

# Rules and Policies of Blackridge Swimming Club, Inc.

The following rules have been adopted by the Board of Directors for the benefit and protection of all club members, to assure the safe and sanitary operation of the pool, and to provide a pleasant atmosphere for all members and guests. Adults are reminded to caution their children to observe all rules and to impress upon them the importance of obeying the instructions of the pool manager and lifeguards.

## General

1. The pool manager and/or lifeguard shall, at all times, have complete and absolute authority to enforce the rules, as well as such other practices as they deem necessary for the safety, health, and welfare of members and guests. Because it is impossible to predict all situations that may arise during operation of the pool, this is the single, most important rule.
2. Members and guests must register with the lifeguard when entering the pool.
3. The club shall not be responsible for loss or damage to personal property. The cost of damage to club property by a member or a member's family or guests shall be the responsibility of that member.
4. These rules may be revised or additional rules established at any time.
5. Suggestions and/or complaints concerning these rules should be submitted in writing to the chairperson of the rules committee.

## Safety

1. Swimming is permitted only when a guard is on duty.
2. Respect the guard whistle and commands promptly.
3. No running, pushing, roughhousing, and the like within the fenced area of the pool.
4. No tubes, jackets, rafts, other inflatables, masks, etc., are permitted in the main pool, except on board-approved occasions. At the discretion of the guards, water wings may be permitted in the main pool **only** if a responsible person in the main pool accompanies the non-swimmer child.
5. No glass containers within the fenced area of the pool.
6. For purposes of these rules, a "swimmer" is defined as one who is able to jump into deep water and swim one length of the pool to the satisfaction of a guard.
7. Only swimmers will be allowed in the deep water.
8. **The lifeguard may request demonstration of swimming ability by asking anyone wishing to swim in deep water to complete a "deep water test," which will consist of swimming one length of the pool and treading water for one minute.**
9. A responsible person must accompany all children under 12 years of age, or not entering the 7th grade next year, on the pool grounds.
10. A responsible person must accompany children (non-swimmers) less than 48 inches tall in the main pool.
11. On weekends/high occupancy days there will be a 10 minute adult swim period at the

beginning of the hour when only persons age 18 and older are allowed in the pool. This does not apply to portions of the pool being used for swim lessons.

## Health and Sanitary Operations

1. No one shall be admitted who has open sores, skin rashes, or communicable infections or disease in accordance with PA state law, except upon physician certification stating that disease is not in a communicable state.
2. No refreshments around the pool apron (concrete deck around the pool).
3. No smoking within the fenced-in area of the pool.
4. Shower before entering the pool.
5. No street shoes on the pool apron.
6. No pets within the fenced-in area of the pool.
7. **Only approved "swim diapers" are allowed** in the pool because of possible harm to the pool filtration system.
8. Altered street clothes (e.g., cut-off jeans) are not permitted in the pool because of possible harm to the pool filtration system.

## General Conduct

1. Members are expected to observe normal rules of good conduct and courtesy in order to make the pool a more pleasant place for all members and their guests. For example, members should collect their trash, toys, and towels daily.
2. No abusive language or gambling.
3. During "adult swim" periods, persons under 18 years of age should leave the main pool.
4. **Baby pool:** The baby pool is primarily intended for the enjoyment of children who are too small for the main pool. Behavior that is not consistent with this purpose will not be tolerated. **Parents must watch their children in the baby pool.**

## Guest Policy

1. Guests must be accompanied by a member and register with the guard upon entering the pool.
2. Each guest (over one year old) will be required to register and pay a fee of \$5/guest except where noted below. We do not accept credit cards or debit cards.
3. Members may use a complimentary pass included with their membership to cover the cost of a single guest.
4. A member family may not bring more than six (6) guests at a time without prior approval from the pool manager.
5. Guests are permitted "in and out" privileges at no additional charge.
6. Guests are allowed a maximum of three (3) visits to the pool per summer. Unique circumstances may be addressed to the Pool Manager and/or BSC Board.
7. Houseguests, may be guests at any time **without charge**. All other guests must pay the guest fee.
8. Non-member babysitters (defined below) may visit the pool, provided they are conscientiously babysitting and not just using the pool facilities.

9. Persons who are resident in a BSC member's household for more than one-half of a swimming season are considered to be part of the immediate family for swimming purposes.

## Other

1. **Babysitters:** All sitters, whether member or non-member, must be at least 14 years of age or entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
2. **Rain policy:** Any time there is thunder and lightning, the pool and deck must be cleared for safety reasons.
  - The pool will remain evacuated until no thunder is heard or lightning is seen for 20 minutes.
  - If it is raining without a hint of stopping at 2 pm, the pool will close.
  - If it is clear at 4 pm, the pool will then reopen.
  - If it is still raining at 4 pm, the pool will remain closed.
  - If it has cleared by 6 pm, the pool will then reopen.
  - If it has not cleared by 6 pm, the pool will remain closed for the evening.
  - If the temperature is unseasonably cool, the pool will be closed.
3. **Parking:** Whenever possible, walking or biking to the pool is encouraged. Since space is limited during scheduled BCA or Swim Team events, plan on parking offsite when the lot is full. And always keep an eye out for young children darting between parking spots!

## Penalties

Any person violating these rules or refusing to abide by the orders and rules established by the lifeguards or pool manager may, at the discretion of the pool manager, be removed from the pool premises and have swim privileges suspended for a period not to exceed three days.

Severe violations may be referred to the board of directors for consideration and extended loss of swim privileges, which may include loss of these privileges for the summer and may be imposed only by the board.

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