

POOL RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. Pool and pool deck area are to be used only when the authorized lifeguard is on duty.
2. Lifeguard will call a break for 10 minutes every hour.
 - **No one is allowed to swim at this time.**
 - Once per hour, a 10 min adult swim can be requested by any member. If an adult swim has been requested, the lifeguard will hold the 10 min adult swim immediately following the break; followed by a 40 min free swim.
3. **Parent/Guardian must accompany a non-swimmer in the water at all times.**
4. For the purpose of supporting non-swimmers, inner tubes, water wings, and all other flotation devices are not permitted at any time. For safety purposes, only a life vest approved by the United States Coast Guard is to be used. **If a child uses such a life vest, a parent or guardian must accompany the child in the water at all times.**
5. **Children 12 and under MUST be supervised by an adult, guardian or responsible babysitter so designated by the parent.**
6. Children 12 and under who wish to swim in the deep end of the pool are required to take a swimming test given by the lifeguard. If the child does not pass the test, his or her swimming will be restricted to the shallow end of the pool.
7. Parent/Guardian must closely watch children at all times.
8. Shower before entering pool. Appropriate bathing suit required.
9. No pets inside the pool fence.
10. No glass containers on pool deck. Please bring plastic cups if need be.
11. No excessively rough play, running, spitting, unacceptable language in pool or locker rooms.
12. Floats and water toys are to be used only with the permission of the lifeguard.
13. Non-toilet-trained children must wear a tight-fitting diaper and rubber pants or a swim diaper while in the pool.
14. No diving from swim ladders.
15. Pool office and pump room are for staff and authorized persons only.
16. Lifeguard or pool manager has the right to dismiss anyone from the pool area should he or she break the rules or present a safety or health hazard.
17. Three dismissals from the pool area for disciplinary reasons will result in suspension of pool privileges for 2 weeks.
18. Use of the pool without a guard being present will be considered trespassing and law enforcement personnel will be summoned. Second violation will result in suspension of pool privileges for the remainder of the year.
19. All injuries sustained in the pool area shall be reported to the lifeguard and a written report will be given to the pool chairperson.
20. Liability for damages to the pool, pool property, or facilities will be borne by the family of member doing said damage or by the host of the guest involved.
21. Lifeguard, pool chairman, or pool manager may close the pool at any time deemed necessary.
22. Renters of GOA member homes may take the place of the home owners as pool participants.

Guest Policy

1. GOA members and their dependents may bring guests to the pool. Host members must accompany their guests.
2. Please be considerate of your neighbors and minimize the number of guests invited during high-usage times (Friday nights, Saturday afternoons, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Father's Day, etc).

Group Party Policy

Members may invite larger groups of guests during normal pool operating hours by following these rules:

1. Number of guests:
 - Parties with 10-24 guests, inform the Pool Chair by email a minimum of 14 days prior to the event. An additional guard may be required; American Pool will make the final determination and the Pool Chair will notify you accordingly. (The rate for an additional guard is \$39.95/hour plus \$35 processing fee and is to be pre-paid for by the host.)
 - Parties with 25 or more guests, inform the Pool Chair and fill out the American Pools lifeguard reservation form and email to Pool Chair a minimum of 14 days prior to the event. An event of this size will need Board approval. Plan on an additional guard being required; American Pool will make the final determination and the Pool Chair will notify you accordingly. (The rate for an additional guard is \$39.95/hour plus \$35 processing fee and is to be pre-paid for by the host.)
The neighborhood will be notified as a convenience to the members.
2. Party must be held during normal pool operating hours and all pool rules still apply, including no glass.
3. Avoid high-usage times (Friday nights, Saturday afternoons, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Father's Day, etc).
4. Limit party to 2-3 hours.
5. Traditionally, a party has used the tables/chairs at the deep-end of the pool; which leaves the shallow-end tables/chairs for members use. You may want to do vice-versa if having a children's party to be near the shallow end. In either case, please be considerate of your neighbors and use only one area of tables/chairs and leave the other area available.
6. Folding tables are available in the lifeguard office if you would like them for extra seating or for a food/cake area.
7. Leave area clean and tidy. Clean-up would include placing tables/chairs back to their original location, wiping down tabletops, returning folding tables, sweeping or hosing down area if necessary, etc.
8. Remove all trash and recycling from the facility; do not use the pool trash/recycling bins. Practice "Carry In, Carry Out" for trash and recycling.

These rules and operating procedures were amended by the GOA Board of Directors in May 2021. They may be amended as required by the Board of Directors of the Association. The 'Group Party Policy' was updated in May 2024 with 'American Pool' replacing 'Ace Aquatics' and updated pricing information for the additional lifeguard.