

Barrington Homeowners Association, Inc.

Community Pool Rules – 2011

Pool Patronage

*Section 1. **Membership:***

Membership in the Barrington Community Pool is limited to community residents. Community residency includes residents (owners and/or tenants) of the Barrington Homeowners Association (BHOA) who are current in their BHOA assessments, as well as temporary-residents (who have been given or conveyed pool rights) and who maintains their personal residency in the Barrington neighborhood. Those current in BHOA assessments are invited each year to pool registration. Each residence that properly fills out a Registration and Emergency Data/Release form each year becomes a *Member Residence* associated with the Barrington Community Pool Facility (pool, enclosure, and buildings). A *Member Residence* includes owners and/or tenants as well as temporary-residents (who have been conveyed pool rights) and who MUST maintain their personal residency in the Barrington neighborhood.

All members and *Member Residences* must agree to the conditions of the pool rules prior to use of any of the Barrington Community Pool Facilities. All members and *Member Residences* must be properly registered. Owners may convey pool rights to tenants and/or their temporary-residents.

If an owner is also a current resident of Barrington, it is the owner's responsibility to ensure the registration form reflects all residents (tenants and temporary-residents) on the property. If an owner is not a current resident of Barrington, it is the resident's responsibility to ensure the registration form is filled out properly by the tenant and/or temporary-resident.

*Section 2. **Community Pool Use:***

Use of the Barrington Community Pool shall be limited to the *Member Residence* and their guests only. Owners and family members who are not residents of Barrington do not retain their pool rights.

Pool members must accompany their guests and shall be responsible for their guests during their entire visit at the pool. Each *Member Residence* is limited to a maximum of 8 guests at any one time. A person who is not listed as part of the *Member Residence* (as will show on the card presented and/or the registration form), upon entering the Community Pool Facility, shall be considered a guest whether they swim or not. During holiday weekends (or other periods of high use), attendance -- particularly additional guests -- may be further limited to accommodate members. Children under age 2 do not require a guest pass.

One free guest card (containing 10 guest "punches") will be issued to a *Member Residence* during registration. Unused guest cards from prior years are accepted. Additional guest cards

may be purchased from the guards for a fee of \$20.00 payable **by check only** to “Barrington HOA.” **Cash will NOT be accepted!** Guest cards are non-transferable and will be tracked by serial numbers.

*Section 3. **Temporary-residents:***

- a. **Temporary-resident(s) conveyed pool rights** are individuals who live in a *Member Residence* with the owner (or tenant) of the residence current in BHOA assessments and are conveyed pool rights. Temporary-residents must live in the *Member Residence* during the Community Pool open season for a minimum consecutive stay of 6 weeks during the period in which the Community Pool is open. Temporary-residents shall comply with all Community Pool rules cited in this document. Temporary-residents may visit the pool without an accompanying resident and will be able to bring guests with them. Guest's rules in *Section 2* apply.
- b. **Temporary-resident(s) without pool rights** are individuals who live in a *Member Residence* and are not conveyed pool rights and/or do not fit within the bounds as described above.

If a *Member Residence* has a babysitter or nanny who provides **full-time care** (daily and/or live in), that *Member Residence* may obtain a single card for that person. The card is only valid when accompanied by *Member Residence* children and have no other privileges attached. *These cards will be marked appropriately.* Other nannies and babysitters (i.e. those providing **less than 5 full-days of care** in a given week) should use a guest card when accompanying your children.

*Section 4. **Homeowners' Responsibility:***

Owners who intend to use the pool should follow the normal registration instructions listed in the invitation to register provided to each owner. If a tenant has been conveyed pool rights or otherwise given pool privileges, the tenant may register for pool passes (after proving residency through showing a current rental agreement or current utility bill in their name) by completing the top half of the *Registration Form*.

Owners must complete registration, reflecting all residents (tenants and temporary-residents) on the property, according to the instructions by 1 July. Owners wishing to register after 1 July will be charged a \$25.00 late fee payable **by check only** to “Barrington HOA.” **Cash will NOT be accepted!** New owners moving into the Barrington neighborhood are to register within 30 days of assuming residency by contacting the Pool Committee.

Section 5. Periods of Operation:

- a. The swimming season shall include the period from the Saturday prior to Memorial Day to Labor Day Monday, both dates inclusive.
- b. The pools will open for general swimming (weather permitting) on the days and during the hours set forth below:

While local public schools are in session:

Monday through Friday	4 pm - 8 pm
Saturday, Sunday and Memorial Day	11 am - 8 pm

When local public schools conclude their regular school year, and until they return to full session:

Monday through Sunday	11 am - 8 pm
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The pool will close at 6 pm on July 4 and Labor Day.

The Pool Company and guards may begin clearing and cleaning unused tables, chairs, and equipment a few hours prior to closure during this last weekend.

Section 6. Pool Closures:

The pool may close early, or its use may be limited, due to unforeseen or planned events. Unforeseen events include inclement weather, overcrowding, mechanical malfunction, and contamination due to fecal matter, etc. Planned events include swim meets, community pool parties, etc.

- a. Approval Request -- Any community organization that serves the good of the Barrington community may request exclusive or partial use of the pool during or after normal operating hours. The request for exclusive use of the pool during or after normal operating hours must be in writing to the Pool Committee.
- b. Approval -- The President of the BHOA and Pool Committee Chairperson, in consultation with the Pool Committee, will approve or deny use of the pool for planned events and ensure homeowners are respectfully notified in advance of any closures during normal operating hours. Endorsed notification methods include the community entrance message board, the pool bulletin board, the community newsletter, and special mailings.
- c. Responsibility -- Organizations using the pool for planned events **MUST**:
 - 1. Ensure that the pool manager is present,
 - 2. Ensure life guards are required and present for the event,
 - 3. Pay for all related costs,
 - 4. Clean the pool area after the event, and
 - 5. Reimburse the Barrington Community for any damage beyond normal use.

The pool may not be used after normal operating hours for any other purposes.

Liability

*Section 1. **Risk:***

All persons using the pool do so at their own risk. The Barrington Homeowners Association and associated Committees assumes **NO** responsibility for any injury or accident in connection with such use or for any loss and/or damage to personal property.

*Section 2. **Agreement:***

Persons using the pool agree not to hold the Barrington Homeowners Association and/or associated Committees liable for any action of whatever nature occurring within the pool area.

*Section 3. **Acts of others:***

Members are responsible for the actions of their children and guests.

*Section 4. **Use after Operating Hours:***

No person shall use the Pool Facility (pool, enclosure, and buildings) unless it is officially open and lifeguards are on duty. Unauthorized use of the facility after hours will constitute a trespass and violators will be prosecuted.

*Section 5. **Sponsored or Hosted Events:***

Sponsored or hosted events by groups or organizations that are authorized through the Pool Committee or BHOA convey NO liability by, from, to or through those groups or organizations.

General Rules

*Section 1. **Pool Management:***

The pool manager and lifeguards have primary authority for the proper conduct and operation of the pool during scheduled operating hours.

- a. All entrants to the Pool Facility must:
 1. Show valid Pool Membership; OR
 2. Be properly escorted AND use a guest card.
- b. All persons unable to demonstrate to the lifeguards their ability to swim are not permitted in deep water (water deeper than five feet).

- c. All persons shall obey the instructions of the lifeguards and pool manager.
- d. Persons must stay clear of guard stations and may not loiter at the check-in desk. Please do not sit with or talk to guards on duty.
- e. Personal radios, tape decks, and other sound equipment are permitted, but only if used with earphones. The lifeguard may revoke the sound equipment privilege if abused.

*Section 2. **Health and Sanitation:***

- a. All persons are required to wear a bathing suit and take a shower prior to entering the pool.
- b. Swim privileges shall be refused to all persons having colds, coughs, inflamed eyes, infections, open sores, poison ivy, or wearing bandages.
- c. Spouting of water and similar unhygienic actions are not permitted.
- d. In deference to the majority of pool members, parents of children not yet toilet-trained are asked to use extreme care in selecting their children's swimwear attire. Cloth diapers with snugly fitting rubber or plastic pants must be worn by babies in any part of the pool. Disposable diapers (unless specially designed for swimming) are not allowed because sometimes they burst and can then clog the filter system. Unclothed children will not be allowed in the pool.
- e. All clothing changes (including diaper changes) must be done in the bathhouses.

*Section 3. **Children:***

- a. All children over the age of 3 must have their own Pool Identification.
- b. Children 10-11 years of age may swim at the pool unaccompanied by a parent or responsible adult only if they pass the basic swim test (conducted by the lifeguard). The test consists of competently swimming the length of the pool without stopping, and treading water continuously for one minute. The test will be conducted in deep water.

In addition, a children's swim contract form must be completed and a responsible care-giver must be available at the home phone number listed on the release form during the time in which a child is at the pool should any behavior problems arise. This privilege will be revoked on an individual basis when and if abuses occur. Those successfully completing this swim test will be issued a special sticker that will be placed on their Pool ID card by the lifeguard.

- c. All children (except those described above in item b) under 12 years of age, as of the beginning of the pool season, must be accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible person.
- d. All pool privileges may be revoked for inappropriate behavior.
- e. All children under 16 years of age must leave the pool during designated break times (15 minutes in duration) to provide a rest period and to allow adults to swim; this includes infants. The lifeguard will control this "break." Children three and under may continue to use the wading pool.

*Section 4. **Food and Drink:***

- a. Due to Law and Regulation, ALL FOOD and DRINK must be consumed **behind the white line** (away from the pool) which designates the eating areas.

If any beverage other than water is spilled on the deck, notify the guard immediately.

Persons eating or drinking anything on deck outside the ten-foot range will be responsible for disposing of containers in the appropriate trash bins (place aluminum cans in the recycling bins provided).

DO NOT leave wrappers and other trash under or around tables and chairs.

- b. Ice Cream and refreshments will only be sold from approved vending machines and/or approved fundraising activities, as authorized by the BHOA or Pool Committee.
- c. Glass food and drink containers are NOT permitted anywhere in the Pool Facility (pool, enclosure, and buildings).
- d. No food is permitted in the wading pool area.

*Section 5. **Prohibited in Pool Area:***

- a. NO smoking, chewing tobacco, dip, or similar product use is permitted inside the Pool Facility (pool, enclosure, and buildings).
- b. NO gum will be permitted in the pool.
- c. Glass containers and other breakable objects are NOT permitted anywhere in the Pool Facility (pool, enclosure, and buildings).
- d. Playpens and wheeled vehicles are NOT permitted in pool enclosure (except for wheelchairs and baby strollers).

- e. NO pets are permitted in the pool enclosure and buildings.
- f. NO excessive splashing, kicking, and chase/pool games.
- g. NO running, pushing, or rough play will be permitted in the pool enclosure.
- h. NO profane language will be permitted.
- i. NO alcoholic beverages will be allowed in the pool area during normal pool operations. Persons suspected of being intoxicated will not be allowed in the pool area at any time.
- j. NO yelling or verbal abuse may be directed at any lifeguard or pool manager.

If you have SAFETY CONCERNS, please speak to the pool manager, and then notify your Pool Committee.

If you have NON-SAFETY CONCERNS, please bring them to the attention of the Pool Committee first.

All concerns will be communicated appropriately to the pool manager.

Section 6. Community Pool Parking Area:

- a. Community Pool Parking Lot is for use during normal operational hours of the pool, during special events (i.e. swim team, MOB, etc.) and BHOA authorized events ONLY.

Safety Rules

Section 1. Main Pool: Observe the following rules in the main pool area.

- a. Dunking, splashing, snorkeling, and either standing or sitting on another's shoulders are prohibited.
- b. Somersaults, jumping in backwards, playing on pool ladders dividing ropes, or other careless actions from the pool edge are prohibited. Don't walk on peninsula wall dividing main pool from intermediate swim area.
- c. Nerfballs and small beach balls are the only type of balls permitted to be brought by *Member Residences* and used inside the pool. Lifeguards may request that all play equipment be removed from the pool on crowded days.

- d. Only inflatable water wings or USCG-approved life vests are allowed as flotation devices for non-swimmers. Children relying on flotation devices must be within arms reach of a responsible adult at all times when in the water.
- e. No inflatable devices may be used in the diving area.
- f. Non-swimmers must be within arms reach of a responsible adult at all times when in deep water where they cannot stand.
- g. Only swim masks with tempered safety glass are permitted and only in uncrowded conditions.
- h. Rafts, inner tubes, and similar items shall be permitted at the discretion of guards as pool usage and conditions allow, or on designated “Raft Nights”. On these nights, lifeguards may limit the number of items allowed as safety dictates. “Noodles” are permitted in uncrowded conditions.
- i. Lap lane is to be used solely for lap swimming when lap swimmers are present. This will be strictly enforced at all times.
- j. Additional lanes may be created or cordoned in response to the needs of the Community, to accommodate swim team functions (including practice, ceremonies, etc) during normal pool operations, if approved by the Board of Directors or Pool Committee.
- k. Anybody who has been saved or pulled from the pool by a lifeguard is required to observe a 45 minutes waiting period before entering the pool again. An incident sheet will be filled out by the lifeguard and signed by the responsible adult and a witness.

*Section 2. **Diving Area:***

- a. Diving board use is limited to persons who can swim.
- b. Only one person at a time is allowed on the diving board.
- c. Users must delay their dive until the entire diving well area is clear of swimmers.
- d. Consecutive bouncing, racing dives, handstands, or other dangerous actions on the diving board are prohibited.
- e. Divers must swim directly to the ladder after each use.
- f. Dives and jumps must be straight off the board towards the center of the pool (no veering to the sides).
- g. Front flips are permitted off the diving board, if done in a safe manner.

- h. Back flips and back dives off the diving board are prohibited.
- i. Jumping or diving off diving board with foreign objects (such as a kickboard, water toy, etc.) is prohibited.

Section 3. **Baby Pool and Intermediate Swim Areas:**

- a. Due to the small size of the baby pool, swim privilege is limited to children THREE years and under.
- b. Children not yet toilet trained are encouraged to use the baby pool rather than the main pool. Babies **must** wear cloth diapers with rubber or plastic pants. Disposable diapers are **not** allowed (unless they are the new specially designed swimming diapers).
- c. NO children are permitted in the baby pool unless a parent or other responsible caregiver is in the enclosed areas with them.
- d. Playthings must be limited to small floating and unbreakable objects. Flotation devices and noodles are not allowed in the Baby Pool or the Intermediate Swim Area except for waterwings or life vests.
- e. Dunking, splashing, snorkeling, and either standing or sitting on another's shoulders are prohibited.
- f. NO excessive splashing, kicking, chase/pool games or jumping into pool from the pool's edge.

Section 4. **Basketball Game:**

- a. The basketball equipment is for the use of people in the water only (and can be used provided the pool is not too crowded). NO dribbling, bouncing, shooting, passing, or playing with the ball while on the deck. NO leaning over the backboard or rim, or interfering with the basketball while on the deck.

Administration and Enforcement

Section 1. **General:**

These rules have been developed for the safe operation of the pool in the best interest of the Community. The Homeowner's Association Board of Directors has approved these rules and made them available to each *Member Residence*. These rules are posted on the Community website at <http://www.barringtoncommunity.com/pool.html> and at pool side.

*Section 2. **Communications:***

Safety issues are everyone's concern:

Alert the lifeguards and pool manager immediately regarding a safety issue.

Non-safety issues:

Comments regarding pool operations should be brought to the attention of the Pool Committee. These representatives are there to accept comments and suggestions from the Community. Please use the comment box located at the entrance to the pool for written comments.

Member Residences may also contact Committee members directly to discuss particular situations that arise.

Urgent Concerns:

The Pool Committee will assign Community Contacts each year for *Member Residences* to call with urgent complaints or concerns. When you are discussing your concerns, please express those thoughts and feelings calmly. All guards, managers, and committee members should be treated with respect.

Using the proper channels for your concerns will help facilitate resolution and ensure they are responded to appropriately. Committee and Board members will elevate the issues as necessary to ensure the Community's comments and concerns are duly considered.

*Section 3. **Suspension:***

- a. Failure to comply with these rules shall be considered sufficient cause for members to be deprived of the use of the pool by the pool manager for a specified period.
- b. Any person deliberately damaging pool furniture or pool structures or trespassing after hours will be automatically suspended for an indefinite period and/or criminally prosecuted.

*Section 4. **Pool Committee:***

The Pool Committee is an official committee established by the Homeowner's Association Board of Directors to implement pool operations as directed by the Board. The Board encourages communication directly with Committee Members listed on the website. Interested members of the Barrington Community are asked to volunteer for an entire pool season (October 1 to September 30). Members work together to conduct pool registration, draft operating rules, purchase equipment on budget approved by the Board, monitor and recommend maintenance efforts, and survey community regarding the quality of pool operations. The Homeowners Association maintains liability insurance for Committee members consistent with Association Bylaws.