

NOVA Homeowners' Association

Pool Rules

Attention Homeowners: The following is a list of rules for the NOVA Homeowners' Association Neighborhood Pool. Most have been in place since the pool opened; however, several Health Department Regulations were added in 2005 at the urging of multiple homeowners. All of these rules are necessary to provide a safe environment for you and your children. If these rules are not observed, the Health Department has the option to close the pool either temporarily or permanently. If you have any questions or concerns about any of these regulations, please feel free to contact the pool managers at 621-2084.

PLEASE READ THESE VERY IMPORTANT RULES. IF ANY OF THESE RULES ARE VIOLATED, THEN IT WILL BE AT THE POOL MANAGER'S AND/OR LIFEGUARDS' DISCRETION TO PROHIBIT ADMITTANCE TO THE POOL AREA.

POOL RULES:

(HDR – Health Department Regulation)

- Management and lifeguards reserve the right to deny use of the pool to anyone at any time.
- Swimming or playing near the pool drain is prohibited. (HDR)
- Glass containers are prohibited in the pool area. (HDR)
- A warm, soapy shower must be taken before entering the pool. (HDR)
- Animals will not be permitted in the pool area. (HDR)
- Beer, alcohol, and drugs will not be permitted in or outside of the pool area. (HDR)
- Anyone under the influence from any of the above will be prohibited from the pool area. (HDR)
- Cut-off jeans are not to be worn in the pool. Proper swim attire must be worn to enter the pool. (HDR)
- Running and/or rough play are prohibited in the pool area. (HDR)
- Persons with open wounds, bandages, or any symptom of communicable disease shall be prohibited from entering the water. (HDR)
- Persons that have had diarrhea in the past two weeks are prohibited from entering the water. (HDR)
- For children that are in diapers, they must be wearing a leak-proof diaper. Any "accidents" that occur in the pool will require closure of the pool (HDR).
- Food, drinks, debris, and foreign substances will not be permitted in the pool. (HDR)
- Only authorized individuals will be permitted to enter the gates where equipment, supplies, and chemicals are kept. (HDR)
- Unauthorized persons will not be permitted to enter the pool area or remain in the pool while lifeguards are opening and/or closing. (HDR)
- Swim at your own risk.
- Smoking will not be permitted inside the pool area.
- Metal objects will not be permitted in the pool (this could damage the plaster).
- Children under age 12 must be accompanied by someone 16 years of age or older. In order to satisfy any restriction with our liability insurer, the Pool Manager and/or lifeguards have the option to request a copy of a child's birth certificate if they feel there is uncertainty regarding a child's age.

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- Each dues-paying household is allowed two (2) guests per visit. Out of town guests and relatives will be allowed with each paid household, amount of guests should be within reason. An occupant of this household must accompany any local friends or relatives wishing to swim. Grandchildren (local and out-of-town) and out-of-town guests may swim for free. The association member must sign in their guest. Children attending neighborhood in-home day care centers are not eligible to use the pool because of restrictions on liability insurance.
- Children or teenage guests under the age of 19 (in groups of four (4) or more) must be accompanied by one parent. This rule has become necessary due to the past unruly behavior of teenage children.
- Gum will not be permitted inside the pool area.
- Management and lifeguards may ask that large rafts, inner tubes, and flotation devices be removed from the pool if overcrowding occurs.
- Every hour, lifeguards will take a rest period from 10 minutes before the hour until the top of the hour. Everyone must exit the pool at this time. If swimmers do not respect the instructions of the lifeguards to exit the pool, they will be immediately suspended from the pool for the remainder of the day.
- Children will not be allowed to play with the phone. The phone is primarily for emergency use.
- **All residents and guests will be required to sign in, list their addresses, and present their pool passes to the lifeguards.**
- Please instruct your children to use the trashcans for candy, paper wrapper, and other trash. Continued disregard of this rule will result in suspension of pool privileges.
- Do not park vehicles in front of any homes near the pool. The postal service will not deliver mail to these homes when the mailboxes are obstructed, and it is disrespectful to the homeowner unless special permission is granted. Anyone found parking in an unauthorized area will be asked to take their vehicle home and walk to the pool area.
- If you observe any problems at the pool, please call _____ at _____ or _____ at _____.
- These rules may be amended or revised without notice due to unforeseen circumstances.
- Parents and/or guardians must explain to their children that they must obey any instructions given to them by the lifeguards or pool management. Continued disobedience will result in expulsion from the pool for the remainder of the season. These rules are for the safety of your children as well as others in the pool area.

A SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT TAKING SHOWERS BEFORE ENTERING THE POOL:

The City/County Health Department requires that “a cleansing bath, using warm water and soap must be taken before entering the water.” All homeowners will be required to take a warm shower with soap before entering the pool. If you are sunbathing with oils, you must take a shower before entering the water. A shower will have to be taken each time you apply more oil. This does not apply to suntan lotion that is used to protect skin from the sun.

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PRIVATE POOL PARTIES:

The pool is available after pool hours for private parties for dues-paying NOVA Homeowners' Association members at the lifeguard's availability. Reservations require a \$100.00 deposit, a \$25.00 rental fee (not to be returned), and \$20.00 per hour per lifeguard (to be paid at the conclusions of the party). Members must complete and sign a contract and provide payment for the deposit and rental fee prior to making reservations for a party. Members are limited to two outstanding reservations at any one time. Parties will not be allowed during regular pool hours. **NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE ALLOWED IN OR OUTSIDE OF THE POOL AREA. IT IS A CITY/COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT REGULATION THAT NO ONE UNDER THE INFLUENCE IS ALLOWED INSIDE THE POOL AREA.** One lifeguard is required for every 25 or fewer swimmers. You must use lifeguards designated by the NOVA Homeowners' Association. You may request a lifeguard employed by the Association when you make your reservation; however, in order to give lifeguards equal time for parties, you may be requested to use a lifeguard that is not of your choosing. All of the pool rules apply during private parties. **THE MEMBER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING UP AFTER THE PARTY AND REMOVING THEIR TRASH FROM THE POOL AREA AND GREENBELT.** There is not enough room in the pool area or in the greenbelt trashcans for party trash. Members who do not clean the pool area and remove their trash will not get their deposit check back and will be denied the right to reserve the pool for future parties. To schedule a pool party, call the Warwick Place pool at 621-2084. Please provide as much advance notice as possible to allow for the scheduling of lifeguards. Also, the calendar fills up fast, so make your reservations early.