

Rock Spring Swim Club

Operating Rules and Regulations

These rules, regulations and policies are for the protection and benefit of patrons and staff to provide a safe and sanitary operation. Members and their guests shall observe them at all times. Non-compliance may result in suspension of pool privileges. I have read and understand the following operating rules and regulations of Rock Spring Swim Club (RSSC). By signing this document, I agree to follow these rules and will inform the members of my family and my guests of these policies.

Signature of Member

Date

Enforcement of Rules and Regulations

1. Do not debate regulations nor policy with lifeguards as they are required to enforce regulations, not make policy. Complaints, inquiries or comments regarding regulations or staff performance should be directed to the manager or Club President.
2. Rules and regulations will be available at the office and on the Club's website (rockspringswim.com) and will be strictly enforced by the staff. All members are required to review and acknowledge receipt and understanding of the rules prior to entry to the Club. An annually signed document with this acknowledgement will be maintained with your membership file at the Club.
3. The pool manager, assistant manager or pool supervisor may close or limit all or part of the facilities whenever in judgement such action is deemed necessary and desirable.
4. The operating rules and regulations may be updated at any time without prior notice.

Membership Identification

1. The membership card will hold the names and current photos of persons who reside in the household of, and are financially dependent upon, the holders of the membership certificate, excluding adult children over the age of twenty-six (26) unless physically or mentally disabled, parents, grandparents, grandchildren or other family members who are not legal dependents of the Club member.
2. Grandparents may be added to a family membership under the following circumstances:
 - a. **In instances where a grandparent is living with AND dependent on the Club member**, grandparents will be permitted to be added to the membership without any extra fee provided a current copy of the dependent's tax form is presented verifying dependent status and current copy of state identification verifying residence is the same as the member; grandparents would need to agree to and sign pool rules as well as provide pictures for the information page and pertinent medical information.
 - b. **In instances where a grandparent is living with the member but NOT dependent on the Club member**, grandparents will be permitted to be added to the membership for \$100 per season for one grandparent or \$150 per season for two grandparents who are married to each other and living with the Club member. Grandparents must provide a copy of state identification verifying residence is the same as the Club member; grandparents would need to agree to and sign pool rules as well as provide pictures for the information page and pertinent medical information.
 - c. Grandparents that have been through the approval process, paid the fees and are added to the membership will receive all membership privileges except for the right to vote in pool elections.

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3. A photo of each member who is at least three (3) years of age must be supplied by May 1st of the current year. **Members must update their online membership account on a yearly basis; management reserves the right to request a more recent photograph.**
4. To gain entry into the Club, each member and/or approved babysitter must stop at the office and identify themselves before entering the Club.
5. The RSSC Board of Directors will grant approval of a babysitter. Babysitters must at be at least sixteen (16) years of age and proof of age must be submitted along with a written request to the RSSC Vice President Membership.
6. An approved babysitter is permitted admission to RSSC in lieu of, not in addition to, an adult family member. If any adult family member and approved babysitter are at RSSC at the same time, the appropriate guest fees must be paid for the babysitter or the babysitter must leave the Club.

Guests

1. If a member brings a guest, each guest must register and pay the proper fees at the office. The member must remain on the Club premises as long as the guest stays. The member is responsible for the conduct of the guest
2. Houseguests whose permanent residence is not in Harford County and whose duration of stay is longer than the length of the RSSC season, may obtain a temporary membership for one season. Each out-of-town guest will be charged \$100 for a temporary membership of one season. The RSSC Vice President Membership must be contacted for prior approval and authorization. The following documentation and procedures must be followed and both members and guest will adhere to the following protocol:
 - a. Pay \$100 per out-of-town guest.
 - b. Present copy of valid government issued identification with proof of out-of-county residence.
 - c. Verify that the family does not intend to stay with the host family prior to the start of the RSSC season and will stay with the host family after the close of the RSSC season.
 - d. Verification of out-of-county address by copy of current utility bill.
 - e. Adult must sign RSSC Operating Rules and Regulations.
 - f. Follow all rules for those with a temporary membership. (See below)
 - g. Monies, a copy of the signed rules and regulations, an updated membership form, proof of residency, identification and verification must be delivered to the Membership Board member prior to authorization.
 - h. This request will be granted one time only.

*An exception to these requirements will be made for study abroad/exchange students staying with a member.

Temporary Membership Criteria

- a. A member of the host household must be on the RSSC grounds at all times with the temporary member.
 - b. The temporary member may not have access to RSSC on days that are deemed to be "Member Only," including but not limited to Memorial Day, Family Day, 4th of July and Labor Day.
 - c. Temporary members may not bring guests to the Club.
 - d. Temporary members must pay non-member rates for swim lessons and swim team.
3. If any member brings **eight (8)** or more guests to the Club at one time, this is to be considered a party. Parties must be scheduled with the management at least **two weeks** prior to the party date. A non-refundable \$50 party booking fee is due at the time the reservation is made. Regular guest fees apply to each party guest that enters the facility. **Groups larger than seven (7) guests will not be admitted into the facility without prior approval.**
 4. Parties of 50 or more must be approved by the RSSC Board of Directors. Any parties that are not pre-approved and pre-registered will not be admitted to the Club. Only one complimentary guest pass may be used per party. Management reserves the right to restrict party reservations.
 5. Guest fees are as follows:
 - a. Monday – Thursday, before 5pm: \$8 per person.
 - b. Monday – Thursday, after 5pm: \$4 per person.
 - c. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, before 5pm: \$12 per person.

- d. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, after 5pm: \$8.00 per person.
 - e. Members can purchase a guest pass at the office.
 - f. The RSSC Board of Directors reserves the right to change guest fees at any time.
6. All non-members entering the facility, regardless of their intentions to swim or not, will pay guest fees at the time of entry. As a courtesy to members, grandparents that do not enter the pools and remain in street clothes (not wearing a bathing suit) will be admitted to the facility without paying a guest fee. Children two (2) years of age or younger will also be admitted without paying the guest fee.
 7. **No guests are permitted on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Family Day or Labor Day.** Complimentary passes will not be honored on these days or on any other day designated by the RSSC Board of Directors. Any day designated as a no guest day must be announced seven (7) days in advance.
 8. Any member found assisting a non-paying guest in gaining entry to the Club will result in a review of the membership by the RSSC Board of Directors for possible termination of membership.
 9. The social committee of the RSSC Board of Directors is empowered to set fees and conditions for social events.

Pool Hours

1. Full-time pool hours are 10:00am to 9:00pm Monday through Friday and 12:00pm to 9:00pm Saturday and Sunday. Full-time hours begin the day after Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) close for the summer and end the day HCPS opens for the new school year. Pool hours for the month of August will be updated annually and posted on the Club's website calendar and calendar on site.
2. Part-time hours and special hours will be posted on the Club's website (rockspringswim.com) and at the Club.
3. All hours are contingent on staffing and weather and are subject to change.
4. Adjustments made to Hours of Operation will be communicated via Email and Facebook. Please check those locations for the most up-to-date information.
5. The main pool, baby pool and other pool facilities will be closed for swim team events, social events and other activities as sanctioned by the RSSC Board of Directors.
6. A portion of the pool will be reserved for swim team practice or instructional purposes as posted.
7. The concession stand operates as a convenience to members. The concession stand hours will be updated annually and posted on the Club's website and calendar on site.
8. Use of the pool, bathrooms, tennis courts and basketball courts are strictly prohibited during an electrical storm. If the storm becomes extreme, management reserves the right to clear the premises.

Use of the Premises

1. Persons using the pool do so at their own risk. RSSC is not responsible for any accident, injury or illness in connection with such use. **Supervision of children is the responsibility of the members, NOT the lifeguards.**
2. RSSC assumes no responsibility and members and their guests have no claim against RSSC for any accident or injury to any person on RSSC property.
3. A posted maximum speed limit will be strictly observed on the premises.
4. Parking is permitted in designated areas only. In the event that the parking lot reaches maximum capacity, members and guests may be required to park off premises and walk into the facility. Absolutely no parking is allowed on the entry/exit road. Any vehicle parked illegally may be towed at the owner's expense.
5. During days when extreme crowds are anticipated, parking attendants will direct where members and guests park. All members and guests are expected to follow the directions given by attendants.
6. Only vehicles displaying a current state-issued handicapped parking permit may park in designated handicapped spaces.
7. Any property of RSSC that is broken or damaged by a member or guest will be promptly paid for by the member. No person shall take any article belonging to RSSC.
8. No food or beverages are permitted within a five (5) feet perimeter of the pools.
9. Pop-up tents will only be permitted along the back fence line in areas where there are not umbrellas. Members may not bring in their own full-sized umbrellas as they cannot be appropriately secured and this creates a safety issue. Members may use personal-sized umbrellas that can be securely attached to their beach chair.

10. RSSC is a smoke-free environment. This includes, but is not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, electronic cigarettes, juuls, electronic hookahs, electronic pipes and vaping. Those who wish to smoke must do so in the designated spot outside the fenced pool area.
11. Cellular phone, phone camera, camera and video camera use are strictly prohibited in all bathrooms. Anyone found to be in violation of this policy will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and will be banned from the facility. This policy may require staff to question any patron at the facility that they may have reason to believe is in possession of one of these items. This is for each member's protection as cellular phone technology allows individuals to take photographs without consent.
12. No fires are allowed on RSSC premises except in the designated charcoal grills. **Grills must be consistently monitored by an adult.**
13. Unless specifically authorized, members and guests are not permitted in the pump room, chemical storage areas, concession stand, RSSC office, storage sheds or other restricted areas.
14. No unnecessary or excessive noise will be permitted
15. Members and guests are required to leave RSSC premises upon closing.
16. All RSSC facilities will be on a first-come, first-served basis **unless a prior reservation fee has been paid for a scheduled party.**
17. Firearms, bows and arrows and any similar device or anything that may be considered a weapon or safety hazard are strictly prohibited.
18. Persons eighteen (18) years of age or older will be permitted to use the pool during an adult swim.
19. The lap lane is designated for continuous swimming. Entry or exit into the pool by the lane rope will not be permitted. The lap lane may be closed during crowded conditions at the manager's discretion.
20. **Diapers designed for swimming use must be worn** and a securely worn bathing suit must cover the swim diaper. Regular diapers are not permitted.
21. Diaper changing is only permitted in the designated areas found in the three bathrooms.
22. Children are not permitted to climb on the rocks or retaining wall along the driveway.
23. RSSC reserves the right to ask any member or guest who is displaying unsafe behavior or rude conduct toward another member, RSSC staff member or RSSC Board member to leave the premises and to have their membership privileges reviewed by the Board of Directors.
24. Private or group lessons can only be taught by RSSC employees who are certified Red Cross Water Safety Instructors.

Entry to RSSC

1. To enter the facility, children twelve (12) years of age and under must be accompanied by a responsible adult member who is sixteen (16) years of age or older.
2. Supervision of children is the responsibility of members, not the lifeguards or staff. The pool manager and lifeguards are in complete charge of the facility.

Safety Regulations

1. No one under thirteen (13) years of age will be permitted in the diving well unless that person has passed the swimming proficiency test. Passing the pool test applies only to the current season; children must pass the pool test each year in order to use the diving area.
2. Children who are members or guests of members and are between the ages of thirteen (13) to eighteen (18) years old must demonstrate competence in swimming to use the diving well.
3. Priority is given to diving board usage. Playing games and swimming in the diving well is at the discretion of the guard on duty.
4. Gainers (diving with an inward direction toward the board) are prohibited.
5. No glass of any kind (including but not limited to beverage bottles, crockery, baby food jars, salsa jars, Pyrex, finger nail polish bottles, serving trays etc.) will be permitted on the Club premises. Management reserves the right to confiscate any such glass.
6. **Only U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices** are permitted in the main pool. An approved U.S. Coast Guard personal flotation device is stamped as such inside the jacket. No other flotation aides, including bathing suits

containing flotation devices, will be permitted. **An adult must remain in the water within an arm's reach of any child wearing a personal flotation device.**

7. No one is permitted in the water unless a lifeguard is present in the guard tower.
8. No running and jumping into the pool. All patrons must stop and look before jumping into the pool to protect the safety of those already in the pool.
9. No roughness, rowdiness or profanity is permitted
10. No conversation with lifeguards on duty, except in performance of their duties.
11. Shoes must be worn when walking on the playground, playing Gaga ball, playing horseshoes and on the basketball and pickle ball courts.
12. Parents will remain with and actively supervise their children on the playground or in the baby pool. Children five (5) years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult at all times when in the fenced area of the baby pool.
 - a. Children five (5) years of age and older are not permitted in the baby pool.
 - b. Any child who acts inappropriately or jeopardizes the safety of infants and toddlers will be asked to leave the baby pool area.
13. Bikes, skateboards, rollerblades etc. will not be permitted in the pool area, basketball/pickle ball courts.
14. Ball playing will be permitted on the basketball courts, in the Gaga pit and on the lower grassy area only.
15. Due to the overhead lights, no ball playing is permitted in the large pavilion.
16. The only balls that are permitted in the main pool are soft balls with no vinyl coatings, no hard points (footballs) and water must be able to evacuate/escape upon squeezing the ball with minimal pressure. The ball may not contain an air bladder.
17. Diving rings are permitted. No other toys are permitted in the main pool. No torpedo type dive toys are permitted in the pools.
18. Corn hole is permitted on the upper deck and grassy areas ONLY when there are three or less guards on the stand in the main pool. The presence of additional guards indicates that the Club is crowded and all games of corn hole must be played in the lower grassy area. Please be aware that if you are in the middle of a game of corn hole and more than three guards are up, you will be asked to move your game to the lower grassy area.

Health Regulations

1. No pets are allowed on the premises except for service animals.
2. Shower usage should be minimized and is for hygienic purposes only prior to entering the pool and upon exiting the pool. Showers are not to be used as play areas. Parents are responsible for monitoring shower usage of their children.
3. In the event of fecal contamination, the pool will be closed in accordance with Health Department regulations.
4. Any person having a communicable disease, open blisters and cuts, sore and inflamed eyes, nose or mouth infections, excessive sunburn, or under the influence of any drugs (prescription or otherwise) or alcohol will be excluded from the pool area.
5. Dressing and undressing will only be done in the bathrooms.
6. Proper swimming attire must be worn when using the pool. Cut-offs must be hemmed.
7. Spitting, urinating, spouting water or any other unhygienic acts in or into the pool are strictly prohibited.
8. All litter, papers and debris must be placed in designated trash containers.
9. Any prescription glasses worn in the pool must be worn with a safety strap.

Code Information

The Swimming Pool Code of Maryland State Department of Health is hereby incorporated by reference.