

ROBIN HOOD SWIM CLUB POOL RULES: 2016 SEASON

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

Members are charged with knowledge of these rules. Violation of the rules could, pursuant to the Bylaws, result in the termination or suspension.

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

RH currently employs a pool manager and assistant manager to operate the pool. The pool manager and assistant manager 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 Manager and Assistant Manager are authorized to take reasonable action to insure 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 is 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 Secretary of the RH Board. 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 lifeguard at all times.
- Running, pushing, abusive language or other acts of disturbance are prohibited.
- Unauthorized inflatable water gear and flotation devices are 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, guest, 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 (12th) birthday must be accompanied by an adult except during swim team practice.
- Children from eight to twelve 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 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 ticket.
- Guest tickets 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.

Adult child care providers for RH members' children may use the pool as if a family member only when caring for the member's children and must be listed on the emergency form.

Only RH Pool 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 4th 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. 8:00 am - 11:00 am and 4:00 – 6:00 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 authorize 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 or termination of 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

Weather Related Closings

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 only have your safety in mind.

From the last sound of thunder, the pool will remain closed for at least 30 minutes. If lightening is seen, the pool will be closed for 1 hour and will remain closed from the last visual of lightening. 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.

Brown Outs

The pool may be closed for up to 8 hours for sanitary incidents in the pool. The pool staff will work to reduce the amount of time until the pool can be reopened as much as possible, but are required by County health and safety regulations to close the pool after such incidents to allow the pool to be filtered completely. Information regarding pool closures due to Brown Outs will be posted on the Robin Hood website and through social media.

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 team/pool staff. Contact the pool manager for prices, dates of sessions and other information.

Main Pool

- During full time operation, at least one lane will be set aside for those desiring to swim laps. Priority will be given to adults for use of lap lane. Please keep to the right while swimming in the swim lane.
- Hanging or sitting on pool lane ropes (lane markers) is prohibited.

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- Inner tubes, rafts, noodles, or other large water toys are not permitted in the main pool except of 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."

Diving Board, Slide & Well Use

Diving is permitted only when the well is clear of swimmers and a lifeguard is present – The Well is "Closed"; swimming in the diving well is permitted only when the diving boards are closed and the well is under lifeguard supervision – The Well is "Open".

The Well will generally be open and can be closed upon request. Priority will be given to closing the Well for diving from fifteen 15 minute to the hour through 15 minutes past the hour

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 be able to swim unassisted 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 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 in the slide
- Members must be able to swim unassisted in order to use 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

- Baby Pool Use baby pool is limited to children 5 years and under.
- 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. 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.

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- Safe water toys are permitted in the baby pool subject to approval of pool manager.
- No floatation devices are allowed in the baby pool.

Children

- 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 prohibited. 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 consists of swimming the width of the diving well twice, resting one (1) minute, and then treading water for one (1) minute.

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

- Eating, drinking, or smoking is prohibited on the main pool deck. Picnic items, food and coolers must be kept in the back area by the pavilion or baby pool areas.
- 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.

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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/Sand Play area

- DO NOT hang on volleyball net.
- DO NOT throw sand.
- Rinse off ALL Sand at the shower prior to entering pool
- Turn off water after use of shower.

Sports & Games

Equipment

- Equipment including basketballs, ping pong paddles, chess pieces and corn hole bean bags can be checked out at the front desk. IT is the responsibility of the member who checks out the equipment to return it to the desk.
- Ping pong balls may be purchased at the front office.

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 without blocking the sidewalk or stairs. Blowing automobile horns to summon children is prohibited.
- All bicycle riders will 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.
- The Association is not responsible for loss or damage to personal belongings, bicycles or automobiles on the pool grounds.

Pavilion Rental and Parties

All pavilion rentals and parties must be scheduled in advance through the pool manager. A form to schedule a party is available from the pool manager or on the RH website

Pavilion rental is \$100 for a 4- hour period and includes 10 non-member guests for full pavilion rental and \$50 for a 4-hour period and 5 non-member guests for a half-pavilion rental. For parties of over 20 participants there is an additional fee of \$15 for each guard on duty for the number of hours of the party.

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No additional charge is 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.

A member may schedule a party to run or begin after pool hours. The member is responsible for paying the costs for pool operator and guards (pool operator - \$20/hour, plus 2-3 lifeguards depending on party size - \$15 per guard, per hour).

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 or tight fitting waterproof pants and cloth diapers. No disposable diapers are permitted.
- Use of any of the pools during an infectious illness is prohibited. In particular, individual 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 be 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 at the discretion of the Board of Directors at any time. 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.