

# MOUNT WASHINGTON SWIMMING CLUB, INC.

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## Rules and Regulations

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The following Rules and Regulations have been established by the Board of Directors of the Club. These Rules are for the benefit and protection of all members, and must be adhered to strictly. These Rules are subject to change by the Board of Directors without prior notice. Members should also be familiar with the formal By-Laws of the Club, which are the final authority on Club operations; a copy of the By-Laws is available at the Club's website (<http://mtwashswimclub.com>).

"Pool Manager" in these Rules means the Pool Manager or the person designated by the Pool Manager to be in charge of pool operations at any time. The Pool Manager may take action at any time, even contrary to these Rules, if he/she deems the action necessary for the safe operation of the pool.

Members are required to caution their children and their guests to observe all Rules and Regulations as well as the directions of the Pool Manager, lifeguards, and other supervisory employees of the Club. Members shall be responsible for the conduct of their children and guests at all times.

### I. USE OF THE CLUB

#### A. Members

1. The facilities of the club are for the unlimited use of members and members' unmarried children under the age of 30 and living in the same household as the member. (By-Laws, Art. II, Sec. 7.)
2. A relative, friend or employee of a member, who does not live in the member's household, may use the facilities of the club without guest charges while that person is supervising the member's children at the pool. An employee of a member who lives in the member's household as an *au pair* may use the facilities as a member of the member's household, except that he/she may not bring guests to the club when using the club alone.
3. Persons renting or swapping for a member's house are not considered members of the club.
4. A member's housesitter may have free use of the pool for a period of up to 60 days but not exceeding the period of housesitting, provided the housesitter is not paying rent to the member and the member is not using the pool during the same period. The number of housesitters may not exceed the number in the member's household. The housesitter may not bring guests to the pool. A request for the use of the pool by a housesitter must be made by the member in writing to the Pool Manager or other pool officer.
5. All individuals using the Club facilities must sign in upon arrival at the Club and must provide proof of identity or membership upon request by the Pool Manager or his/her designee.

B. Guests

1. All guests must be accompanied by a member. Rules concerning the use of the Club by guests are intended only for the benefit of Club members.
2. **Guest Charges:** Daily guest fees shall be charged for each guest at the following rates:
  - a. Weekdays

age 18 & older	\$4.00
age 3 thru 17	\$3.00
age 2 & younger	Free
  - b. Weekends and Holidays

age 18 & older	\$6.00
age 3 thru 17	\$4.00
age 2 & under	Free
3. It is the responsibility of the host member to see that the member's guests are properly registered with the Club.
4. A member who has a family membership but is the only person in his/her household may bring one guest free of charge at any given time.
5. A member who has guests staying temporarily in the member's household for 7 days or more may purchase guest passes for \$10 per week per person or \$25 per week per family, with a maximum of \$40 per person or \$100 per family for the season. Guest passes must be requested in writing to the Pool Manager in advance of the visit.
6. If a member wishes to have a party with multiple guests, the member must advise the Pool Manager at least one (1) week before the party. Rules governing parties are available from the Manager.
7. The Club reserves the right to limit any member's privileges to bring guests in a situation in which the Club believes the privilege to bring guests is being abused because it is being used to avoid including the guests in a membership. An example of this situation is an individual member who regularly or frequently brings a member of his/her household as a guest.

**II. RESPONSIBILITY FOR MINORS USING THE CLUB**

- A. A child under the age of eight (8) years shall always be accompanied by an older person who shall be responsible for the child at all times. The older supervising person should be at least fourteen (14) years old.
- B. A child from the ages of eight (8) through eleven (11) years who has not passed the swimming test prescribed by the Pool Manager must be accompanied by an older person who shall be responsible for the child at all times. The older supervising person should be at least fourteen (14) years old.
- C. Any minor not accompanied by an adult must have a parental consent and contact form on file at the pool. The Pool Manager may turn away any unaccompanied minor without a form on file.
- D. An individual shall not be responsible for more than four (4) children under the age of eight (8) years and/or under the age of twelve (12) years who have not passed the swimming test.

- E. The wading pool may be used by children under the age of seven (7) years only if the children are **actively supervised from inside the wading pool enclosure**. Supervisors must be at least fourteen (14) years of age.
- F. The Pool Manager has discretion to determine in any situation whether adequate supervision of children will be or is being provided.

### III. POOL RULES

- A. Hours: The pool grounds will be open from 10:00 AM to 8:30 PM during peak summer months. Shorter hours may be in effect early and late in the season. Pool hours also may be adjusted based on weather or other factors at the discretion of the Pool Manager.
  - 1. The water will be closed 15 minutes prior to closing. Please make chairs available to guards at this time for stacking.
  - 2. The doors and gates will be locked at 8:30 PM or at the designated closing time.
- B. The pool shall be used only when a lifeguard employed by the Club is watching the water.
- C. Use of the pool and its facilities shall be **at your own risk**.
- D. Members should not talk with or otherwise distract a lifeguard who is on duty.
- E. All children under the age of twelve (12) years must pass a deep water test to use the diving well or other deep areas of the pool. This test includes swimming two lengths of the pool without stopping, one length on the front and one length on the back, and treading water for one minute. At the discretion of the Pool Manager, tentative swimmers who are twelve (12) years old or older may also be required to pass this test before using the diving well or other deep areas of the pool.
- F. Children over the age of five (5) years may be excluded from the wading pool at the discretion of the Pool Manager.
- G. The area inside the wading pool fence is intended primarily for the use of families with children in the pool.
- H. Inflatable flotation devices, including rings and rafts, are not allowed in the main pool.
- I. Non-swimmers may not use flotation devices in either pool without the active supervision of a person who is at least fourteen (14) years old.
- J. Flippers and goggles will not be allowed while using the diving board.
- K. The diving board may be used only:
  - 1. When a lifeguard is supervising the diving well; and
  - 2. When the diving well is clear of swimmers.
- L. When using the diving board, DO NOT:
  - 1. Go off the board toward the walls; or
  - 2. Take more than one bounce on the board.

- M. Diving is not allowed into water with a depth of less than eight (8) feet. Diving is only permitted in the diving well and in the deep area next to it. Do not enter the diving well when the diving board is in use.
- N. No more than one (1) person at a time is allowed on the diving board.
- O. No more than one (1) person at a time is allowed on the ladders located on the pool walls.
- P. Ball playing is not allowed in these areas of the water:
  - 1. In the diving well;
  - 2. In the lap lanes;
  - 3. In congested areas in the pool;
  - 4. Near the pool walls; or
  - 5. Over the pool ropes.Tennis balls are not allowed in the pool.
- Q. At least one (1) lane of the pool will be designated at all times as a lap lane. Additional lap lanes will be added as needed. These lanes are available for lap swimming only. If lap lanes are crowded, either wait for a lane or circle swim in each lane.
- R. Infants and young children who are not toilet trained must wear swim diapers. Regular disposable diapers are not allowed in either pool.

#### IV. GENERAL CLUB RULES

- A. **Suspension:** The Pool Manager has authority to suspend Club privileges for twenty-four (24) hours for violation of Club Rules. The Board of Directors has authority to suspend any member or person within the member's household for repeated or serious violations of Club Rules, or for other reasons including malicious destruction of Club property, acts endangering the safety of others, or abuse of Club staff. Persons subject to suspension shall be given an opportunity for a hearing by the Board as soon as practicable. A member may be expelled by the Board of Directors after being given an opportunity for a hearing. (By-Laws, Art. IV, Secs. 1-5.)
- B. Members are expected to refrain from any activity that interferes with the general enjoyment of the Club. This includes loud, foul, or slanderous language, or molesting, badgering, or harassing other members or Club employees. Any issues regarding inappropriate behavior by members should be reported directly to the Manager.
- C. No glass of any kind is allowed on Club property.
  - Use the trash cans to dispose of all trash.
  - Use the blue recycling cans to dispose of soda cans and other recyclable items.
  - Use the paper bin to dispose of any paper.
- D. Smoking is not allowed on Club property. This includes vaping and e-cigarettes.
- E. Fires are not allowed on Club property.
- F. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed on Club property.

- G. Pets are not allowed on the pool grounds.
- H. Radios and other audio equipment may be used only with earplug speakers.
- I. Rough-housing and undue noise or disturbance on Club property is prohibited.
- J. Ball playing is allowed only in non-congested areas on the hill.  
Ball playing is not allowed on the deck or lower grass area.  
Solid balls are not allowed on pool grounds.
- K. Cars shall be parked only in designated parking areas. Parking is not permitted in the entry driveway because it is a fire/emergency lane. When it is necessary to park on Enslow Road, all parking should be on one side of the street.
- L. The speed limit on Enslow Road is 25 MPH.  
The speed limit in the pool driveway and parking lot is 5 MPH. Be cautious of children and pedestrians at all times.
- M. No one except Club employees is allowed behind the counter in the Club Office, in the Pump Room, in the Store Room, or in Pool Sheds.
- N. Individual tipping of Club employees is prohibited.
- O. There will be no solicitations at the Pool.
- P. The Club shall not be responsible for any accident or injury to any person for loss of or damage to personal property, except for acts of negligence by its agents within the scope of their employment. The Club assumes no liability to any person for the enforcement of these rules. Each person using the facilities of the Club is responsible for his or her own safety and the safety of his or her minor children and guests.
- Q. Property of the Club broken, damaged, or lost by any member, any person in the member's household, or the member's guests will be promptly paid for by the member. No person shall remove any property belonging to the Club from the Club premises.
- R. The Pool Manager, lifeguards, and other supervisory employees of the Club are responsible for enforcing these Rules and Regulations.

#### **V. POLICY ON WADING POOL SUPERVISION**

- A. Whenever a child is in the separate wading pool, a parent or other responsible person supervising that child must be inside the enclosure around the wading pool and must be actively supervising that child in the wading pool.
- B. One of the lifeguards on duty at the main pool will have responsibility at all times for monitoring the wading pool. If the lifeguard monitoring the wading pool sees that there is no responsible person inside the enclosure to supervise a child in the wading pool or believes that the supervising person is not paying sufficient attention to a child in the wading pool, the lifeguard may take whatever action is needed to correct the situation, including requiring the supervising person to supervise the child or requiring the child to leave the wading pool.

- C. If the lifeguard monitoring the wading pool believes, in her/his judgment, that there is too much activity in the main pool for the lifeguard to devote sufficient attention to the wading pool, the lifeguard may suspend use of the wading pool temporarily.
- D. The Pool Manager also may take action either to ensure that there is appropriate supervision of children in the wading pool or to suspend use of the wading pool temporarily if the lifeguards are not able to monitor the wading pool effectively.

## **VI. PAYMENT OF DUES AND FEES AND RESIGNATION OR TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- A. As provided in the Club By-Laws, a member who resigns is entitled to a full refund of the member's subscription fee, without interest, only once a new member joins and pays a new subscription fee. Any outstanding dues, guest fees, or other charges will be deducted before any subscription fee is refunded.
- B. To avoid being charged annual dues in any year, a member must submit his/her resignation in writing **no later than April 15** before the start of the pool season. If a resignation is submitted after April 15, a full refund of the subscription fee will be made only if a new member joins for that season and pays the full annual dues for that season.
- C. Members unable to use the Club facilities for an entire season may submit a written request for a leave of absence **no later than April 15** before the start of the pool season. When economically feasible, a leave of absence will be granted for that season and the membership will be reserved for the following season. Any additional leave of absence must be submitted for each season. If the request for a leave of absence is submitted after April 15, it will be granted only if the Club is able to obtain full annual dues from a new member for that season.
- D. Payment of annual dues is due **within thirty (30) days of the invoice date**. Overdue invoices will be assessed a late fee of \$25 or ten percent (10%) of the invoice amount, whichever is less.
- E. If payment of annual dues has not been received by April 15 (or 30 days after the annual dues invoice, if later), the Club reserves the right to suspend the member's privileges until payment in full has been received.
- F. If payment of annual dues has not been received by May 15, the Club reserves the right to terminate the membership and to invite a new member to join the Club. In that event, any amount of the annual dues of the terminated member that cannot be recouped from a new member will be deducted from the terminated member's subscription fee. Reinstatement of the terminated member after May 15 will be made only in the discretion of the Board of Directors and only upon full payment of all annual dues and other amounts due.