

Brookside Swim Club

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General Swim club Rules & Regulations

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1. General

- a. The following rules and regulations are for the protection and benefit of all members, guests and employees. Following these rules and regulations helps to ensure that everyone at the pool has a safe and enjoyable experience at the club.
 - i. Brookside adopts the regulations imposed by the State of New Jersey, Department of Health and Senior Services set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:26-5.4.
 - ii. All members and guests shall abide by the pool rules and regulations and cooperate with club personnel in maintaining a safe and clean facility.
 - iii. Managers, lifeguards and other employees of Brookside Swim club are authorized to enforce all rules and regulations, and the pool managers may modify or suspend the enforcement of these rules at any time in matters of health and safety.
 - iv. These rules and Regulations may be revised or additional rules established at any time by the Board of Trustees.
 - v. Violation of these rules and Regulations could be deemed sufficient reason for suspension of pool privileges or revocation of membership, as directed by the Board of Trustees.
- b. All members and their guests must sign in at the front window upon entering the club. (Please refer to Guest Pass Rules and Fees in Section 4, for more information.)
- c. All members are required to notify the office of a change in family memberships and all members are requested to notify the swim club secretary, membership chairman or the office of any change of address or phone number.
- d. Only employees or authorized personnel are permitted in the pool office, storage rooms or pump room.
- e. No Glass is allowed in the swim club at any time.
- f. Smoking is only permitted in the designated smoking areas.
- g. Reserving of tables on the pavilion is not permitted. Reserved parties have first priority on the pavilion. Maximum of 2 parties at the same time.
- h. Children under the age of 12 must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult. Parents must supervise their young children in the lavatories and the baby pool.
- i. No food or beverages are allowed in the pools or at the edge of the pools and food is not allowed on the volleyball court.
- j. Alcohol is permitted for those ages 21 and over as long as it is consumed responsibly and respect for others is maintained at all times.
- k. All members and guests are responsible for depositing trash and recycling in the proper receptacles.
- l. Profanity, abusive language, and vulgar remarks are prohibited.
- m. No running or horseplay is allowed.
- n. For safety reasons: shoes, sandals or sneakers are recommended on the blacktop area, the concrete, wood decking and on the pavilion.
- o. All drivers must follow the one way driving lane direction and driving speed in the parking lot should not exceed 5 MPH.
- p. Brookside Swim Club is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal property.
- q. All persons use the pool at their own risk. Brookside will not be responsible for any incident or injury in connection with use of the pool or the facilities. Parents, guardians, or childcare providers are responsible for their children and their actions while on the club property.

2. POOL RULES

- a. Any child under the age of 12 must pass a swim test given by a lifeguard in order to swim outside of the 'shallow end' (marked by the lane line) of the pool. Any child not passing the swim test must remain under direct supervision of a responsible adult at all times in any area of the pool.
- b. POOL SLIDE: Only one person is permitted on the slide or steps of the slide at a time. The next person in line must wait until the previous person has reached the ladder. Anyone using the slide must meet the minimum height requirement indicated at the slide. Sliders may NOT wear swimmies or any floatation devices or slide headfirst. Children who may need assistance in the water may use the slide if a responsible adult is in the water by the slide or on the deck near the slide supervising the child.
- c. DIVING: Diving is only allowed off the diving boards in the diving area or along the side of the pool (except for the shallow end). Only one person at a time is permitted on the diving boards or the steps of the diving boards. The next person on line may not jump/dive off the board until the previous person has reached the ladder. Children wearing flotation devices may use the diving board with responsible adult supervision in the water or on the deck near the boards. Only one bounce is permitted when using the diving boards.
- d. WATER TOYS & FLOTATION DEVICES may be used, however at any time, the managers or lifeguards may limit the number and/or types of devices for safety reasons.
 - i. All persons must climb on and off any flotation device while they are away from ladders, stairs and the sides of the pool. No person may climb onto a flotation device from the pool decking, nor may any person climb off a flotation device onto the pool decking.
 - ii. All flotation devices must be kept out of the diving area and away from the slide.
- e. A responsible adult must supervise children at the baby pool at all times. The gate to the baby pool must remain closed and clicked shut at all times.
- f. Hanging on, sitting on, or playing with ropes, buoys, lane lines or ladders is prohibited.
- g. Members, guests or employees are not permitted to carry on conversations with lifeguards while on the lifeguard stands.
- h. Bathing attire must be worn in the pool at all times. 'Cut-offs', clothing or other inappropriate attire is not allowed.
- i. Conduct that endangers the safety and comfort of yourself or others shall be prohibited. Children who do not listen to the lifeguards, managers and other staff members will be warned and then benched from swimming.
- j. Outdoor bathing shall be prohibited during an electrical storm. In accordance with the American Red Cross guidelines, swimming shall not resume for 20 minutes after hearing thunder or seeing lightning.
- k. Anyone suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol shall be prohibited from entering the water.
- l. The pool may be closed at any time for health reasons, required maintenance, weather conditions, swim meets or any other emergency as determined by the managers. The pool is closed for swim meets on select Wednesday evenings, Saturday mornings, for the Mini Minnow Meet and for Championships. Pool will reopen after the meet ends.

3. STATE SANITARY CODE REQUIREMENTS

- a. Any person showing evidence of any communicable skin disease, sore eyes, inflamed eyes, cold symptoms, nasal or ear discharge, or any other communicable diseases shall be prohibited from the pool and grounds.
- b. Any person with excessive sunburn, open blisters, cuts or bandages shall be denied shall be prohibited from the pool.
- c. Do not enter the water if you are experiencing or recovering from diarrhea or have had any signs or symptoms of gastrointestinal disease in the past seven days.
- d. All children in diapers must wear plastic pants with snug fitting elastic waist and leg bands over a diaper or swim diaper. Do not wash out soiled diapers in the bathing water.
- e. Children should be encouraged to use the restroom before entering the water. Immediately report to a lifeguard any 'accidents' you observe in the bathing waters.
- f. No animals, except for service animals, will be allowed in the pools or on property.
- g. All persons shall shower before entering the water.

4. GUEST POLICIES

- a. No guests may enter the club grounds without being accompanied by a member.
- b. Guest passes are \$60 and are valid for 10 entry fees. Guests are required to check in at the office while being accompanied by a member. Guest passes will be punched once for each guest ages 4 and up. Grandparents who will not swim are not required to pay but still need to check in.
- c. Individual Daily Guest fees are \$8 for guests ages 4 and up. (Does not include Holidays or special events)
- d. On the 4th of July and Labor Day, Guests must be pre-registered and pre-paid in advance. Guest passes cannot be used for these days. On these days: ages 3 and under are free, ages 4-12 are \$10 and ages 13 and over are \$15.
- e. Guests are allowed to attend special events when accompanied by members. Guests are required to pay the event fee but no additional guest fee is required.

5. Party Rules and Fees

- a. Only members may host a party at Brookside
- b. A 'party' is a minimum of 10 guests and a maximum of 30 guests and is considered to be a gathering such as a birthday party, anniversary party, sports team party, graduation party, reunion, etc. OR any gathering of 10 or more guests of a member.
- c. Parties may be reserved by filling out a reservation form. The party reservation form can be found on the Brookside website or in the office. Return the completed form to a manager with the required \$20 non-refundable party reservation fee. Be sure to include the date, start time and end time of the party. Please estimate the number of guests and provide a final list of guest names to the office the day of the party.
- d. Party reservations are subject to availability. The manager will confirm if your party request is approved. If the party request is denied, your deposit will be refunded.
- e. No more than two parties may occur simultaneously.
- f. Parties are not allowed on Fridays, Saturdays, or Sundays during July or on Memorial Day, 4th of July, or Labor Day.
- g. The host must submit a list of all guest attendees to the office before the party begins. All guests must check in at the office.
- h. Children's parties (such as birthday or sports team) may last up to three hours. The fee is \$8 per non-member and non-swimming parents or guardians are free. All other parties (such as graduation or reunion) are \$8 per person, whether swimming or not. Guest passes are not valid as payment for parties.
- i. Parties will be "set up" on the pavilion.
- j. All party guests must adhere to Brookside's rules and regulations.
- k. No DJ or outside music is allowed.
- l. No cooking appliances are allowed.
- m. Party activities are conducted at the discretion of the Manager.
- n. All parties should be cleaned up by the host, and belonging should be packed up by 8pm so that all members and guests are able to leave by regular pool closing hours.

REMEMBER : THE CLUB BELONGS TO ITS MEMBERS. PLEASE BE COURTEOUS TO THE MEMBERS OF BROOKSIDE WHEN HOSTING YOUR PARTY TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE AT THE POOL HAS A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE DAY.

6. MEMBERSHIP

- a. Brookside offers Family, Senior Family, Individual Adult, Individual Child and Swim Team memberships.
- b. A Family membership includes the applicant, spouse, unmarried children who have not celebrated their 26th birthday before Memorial Day of current year AND whose permanent residence is the same as applicant. Special provisions for permanent house guests will be considered on a case by case basis by the Board of Trustees or the Manager.

- c. Work bonds discount can be earned by working 6 hours at the pool before the pool opens for the season during scheduled work days. Work bond credit will be refunded after the work has been completed and signed off on by the manager.
- d. If you sponsor a family (does not apply to individual memberships) who joins the pool, you will receive a \$50 credit on your membership dues for the following season. There is no limit to how many families you can sponsor. Please note, the new members MUST enter your name on the online application under 'sponsoring family'. Only one member can receive credit for sponsoring a family.