

# Beechwoods Property Owners Association, Inc.

## 2017 Pool Rules and Regulations

### General

1. The Beechwoods recreation area is for the use of the Beechwoods homeowners, members of their households, and their guests.
2. Persons using this facility are expected to behave in a safe and responsible manner.
3. A homeowner or member of the household must be present for a guest to use the pool. Relatives are not allowed to use the pool unless the homeowner or a member of the household is **present in the pool area**.
4. The cost of any damages caused by neglect or abuses by a homeowner, household member or guest will be charged to the homeowner.
5. The Association cannot be hold responsible for lost, stolen or damaged property.

### Playground and Parking Lot

1. Young children have priority for the use of the playground equipment.
2. Bicycles should never be parked on or along sidewalks, but rather adjacent to the pool fence. Bicycles are not allowed in the pool area or under the cabana.

### Pool

1. No swimming or trespassing is permitted in the pool area unless a lifeguard is present.
2. Homeowners and household members should introduce themselves to the lifeguards at the beginning of the swim season.
3. The attention of the lifeguards needs to be focused on all people in the pool. Do not engage lifeguards in unnecessary conversation.
4. Lifeguards are authorized and required by the Association to enforce the pool rules. They may require any person to leave the pool area at any time for safety or disciplinary reasons. The lifeguards may close the pool at any time due to weather or safety concerns.
5. The pool will be open while the outside temperature is 65 degrees or above.
6. The pool is immediately closed during a lightning storm. For this section, "lightning storm" is defined as: a thunderclap heard by the lifeguard on duty. The pool may not be reopened until 20 minutes after the most recent audible thunderclap.
7. The pool may remain open during mild rain if the air temperature is 65 degrees or above and there is no sign of lightning.
8. There is a sign-in binder for all homeowners and guests to sign-in. This will be kept in the cabana area. Everyone must sign-in upon entering the pool area.
9. Non-swimmers and children under the age of 9 who have not completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are not permitted inside the pool unless accompanied by a parent or a responsible individual who is 13 years of age or older.
10. Children who are 9 years old (or have completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade) are eligible to take a swimming test conducted by the lifeguard. Those children who pass this test may swim without parental supervision after their parents acknowledge their understanding by signing the rule sheet.

11. Lifeguards are authorized by the Association to take a 10-minute break at the beginning of every hour, if needed, when a guard is on duty alone. During this break, swimmers will be required to leave the pool but may remain on the pool deck until the break is over. If an adult would like to swim at their own risk during this break, they may do so only in the shallow end of the pool. When more than one lifeguard is on duty, the pool will not be closed during the lifeguard breaks as the breaks will be staggered.

### **Guests**

1. All guests must sign in when entering the pool. The resident must see that the guests are registered and introduced to the lifeguard and must remain at the pool with the guests.
2. Children between the ages of 13 (or have completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade) and 18 years old may have one guest without an adult sponsor present at the pool. If the guest is under 13 years old, the guest must pass the swim test.

### **Supervision of Children**

1. The purpose of the lifeguards is to oversee the safety of everyone in the pool area and NOT to be a babysitter for the children.
2. Children who are non-swimmers are not permitted in the deep end of the pool unless an adult is in the water with them.
3. All children who have not completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, regardless of swimming ability, must be accompanied by an adult or a responsible sitter.
4. The sitter must be 13 years old (or have completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade). They should sign in for themselves and their charges, but need not be a resident of the Beechwoods. A sitter may only be responsible for the children from one Beechwoods family at a time. It is expected a sitter will be able to swim.

### **Conduct**

1. Running, pushing, dunking, throwing other swimmers, and undue splashing or horseplay is not permitted in the pool area at any time.
2. The lifeguards will determine if a swimmer's behavior is interfering with the safety or enjoyment of other swimmers at the pool.
3. Lifeguards have the authority to enforce discipline:
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> offense: explain the rule violation and consequences
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: sit out of the pool for 15 minutes
  - c. 3<sup>rd</sup> offense: cannot swim for the remainder of the day

### **Pool Toys, Kickboards, Noodles, etc**

1. Noodles and kickboards are provided for the enjoyment of all swimmers. Be mindful that these items need to be shared with other swimmers and should not be used to hit people, balls, and toys, etc.
2. Floating lounges, chairs, and tubes are **NOT** permitted in the pool at any time.
3. If at any time, the lifeguards feel that play becomes rough or an annoyance to others, the lifeguards have the authority to stop such activity.

### **Attire**

1. Proper swimming attire is required in the pool. Shorts, cutoff jeans, play suits and the like are not permitted.
2. Bobby pins, barrettes, hair clips, etc should be removed before entering the pool.

### **Baby Pool**

1. An adult or responsible sitter must remain within arm's reach at all times while children are in the water.
2. Infants should wear swim diapers at all times when in the water.
3. Infants and small children will be given priority to use this pool.

### **Diving Rules**

1. Diving is permitted from the side of the pool in the deep end only.
2. No flips or stunts are allowed anywhere in the pool.

### **Food and Beverages**

1. No glass objects are permitted in the pool or cabana area. Please note this includes glass-lined thermos jugs and glass beverage containers.
2. Food and beverages are **NOT** permitted in the pool. They are permitted on the pool deck and cabana area. Please be sure to clean up any trash and crumbs. The lifeguards can provide guests with a broom.
3. Chewing gum is not allowed in the pool or the pool area.

### **Health Considerations**

1. Every person should shower before entering the pool.
2. Persons having infectious diseases, recent vaccinations or open wounds are not allowed in the pool area.
3. Anyone with a medical condition that could affect his/her swimming ability should make this known to the lifeguards.

### **Pets**

1. Pets are not allowed in the pool area and may not be tied to the fence.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Cynthia Gilbert  
(home: 671-0063; cell: 703-4399).**

**Thank your cooperation in making the Beechwoods pool enjoyable for all!**

**Please note: The agreement sheet on the next page must be completed and on file with the lifeguards before anyone in the household is permitted in the pool area.**

# **Beechwoods Property Owners Association, Inc.**

## **2017 Pool Rules and Regulations Agreement**

**Please note: This agreement must be completed and on file with the lifeguards before anyone in the household is permitted in the pool area.**

**I have read the above rules and regulations. I assure that the members of my household and all guests are aware of said rules and abide by them always while on the premises of the Beechwoods POA pool and pool area.**

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**Homeowner's Name (Last Name, First Name)**

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**Homeowner's Signature**

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**Address**

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**Phone**

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**Date**