

# Orchard Park Amenity Center Pool Rules and Regulations



*Springfield*

**PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**420 Horton Grove Road**

**Fort Mill, SC 29715**

## **DATES OF OPERATION:**

Pools will be operational from May 1<sup>st</sup> and remain open through September 30th.

For a complete schedule of the pool open hours, guard hours, slide hours, and swim meets, please visit [SpringfieldPOA.com](http://SpringfieldPOA.com)

Hours and dates when Aquatech lifeguards are not on duty are considered to be Swim at Your Own Risk (SAYOR) time periods.

**The Swim at Your Own Risk/No Lifeguard on Duty (SAYOR) Policy will be in effect outside Lifeguard on Duty hours.**

## **SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK/NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY (SAYOR) POLICY**

**Please be aware that there are SEVERAL video cameras mounted on and around the pool deck/clubhouse. These cameras are used to monitor the clubhouse activity. The video footage will be used to identify anyone causing damage to, or not following the rules of the pool and clubhouse. Anyone found violating the pool rules during SAYOR will have their codes deactivated and SAYOR privileges revoked.**

These rules apply to hours during which the pool is open for (SAYOR) Swim at Your Own Risk with No Lifeguard on Duty:

- SAYOR hours include the period of time between dawn and dusk (i.e., the sun is up).
- The GreenWave Swim Team practices and meets take precedent over SAYOR.
- Scheduled fitness classes (e.g., water aerobics) takes precedent over SAYOR.
- Lap swimming takes precedent over SAYOR. The swim lanes are reserved for exercise purposes between the hours of 6 am to 9 am
- NO GUESTS are allowed during SAYOR hours.
- No swim instructors other than Aquatech instructors are allowed during swim at your own risk.
- **Residents** ages 17 and under must be accompanied by a **resident** parent or guardian 18+ to access the pool deck during SAYOR hours.
- Residents are responsible for returning pool furniture to its original position, clearing away all trash, and closing umbrellas before leaving during SAYOR hours when an attendant isn't present.
- NO ALCOHOL is allowed on the pool deck during SAYOR.
- NO SOLO SWIMMING DURING SAYOR HOURS.
- Any residents who do not adhere to the SAYOR policies will be held accountable for their actions. See the "Warnings & Suspensions" section of the pool rules for details.

## **GREENWAVE SWIM TEAM**

The Springfield Property Owners Association proudly supports the Springfield GreenWave Swim Team, made up of our own Springfield residents between the ages of 5-18. In an effort to support the team, the main pool will be closed to residents during some time periods to support practices and meets. The feature pool and wading pool will be available during practice. The team will host swim meets at the Springfield Pool, the dates will be listed on the Calendar and at the pool entrance.

All home meet prep will begin at 3:30 pm:

- The main pool, wading pool, and surrounding deck will be closed to residents beginning at 3:00 pm to allow volunteers to set up the deck and prepare for the meet.
- Residents may use the feature pool from 3 pm-4:30 pm on days of home meets.
- At 5pm all pools and entire pool deck area will be closed to recreational swimming for the duration of the meet. For more information about the Springfield GreenWave swim team, please see the website at

<https://sfgw.swimtopia.com/> . There is always the possibility of inclement weather and a rainout of a swim meet. In the event of a re-scheduled swim meet, the date for the reschedule will be announced via e-mail blast to the residents.

### **ENTERING POOL AREA/SIGN IN POLICIES**

- You must enter the pool deck through the gate on the Pavilion, NOT through the building.
- Property Owners and guests must sign in at the check in table.
- Coolers will be checked for glass bottles and rubber pants must be visible over babies' diapers.

### **Pool Use / Guests**

- Free use of the pool is restricted to Springfield Residents. Residents are:
- Full-time occupants of Springfield residences, including renters.
- Individual lot owners who are current on their POA dues
- Guests include:
  - Family members who do not reside in Springfield.
  - Friends of Springfield residents.
- Property Owners are allowed up to 4 guests per household.
- Property Owners are responsible for their guest's behavior.
- No guests will be allowed during the three major holidays due to the high attendance of homeowners and the limited amount of room on the pool deck.
- All pool patrons must wear appropriate swimwear, (i.e. no cutoffs, jean shorts, or boxer/gym shorts for swimming).

### **General Rules**

- Saving of chairs is NOT allowed at any time during the season. If you desire to save a chair, then you must bring your own personal chairs to the pool. Please be courteous and conserve space when placing personal belonging, there are 616 homes sharing the same pool. If the weather isn't too windy, tents will be allowed on the deck.
- No running, horseplay, boisterous play, diving or flipping in any area of the pools.
- No animals, pets, skateboards, rollerblades, Heely's, bicycles, water squirters, rafts, boats, large floats or scooters allowed in pool area.
- No use of foul or offensive language. Any patron using foul/obscene language or acting visibly intoxicated will be asked to leave the pool deck and surrounding property. Failure to do so will result in the Fort Mill Police department being called.
- Orchard Park is a smoke-free facility. Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the premises.
- Radios are not permitted in pool area. I-pods or portable devices are allowed if headphones are used.
- Lap lane is reserved for lap swimmers. Please respect anyone trying to lap swim by staying out of the lap lane.
- Persons entering pool area after hours are trespassing and will be subject to arrest.
- **NO Glass of any kind is allowed on the pool deck! A \$7,000 fine** will be charged to any homeowner responsible for a glass container that is broken on the pool deck. A glass break incident results in the pool being shut down for several days and the pool to be drained. This fine is to cover that cost of the pool drain, cleaning, and refill.
- Swim blocks are for the exclusive use of the Greenwave Swim Team meets. No sitting or jumping off of the swim blocks at any time.
- No hanging on lane lines at any time.
- No water guns or tennis balls & squish balls are permitted on the pool deck to stop the clogging of gutters. Use of these toys is restricted to outside of the pool fence area in the open grass.
- No one is allowed inside of the Pool Pump House.
- Residents are not permitted to allow other patrons to use their keypad codes to access the pool or

amenity center. By doing so, you are legally and financially obligated to be responsible for any injuries and/or damages that may occur if you allow someone else to use your key fob.

- If there are any grey areas in regard to the pool rules, it will fall to the deck managers judgement.
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### **Children – Policies and Procedures**

- To ensure the safety of all children we require a parent to child ratio of 1:5 (for every 5 children in a group there must be 1 adult present at all times).
- Children aged 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult or young adult age 16 or older. Children under 18 are not allowed to swim during SAYOR unless accompanied by an 18+ adult resident.
- Any child aged 13 or older that requires a yellow swim band MUST be accompanied by a guardian and are not allowed to use the pool without a chaperone.
- Children in diapers must wear a swim diaper AND rubber pants.
- Children who are not bathroom independent are allowed only in the feature pool and baby splash pool area, not in the lap pool.
- “Floaties” or “Water-Wings” “will not be allowed in any pool area. Children must wear only US Coast Guard approved devices, which include foam vests, swim & play foam training suits and puddle jumpers.

### **Weather – Policies and Procedures**

- All property owners and their guests are required to leave the pool deck if the pool closes for lightening or thunder.
- The pool must be closed for 30 minutes after each occurrence of thunder or lightening heard/sighted.
- On rainy days, the Pool Management Company will keep a lifeguard at the pool until 6:00pm. At such time, if the weather is still unsuitable for swimming the pool will be closed for the day.
- The Community Manager and Pool Company reserve the right and responsibility to close the pool when deemed necessary due to the weather.

### ***Flume Slide Rules - These are direct from the manufacturer and are strictly enforced***

- Riders less than 48” in height must pass a lifeguard administered swim test in the lap pool before receiving permission to use the slide.
- Guest under 48” will also be required to pass a test.
- Parents are not allowed to ride down with their children or catch them at the base.
- Riders must enter slide in sitting position and wait for instructions from lifeguard.
- Maximum rider weight is 300 lbs.
- Riders must always lie on their back with feet crossed and arms covering chest.
- Riders should not sit up while riding or pull themselves into the slide.
- No tubes, mats or life jackets allowed.
- No diving from flume exit.
- Persons must exit plunge pool immediately.
- Riders must understand that they are sliding at their own risk. Springfield is not liable for risk or injury.
- Slide usage is a privilege that may be revoked if rules are not followed.
- The slide is only open when the gate to the slide is open and unlocked AND a lifeguard is present. Children are not allowed to climb or ride on the slide when it is closed. Failure to comply with this rule will result in privileges being revoked.

### **Reporting Sanitary Accidents at the Pool**

**Please report any sanitary accidents immediately to the lifeguards and management company  
888-600-5044**

**The pool will remain closed for 1-24 hours after each vomit or fecal sanitary accident. This time is determined by the nature of the contamination.**

**Sanitation, Safety & First Aid:**

- Children in diapers must wear BOTH swim diaper and rubber pants. Please use the diaper changing area in the bathroom and do not change diapers poolside. Please wash your hands after diaper change in the bathroom.
- Non-potty-trained children must wear tight fitting diapers, diapers AND rubber pants at all times.
- No spitting or blowing of nose in the pool.
- Do not use the pool to wash your hands and face after eating. Use the bathroom sinks.
- Do not drink the pool water.
- Persons with diarrhea illness, nausea, open lesions, or wounds are not permitted to enter the pool.
- Persons with skin, eye, ear, or respiratory infections should not enter the pool.
- Please insist that your child sit out of the water at least 30 min after eating to help minimize the chances of vomiting.
- Tell a lifeguard ASAP after a child has had an accident, so that appropriate actions may be taken.
- Children that are non-toilet independent or are still wearing diapers, are not permitted to swim in the lap pool.
- Dispose of all trash in designated pool trash cans or recycling bins.
- Enter bathroom area through the door located closest to the water fountains outside the amenity center. Dry off completely because the floor is slippery when wet. No running in the bathrooms!
- Entry of the pool from the amenity center will be from the door close to the lady's room only or the pool fence. The double doors to the pool deck will be locked.
- First Aid and AED Locations:
- There is a first aid kit near the sign-in table and in the amenity center in the fitness room.
- AED (Automated External Defibrillator) hanging on the wall inside the door adjacent the ladies restroom.

**How Can You Help Prevent Accidents and Illnesses?**

- Please insist that your child sit out of the water at least 30 min after eating to help minimize the chances of vomiting.
- Tell a lifeguard ASAP after a child has had an accident, so that appropriate actions may be taken.
- Children that are non-toilet independent or are still wearing diapers, are not permitted to swim in the lap pool.

**Lost & Found**

- Orchard Park management is not responsible for lost or stolen property. Lost and Found is located on the pool deck. Please ask a lifeguard for assistance.
- The lost and found bin will be emptied and all contents donated on the 15th and 30th of every month. Please claim your belongings quickly.

**Warnings and Pool Suspensions**

***Complaints regarding confrontational and/or belligerent pool patrons, to include an unwillingness to follow the pool rules or engage in inappropriate behavior, will be managed by the Aquatech lifeguards with direction to escalate the complaint to the SPOA management, and if necessary, dealt with by the SPOA Board. These issues could result in the indefinite suspension of pool privileges.***

***If there is a repeated pattern of the same rule breaking from the same patron throughout the season, a letter of warning will be mailed to the homeowner. That letter will serve as a final warning. Should the***

***offense occur again, the homeowner will have pool privileges revoked and key code deactivated until a POA hearing can be scheduled. Any damage to the pool and its surrounding property will result in a repair fee to be charged to the homeowner.***