

SPARKMAN

SINCE CLUB 1958

Swimming Pool Rules

The following rules have been adopted to protect and benefit all members and their guests. Your cooperation, along with that of your family and guests, in complying with these regulations is earnestly solicited. Please note that these rules have been formulated primarily to ensure the safe and sanitary operation of the pool and Clubhouse facilities, with safety being our foremost objective.

Parents are requested to caution their children to observe all rules and to obey the instructions of the Pool Manager and the lifeguard personnel. The Pool Manager has authority, delegated by the Board of Directors, to take proper restrictive action for violation of these rules. Unacceptable conduct at the swimming pool site may result in temporary expulsion.

1. **The Club will NOT be responsible for any accident or injury.**
2. **POOL HOURS:**
 - a) The pool will be open from early May to late October. The Board of Directors will set exact dates based on multiple factors, including weather and staffing availability.
 - b) Open daily from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm. (See Swim At Your Own Risk (SAYOR) section for more information)
3. **ELIGIBILITY:**
 - a) Only members and their guests are allowed in the pool area.
 - b) Sparkman residents are eligible to swim only after all prescribed fees are paid in full.
 - c) For definition, an "adult" is defined as anyone sixteen (16) years of age or older. The Adult Pool, however, has a separate age restriction for adults, requiring individuals to be eighteen (18) years of age or older.

3. POOL RULES

For definition, the "Deck Area" refers to everything within the fence except for the "Pools", and the "Pools" are defined as the water-contained areas.

- a) Members must enter their household code to enter the pool area. They should not allow anyone outside of their party to enter.
- b) Members must sign in and register the size of their party. This includes household members and guests.
- c) All persons must take a shower before entering the pool.
- d) The south pool (Adult Pool) is for adults eighteen (18) years of age or older and has no lifeguard.
- e) The wading pool (Baby Pool) is limited to children six (6) years of age or younger. It is the parents' responsibility to supervise the safety of their child in this pool, as no lifeguard is stationed at this pool.
- f) The pool will be closed when necessary for maintenance operations, safety reasons, or during adverse weather conditions at the discretion of the Pool Manager.
- g) The main pool will close for a 10 minute safety break at 1:50pm, 3:50pm, and 5:50pm. All swimmers must exit the main pool. This allows staff to scan the pool bottom and gives swimmers time to reapply sunscreen, hydrate, and take a bathroom break.
- h) The swimming pool and swimming pool areas may not be used after hours.
- i) Admission will be refused to anyone with skin abrasions, colds, coughs, inflamed eyes, infections, or bandages at the discretion of the Pool Manager.
- j) Expectorating or blowing of the nose in the pool is prohibited.
- k) Glass containers are not permitted in the Pools or Deck Area. Paper, plastic or other unbreakable containers may be used.
- l) No running, pushing, wrestling, or ball playing is permitted in the deck area.
- m) Visiting or casually conversing with any lifeguard guarding the pool is prohibited.
- n) SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED.
- o) Pets are not allowed inside the fenced area surrounding the pools.
- p) Only plastic or rubber toys are permitted in the pools. Recreational objects of any kind are allowed only with the permission of the Pool Manager.

- q) Only US Coast Guard (USCG) approved floaties will be allowed for guests who cannot swim.
- r) Any float that impedes the lifeguard's line of vision or ability to see the bottom of the pool will be removed. Therefore, we ask that floats stay below 36 inches.
- s) Children twelve (12) years of age or younger are not permitted in the pool area unless accompanied by an adult.
- t) All children who will not reach their thirteenth (13th) birthday before December 31st of the current year must be accompanied by an adult after 7:30 p.m. Adults must be in the pool area.
- u) **DIVING AREA:**
 - i) By law, the diving board can only be accessed when at least two (2) lifeguards are on duty. **Accessing it at all other times is prohibited.**
 - i) To dive and swim in the deep area, a child must be at least ten (10) years of age or older. Otherwise, an adult must accompany the child in the water or sit by the side of the pool.
 - ii) One person on the diving board at a time
 - iii) No jumping or diving off the side of the diving board or the side of the pool
 - iv) Use a ladder to exit the diving area
 - v) The area around the diving board must be clear before diving into the pool
- v) **Furniture:**
 - i) Members are responsible for moving furniture to its original location if it has been moved.
 - ii) Umbrellas should be closed before you leave the table.
- w) Members are responsible for disposing of their trash in the provided trash cans.
- x) It is recommended that parents ensure that their children are not permitted to swim for one hour after eating.
- y) The cost of any property damage to the Club property will be charged to the responsible party or parties.
- z) The Club will not be responsible for lost or damaged property.
- aa) Food is not permitted within the Pools.
- bb) Members are required to park in the designated parking area.
- cc) Bicycles will be parked in the bike rack, inside the fence.

dd) These rules may be revised or additional rules established at any time by the Board of Directorss

4. SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK (SAYOR)

For definition, Swim At Your Own Risk (SAYOR) refers to any time when no lifeguard is on duty and the pool is open.

- a) Members must have a valid SAYOR waiver on file. One (1) waiver per household is required.
- b) Pool Area gate codes will only work during SAYOR hours if a waiver is on file.
- c) During SAYOR hours children fourteen (14) years of age or younger are not permitted in the pool area unless accompanied by an adult.
- d) All guests must sign a waiver if they plan to swim during SAYOR. Paper waivers will be available at the guard shack for guests to sign, and QR codes will be placed around the pool for digital copies.
- e) Children under 18 who are guests must be signed by their legal guardian.
- f) Cleaning services are not provided during SAYOR hours. Members are responsible for keeping our pool and facilities clean and disposing of trash responsibly.
- g) Members found to violate these rules may have their SAYOR privileges revoked.
- h) Waiver: <https://sparkmanclub.com/membership/waiver/>

5. SWIM TEAM AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Board of Directors reserves the right to allocate any pool for activities deemed advantageous to the Club. This includes non-adults using the Adult Pool.

- a) The Board of Directors will ensure that proper notifications are sent out through the currently in-use communication channels to inform Members of the reason for pool closures.
- b) Reserved activities are for members only, and only the Board of Directors can reserve a pool. The Board of Directors can make exceptions to the members-only rule at their discretion, for example, during Swim Team Meets.
- c) Examples include, but are not limited to
 - i) Swim Team practices during SAYOR
 - ii) Swim Team Meets
 - iii) Water Exercise Clubs
 - iv) Swimming lessons

- d) During Swim Team Meets, the Adult Pool will be designated as an all-age pool, and lifeguards will be stationed at the pool.

6. GUEST POLICY

- a) Guests may not be residents of Sparkman
- b) A member must accompany all guests.
- c) Members can bring up to 9 guests. We kindly ask Members to use their best judgment and limit the number of guests on known busy occasions.
- d) Members cannot combine guests to create impromptu parties.
- e) For 10 or more guests, the Pool Cabana must be reserved. (See Pool Party section for more information)

7. POOL PARTIES

- a) Members may reserve the Cabana on the east side of the baby pool for up to 3 hours.
- b) All reservations have a 50-guest limit, including swimmers and non-swimmers. Sparkman members do not count towards the guest limit.
- c) The Member must be in good standing with Sparkman Club (dues paid up, etc.)
- d) Reservations can be requested at <https://sparkmanclub.com/request-a-quote/>
- e) A complete rental agreement with rules and pricing will be provided once a request has been submitted.

8. POOL MANAGER

The Pool Manager is responsible for enforcing the pool rules and is answerable to the Board of Directors.

- a) The Pool Manager will close the pool during storms involving lightning, hail, or severe winds, as mandated by local laws and standards.
- b) The Pool Manager has the authority to clear the pool area at their discretion.
- c) When lifeguards are on duty, one (1) lifeguard acts as the Pool Manager and is easily identifiable.
- d) During SAYOR, no Pool Manager will be on duty.
- e) The Board Member responsible for Pool Personnel can be reached at pool@sparkmanclub.com

9. POOL MAINTENANCE

A third-party company provides Pool Maintenance. The Board Member responsible for Pool Maintenance can be reached at pool@sparkmanclub.com

10. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors reserves the right to modify the rules and regulations as necessary. Your suggestions to the Board are welcome and will be given every consideration. Please submit your suggestions to pool@sparkmanclub.com. The President may appoint a committee whose function will be to decide all cases of pool rule infractions, and this committee will have the power to discipline or suspend members' use of the pool and/or Club facilities.