

# Westgate Pool Rules and Regulations

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*We ask that all members of Westgate Pool be familiar with the Rules and Regulations detailed here. By paying the annual membership fees, you have agreed to all of the Rules and Regulations set forth by the Pool Board.*

*The Pool Manager and Life Guards are in charge and are responsible for enforcing these rules. Failure to comply with their direction will result in expulsion from pool grounds and membership revocation.*

The Westgate Recreation Association d/b/a Westgate Pool (The Association) is committed to providing a safe and non-discriminatory recreation and employment environment. Westgate Pool hires qualified employees and admits members and guests to the pool without regard to race, color, religion, sex, marital status, national origin, age, disability, citizenship, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, or other status protected by law. All pool activities and programs are administered without unlawful discrimination.

Harassment, discrimination, and/or displays promoting discriminatory or obscene language will be grounds for removal, termination, and/or revocation of membership in accordance with Association rules and by-laws. The Association reserves the right to make membership decisions in accordance with this policy.

## **Admission**

Memberships must be paid and active prior to members being admitted to the pool. Admission to the pool area will be refused to anyone when the health or safety of the other pool members is in jeopardy. This would include, but is not limited to: colds, cuts, eye infections, open sores, and intoxication. Swimmers are required to shower before entering the pool.

You will need to check in with staff at the front desk before entering the facility. Staff will scan your membership card to make sure you are an active member. Prior to the season, our system will give members the ability to upload your own photo of you and each eligible family member on your account. If you are unable to upload a photo, we will also be able to take your picture within your first visit to the pool. This process will ensure only active members are using the pool and all guests pay a guest fee.

## **Guest Fees**

The use of pool property is limited to paid members and registered guests. Guests may only use the pool when accompanied by a member for a fee of \$10 per person per day. The guest fee on holidays (Memorial Day, 4th of July and Labor day) is \$15 per person.

When bringing a guest, you must:

- 1) Check in at the front desk.
- 2) Notify the staff you have a guest in attendance with you.
- 3) Pay the guest fee.

It is important for all members to comply with the guest policy. Guest fees keep the member costs down and are an important source of revenue. Please notify the manager on duty of any unregistered guests as they will be asked to leave the pool.

### **Membership Revocation**

The Westgate Pool Board reserves the right to deny or revoke membership for any member who violates any of the rules or guidelines listed, or any other valid reason which could include but is not limited to ethical or questionable behaviors that affect the image or reputation of the pool, stealing, sneaking in guests, failing to follow and adhere to lifeguards on duty, bullying, etc.

### **Pool Use**

We offer adult only lap swim from 12 pm to 1 pm every day (unless otherwise communicated). This is available only for adults 18 years and older to swim laps in the pool. We also allow lounging in the pool at this time and is restricted to the deep end only to not impede with the lap swimmers. During this time, we do not have a lifeguard on duty and adults in the pool can swim at their own risk.

Lifeguards will monitor the pool from the designated lifeguard chairs anytime there are swimmers in the pool. Outside of adult-only lap swim and rest breaks, swimming is not allowed when lifeguards are not on duty.

We offer private rental of the pool Saturday and Sunday mornings from 9 am to noon or in the evenings from 9 pm to midnight. Pool rental is only available for current and active members in good standing. Please contact Westgate Pool for more information on private pool rentals.

### **Rest Breaks**

Lifeguards will signal a 10-minute recess every hour during the day. Children are to use this period for rest. Children are to exit the pool immediately and remain away from the pool edges. Adults 18 years and older are permitted to use this time in the pool for exercise and relaxation. Children two years of age and under are permitted in the pool with close adult supervision. A lifeguard will monitor the deck during this time to ensure the safety of all patrons.

### **Baby Pool**

The use of the baby pool is restricted to children **6 years old and under**. The baby pool does not have an active lifeguard on duty and must be accompanied by an adult within the gated baby pool at all times. Reusable or disposable swim diapers are required for all children who are not toilet trained.

### Flotation Devices and Pool Toys

Only single person flotation devices/rafts are allowed in the pool. Lifeguards reserve the right to limit flotation devices during peak times. Nerf style/soft balls are allowed in the pool. For patron safety, other items/toys may be found unacceptable at the discretion of the pool staff.

### Diving Area

Only one person is permitted on the diving board. Only one bounce is permitted prior to diving and there should be no diving or jumping towards the side of the pool. Swimming in the diving area must be approved by the lifeguard on duty.

### Food and Beverages

**NO GLASS** of any kind on pool property. Members are responsible for ensuring guests adhere to this policy. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of this rule not only for the safety of our patrons but because if glass were to get into the pool, it cannot be seen and will require the pool to be drained. **If you are found to have glass with you or in your coolers you will be considered in violation of this policy, which will result in membership revocation.**

Food is allowed in the picnic area only. This includes popsicles and candy. Please ensure your children adhere to this policy.

### Alcohol Policy

Consumption of alcoholic beverages is highly discouraged while swimming or diving. Possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages are permitted as long as the following rules are followed:

- Adults only, 21 years or older.
- No glass containers. No exceptions. See additional info above under Food and Beverages.
- Responsible and mature consumption only. Obvious intoxication will not be tolerated.
- No drinking in the parking lot.
- Please use a designated driver.
- Members are responsible to ensure their guests follow these rules.
- **Violators of the alcohol policy, as outlined above, will be asked to leave the pool property immediately. Failure to immediately comply with any request to leave will result in membership revocation.**

### Restrictions

Fighting, pushing, hitting, spitting, etc. will not be allowed on the pool property. Anyone guilty of this contact will be asked to leave the pool property. Failure to immediately comply with any request to leave will result in membership revocation.

Rude or lewd behavior will not be allowed on pool property. Obscene language will not be allowed on pool property.

Pets, bikes, skateboards, etc. are not permissible in the swimming pool area.

For the safety of all pool members, access to the front office/guard shack, the pump room and the storage room is limited to the pool staff.

No smoking or vaping in the pool area. Smoking is permitted in the designated smoking area outside of the pool grounds only.

Any unauthorized access within the pool grounds after normal business operating hours is considered trespassing. Any violators caught trespassing will be prosecuted.

### **Baby Sitting Fee**

For members who babysit non-member children, a fee of \$65 per non-member child must be submitted with the member's pool registration and a baby-sitting registration must be completed. We cannot accept checks from non-members. Children that a member baby-sits must be accompanied by the adult member and can only swim when that member is present.

Babysitters of member children may accompany children in their care for a fee of \$25. Babysitters may only attend the pool to accompany the children in lieu of the parents, they may not accompany the pool alone or along with the family as part of the membership. If the babysitter attends with the family, they would be considered a guest and would be assessed the above outlined guest fee per visit.

### **Early Closing**

Early closing may be necessary due to inclement weather, temperatures below 70 degrees (based on temperature on Weatherbug), or at the manager's discretion due to lack of pool patrons. The pool manager may close the pool if a health or safety hazard exists. Any unplanned closings will be posted on Facebook.

The pool will also close on some Wednesdays for Home swim meets. Dates will be posted on the wall by the registration desk and reminders will be posted on Facebook. Typical closing time on those dates is **4:00 p.m.**

### **Unaccompanied Children**

Children under the age of 12 can be accompanied by an adult member 18 years of age or older or sibling member 12 and older before 5 pm. After 5 pm, every child under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult member 18 years of age or older. This does not include grandchildren on a grandparent account as they must be accompanied by a grandparent regardless of age and time of day.