

PARKLAND POOL MEMBER HANDBOOK



PARKLAND POOL WEBSITE: www.parklandpool.com

POOL HOURS

Pool hours are posted on the Parkland Pool website and at the front desk.

POOL OPENING & CLOSING

1. The pool will open on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.
2. The pool will close on Labor Day.
3. Management will close the swimming pool if conditions exist which make it unsafe to remain open according to the Montgomery County Health Code(s).
4. Management will have the discretion to close the pool in the event of inclement weather which includes:
 - a. Thunder and Lightning storms: At the sound of thunder or sight of lightening, life guards will blow their whistles to indicate that patrons immediately vacate the main and wading pools to seek shelter in the bathhouse. Patrons will not be permitted on the deck or playground for 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder or after the last sighting of lightning, whichever is later.
 - b. Severe wind storms/hurricanes/tornado warnings.
 - c. Unusually cold weather as determined by the management.
5. Members will be notified by email if the pool is closed for an extended period due to any of the above circumstances or they can check on Facebook by adding "Parkland Pool" as a friend or "liking" the Parkland Pool Association page.
6. The main and baby pool will be closed for general use during home swim meets.

SWIM LESSONS

Private and Group swim lessons for pool members are available from instructors approved by the board. Private lessons are typically 30 minute sessions.

Information on swim lesson fees and schedule will be posted on the Parkland Pool website and at the pool.

LAP SWIMMING & LANE USE

1. Lap lane use is meant to be continuous, full lane length swimming.
2. Lap lanes (2 lanes) should be available most days unless management feels that the pool is so crowded that it is not prudent to maintain a lap lane.
3. Lap lane courtesy (for multiple swimmers per lane):
 - a. Circle swim by swimming on the right side of the black line as seen when you are floating on your stomach and looking at the bottom of the pool.
 - b. When approaching a slower swimmer, the faster swimmer may gently tap the foot of the slower swimmer to let them know you are there. The slower swimmer should move to the side when they come to the end wall or sooner, if able, OR;
 - c. When approaching a slower swimmer the faster swimmer may, if able to do so without harm to any other swimmer in the lane, pass on the left side and then move back to the right when fully clear of the slower swimmer.
4. During Swim Team season, lap lanes are reserved for swim practice during regularly scheduled swim team practice times (4:30 – 6:30 weekdays). However, there will be a minimum of one lane available for shared use by other members during this time.

ADMISSION

Parkland is a member-owned private swim club. Membership is required in order to use the facilities. Entry to the pool requires a membership card, photo identification or other management verification of membership at the entry desk.

GUESTS

1. Guests **MUST** be accompanied by a member at all times.
2. Members are responsible for conveying the pool rules to their guests.

3. Weekday fees for guests are per person per day and less for entry after 6 PM. On Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays the guest rate is higher, also reduced after 6 PM. Rates may be found on the Parkland Pool website and [Marketplace](#) and are subject to change.
4. 10 entry guest passes are available for purchase at the front desk and at the Parkland [Marketplace](#). Unused passes are non-refundable and not redeemable for cash, but can be used across seasons.
5. Guest fees must be paid for all guests of members regardless of their use of the swimming facilities.
6. The same guest is limited to five (5) visits per summer. Further admittance requires becoming a member.

POOL RENTAL

Rental must be approved by the board in advance. Rental of the facility by active members of the association is permitted during normal business hours (see Parties).

Rental of the facility by active members of the association during non-business hours is subject to board approval on a case by case basis and is subject to the terms and conditions set-forth by the board at the time of approval.

PARTIES:

1. Notification: For parties of 6 or more participants (members and non-members) members MUST submit a written "Party Request" to management at least 1 week in advance of the desired date by emailing manager@parklandpool.org. Please include the following information:
 - Requested Date
 - Requested start time and duration
 - Number of guests anticipated (both members and non-members)
 - Ages of guests anticipated
 - Any special requests (e.g. reserve a picnic table, to borrow pool folding tables, use of refrigerator space)
2. Submission of the request does not guarantee availability nor acceptance. Some dates may be unavailable due to previously scheduled pool sponsored events or other party reservations.
3. Set up/Clean up: Parties are responsible for setting up and cleaning up after themselves. Pool staff will help with taking out trash, cleaning up spills and providing table and

refrigerator space, as requested on the “party request” form.

4. . Fees No “party fee” is required other than normal guest fees for non-member party goers.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

Alcohol is permitted. Absolutely no glass containers of any kind are allowed. Absolutely no underage drinking is allowed. Please drink responsibly and with discretion. No kegs.

Management reserves the right to deny pool use to any individual who is inebriated or exhibits the signs of inebriation, in the opinion of management. Management also reserves the right to ask the inebriated member or guest to exit the facility with no refund of guest fees.

POOL USE PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICES

1. All patrons should take a soap shower before entering pools.
2. Swimsuits are required. No street clothes are allowed in the pool.
3. Infants/children who are not toilet trained and adults who are incontinent who wish to enter any pool, must wear a 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. Caregivers should check those in their care for soiled diaper at least every 60 minutes.
4. Individuals with infected wounds should not use the pool.
5. No street shoes will be allowed on the immediate deck surrounding the main or wading pools.
6. No pets are allowed on pool grounds (service animals are permitted).
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Parkland Pool is a NON-SMOKING facility.

POOL SAFETY STANDARDS

1. Members and guests use the pool at their own risk. Parkland Pool Association is not responsible for injuries arising from use of the pool.
2. No large rafts, dangerous objects or materials are allowed in the pool (at the discretion of management).
3. Flotation devices for small children must be approved by management. Any individuals using flotation devices must have a water safe adult in the water, within arm’s reach at all times.
4. No playing with pool equipment (skimmer covers, showers, hoses, etc.) is allowed.
6. Patrons not able to pass a swimming test must be under the immediate supervision of a

water-safe individual in addition to the lifeguards

7. Diving is allowed at water depths of 5 feet or more
8. No pushing or pulling people into pool.
9. No jumping into the pool backwards.
10. No flips off the side of the pool.
11. Children under 16 years of age must exit pool immediately during adult swim time. The lifeguard will blow the whistle at the start of each hour to initiate adult swim and will blow the whistle to end it 15 minutes later (at the discretion of the pool manager). Only adults 16 years or over will be allowed in the pool during this time. All others will be asked to leave the deck immediately surrounding the main pool. At no time will children under 16 be allowed to sit around the edge of the pool or be within their parent's arms in the water.
12. No sitting or hanging on pool ladders.
13. No climbing on lifeguard stands.
14. Do not distract lifeguards on duty.
15. Baby pool use is limited to children 5 years old and under. A lifeguard is not posted in the baby pool area. Each child in the baby pool must be under the care of a responsible adult who stays with them inside the fenced baby pool area at all times.
16. No running is allowed on the pool deck.

DIVING BOARD USE

1. No swimming in the diving well when the diving board is in use. Lifeguards will decide when the diving well is open for swimming.
2. Individuals must pass a deep water safety test to be allowed to use the diving well or board.
3. No hanging on the diving board.
4. Only one person at a time on the diving board.
7. Only one bounce per turn on the diving board. County regulations permit only experienced divers or those under the supervision of an experienced diving coach to take multiple bounces.
8. Dives or jumps must be made straight off the end of the diving board, not to the side. 9. Divers must exit by nearest ladder immediately after entering water.

WATER SLIDE USE

1. No swimming in the diving well when the water slide is in use. Lifeguards will decide when the diving well is open for swimming.
2. Individuals must pass a deep water safety test to be allowed to use the diving well or water slide.
3. No hanging on the water slide.
4. Only one person at a time on the water slide (including slide and stairs).
5. Sliders must exit by nearest ladder immediately after entering water.
6. No running is allowed on the pool deck.

POOL GROUNDS USE

1. Parkland Pool Association is not responsible for lost or stolen property.
2. No glass on pool property (other than parking lot) at any time.
3. Management reserves the right to restrict any object or material brought into the pool area deemed hazardous to other patrons.
4. No food allowed outside the designated picnic table eating area.
5. Smoking is not permitted on pool property.
6. Only staff and Parkland Board members on official business may enter the office or other pool facilities outside the locker rooms without permission from the pool manager.

POOL SWIM TEST

To be considered water safe at depths over shoulder height, individuals must be able to swim the length of the pool (25 meters) facing forward (back stroke is not permitted) without hanging on the lane line or side and be able to tread water for one minute.

CHILD SAFETY

1. Children under 6 years old must be supervised in locker rooms and bathrooms.
2. Children under 10 years old must be in the custody of a chaperone over 13 years.

Children aged 10 through 13, inclusive, may be admitted to the pool without an

accompanying chaperone with the submission of an Unaccompanied Child Parental Consent Form. The form must be filled out and signed, then submitted to staff at the pool front desk, where it will be kept on file. Parkland Pool asks all parents and guardians to read the form carefully and review it with your 10 - 13 year old children you wish to allow to visit the pool without you.

ENFORCEMENT

1. Children displaying unsafe or unruly behavior will be first warned to stop by a lifeguard. If these behaviors are repeated, the lifeguard will have the discretion to ask the child to sit out of the pool near their guard chair for a brief period of time or offer an alternative corrective action. If these behaviors continue, the lifeguard will call the child's parents.
2. THE POOL MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO SUSPEND THE POOL USE PRIVILEGES OF ANYONE VIOLATING THE ABOVE RULES OR DISPLAYING UNSAFE OR UNRULY BEHAVIORS.