



Abington Homeowners, Inc. d/b/a Abington Swim Club  
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## **Pool Rules and Regulations 2018**

### **AUTHORITY OF LIFE GUARDS**

The lifeguards have the authority to enforce all rules and regulations and are empowered to impose on-the-spot penalties that may be necessary. Serious and/or repeated violations will be reported to the Abington Swim Club Board and legal authorities for additional actions as deemed necessary.

#### **A. General Pool Rules**

1. All users of the pool must conduct themselves in a courteous manner at all times which will insure the safety of other swimmers. Absolutely no abusive language, boisterous conduct, loud or offensive music or breach of peace will be tolerated.
2. Abington Swim Club and its agents are not responsible for articles brought into or left on premises by members and/or guest. Belongings left will be discarded weekly.
3. Each member has the responsibility to see that there is no littering or vandalism on pool property.
4. All members, including guests, shall use the pool at their own risk. Abington Swim Club Board, employees and/or its agents assume no responsibility for any accident or injury or damage to any person or their property resulting from such use.
5. Member and guest are requested to drive 5 mph in the parking lot and no more than the posted speed throughout the community.
6. Only pool employees and authorized personnel are allowed in the concession area, storage room, or filter room.
7. Bicycles are to be parked in the bicycle racks only. They may not be parked near the front doors or on the walkways.
8. All swimmers, including guest, will wear swimsuits. No cut-off jeans or slacks will be allowed in the pool.
9. Any property of the pool broken or damaged by a member or guest shall be paid for promptly by such member. No person shall take any article belonging to the pool.
10. Swim diapers are REQUIRED for all children that are not potty trained. NO EXCEPTIONS!
11. There will be a designated lap lane for swimmers to use for exercising purposes. Please be respectful of the this lane and the equipment, especially when in use by a swimmer.

#### **B. Safety in and around Pool Complex**

1. The following rules will be enforced inside the fenced pool area, including the pool building:
  - No rough or boisterous conduct

- No running on or around the pool area
  - No wrestling or horseplay
  - No pushing or dunking of other swimmers
  - No imitating a drowning person
  - No bicycles, scooters, skates or skateboards
  - No spitting or chewing gum in the pool
2. There will be a 10 minute rest period called at 10 minutes before every hour for all swimmers under the age of 18 years of age. The 10 minute period will begin when ALL swimmers under 18 have left the water. It is the responsibility of the individuals in questions to submit proof of age to the lifeguards.
  3. Absolutely NO GLASS containers or breakable objects of any kinds allowed in the pool area.
  4. No one other than authorized personnel shall be permitted on the lifeguard stands. There will be no unnecessary conversation with the lifeguards while they are on duty.
  5. No swimming accessories such as “fins” will be allowed in the pool except when approved and under strict supervision by the pool staff/parents.
  6. No alcoholic beverages or persons under the influence or disorderly conduct will be allowed on the premises.
  7. No lounge chairs will be allowed within five feet of the pool rim.
  8. Flotation devices will be allowed in the big pool based on pool occupancy as determined by the lifeguards. Small children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who remains within arms reach of the child.
  9. Children under the age of 12 years of age are not allowed at the pool unless in the care of a person at least 16 years of age.
  10. Children ages 12 – 15 may come to the pool without an adult but may not bring guests or be accompanied by anyone under the age of 12, member or non-member.
  11. No guest will be admitted unless with a pool member who is 16 years of age or older.

C. **Diving Board Rules**

1. Only one person is allowed on the board at a time.
2. Only one person is allowed on the ladder at a time.
3. Only one bounce or spring is allowed.
4. Divers shall enter the water straight off the board, not toward the side.
5. Swimming in the diving area is NOT allowed when the board is in use.
6. All swimmers are responsible for exhibiting safe conduct on and around the board.
7. No flotation devices allowed in the diving area or on the board.

D. **Discipline Procedures**

1. Verbal warning of rule or infraction.
2. At the first offense, the offender shall be required to sit in the time-out area for a period of 5 – 10 minutes based on age.
3. If a second offense by the same child should occur, the lifeguard shall call the child’s parents and report the offense to the pool authorities.
4. Should a third offense occur, the child shall be suspended from the pool for a period of seven days.

5. If four offenses by the same child have occurred, the lifeguard shall make a full report of the case to the pool authorities and the matter will be brought before Abington Swim Club Board.
6. Any member may be suspended or expelled for the misuse of the pool or facilities, or for the violation of the rules and regulations of the pool, for conduct unbecoming a lady or gentleman, or for not paying his/her dues, all at the discretion of the Abington Swim Club Board. No yearly dues will be refunded to any member so suspended or expelled.

E. **Health Regulations**

1. All persons are required to shower before entering the pool.
2. No loitering or playing around the bathrooms will be allowed.
3. All persons, especially children, are requested to make use of the toilet facilities before entering the pool. It is the responsibility of the parents to make their children aware of the bathroom facilities.
4. Persons with communicable diseases, skin abrasions, open sores, bandages, etc. are not permitted to use the pool and will be asked to leave.
5. All injuries, no matter how minor should be reported to the lifeguard on duty.
6. Food and drinks are not allowed closer than five feet from the pool.
7. Abington pool is a non-smoking facility. There will be absolutely NO smoking or vaping within the fenced perimeter or inside the buildings. Designated smoking areas are located in the parking lot only and are at least 20 feet away from all entrances.
8. Pets are not allowed inside the fenced pool area and buildings.
9. NO GLASS in the pool area. This includes the shelter area and covered tables.

F. **Wading Pool**

1. The wading pool is for children six years of age and younger. Children seven years of age and older will not be permitted in the wading pool at any time.
2. Adults permitting children less than six years of age to use the wading pool shall have full responsibility for the safety of their children. Lifeguards will not actively supervise this area.
3. Applicable rules listed under "Safety" and "Health" will be observed.

G. **Guest Policies**

1. Members may bring guests as frequently as they choose.
2. Each swimming guest must pay a \$5 guest fee.
3. Each non-swimming guest must pay a \$2 guest fee.
4. Alternatively, a member may choose to use their guest punch card in lieu of either #2 or #3 listed above. Swimming and non-swimming guests each count as one punch. Additional 20 punch guest passes may be purchased for \$75.
5. All guests are required to sign in prior to entry and must be accompanied by a member.
6. Members are responsible for the actions of and/or any damages done by their guest.
7. Responsible non-family members (baby-sitters) are allowed admittance when accompanied by member in good standing. See age requirements listed in safety section B.