle racks provided in the parking lot. The Club will not be responsible for loss or damage to any bicycles.
12. Food (including Ice Cream) trucks can only be on the pool parking lot with Board permission.

ARTICLE XXIII RULES GOVERNING POOL PATH

1. The pathway between Marmick Place and the pool is intended only for the use of members who wish to walk to or from the pool. No vehicles will be parked on Marmick Place for the purpose of gaining access to the pool. The use of vehicles on the path is prohibited. Members will not trespass

on adjoining properties while approaching or using the path. The pathway will be used only for going to or from the pool. It will not be used during the off season.

ARTICLE XXIV PENALTIES

1. Failure to comply with these rules may result in the expulsion of the offender from the Club premises, or in such other disciplinary action as is deemed necessary by the Board.
2. Frequent violations of these rules, or any serious or harmful actions, will be cause for revocation of membership for either the offender or the entire member family, or for such other disciplinary action as is deemed appropriate by the Board.

ARTICLE XXV ANNUAL REVIEW

1. The policies adopted herein are to be reviewed and updated by the Board of Directors at least annually as soon as possible after election. Approval of changes thereto require action by the Board. Committee guidelines are to be reviewed annually.