



Piney Orchard Community Association Inc.

POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Piney Orchard Community Association Inc. (POCA) pool facilities are for the use of residents and their guests. The POCA Board of Directors, for the benefit and protection of residents and their guests, have established rules as outlined below. All rules contained herein apply to all 4 pools and the adjacent parking lots and will be enforced by the Pool Management Company ("Pool Management") and/or the POCA on-site management staff ("POCA Management"). All residents and guests using the pool shall review and familiarize themselves with these rules, shall observe all rules and follow the instructions of the pool staff, employed by Pool Management, which shall include lifeguards, gate attendants, a pool manager and an assistant manager. Any resident witnessing a violation of these rules, including use of the facilities by anyone who is not a resident or guest, should notify the pool manager or assistant manager on duty. Any failure by the Pool Management to enforce these rules should be reported to POCA Management at the management office located in the community center.

Pool Admission

1. POCA requires all residents ages 5 and over to have a current Community Access Card ("Access Card"). Access Cards are not transferable and shall not be issued if there is a delinquency or deficiency in the payment of POCA Annual Charges. Pool privileges for all occupants of a unit or lot shall be revoked if a homeowner becomes delinquent in the payment of POCA Annual Charges.
2. All resident children 10 years and under must be accompanied and supervised by an adult supervisor with a valid Access Card, who must be present at all times.
3. Resident children between the ages of 11 and 15 must be accompanied and supervised by a resident 16 years or older with a valid Access Card, who must be present at all times. Resident children between the ages of 11 and 15 will be permitted to remain at the pool unsupervised provided that: (i) there is a Parental Consent Form on file at the POCA management office; and (ii) they have passed a swim test administered by a lifeguard demonstrating that they can swim unsupervised. Once this form is provided and the swim test passed, these resident children will have a special marking added to their Access Card. Violations of pool rules will be subject to disciplinary action as set forth in these rules.
4. All residents must have their Access Cards scanned by the lifeguards or gate attendants on duty to enter pools whether the person is swimming or not.
5. Swim attire is to be appropriate for a community pool. No street clothes, i.e., shorts, blue jeans and cutoffs, or overly revealing swimsuits will be allowed in the pools.
6. Any person using the pools at times other than regular established pool hours will be deemed to have trespassed on Common Area and shall be banned from any further use of the pools for a period of 60 days

Guest Policy

1. A guest is defined as an individual without a valid Access Card.
2. Each unit or lot will be limited to five (5) guests per day. Each guest, two (2) years and older must have a guest pass for entry into the pool. Guests must be accompanied by a resident at all times. Guest passes must be completely filled out in their entirety and collected upon entry into the pool/pool area.

Liability

All persons using the pools and pool facilities do so at their own risk. POCA, POCA Management and Pool Management, their respective agents, employees, directors, officer's successors and assigns assume no responsibility for and disclaim any and all liability for any injury or damage sustained in connection with the use of the pool and its facilities.

1. Residents are responsible for their actions and those of their children and guests. The cost of any property damage caused by a resident or guest is payable in full by the responsible party.
2. Any valuables brought to the pool facility shall be at the resident's or guest's own risk. POCA shall not be responsible for loss or damages to personal property, including but not limited to, bicycles and automobiles on POCA property.
3. Pool Management and the POCA Board of Directors reserve the right to remove or refuse entrance to unruly residents/guests.

Pool Management

1. The lifeguard must be on duty and the pool officially open before any swimmer is allowed in the water.
2. Only authorized personnel are permitted in the Pool Office, Filter Equipment Rooms, on Guard Stands, or behind the Pool House Desk.
3. If a pool is at capacity, as determined by the lifeguard, no additional residents or guests will be admitted until space is available.
4. The lifeguard and/or gate attendant is/are responsible for the strict enforcement of all rules and/or regulations. The lifeguard/gate attendant has/have the authority to discipline and or eject any resident or guest from the pool facilities for violations of rules or if their actions are deemed inappropriate.
5. A lost and found will be maintained in the Pool Manager's office. Any item not claimed within fifteen (15) days will be discarded.
6. Any concerns with the Pool Management should be reported to POCA Management at the management office located in the community center.

Wading Pool

1. Use of the wading pool shall be limited to children six (6) years of age and under. Children using the wading pool must be accompanied by an adult supervisor who must remain in the wading pool area and supervise the child/children at all times.
2. Lifeguards are not assigned to supervise or guard the wading pool.
3. The gate to the wading pool area must be kept closed at all times.

4. Chaise lounge type chairs are prohibited in the wading pool areas.

Pool Closing and Inclement Weather

The pool area may be closed at the discretion of the Pool Management in case of thunder, lightning, rain, operational breakdown, Anne Arundel County Health Department concerns, or other reasons determined by the POCA Board of Directors.

General

1. A pool/pool area may be closed for special events such as swim team practice, meets, activities, etc. However, there will be two other outdoor pools available for use.
2. Unauthorized entry into the pool/pool area will be subject to disciplinary action.
3. Smoking is strictly prohibited inside the pool area, as well as outside the perimeter of the pool areas, the pool house, and community center/locker rooms and anywhere in the general vicinity of the pool house entrances. Please note that "smoking" includes tobacco cigarettes, cigars, pipes, vapor cigarettes and medical marijuana and any other substance.
4. Persons under the influence and/or in possession of alcohol or drugs are prohibited from the pool and areas surrounding the pool.
5. Cellular phone, phone camera, camera, and video camera use is strictly prohibited in all locker, shower, and changing areas. Anyone found to be in violation of this policy will be reported to the Anne Arundel County police and, if found guilty, permanently banned from the facilities. This policy may require the Pool Management staff or the POCA Management staff to question any patron at the facility who is violating this policy.
6. No food or drinks are allowed within three (3) feet of the pool or in the pool. The consumption of food/drinks is permitted only at seating areas.
7. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on pool property.
8. Chewing gum is prohibited on pool property.
9. All trash must be disposed of in trash containers or recycle bins.
10. Bikes, scooters, skateboards, and wheeled shoes (heellies) may not be ridden inside the pool house/locker rooms or pool area.
11. Pets, other than service animals, are prohibited on pool property.
12. All glass containers are prohibited on pool property.
13. Radios or stereos are prohibited within the pool areas unless being used with headphones.
14. Abrasive/profane language will not be tolerated. There will be a zero tolerance policy regarding profane language, the use of which will result in immediate ejection from the pool by the Pool Management.
15. Public displays of affection including open-mouthed kissing, touching, fondling, grinding or other sexual activity is prohibited.
16. Any strollers in the pool area MUST be kept in a locked position and are permitted at the discretion of the Pool Management.
17. Personal grills and open fires prohibited on pool property.
18. Horseplay or loitering in parking lot is prohibited.
19. Bicycles shall be parked in designated areas.
20. Chairs of any kind are prohibited from being placed in the pool water.

Safety

1. Diving (head first entry) into the pools is prohibited.
2. For safety purposes, only Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's) approved by the United States Coast Guard (USCG) are allowed and MUST be properly fitted.
 - a. If a child uses a PFD, an adult supervisor must be within three (3) feet of the child in the water at all times.
 - b. Water wings and non-USCG approved PFD's are prohibited.
3. It is recommended that an adult supervisor accompany children under the age of six (6) years old in the bathroom/locker room area.
4. Horse-play, pushing, shoving, running or fighting in and around pool areas and locker rooms is strictly prohibited.
5. Prolonged underwater swimming, breath-holding games or games including such behavior is prohibited.
6. Any person giving the lifeguard reason to believe that they do not know how to swim may be asked to pass a swim test in order to utilize the deeper pool depths.
7. The use of kickboards, any type of water toys and ball tossing and inflatables may be permitted in the pool or pool areas at the discretion of the lifeguards.
8. Toys or objects that pose a risk to patrons due to size, material, weight are prohibited at/in the pool and pool area.

Health Safety

1. It is expected that all persons utilizing the POCA pool facilities will show courtesy and common sense in their activities. The pool manager, or assistant manager or POCA Management have the authority to determine when conditions make an activity inappropriate or unsafe and they have the authority to disallow such activity.
2. All persons shall shower before entering the pool.
3. Residents and guests who are not toilet trained or who are incontinent who wish to enter any pool must wear a clean swim diaper covered by separate rubber/vinyl pants which must fit snugly around the legs and waist. If the diaper becomes soiled, the person must leave the pool immediately and may not return until they have taken a soap shower and utilize a new diaper with clean rubber/vinyl pants.
4. Persons may not enter the water if they are experiencing or recovering from diarrhea or have had any signs or symptoms of a gastrointestinal (stomach) disease. Persons suffering communicable illnesses, skin diseases, fungal infections, sore or inflamed eyes, excessive sunburn, open blisters, open wounds, bandages, nasal or ear discharge, eye, ear, throat infections are prohibited from using the pool.
5. Spitting, water spouting and similar unhygienic actions are prohibited in the pool/pool area.

Sanitation

Defecating and vomiting in the pool not only creates unsanitary conditions, but health regulations require that the pool water be decontaminated. As a result, the pool may be closed up to 24 hours while the water is cleansed through water filters.

Discipline/Suspension

Any violation of these Pool Rules and Regulations will result in the following disciplinary actions:

1. Minor Violations: Pool Management shall have the absolute discretion and authority to immediately suspend pool privileges of any resident or guest for a day for any minor violations of these rules.
2. Major Violations: Pool Management shall have the absolute discretion and authority to immediately suspend pool privileges of any resident or guest for a period of up to seven (7) days without a hearing for any major violations of these rules, which by way of example and not limitation, includes any of the following: Unsupervised attendance by any child age 10 and under or unsupervised attendance by a child 11-15, unless the child has passed the swim test and there is a signed Parental Consent Form on file. A Parent/Adult Supervisor/Legal Guardian will be contacted to pick up the child.
3. Lewd, obscene, indecent, or improper behavior and language, fighting
4. Harassing lifeguards
5. Intoxication and or possession of alcohol or illegal drugs
6. Vandalism
7. Three (3) or more minor violations during any pool season

Pool Management shall prepare a written incident report for all suspensions, containing the reasons thereof, which will be submitted to the POCA Board of Directors. For major violations, the POCA Board of Directors may increase any suspension on the recommendation of the Pool Manager or Community Manager, which may include suspension for up to sixty (60) days after notice to the Resident and an opportunity for a hearing.

All injuries occurring on the premises must be reported immediately to the Pool Management.

Suggestions and/or complaints must be made in writing to the POCA Board of Directors.

The POCA Board of Directors reserves the right to change the rules and regulations without prior notice.



PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

Name: _

Name: _____
Parent/Guardian

Address: _____

I/We give my/our permission for my son/daughter _____, whose date of birth
(Child's name)
is _____ and who is now _____ years old, to swim at the Piney Orchard Community pools
without an adult escort.

In the event of emergency, I/we can be contacted at:

Home Phone Numbers	Work Phone Numbers	Cell Phone Numbers

1. I/We understand that my/our child must follow all pool rules and all instruction from the lifeguards and pool managers. I/We also understand that any person violating the pool rules or lifeguard and pool manager instructions will be subject to disciplinary action, which may result in immediate suspension for a day for minor violations and up to seven (7) days without a hearing, which suspension may be increased, in the discretion of the Board of Directors after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, for to up to sixty (60) days for major violations.
2. I/We acknowledge that all persons using the pools or pool areas, do so at their own risk. POCA and POCA Management, their respective agents, employees, directors, officers successors and assign assume no responsibility for and disclaim liability for any injury or damage sustained in connection with the use of the pool and its facilities.

Child's Signature: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signatures: _____

Date: _____