

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 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.

Baby Pool

The use of the baby pool is restricted to children 6 years old and under and must be accompanied by a member 15 years of age or older. Reusable 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. Life guards 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/sliding 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.

Guest Fees

The use of pool property is limited to paid members and registered guests. Guests may 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) 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.

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 babysitter attends with the family they would be considered a guest and would be assessed the \$5 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.

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.