

PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (PCA) POOL RULES

This is an unattended “swim-at-your-own-risk” pool facility - there is no lifeguard on duty. Use of the facility is at the sole risk of the individual using the facility. Parents/guardians are responsible for the safety and care of their minor children and assume all risk(s) in this regard.

In the event of a serious injury or life-threatening emergency, call 911 and then call the management company at (281) 537-0957

Any injury occurring in the pool area must be reported to the pool management immediately.

The PCA assumes no liability for injuries or damages. 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.

PCA Directors have authority to enforce all pool rules.

Residents who repeatedly violate the rules may be ejected. The first violation will suspend entry to the pool for 60 consecutive days. The second violation will suspend entry to the pool for 6 months and third suspension for one year.

PCA is not responsible for personal property or valuables at any time.

All owners/tenants/residents are required to complete a release of liability form on an annual basis and return the form to the management company. Residents must wear wrist bands at all times in the Pool Area.

SAFETY RULES

1. During storms, outdoor pools will be closed, and the entire area cleared of residents/Guests. Due to limited cover, residents/guests are encouraged to leave the facility. The pool will open twenty (20) minutes after the storm passes.
2. During periods of cool weather, outdoor pools will not open when the temperature is below 70°.
3. A group of five or more children (6-17years of age) entering the pool must be directly supervised at poolside by an adult in swim attire. There must be one adult for every five children. If a child has a life jacket on, he/she must be within arm's reach of an adult. Life jackets are NOT provided.
4. Groups with children ages 5 years and under must provide one adult per child in the water, due to the high-risk nature of the activity.
5. Use of the wading pool (Tot Pool) is restricted to children five (5) years old and under. Each child must be supervised in the water by a person at least 14 years old. Children must not be left unattended.
6. Children under 14 years old, entering the pool complex must be accompanied and cared for (at pool side) by a responsible person 18 years old or older, in swimming attire.
7. Single groups shall not monopolize an area of the pool and thereby limit its use by or intimidate other patrons.
8. Private groups are not permitted during a Recreation Swim period and must be scheduled as a private rental.
9. Chairs are not permitted within 6 feet of the pool side.
10. If the overhead pool lights go off, the pool will be cleared immediately and not reopened until the lighting is fully restored.
11. No person within the facility shall behave in such a manner as to jeopardize the safety and health of him/her and/or others. Such behavior, including abusive or profane language, shall be grounds for expulsion.
12. Loitering will not be permitted at any PCA facility.
13. Running, boisterous or rough play, pushing, acrobatics, dunking, wrestling, splashing, yelling, diving or jumping haphazardly, snapping of towels, improper conduct causing undue disturbances on or about the pool area or any acts which would endanger any patron are prohibited.
14. Spitting, spouting water, blowing nose, urinating, or defecating in the pool is prohibited.
15. Gum chewing is not permitted anywhere in the pool complex.
16. Public displays of affection should remain minimal.
17. Non-swimmers must remain in shallow water (chest-deep or less).
18. No diving is allowed.
19. No prolonged underwater swimming for time and/or distance. Competitive and/or repetitive breath holding can be deadly and is not permitted. Hyperventilation is absolutely not permitted.
20. Coast Guard approved and labeled personal flotation devices, such as vests designed to provide vertical support, may be worn. Water wings (swimmies) may also be worn. Everyone wearing a personal flotation device must be accompanied by an adult in the pool, within arm's reach. No back floats, bubbles, rings, or one-sided flotation devices are permitted. Updated 25 May 2023

21. LAP LANES:

- a) Lap lanes are only for continuous lap swimming. Circle swimming is the default rule of lap swimming. Lap lanes are for multiple swimmers and patrons should expect to share the lane with 2 or more swimmers. Swimming style must accommodate multiple swimmers in the lane.
 - b) Please be courteous of lap swimmers that may swim at a different pace than you. Stop only at the turning walls. Move to the side to allow others to turn and continue.
 - c) The bottom of the pool is not used for forward progress. Lap swimmers should not hold onto lane divider/lane ropes.
 - d) Water Walking or Deep-Water Running is not permitted in designated lap lane.
 - e) Lap swimming is not permitted in the recreation area.
 - f) Specialized equipment, such as kickboards, fins, or paddles, is only permitted in the lap lanes.
25. Toys, balls, inner tubes, inflated boats, and rafts are not permitted in the main pool. Small toys may be allowed in the Tot Pool.
26. The use of masks and snorkels by patrons 14 and up in the lap lanes is allowed.
27. Youths 14 years and under, accompanied by an adult, may use masks and snorkels in a non-lap lane area.

HEALTHRULES

Shower prior to entering the pool. All patrons must take a cleansing soap shower before entering the deck area. Sun bathers shower before each entrance into the water to rinse off perspiration, lotions, etc. Under Health Department standards, adopted on the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control, accidents involving fecal matter now require longer pool closure. Prevention is far better than contamination, so please follow the CDC's healthy swimming habits.

Children (and adults) who have had diarrhea in the last two weeks shouldn't go swimming.

Use the bathroom before getting into the pool. Take frequent bathroom breaks and check diapers often. Change diapers in the bathroom (not the pool area). Throw diapers away in trash receptacles. Do not dispose of in toilets or rinse in showers/sinks.

Children who are not yet toilet trained must wear snug fitting plastic pants over a clean swim diaper. A bathing suit must be worn over the plastic pants.

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.

Persons having any considerable area of sub-skin tissues, open blisters, cuts, etc., are warned that these are likely to become infected. Such people may not use the pool.

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 clean plastic pants.

RESTRICTIONS

1. Bringing any animal other than a service animal (dog) onto the immediate premise is prohibited. Service animals may not enter water.
2. Tents or shade devices are not allowed.
3. Food or refreshments are not permitted except for swim meets and scheduled parties. Please use the park picnic tables.
4. No grills, gas or electric cooking devices may be brought into the pool complex.
5. Glass containers, alcoholic beverages and drugs are not permitted in the pool complex.
6. Persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted in the pool complex or in the surrounding area.
7. Weapons are not permitted in pool area, including knives for food preparation by the public.
8. Smoking (tobacco or electronic) is not permitted anywhere in the facilities, buildings, grounds or parking lots.
9. Headphones must be worn when listening to entertainment devices.
10. Tot/Baby pools are cell phone free zones. For safety, no cell phones may be used in the tot/baby pool area.
11. Proper swimming attire is required. Pool users must wear swimming suits or swimming trunks upon entry into the pool. Clothing such as cut-offs, gym shorts, and underwear is not permitted as swimwear. Clean T-shirts may be worn for modesty or medical reasons.
12. 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.