

Valleybrook Swim Club, Inc.
Pool Rules and Regulations 2012

1. Pool Hours

- a. The pool will be open for general use by the members from 12:00 PM – until 8:00 PM.
- b. The pool may open later or close earlier for special functions such as swim meets, parties, and other social functions.
- c. The pool will close at 6:00 PM on Labor Day, the last day, to allow time for storing equipment for the winter.

2. Authority of the staff

- a. Pool manager or lifeguards on duty may dismiss, from the pool area, any person who violates the rules of the VBSC or exhibits unbecoming or disorderly behavior.
 - i. 1st offense is a verbal warning
 - ii. 2nd offense 15 minute time out
 - iii. 3rd offense a conversation with parents
 - iv. 4th offense a one week suspension
 - v. 5th offense is expulsion from the pool for the remainder of the season.
- b. The staff may prohibit diving when, in their judgment, conditions warrant such action.

3. Responsibility

- a. Although provisions for the safety of the members and their guests have been made, use of the Club facilities shall be at the user's own risk.
- b. The Club shall assume no responsibility for the loss or damage of personal possessions.
- c. The pool manager, lifeguards, or Board Members are not responsible for your children when the pool is closed.
- d. Lounges are for adults 18 and older. The lounges cannot be reserved. Chairs and lounges must not be dragged. Only one chair or lounge per person. Lounges owned by members must be clearly marked. Whenever leaving the premises, you must remove personal items from chairs, lounges, and tables for use by other members. Failure to comply will result in your items being moved by the management.

4. Identification and Registration

- a. Members are required to sign-in when entering the pool area. Failure to do so will result in ejection from the pool.
- b. Guests must be accompanied by a Member at all times and must present a copy of a paid receipt if requested.

- c. Members with any outstanding financial obligations to VBSC will not be admitted as a guest of a member. All outstanding financial obligations must be settled and Membership Cards issued before being admitted to the pool area.
- d. Payment plans will be an exception. If you do not adhere to your payment plan, membership privileges will be suspended until your Membership is paid in full.

5. Safety

- a. No one is permitted in the pool unless a lifeguard is on duty.
- b. Do not engage the life guard in a conversation, which may distract them from their guarding duties.
- c. The lifeguards on duty will require anyone under the age of 14 to demonstrate the ability to
 - i. Swim the length of the pool
 - ii. Float on back
 - iii. Tread water for two minutes
- d. If a child cannot demonstrate the above named abilities, they must remain in the shallow end of the pool at all times, unless accompanied by a parent, *within arms reach*.
- e. Children 12 and under are not permitted in the parking lot or on the trail without supervision of a person 16 years or older.
- f. Children 12 and under must be supervised at all times by a parent or guardian.
- g. Pushing, running, dunking, or other horseplay will not be tolerated.
- h. Misuse of the bathrooms or graffiti at the pool will be punished by an expulsion from the pool (length of time will be determined by the Board) and must cleanup in order to return. Second offense will be termination from the pool.
- i. Parents and/or guardians are responsible for their children regardless of age and must supervise their children at all times.
- j. No flotation devices are permitted in the main pool. The only exception would be a person with a disability and is accompanied by an adult. Noodles, diving masks, and swim fins may be permitted only with the express permission of the lifeguards on duty, when the pool is not crowded. Beach balls, tennis balls, Frisbees, and other “throwing toys” will be permitted at the discretion of the lifeguards.
- k. The diving board area is for the use of divers only, except with the lifeguard’s authorization.
 - i. Only one bounce on the diving board.
 - ii. No diving in posted areas.
 - iii. Only one person permitted on the diving board at a time.
 - iv. Diving to the side of the diving board is prohibited.
- l. Loitering in the change houses or elsewhere on Club property will not be permitted.
- m. All bicycles must be parked in the bike rack or in the area away from the front gate.

- n. **NO GLASS CONTAINERS OF ANY KIND MAY BE BROUGHT ONTO THE POOL GROUNDS. THIS APPLIES TO SPECIAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PARTIES.**
- o. All injuries, however slight, must be reported immediately to the lifeguards on duty.
- p. The pool manager or lifeguards on duty will prohibit swimming during stormy weather. Questioning the lifeguard will result in dismissal from the pool.

6. Cleanliness and Health

- a. It is suggested that each member obtain a thorough physical examination by his/her physician prior to the swimming season.
- b. Persons suffering from communicable or contagious illness, skin diseases, sores, fungus infections, etc., will be prohibited from using the pool and will be expected to comply with medical recommendations regarding use of the pools.
- c. All persons must wear a bathing suit to go swimming.
- d. Children in a diaper must wear swim diapers in the baby pool and adult pool.
- e. Not pets are allowed in the pool area.
- f. No food is permitted within 15' of the pool.
- g. Recycling bins are available for soda cans.
- h. All persons are responsible for individual housekeeping and sanitation within the changing houses. Parents are requested to be especially watchful of their children's use of toilet facilities. The cubicles in the women's change house are for changing only; do not leave articles in them. Use the hooks for hanging clothes.
- i. Chewing gum is not allowed in the pool or pool area.
- j. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited except at special functions.
- k. **Smoking is prohibited except in the designated area.**
- l. In the event of biological discharge into the pool by a swimmer, the pool will be closed by the guards for cleaning. The staff on duty will determine the duration of closure or possibly until the filtration system has had one turnover of water. This could be as long as six hours.
- m. All members are responsible for keeping the snack area clean. Trash receptacles are provided for that purpose. Not cleaning up after yourself could result in expulsion from the pool. **PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF.**
- n. Any defecating in the pool area or inappropriate areas in the restroom will be cause for immediate dismissal and possible termination from the pool.
- o. Improper disposal of sanitary products will be cause for immediate dismissal and possible termination from the pool.

7. Guests

- a. Members are required to register guests in the guest book and pay for the guest's fees.
- b. Daily guest fees are \$4.00 per weekday and \$6.00 on holidays and weekends. Guest fees are collected by the lifeguard on duty.
- c. Guests must be accompanied by a member who is at least 16 years old, at all times.

d. All guests are subject to the same rules and regulations as the membership.

8. General

- a. Any member of VBSC who is concerned about the operation of the pool can meet with the Board of Directors at the monthly (bi-monthly in the summer) board meeting. Please contact any Board Member or leave a note in the office that you would like some time to speak with the Board. Also include an idea of the topic so the Board can be prepared. You will be contacted as to the date, time, and location of the next Board Meeting.
- b. Solicitation of members around the pool for signatures on petitions is not allowed. Members desiring to have a petition signed can have the petition posted on the bulletin board for a two week period.
- c. The PA system is to be used by the staff only for general announcements or as needed in emergencies. The system is also used during swim meets for the same purpose. Members desiring other announcements must have the approval of a Board Member.

Lifeguards have the authority to dismiss any member for not adhering to the rules and they will notify the Board Members immediately if this happens.

All of the above rules are subject to change at the discretion of the Board of Directors.