

**FAIRLINGTON MEADOWS
CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
2016 SWIMMING POOL RULES**

I. POOL OPERATION

A) **LIFEGUARDS:** The pool contract operations and project manager (hereinafter called “**head lifeguard**”) and the other lifeguards have complete jurisdiction over the pool. Everyone within the pool area is obliged to abide by these rules and to cooperate with the lifeguards in maintaining order in and around the pool. Safety is the main objective of these rules.

B) **RECREATION CARDS:** Recreation Cards are issued to either the resident or to the non-resident owner of a Fairlington Meadows unit, but not to both. The card, once signed, acknowledges that these rules have been read and will be observed. **Residents entering the pool enclosure are required to present their Recreation Cards to the lifeguard and to sign in at the sign-in table AT EVERY VISIT.** A Recreation Card cannot be used by any person other than the one named on the card, except as outlined in paragraph D below.

C) **AGE OF CHILDREN:** A Recreation Card is issued to each resident who lives in the Meadows and who is 12 years of age or older. The only exception is if a parent has children ages 12 through 22 years old who do not reside in the Meadows full-time, but who will be residing with the parent during the summer. **Children under 12 years of age may not go to the pool alone, and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.**

D) **NANNIES AND BABYSITTERS:** Nannies and babysitters, when accompanying a resident's children, must bring the parent's Recreation Card **and** a statement signed by the parent which clearly assigns responsibility for the children's welfare to the sitter and gives the sitter permission to use the pool. Except for this provision, a Recreation Card cannot be used by any person other than the one named on the card. It is the resident's responsibility to be sure that sitters are familiar with all pool rules. Nannies and babysitters may not bring additional guests, including children, other than Meadows children for whom they are caring.

E) **GUESTS:** Our guest policy allows residents to accompany, **not send**, a few guests to the pool occasionally without paying a fee. Guests must be accompanied by a resident who is 16 years of age or older. If the resident is already at the pool when his/her guest arrives, the resident must go to the sign-in table and sign in the guest (i.e., guests cannot sign themselves in). Guests are subject to all pool rules, and residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests. It is the policy of the Board of Directors that the Meadows pool is not available for large “outside” events, such as office parties, club activities, or after-hours parties, nor is the pool available for use or rent by individuals not residing in Fairlington Meadows. All authorized events shall take place during regular operating hours.

F) **NUMBER OF GUESTS:** Residents are expected to exercise restraint in the number of guests they bring to the pool, especially on weekends and holidays. Guest children are counted the same as adults. When children are brought to the pool as guests, there must be at least one adult for every three children in the group and, while in the water, this supervisory ratio must be maintained. If the number of patrons in attendance at the pool is such that it becomes overcrowded, then at any time and at the discretion of the lifeguard, **the lifeguard can limit the total number of guests within the pool enclosure** by either excluding all guests or by limiting the number of guests allowed per unit. Anyone who wishes to bring more than six guests per unit at one time must complete a *Request for Additional Pool Guests* form. This form is available from the lifeguards and should be returned to the head lifeguard a minimum of ten days in advance of the event. A decision on the request will be made within seven days by the Pool Committee

Chairperson or by the Fairlington Meadows Board of Directors only. A fee may be charged for this type of use of the pool for various factors, including the need for additional lifeguards. Residents must remain with their guests for the entire time they are at the pool.

G) **GUEST FEES:** Restraint is also required in the frequency with which guests are brought to the pool. Residents who regularly bring guests more often than occasionally (e.g., more than twice a month) may be charged \$3.00 per guest, per visit. The head lifeguard, in conjunction with the Pool Committee Chairperson, will decide when and if this fee is to be imposed. Any fee so imposed shall be paid in cash by the resident upon entering the pool.

H) **LAP LANES:** Unless actively swimming laps, please vacate the lap lanes, as other patrons may be waiting to use them. Be careful not to interfere with swimmers in the lap lanes.

I) **SHOWERS:** Playing in the showers, either those in the restrooms or the outside shower, is prohibited.

II. HEALTH AND SAFETY

A) **Items prohibited in the pool enclosure (exceptions may be made by the Pool Committee Chairperson or the Board of Directors for pool-sponsored events only):**

- Glass containers
- Animals
- Audio devices without earphones
- Vehicles (except baby strollers)
- Rollerblades, skates, skateboards, bicycles, scooters, etc.
- Frisbees
- Oversized flotation devices, as decided by the lifeguard, particularly when there are other patrons in the pool
- Chewing gum
- Firearms, fireworks, explosives
- Grills (pursuant to advice of Meadows insurance carrier)

B) **Activities prohibited in the pools:**

- Diving from the side anywhere except in the diving area
- Smoking on the concrete deck, in the restrooms or in the pool (smoking is allowed only in the grassy areas) – ***Please Use Ash Trays!***
- Consumption of food on the concrete pool deck or in the water. Food may be consumed only in the grassy areas and at the tables. Beverages may be consumed at the edge of the pool in covered containers only. Open cups are not permitted.
- Running or pushing
- Excessive noise
- Hanging or sitting on the ropes
- Ball bouncing and ball throwing on the pool deck
- Jumping onto floats or tubes from the edge of the pool
- Spitting or spouting water
- Blowing one's nose in the water
- Wrestling, horseplay, chicken fights
- Games infringing on others' safety or reasonable enjoyment of the facility
- "Marco Polo" (or similar call-and-response games) may not be played after 5 p.m.
- No "outside" swimming lessons. Lifeguard-given lessons only.

PLEASE NOTE: Pursuant to the advice of the Meadows insurance carrier, grills may no longer be used at the pool. They present a liability exposure to the Association that could adversely affect future premiums, coverage availability, and even our continued insurability. Due to the seriousness of the consequences, no exceptions will be made.

C) Persons with a communicable disease (including skin disease, nasal or ear discharge or inflamed eyes) shall be excluded from swimming in the pool.

D) Everyone who enters either swimming pool must be wearing appropriate swimming attire.

E) Any injury occurring in the pool area must be reported to a lifeguard immediately.

F) Pool patrons are not to enter the guard room or workshop areas. These areas are for authorized persons only.

G) Use of super-soaker-type toys is not allowed on the pool deck at any time, including during breaks. Use of these toys in the pool is permitted at the lifeguard's discretion.

H) **Diving area rules:**

- Diving is permitted only in the diving area (i.e., in the 5'-8' section).
- No back dives or back flips off the edge of the pool.
- No inward dives.
- Tubes or flotation devices of any kind are prohibited in the diving area. ***This includes noodles, kick boards, water-wings and lifejackets.***
- Diving in an unsafe manner will be stopped by the lifeguards.

III. SPECIFIC TO CHILDREN

A) Parents or guardians have the primary responsibility of overseeing the behavior and safety of their children at the pool. Children under the age of 12 are not permitted in the pool enclosure unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. The parent or guardian must remain with the child and oversee the child's behavior and safety. Guardians must be at least 16 years of age.

B) A parent or guardian must be actively supervising and within arm's reach of a child who cannot swim or who is using a flotation device.

C) Resident children age 12 and older are allowed to go to the pool unsupervised. Parent/Guardian should be sure children are familiar with the rules. Any child under the age of 12, whether resident or guest, who has not passed the swim test, may swim in the large pool only when directly supervised by a parent or guardian. Children under the age of 12 who have not passed the swim test are not allowed in the deep end.

D) The swim test consists of swimming **two** lengths of the pool non-stop, unassisted, and without touching the bottom or lane ropes, immediately followed by treading water in the deep end for one minute. The lifeguard's decision of whether the swim test is passed or failed is final. The test may be retaken after a rest period of at least one hour.

E) After a child passes the swim test, the lifeguard will enter the child's name into the Swim Test Registry, and the child's parent or guardian will complete the Registry information and initial same. The parent or guardian will be given the "Pool Rules - Short Version For Children," to review with the child.

F) The wading pool is for the use of children ages seven and under only. Parent or guardian must remain with and actively supervise children inside the fenced wading pool area.

G) Per County requirements, children who are not toilet trained, or who are wearing diapers, are not permitted in either pool unless they are wearing **both diapers AND rubber pants**. If there should be any release of human waste into the pools, Arlington County Code requires that the affected pool (large or wading) be closed for up to nine hours to allow all the water to circulate through the filtering system and for the pH balance to stabilize. Please conduct all bathroom-related activities in the restrooms only.

H) Every hour, at ten minutes before the hour, a "BREAK" will be called. All children under the age of 16 must clear the large pool for ten minutes.

I) A "ten-minute warning" will be given at 8:50 p.m. ALL patrons must begin vacating the pool at that time. The pool enclosure will be closed and locked at 9:00 p.m.

IV. ENFORCEMENT

A) Residents are liable for any damage they, their children or their guests cause to the pool, bathhouse, fence, pool furniture or equipment.

B) Anyone who violates the pool rules or fails to obey a directive from the lifeguards is subject to any or all of the following:

- Receiving a warning
- Being "benched" for up to 15 minutes
- Being ejected from the pool enclosure
- Losing pool privileges for the remainder of the season

Anyone who has been ejected may not return to the pool until they have had a conference with the head lifeguard and/or the Board of Directors, as the situation warrants. In the case of children, the conference shall include the parent or guardian.

C) A patron may be ejected from the pool enclosure immediately for any of the following infractions:

- Using profanity
- Pushing someone into the pool
- Being intoxicated or under the influence of drugs
- Fighting
- Repeated infractions of pool rules
- Failure to comply with instructions from the lifeguards

D) Climbing on or over the pool fence is strictly prohibited. Anyone entering the pool enclosure without a Recreation Card or when the pool is closed is in violation of trespass laws and subject to arrest. The policy of the Board of Directors is to cooperate with the Arlington County Police to prosecute trespassers.

E) The Board of Directors may withhold or suspend recreational privileges for residents who are in violation of pool rules or other regulations contained in the Bylaws, including, but not limited to, those regarding condominium fees, parking, pets and trash disposal.

Comments about pool operations should be directed to:

**Fairlington Meadows
c/o: Community Management Corporation
P.O. Box 10821
Chantilly, VA 20153-0821
Attention: Dwayne Frazier, Meadows Portfolio Manager**

Fairlington Meadows Pool Rules *Short Version for Children*

- Children under age 12 must pass the swim test in order to swim in the large pool without direct supervision by a parent or guardian.
- Children under age 12 may not go into the deep end unless they have passed the swim test.
- No running.
- No rollerblades, bikes, skateboards, etc., inside the pool enclosure.
- No glass bottles or chewing gum.
- Food only in the grassy areas or at the tables.
- Drinks at the edge of the pool must be in covered containers. Open cups are not permitted.
- Radios, iPods, etc. may be used only with earphones.
- No bouncing or throwing balls on the deck.
- Balls used in the pool must be kept under control.
- No fighting or profanity.
- No running, horseplay or pushing people into the pool.
- Use caution when crossing the lap lanes when they are in use. Please wait if a swimmer is approaching.
- No climbing on or over the fence.
- Pool furniture shall not be abused.

Be respectful of the lifeguards; they are in complete charge.

Failure to follow these rules could result in:

- 1) Receiving a warning.
- 2) Sitting out by the guard chair for up to 15 minutes.
- 3) Being ejected from the pool enclosure -- If ejected the child may not return to the pool until his/her parent/guardian has had a conference with the head lifeguard.
- 4) Losing pool privileges for the remainder of the season.