

STONEBRIDGE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION
SWIMMING POOL RULES and REGULATIONS



2024 Pool Season

All Stonebridge Homeowners Association (HOA) Owners, Renters and their guests, and all Outside Pool Members [Non-Resident] and their guests, [Members] must abide by these Rules and Regulations. The employees of the pool management company RSV Pools, Inc. [RSV] chosen by the Board of Directors [BOD] to manage the pool are authorized to enforce these rules and take appropriate action against violators, including barring violators from the pool area. The BOD further reserves the right to revoke the membership of any HOA or Non-Resident Member or Renter [Members] who fails to comply with these rules.

The Rules and Regulations are intended to ensure safe and sanitary operation of the pool and its facilities. It is believed member's cooperation in abiding by these rules will afford pleasant relaxation and recreation of all.

Parents are to instruct their children to observe the Rules and Regulations and to obey the instructions of the Lifeguards and other employees of the pool management company.

GENERAL ADMISSION POLICIES

1. Admittance into the facility may be refused when the capacity of the pool [612] has been reached or when otherwise deemed necessary for the health, welfare, or safety of members.
2. No one will be allowed in the swimming area unless the pool is officially open and a lifeguard is on duty. Pool schedules are posted on the pool gate and website. The Pool Manager/Supervisor reserve the right to alter any schedule when deemed necessary. Entry to the pool premises when it is not open for use is punishable by fines or imprisonment or both in accordance with Montgomery County rules and regulations.
3. Members are expected to exit the pool facility, including changing/restrooms within 15 minutes AFTER the posted pool closing time. Ie: Pool closes at 9pm - everyone must vacate the premises before 9:15pm
4. Your 2024 Stonebridge FOB* must be swiped/presented to the lifeguard staff whenever a member enters the pool premises. No one will be admitted to the pool premises if he or she does not present his/her FOB and it displays as active.
 - a. * A key fob is a small security hardware device used to control and secure access to doors/gates and network services
 - b. All persons over the age of five (5) on May 1, 2024 must present a FOB for pool entry

5. Children under the age of twelve (12) must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult of sixteen (16) years or older at all times when on the pool property or using the Pool. The maximum number of children accompanying the adult will be six (6).
6. During storms the pool will be closed and the entire area cleared of members depending on the severity of the weather. Because cover is limited, members are encouraged to go home. Others must remain within the shelter of the locker rooms or their car.
7. Following unscheduled pool closures (due to fecal contamination, inclement weather, mechanical problems), you must present your FOB to re-enter.
8. Groups of 10 or more people MUST contact RSV pool management in advance to make a reservation. Groups without a reservation are at risk of being turned away. See POOL PARTIES; #74
9. Single groups shall not monopolize a particular area of the pool and thereby limit its use or intimidate other members. Pool furniture is first-come, first-served.
10. Only HOA scheduled activities are permitted. No activity for private gain is allowed at any time. This includes teaching swim lessons, coaching and/or any other activity without expressed approval by the HOA/Pool Committee. Please be advised that RSV management will question any activity that may resemble private instruction. For further clarity, some offenses may include, but are not limited to the following:
 - a. Providing detailed instructions to other members when you are swimming or working out
 - b. Soliciting or receiving payment from other members for activities or services performed
 - c. Swimming and/or working out with members who have apparent differences in skill level, goals, and strength while providing instruction
11. Members that are not current in the payment of the applicable fees and/or who have any outstanding architectural or maintenance violations will be denied access to the Pool and Tennis court areas.
 - a. If an **Owner** is not current (see above), then their **RENTERS** will be denied access to the pool
12. Any member seeking admission to the pool without his or her FOB may be admitted only as the guest of another present member and only upon presentation of a valid **Guest PASS** registered to the Member's household for validation.
 - a. Members who are leaving the pool facility for only a few minutes (eg: to visit with ice cream vendor) should to take their FOB to return to the pool; but not mandatory
 - b. If using a Guest Pass, inform the lifeguard at the gate. You do not need to utilize a pass to re-enter the same day
13. The RSV Pool Managers/Supervisors and their designated staff have the authority to enforce all pool rules. Members are requested to cooperate in observing specific rules and policies that may not be outlined in this document. Members who violate the rules may be asked to leave the pool area including the parking lot.
14. RSV and/or the HOA is not responsible for lost, stolen or damaged individual property within the pool facility. Valuables may not be left with pool staff.

15. Bringing any animal, other than a registered service animal (dog) into pool area is prohibited. Service animals may not enter the water.
16. If a member with a disability needs special accommodations to use the pool, please contact the Pool Manager/Supervisor. No special accommodations are available for the raised SPA/Hot Tub area.

POOL/SPA and DECK POLICIES

17. Possessing food or beverages on the pool deck within 6 feet of the pool's edge is prohibited (except plastic bottles of water brought by a member for personal consumption).
18. Tents or shade devices are not allowed.
19. Alcoholic beverages or intoxicants are not permitted anywhere within the Stonebridge HOA pool property. No glass containers of any kind are allowed within the enclosed pool area.
20. Eating is only permitted in the designated eating areas (ie: deck area, picnic tables).
21. Under normal circumstances, there will be a ten (10) minute "Break" once each hour during normal pool hours. During this break, no children under the age of sixteen (16) are permitted in the pool waters.
22. The pool may be closed to HOA and Non-Resident members for Swim Team meets and other special events.
23. Lap lanes designated by the Pool Manager are restricted for that purpose. LAPLANES #80.
24. Parents are asked to limit the number of lounges and chairs used by their children. Saving chairs, lounges and/or umbrellas for anticipated members or guest during one's extended absence from the pool is prohibited.
25. The Children's (Kiddie) pool as a maximum of 31 at any one time.

POOL ATTIRE

26. Pool users must wear swimming suits or swimming trunks upon entry into the pool.
27. Clothing such as cut-offs, gym shorts, and underwear is not permitted as swimwear.
28. Swim attire should not have been worn for exercising immediately prior to pool use and must be colorfast and of lightweight material suitable for swimwear, such as Lycra, Spandex, or nylon. See EXAMPLES Page 8
29. Clean T-shirts may be worn for modesty or medical reasons but first must be sanctioned by the Pool Manager.

BEHAVIOR

30. Socializing with or distracting pool staff, including lifeguards, is prohibited
31. All persons using radios and sound devices must wear earphones so that their radios and sound devices do not disturb others. Any such devices must be kept at least 8 feet from the edge of pools
32. Spitting, spouting, or swallowing of water, blowing nose, urinating, or defecating in the pool is prohibited.
33. Throwing balls (basketballs, footballs, tennis balls), frisbees, or any other hard objects is prohibited unless as approved in a specified area by Pool Management.
34. Any personal objects, toys, implements, devices or materials brought to the pool that the lifeguard deems potentially dangerous or unsafe shall not be permitted in the pool areas.
35. No person within the pool facility shall behave in such a manner as to jeopardize the safety and health of himself/herself or others. Such behavior includes, but is not limited to running, boisterous or rough play, pushing, punching, acrobatics, dunking, wrestling, sitting on shoulders, "chicken fighting", splashing, use of abusive language, profanity, diving or jumping haphazardly, snapping of towels, and improper conduct causing undue disturbances in or about the pool area or on the surrounding deck areas.
36. Use of abusive or profane language or other improper conduct at the Stonebridge HOA pool is prohibited.
37. Members who are abusive towards other members, guests, or pool management company personnel or who disregard the direction of pool management personnel will have their pool privileges revoked.
38. Personal, commercial and political advertising or solicitation within the pool's premises is prohibited.

CHANGING/RESTROOMS

39. Children 6 years of age or older must change in the appropriate locker room or see the Manager for alternate arrangements.
40. Children ages 5-12 must use restrooms that are specific to their gender and be accompanied by a responsible adult. Family changing rooms are available on the 2nd floor of the club house.
41. Food is NOT permitted in changing/restrooms.
42. The use of cell phones, cameras, video cameras or any device containing recording equipment of any kind is prohibited in all changing/restrooms.
43. Use of changing room facilities is limited to members for the purpose of changing.
44. Personal grooming is not permitted within the facility. Personal grooming includes, but not limited to, cutting nails, coloring/cutting hair, washing clothes, exfoliating.
45. All changing/restrooms will close within 15 minutes of the posted pool closing time.

HEALTH / SAFETY POLICIES

46. RSV and the HOA assumes no liability for injuries or damages arising from the results of participation unless due to willful or gross negligence on the part of the Pool Management company or the HOA. Due to the strenuous nature of some activities, the participant is advised to consult his/her physician concerning fitness to participate. All activities present certain inherent risks and hazards which the participant assumes.
47. Infants/children who are not toilet trained and adults who are incontinent who wish to enter any pool, must wear a clean diaper or disposable swim diaper covered by a separate plastic pant, all of which must fit snugly around the legs and waist. If the diaper becomes soiled, this person must leave the pool immediately, and may not return until he/she has taken or been given a soap shower and has been recovered by a new diaper with a clean plastic pants. Standard diapers are not permitted.
48. Persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted in the pool complex or in the surrounding area.
49. Any injury occurring in the pool area must be reported to the pool management immediately.
50. All members must take a cleansing soap shower before entering the deck area. Sun bathers should shower before each entrance into the water to rinse off perspiration, lotions, etc.
51. Any person having a skin disease, sore or inflamed eyes, cold, nasal or ear discharge, communicable disease, or who is wearing any kind of bandage or Band-Aid will not be permitted in the pool.
52. Persons having any considerable area of sub-skin tissues, open blisters, cuts, etc., are warned that these are likely to become infected. Such persons may not use the pool.
53. Any adult or child who is experiencing even a mild case of diarrhea may not use the pool.

EQUIPMENT / TOYS

54. Toys, inner tubes, inflated boats, and rafts are not permitted in the pool. Squirt/water guns, balls and small toys may be allowed at the Pool Manager's discretion.
55. Wearing eye glasses in the pool is discouraged unless absolutely necessary.
56. The use of masks and snorkels by members 14 and up in the lap lanes may be permitted at the discretion of the Pool Manager. Youths 14 years and under, accompanied by an adult, may use masks and snorkels in a non-lap lane area, at the discretion of the Pool Manager.
57. Specialized equipment, such as kickboards, fins, or paddles, is only permitted in the lap lanes.
58. The use of the starting blocks is restricted to approved swim practices, swim meets, and during instruction.
59. The office telephone and public address system may only be used by pool staff for official pool business to deliver messages of an emergency nature or to communicate facility information to pool members.

DIVING/WELL AREA

60. Use of the diving area is restricted to those who have demonstrated adequate swimming skill to the Pool Manager. See SWIM SAFE Rules and Regulations – Page 8.
61. Children, under the age of 12 years old, who are comfortable in chest-deep water must be accompanied and supervised at poolside by a responsible adult 18 years old or older.
62. Only one person is allowed on the diving board at a time.
63. Do not dive until the previous diver has reached the ladder.
64. Dive straight out from the board. Upon surfacing, immediately swim to the nearest ladder and leave the diving area.
65. Only one bounce from the board is allowed.
66. Special activities in the diving area are at the discretion of the Pool Manager.
67. Use of flotation devices in the diving area is at the discretion of the Pool Manager.

HOT TUB/SPA

68. The maximum capacity of the Hot Tub/Spa is limited to 5 members over 16 years old.
69. Only persons sixteen (16) years of age and older [on May 1, 2024] may use the hot tub.
70. Usage is limited to no more than fifteen (15) minutes at a time.
71. All other rules posted in the hot tub area must be complied with.

GUEST PASSES

72. The capability to print a GUEST PASS is provided free of charge to all registered HOA and Non-Resident Pool members for ten (10) admissions. 8 guests [persons] maximum per pass admission. Additional Guest Passes are available for purchase at \$3.00 per session. Minimum purchase is \$30.00.
73. A HOA or Non-Resident Pool member must be present with anyone wishing to use a Guest Pass.
74. The guest pass is valid for one day only (to include in & out privileges).
75. All guests must follow all Pool Rules and Regulations as if they were members.

POOL PARTIES (Available to Members, Non-Resident Members)

76. For a party of 10 or more, at least one day's notice must be given to the Pool Manager so the proper number of guards are on duty. The reservation must be confirmed via phone or email from the Pool Manager.
77. Contact the Pool staff and provide the following information to the Pool Manager:
 - a. Your name, contact phone number and e-mail address
 - b. Date, time and duration you desire for the party

- c. Total number of participants (members and guests)
- d. The Pool manager will call you back or email to confirm

78. Please note for non-members they will need to purchase Guest passes in advance from the management company (Abaris).

79. Up to 10 Members and their Guests are permitted with no additional charges. For a greater total, you will need to pay for extra staffing at an hourly cost of \$35/hour; but the exact amount will be confirmed by the Pool Manager after the reservation is accepted. Payment will be collected by the management company (Abaris).

LAP SWIMMING ETIQUETTE

80. Swimmers should swim counter-clockwise near the lane markers. Circle swimming is the default rule for all lap lanes.

81. Select a lane appropriate to your speed: slow, medium, or fast.

82. Stay to one side of the divider line.

83. Pass at the end of each lap, after tapping the foot of the swimmer in front. The swimmer being passed should wait on the right side of the lane.

84. If the left side of the lane is clear, pass swimmer on the left. Be sure there are at least five yards of clear water to the wall, before passing.

GENERAL DISCLAIMER

In consideration for being permitted use of Stonebridge Homeowners Association Pool and for being allowed to participate in pool programs, the Member and/or Guest agree on behalf of themselves and any minors under their supervision:

1. We are residents or paid non-residents of the Stonebridge Homeowners Association and certify that the information provided is accurate.
2. To make use of the pool with full knowledge that such use could result in potential injury or personal property damage
3. To assume all risks and responsibilities associated with any injuries or personal property damage suffered while at the pool.
4. To fully and completely release Stonebridge Homeowners Association, its employees, agents and volunteers from all claims, liabilities or actions for any injuries to me, injuries to minors in my care and/or loss or damage to my personal property or the personal property of any such minors arising from our admission or participation in any activities and programs at the pool
5. To indemnify and hold harmless Stonebridge Homeowners Association, its departments, employees, agents and volunteers for personal injury or property damage to other parties caused by the intentional or reckless acts committed by the undersigned adults and/or minors named below while using the pool or participating in pool programs.
6. That I am solely responsible for furnishing medical or other insurance to cover any expenses related to any such personal injuries or property damage.
7. That I have reviewed the rules & regulations and agree to comply with them.
8. That RSV staff have the right to enforce rules of conduct and may remove guests from the premises for failure to comply with these rules. Guests are not entitled to receive a refund after such removal.
9. To provide, if requested, a certified birth certificate or other approved proof of age.
10. Adults (18 and older) are covered by this waiver

APPROVED SWIM ATTIRE



2 piece
Tankini



Swim/Surf
Shirt*



2 piece
Bathing Suit



1 piece
Bathing Suit



Swim Trunk



Swim/Surf
Shirt*



Plastic Pant
or Rubber Diaper



Long Swim
Briefs



Short Swim
Briefs



Religious Swimwear*

No undergarments may be worn

* When purchasing, please confirm that this item is specifically made for swimming or swimming pools

RSV POOLS-SWIMSAFE® PROGRAM

RSV Pools is introducing the SWIMSAFE® Program to identify potentially unsupervised non-swimmers.

The program has the following 4 purposes:

- 1) Identify the children who cannot swim independently to assure proper guardian supervision.
- 2) Identify the children who cannot swim for easier identification of potentially dangerous situations.
- 3) Provide motivation for non-swimmers to reach a goal, producing more water safe children at each pool.
- 4) Provide recognition for children who have achieved basic swimming skills.

The program will be conducted in the following process:

- 1) Lifeguards will have all children take a swim test during designated adult swim periods of the pool operation.
- 2) The swim test will vary depending on pool size.
- 3) The basic swim test will include a swim covering the length of the pool.
- 4) Following the swim, each child will tread water for 60 seconds.
- 5) The children who successfully pass both requirements will be issued a SWIMSAFE® bracelet that needs to be worn at all times the child is at the pool through the entire pool season. Children will receive their first SWIMSAFE® bracelet free of charge. Replacement swim safe bracelets can be issued for a charge of \$3.00 each.
- 6) Each child passing the swim test will be recorded in a notebook.
- 7) Bracelets are not transferable. Any replacement bracelets issued will require a signed waiver by each child's guardian stating that the bracelet is for that child's use only.
- 8) A lifeguard can retest a child with a SWIMSAFE® bracelet on if there is uncertainty regarding the child's ability to swim.
- 9) Children who cannot pass the swim test will be allowed in the pool with an adult guardian in the pool within arms reach of the child per county requirement.

This program will require flexibility and patience from parents. We appreciate your support and are confident that this program will help prevent accidents!