

Cleveland Park Club

Pool Rules 2019

The purpose of these rules is to help ensure the safety of all pool patrons at the Cleveland Park Club (CPC). Voting members must acknowledge these pool rules in writing prior to receiving their CPC pool card. The signature of one adult family member per household will suffice as acknowledgement.

1. **Arrival:** Upon arrival at either entrance of the pool, ALL Club members age 7 and older are required to **check in at the pool Welcome Desk**, provide passes for any guests, or pay on-site for any guests.
2. **Guest Pass Policy and Payment:** A maximum of 5 guests per member family are allowed at one time. Each guest pass is valid for one guest for one day. All guests must be accompanied by a member. Any adult visiting the pool for the express purpose of providing childcare (nannies, au pairs, occasional babysitters, visiting relatives, etc.) will be admitted free of charge when accompanying a member child.

Payment in advance: The Club encourages guest passes to be purchased in advance via the Club's web site. Guest passes are purchased on the website in packets of 5 for a total of \$25 or \$8 for a single pass. Guest passes do not expire at the end of the pool season. Unused guest passes may be used in future years. Once a purchase of a pack of guest passes is made via the website it will be deducted upon check in. The club only accepts credit or debit on site.

3. **Children age 9 and under** must always be accompanied and supervised by an adult while in the pool or on the pool deck. **Children age 10 and over** may come to the pool and swim unaccompanied by an adult only after they have passed the Club's water safety test (swim test). **Parents and guardians have primary responsibility for the safety and whereabouts of their children while at the pool.** Campers must be accompanied by a designated Club or camp staff member, counselor, or counselor-in-training while on the pool deck or in the pool.
4. Pets, strollers, or other wheeled devices are not permitted on the concrete or wooden pool decks. Please park wheeled devices in the designated areas outside the pool gates.

5. Use of the pool during closed periods or in the absence of a qualified lifeguard employed by the Club is prohibited.
6. The pool may be closed at any time due to weather conditions, equipment failure, or any DC code violations, including overcrowding. The pool capacity is 29 bathers. In the event of a thunderstorm, the pool lifeguards will close the pool for a period of 30 minutes for thunder and/or lightning from the last time either is heard or seen by a lifeguard. If it is only raining, the lifeguards will remain on duty unless they cannot see the bottom of the pool (main drain) at which point the pool will be closed until the lifeguards can see the bottom of the pool.
7. All Club members and their guests using the pool, pool decks, or bath house facilities do so at their own risk. The Club assumes no responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property.
8. Lifeguards are instructed by the Club' Board of Directors or their designee to interpret and enforce all rules governing the use of the pool, pool decks, and bathhouse facilities. Lifeguards have ultimate discretion in enforcing the rules and maintaining safety.
Everyone using the pool must follow the lifeguards' instructions.
9. The primary duty of the lifeguards is to make sure the pool and deck area is safe and monitored in case of an emergency. At minimum, one lifeguard is required to be monitoring the pool while the pool is occupied. If a lifeguard is not on the pool deck, the pool is considered closed until the guard returns. When approaching a lifeguard for a non-emergency issue, check to see if it is a safe time to talk. During peak periods, lifeguards may ask you to wait until adult swim or their break before responding to your inquiry. Loitering near the lifeguard stations or check-in area is not permitted.
10. Each swimmer must take a shower before entering the main pool or the wading pool.
To conserve energy and water, only brief showers are permitted when leaving the pool for the day.
11. Members age 15 and older may swim laps during "Adult Swim" and "Lap Swim", although members 18 and older receive preference if space in the pool is an issue. At the discretion of the lifeguard, members age 15 to 17 may be asked to exit the pool during "Adult Swim" and "Lap Swim" as a courtesy to swimmers age 18 and over.

12. All children age 14 and younger are required to take the Club's water safety (swim) test each season to swim in the deep end of the pool. This includes children who have previously taken and passed the test; no exceptions. Lifeguards will maintain a log of all Club members, guests and campers, age 14 and under, and their test status. Those passing the test will be issued a 2019 wrist band indicating they may swim in the deep end. Wristbands should be kept and used throughout the summer. Lost or damaged wristbands can be replaced by lifeguards. **Children who have not passed the water safety test shall be prohibited from the deep end of the pool, even when accompanied by an adult.** The only exception to this rule is during swim instruction.

Water Safety Test: The swim test, which will be administered by a lifeguard when it is safe to do so, shall be:

A) Swimmer enters the deep end of the pool and treads water for 60 seconds (timed by the lifeguard) with head above water for the duration.

B) When the lifeguard indicates 60 seconds are over, the swimmer immediately swims the length of the pool, in a cleared lane, taps the shallow end wall without touching the bottom of the pool, and swims back to the deep end wall.

To summarize, for the water safety test, the swimmer must tread water for 60 seconds with their head above water and then immediately swim two lengths of the pool without break and without touching the bottom or sides of the pool.

13. Small flotation devices (non-inflatable) worn as an aid while swimming in the main pool

are permitted. All children using them must have a parent present in the pool and within arm's reach of the child. Children who have not passed the water safety test shall be prohibited from the deep end of the pool, even if accompanied by an adult. The Club maintains a select number of flotation devices for member use; see the lifeguard for use.

14. Babies and toddlers wearing swim diapers under swim wear are allowed in the

main pool and toddler pool. Adults responsible for children in swim diapers must check diapers every 30-60 minutes and change them away from the poolside, washing hands afterward. Swim diapers and/or soiled diapers must be disposed of in a proper receptacle. Do not flush diapers in the toilet. Frequently remind all children to use the toilet. **Anyone with diarrhea, including babies and toddlers in swim diapers, must stay OUT of the pool.** If a child wearing swim diapers leaks feces into the pool, that child's parents or guardians will pay for all costs associated with pool closure and

disinfectant procedure.

15. The toddler pool is only for children age 5 and younger. The toddler pool is not

supervised by the lifeguards. Use of the toddler pool requires supervision by a parent or guardian. Children capable of swimming in the main pool are too big for the toddler pool.

16. Throwing sand and using water in the sandbox are prohibited. Children must shower off all sand before entering either pool.

17. Noisy or disruptive games and other pool activity may be limited, stopped, or prohibited

at any time at the discretion of the lifeguards. Water guns, sports equipment and balls (footballs, tennis balls, volley balls, etc.) are not permitted at the pool. Use of the poolside basketball net is at the discretion of the lifeguards who may prohibit its use if they see it as infringing on the enjoyment of the pool by other members or posing a safety risk.

18. Running on the pool deck, stunt diving (including back dives, front flips and jumps with

twists), diving in the shallow end, unnecessary roughness, dunking, and other similar behavior is strictly prohibited. **Forward diving is permitted in the 7-foot section of the deep end of the pool.**

19. Persons with infections or signs of other high contamination risks such as skin rashes or

eruptions, open sores of any kind, or nasal or ear discharges may not use the pool.

20. Music devices without headphones are not permitted at the pool.

21. **No glassware or breakables are permitted on any areas surrounding the pool,**

including on the concrete and wooden decks. **Only bottles of drinking water are allowed on the concrete pool decks. Other, non-alcoholic, beverages are permitted on the wooden decks** (upper and lower) except for the pop-up wooden deck situated between the main and toddler pools.

Alcoholic beverages are NOT permitted within the gate-controlled pool area.

Alcoholic beverages are permitted on the lower wooden deck, in the yard, and on the clubhouse porch. Intoxication or the appearance of intoxication is not permitted.

Members intoxicated or displaying the appearance of intoxication will be asked to

leave the premises.

22. Food is not allowed on the concrete pool decks.

Eating is allowed on the clubhouse porch, Club grounds, and wooden decks (upper and lower), except for the pop-up wooden deck situated between the main and toddler pools. All members and guests are responsible for disposing of their own trash in a proper receptacle.

24. Any comments, concerns, or suggestions about the pool and/or lifeguards should be made to manager@clevelandparkclub.org.