

## Woodland Springs, Inc. 2023 Private Pool Rules

### Residents and guests *ONLY*

These rules and regulations incorporate Indiana state law, Hamilton County Health Department Regulations and industry-recommended standards. The rules and regulations help to provide a safe and enjoyable pool environment and will be enforced

One Key Fob will be issued to each residence in Woodland Springs. If the Key Fob is lost or stolen, the resident will be financially responsible for a \$25 replacement of the Key Fob. All homeowners who are not current with their annual assessment will not be allowed access to the pool (Per Woodland Springs Covenants: Section 4:5)

Guests must be accompanied by a resident. Proof of residency may be required at the discretion of pool staff. Children under 11 years old will not be allowed without a supervising caregiver (see age policy).

### Pool Hours

**Regular Season** (school not in session)

- **Daily** **11am – 9pm**

**Adjusted Season\*** (when school is in session)

- **Monday – Thursday** **5pm – 8pm**
- **Friday** **5pm – 9pm**
- **Saturday** **11am – 9pm**
- **Sunday & Holidays** **11am – 8pm**

After hours – requests for after hours use of the pool for parties must be made with a minimum of 2 weeks notice. Rental and lifeguard fee required.

### Weather Policy:

Lifeguards are authorized to close the pool for weather or other safety reasons.

- **Thunder and/or lightning** – Lifeguards are **REQUIRED BY LAW** to evacuate all swimmers from the **water AND pool deck**. The pool will remain closed until **one-half hour (30 minutes)** after the last sound of thunder or the sight of lightning. (NOTE: if the time limit expires after 7pm the pool will not reopen)
- **Minimum temperature of 70°** – the outside temperature (as officially measured at the airport downtown) must be 70° Fahrenheit in order for the pool to open. Families can check the official temperature by calling 317-635-5959

### Deep End and Adult Swim Policy:

Diving is allowed only in the 8' deep area of the pool.

**The lifeguards have the final decision about the ability of each child to swim without an adult.** Lifeguards may require a swim test to determine a child's ability and restrict pool usage accordingly.

Adult Swim – There will not be an adult swim. Once every hour the pool will be completely cleared & closed for ten minutes. During this break, lifeguards are not on duty.

## **Age Policy for Swimmers and Caregivers:**

The lifeguards' job is to ensure the safety of the pool, not to babysit unsupervised children. With this in mind, listed below are the age requirements for using the pool.

**Children's Age**  
*10 years old and younger*

### **WS Age Policy**

Must be accompanied by a supervising caregiver.

*11-13 years old*

Can come to the pool without a supervising caregiver.

*14 years old and older*

Can be a supervising caregiver with the following requirements:

- Caregiver must be a competent swimmer
- Caregiver must stay with the children AT ALL TIMES
- Caregiver age 14-15: supervising maximum of 2 children under age 10
- Caregiver age 16-18: supervising maximum of 3 children under age 10

## **The Wading Pool (Infant & Toddler Pool)**

The Wading Pool is designed for children who are small, young and not skilled enough to swim in the Large Pool. For this reason only children 5 years old and younger are permitted to swim in the Baby Pool. Parents and/or supervising adults must actively watch their children in the Baby Pool because the lifeguards are guarding the main pool, not the baby Pool. Families not in compliance with baby pool policy will be asked to leave.

## **Discipline Policy:**

Lifeguards monitor the safety of all who visit the pool, whether the swimmers/guests are in the pool, on the deck, or in the picnic area by the club house. For safety reasons, rambunctious behavior will not be tolerated and lifeguards have the authority to stop such behavior. Behavior includes (but is not limited to) running, pushing, hitting, dunking, chicken fights, flipping towels and name-calling. Coarse language, profanity and excessive public display of affection are also behaviors that will not be tolerated at the Woodland Springs Pool.

Lifeguards may warn or remove any person at their discretion for such issues. Individuals creating problems will be asked leave the pool area or sit out (benched) for periods of time. If warnings are not heeded, lifeguards have the authority to implement ANY of the following remedies:

1. "Bench" swimmers for up to 15 minutes during kids swim or dismiss them from the pool for the remainder of the day. Any swimmer who is benched can choose to leave the pool, however they will not be permitted back to the pool until the following day.
2. Repeated offenses (parents will be notified):
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> offense: 24 hour suspension
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: 3 day suspension
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: 1 week suspension
3. After a 1 week suspension, any additional offenses may result in suspension from the pool for the rest of the season.

Lifeguards and the aquatics director will work together to resolve any of the above issues so that the pool can be safely enjoyed by all.

Any parent or supervising caregiver is encouraged to step in immediately or request lifeguard assistance to stop rambunctious behavior directly with any swimmer/guest demonstrating such behavior (even children not in your family). As a community, we can all contribute to protecting the safety and well-being of our children, as well as our neighbors' children and guests.

Underage drinking or other illegal activities anywhere on Clubhouse grounds, which includes the pool, picnic area and lawn, will be immediately reported to the Carmel Police. Summer pool suspension will follow any arrest at the Board of Directors discretion. Parents will be notified immediately.

## Proper Attire:

### *All swimmers*

- Only swimsuits can be worn in the water. Immodest or overly revealing swimsuits are not appropriate at a family pool.
- Only swim shirts specifically made with fabric designed for use in water can be worn in the water.
- No cut-offs, gym shorts, t-shirts, etc.

### *Infants / Babies (under 2 years old)*

- Per rules established by the Hamilton County Health Department, infants and babies must wear a swim diaper at **ALL TIMES** with **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
- Infants wearing regular diapers (disposable or cloth) **WILL NOT** be allowed in the pool.
- Changing tables and toddler chairs are provided in both Men and Women's bathrooms for diaper changing.

### *Toddlers (under 3 years old)*

- Swim diapers are **highly encouraged** for all children 2-3 years of age, even those potty-trained, as many are inconsistent in their toilet habits.

## Guest Policy:

Guests must be accompanied by a resident in order to enter the pool area. Guests must follow the same rules as Woodland Springs residents including any lifeguard imposed swim tests.

## Food and Drink Policy:

Each family is responsible for cleaning up after eating: PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO KEEP THE POOL AREA CLEAN! Lifeguards are not there to pick up your trash but may have additional cleaning supplies you can use if needed. Inquire if necessary.

- **FOOD is not allowed on the pool deck area or in the pool, it is restricted to the designated patio area**
- **BEVERAGES are not allowed within 4 feet of the pool edge**
- **NO GLASS OF ANY KIND IS ALLOWED ON THE POOL DECK**

## Toys and Flotation Devices:

Noodles are allowed. Toys such as rafts, large tubes, plastic squirt guns and balls are allowed at the lifeguard's discretion only (when the pool is not crowded). It is your responsibility to ask a lifeguard and follow their direction.

Flotation devices such as lifejackets, puddle-jumpers, etc. are allowed and encouraged for children who are non-swimmers or weak swimmers. However, please be sure children are only wearing flotation devices that are **US Coast Guard Approved**. Any flotation device that is Coast Guard Approved will say so very prominently on the device. These flotation devices are designed to keep children safer by preventing failure.

*NOTE: "Water wings" are NOT Coast Guard Approved. They have a tendency to fail fairly easily from deflation, popping or simply sliding up a child's arm so that their hands are above the water while their head sinks under. Please consider purchasing a "puddle-jumper" style flotation device (water-wings with a strap).*

## Pool Furniture and Lost and Found

Pool furniture – Please be courteous –there is limited pool furniture available.

- Please use as few chairs as possible especially during busy times. Adults get first priority for use of chairs. During busy times, children may be asked to move their items to allow adults to use the chairs.
- Umbrellas are not designed to be mobile and should not be moved.

- When not in use, please close the umbrellas and secure with supplied bungee cords. The proper care of umbrellas helps extend their life and helps prevent damage from wind gusts. Ask lifeguards for assistance as needed.
- Residents and guests are welcome to bring their own folding chairs to the pool as long as proper deck space is available. Pop-up shades and/or large umbrellas should be restricted to special events such as birthday parties or larger group gatherings.

Lost and Found – Items left at the pool will be placed in the lost and found area under balcony.

### **Additional Health Department Rules:**

- All persons entering the pool must take a cleansing shower or bath before entering the water.
- Anyone with an infectious illness, open sore, deep wound, bandages or a recent vaccination shall not enter the pool area.
- No Smoking is allowed on the pool deck, picnic area, or around the clubhouse.
- No animals/pets in the pool fence area or tied up outside of pool area. Please leave your animals at home.

**NOTE:** Pool rules are not limited to those listed above. Lifeguards have full authority to enforce additional rules in order to maintain the safety and comfort for all patrons. Please be aware of this and understand their position in the event this occurs. Aquatics Director of Woodland Springs is the final authority on the application and interpretation of pool rules to be enforced by lifeguard staff.

### **Questions, comments, concerns:**

Please contact the Board at <https://woodlandspringsinc.com/contactus>