



## **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. Guests will receive a visitor wristband to wear. (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 in the pavilion or anywhere within the pool club is not permitted. Members may be asked to leave the pavilion if they are not eating and others are waiting for tables.
- 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.
- i. No food or beverages are allowed in or at the edge of the pools and food is not allowed on the volleyball court.

- j. Alcohol is permitted for those age 21 and above 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 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 blacktop area, the concrete and wood decking and in 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 “braided rope & buoy” 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 and the next person in line must not enter the slide until the previous person has left the water. Anyone using the slide must meet the minimum height requirement indicated at the slide. Wearing swimmies (or any floatation devices) or sliding headfirst is not allowed on the slide. Children who may need assistance in the water may use the slide only if a responsible adult is either in the water in the diving well near 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 well area or along the side of the pool located between the ladders near the 6-foot area to the corners before the diving well. Diving from any other area is prohibited. Only one person is permitted on a diving board (or steps of the diving board) at a time and the next person in line must not enter the water until the previous person has left the water. Children wearing “swimmies” (or other flotation devices), may use the diving board provided an adult is either in the water in the diving well (for the diving board) OR on the deck near the diving board, supervising the child/children.
- d. **Water toys and floating devices** may be used, however the manager on duty or lifeguards may limit the number and / or type of device for safety reasons.
  - i. All persons must climb on and off any flotation device while in the water, away from the stairs, ladders, & sides. No person may climb onto a flotation device from the pool decking, nor may any person climb off of 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.
- f. Hanging on, sitting on or playing with ropes, buoys, or ladders is prohibited.
- g. Members, guests or other employees are not permitted to carry on conversations with lifeguards on duty.
- h. Bathing attire (no cut-offs or other inappropriate attire) must be worn in the pool at all times.
- i. Conduct that endangers the safety and comfort of others shall be prohibited.
- j. Outdoor bathing shall be prohibited during an electrical storm. In accordance with American Red Cross guidelines, swimming shall not resume for 20 minutes after the storm has passed.
- k. Persons 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, or due to weather conditions or any other emergency as determined by the Club Manager.

### **3. State Sanitary Code Requires**

- a. Any person showing evidence of any communicable skin disease, sore or inflamed eyes, cold, nasal or ear discharges, or any other communicable disease shall be denied admission.
- b. Any person with excessive sunburn, open blisters, cuts, or bandages shall be denied admission.
- c. Do not enter the water if you are experiencing or recovering from diarrhea or have had any signs or symptoms of a gastrointestinal (stomach) disease in the past seven days.
- d. All children in diapers must wear plastic pants with snug fitting elastic waist and leg bands. 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 any "accidents" you observe in the bathing waters to a lifeguard.
- f. No animals, except for service animals, shall be allowed in the swimming pool, wading pool, hot tub, dressing rooms, or other parts of the enclosure.
- g. All persons shall shower before entering the water.

### **4. Guest Policies, Rules and Fees**

- a. No guests may enter the club grounds without being accompanied by a member.

- b. Guests shall be provided with a visitor wristband and be required to wear it at all times while on the club grounds.
- c. Guest passes will cost \$40.00 and may be used for 10 guest entries.
- d. Members are not limited in the number of guest passes they may purchase, but may not purchase more than two at a time.
- e. No guest may visit the club more than 5 times per season.
- f. Any member who “forgets” their guest pass may have a guest enter with them for a \$7.00 fee.
- g. Passes will be punched once for each guest 4 years of age and over; Grandparents who enter the club, but will not swim do not require a guest pass “punch” (except when required as noted below).
- h. On the Holidays of July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day, guests must be pre-registered and pre-paid for in advance. Guest passes **cannot** be used for guests on these days. Fees on these holidays are: 3 & under are free; ages 4-12 are \$10.00 and ages over 12 are \$15.00 whether swimming or not swimming

## 5. Party Rules and Fees

- a. Only members of Brookside Swim Club may host a party at Brookside
- b. A “party” is a minimum of 10 people and a maximum of 30 people and is considered to be a gathering such as a birthday party, anniversary party, sports team party, graduation party, reunion, etc. or any group of people of **10** or more non-members that are guests of a Brookside Member.
- c. To reserve a party, a party reservation form must be submitted. The party reservation forms are available in the office and online at [www.brooksideswimclub.com](http://www.brooksideswimclub.com) and after completing the form please return it to the Pool Manager on duty during regular business hours (at least 7 days prior to the party date) with a \$20.00 non-refundable party reservation fee. Be sure to include the date, start time and end time of the party and the number of anticipated guests, including all potential non-members.
- d. Party reservations are subject to availability. The Pool Manager will confirm within 72 hours if your party request is approved. If the party request is denied, the party reservation fee will be refunded.
- e. No more than two simultaneous parties may be held at Brookside
- f. Parties are not allowed on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during the month of July or on holidays (Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day).

- g. The host **MUST** submit a list of all non-member attendees to the office before the guests begin to arrive on the day of the party.
- h. Children's parties (such as birthday parties and end-of-season sports parties) may last up to three hours. The fee is \$7.00 per each non-member and non-swimming parents are free. All other parties (such as graduation parties or reunions) are \$7.00 per person, whether a person is swimming or not. Guest passes are not valid as payment for parties.
- i. Parties should be "set-up" on the pavilion.
- j. All party guests must adhere to the rules of the swim club.
- k. No DJ or outside music of any kind.
- l. No cooking appliances are allowed.
- m. Party activities are conducted at the discretion of the manager on duty.
- n. All parties should be cleaned up, trash should be placed in receptacles and all belongings packed by 8:00 pm, so that all members and guests are able to leave by regular pool closing time".

**Remember that 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.**