

Gower Estates Pool Incorporated

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Pool Hours	Weekdays & Saturday	10:00 am – 9:00 pm
	Sunday	1:00 pm – 9:00 pm
	School Days	4:00 pm – 8:00 pm and Sundays 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm

2. Pool Admission

- A. All members and guests must register using membership number before entering the pool.
- B. Children will be admitted to the pool according to the following guidelines:
 - (1) No child member or guest under 9, regardless of swimming ability, shall be admitted to the pool without being accompanied by a parent or responsible person: 15 years old, member of the pool, or registered guest.
 - (2) Children (including guests) ages 9 through 11, who have passed the deep-water test, may come to the pool unaccompanied. The deep water swim test must be completed each swim season. This form **MUST** be completed by a parent prior to administration of the test. The lifeguards will administer this test.
 - Passing the deep water test consists of:
 - (a) Swimming the length of the pool with an overhand (crawl) stroke.
 - (b) Treading water in the deep end for 3 minutes and jumping off the low diving board.
 - (c) Having a permission slip signed by child's parent or guardian. Forms will be available on the website and with the pool guards.
 - (3) Children 12 and over may be admitted to the pool unaccompanied, regardless of swimming ability.
 - (4) Any violation of above rules will result in lifeguards calling parents to pick up child immediately.

3. Guest Policy

- A. Fees for guests: \$3.00 per person, up to a maximum of \$5.00 per family per visit. Guest fees are payable to the attendant upon entering the pool upon completion of a Guest Registration Form. Guests must be accompanied by a pool member. An individual may be a guest a maximum of ten times per year.
- B. Pool members are responsible for advising their guests of all pool rules and regulations.

*No one will be permitted to enter the pool except under the guidelines described above in sections 2 and 3.

4. Safety

- A. Maximum bather capacity of the pools is set by DHEC regulations. The pool manager or manager designee on duty will have full authority to enforce the appropriate action when maximum bather capacity is reached in either pool.
- B. No one is permitted in the pool unless a lifeguard is on duty in the pool area.
- C. Children in Wading Pool (Kiddie Pool) are parents' responsibility at all times. Children may not be left unattended at the Wading Pool. No children over size are allowed in the Wading Pool. Children at the Wading Pool **ARE NOT** under the supervision of the lifeguard. All children in the Wading Pool are to wear approved swim diapers at all times.
- D. No inner tubes, air mattress, rafts, or balls will be allowed in the diving areas or deep ends. Inner tubes and air mattresses may be no longer than a single person size and use only when deemed appropriate by the guard on duty.
- E. Styrofoam products cannot be used because of the pool's filter systems and piping.
- F. A child, using any of the floatation devices, which cannot touch the bottom or cannot swim, must be accompanied in the pool by a parent or responsible person.
- G. Only one person is permitted on any diving board at a time. Only one person is permitted on any diving ladder at a time.
- H. When diving, you must dive out straight from the board, not to the side. If you are diving from the right diving board, you must swim to the ladder on the right. If diving from the left board, you must swim to the ladder on the left.
- I. No swimming across the deep end is permitted while any diving boards are in use.
- J. Diving is allowed in the deep end only.
- K. No double springing is permitted on any diving boards.
- L. No one under the age of 16 (sixteen) is allowed on the observation deck unless accompanied by an adult, parent, or other responsible person who is at least 16 (sixteen) years old.
- M. No horseplay, climbing or sitting on railing of observation deck is allowed. No fort building with chairs. No wall ball.
- N. Keep chairs four feet from the poolside. This is a DHEC regulation.
- O. No running on the deck or diving boards is permitted at any time under any circumstances.

- P. No flips are allowed from sides of pool—forward or backward.
- Q. No boisterous or rough play will be tolerated at any time.
- R. All bathers will refrain from tampering with any safety equipment, including depth marker rope and floats.
- S. No glass containers of any kind or any other hazardous materials may be brought into the enclosed pool area.
- T. No alcoholic beverages shall be brought to or consumed on the premises.
- U. The pool must be evacuated during electrical storms.
- V. In order for the swimmer to use the deep end, the swimmer must have passed the deep-water test as outlined in Section 2.
- W. A picnic area is provided for people to eat food within the pool area. Soft drinks may be brought into pool deck area as long as the can or bottle tops have been taken off and put into the trash containers.
- X. All members and guests shall drive slowly and carefully on driveway and parking area.
- Y. No smoking anywhere on pool grounds.
- Z. Each hour the guards will call for a 10 minute safety break. During that time no child is allowed in the pool to include steps, ladders and diving board. A parent may have 1 child under the age of 6 under their supervision and be with the child in the pool during this safety break.
- AA. Golf carts, scooters, bicycles and skate boards are not to be ridden in the parking lot, walkway or ramp areas at any time other than entering and exiting the pool property. Golf carts should park in any designated parking spot.

5. Health

- A. All bathers will shower before entering and/or re-entering the pool as required by South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.
- B. Children utilizing “swim diapers should only be changed in designated areas in the bath house.
- C. Pool admission will be refused to anyone with a communicable disease; skin, eye, ear, or nasal disorder; open sores; and/or other infections.
- D. All personal injuries, regardless of how slight, must be reported immediately to the pool manager and/or lifeguard.
- E. Children who are not toilet trained are not permitted in the large pools at any time. (This rule is necessary for health reasons and because the pool water is never completely changed-only filtered)
- F. No pets will be permitted at any time.
- G. All members and guests entering the pool area are responsible for their trash. Use trash containers provided.
- H. No one will be allowed in the pool with Bermuda shorts or cut-off jeans with frizzled pants legs.
- I. There will be no spitting or blowing nose in pool.
- J. All children utilizing the Wading Pools must wear an approved “swim diaper” at all times.

6. Responsibility

- A. All persons, including children, shall use the pool and facilities AT THEIR OWN RISK.
- B. The cost of any property damage occasioned by any member or guests will be charged to the responsible member.
- C. The Association will not be responsible for loss of or damage to personal property. If you’ve lost something, please check the “Lost and Found Box.”

7. Back Pool

- A. Will be available for lap swimming by adults 18 and older during times that the pool is not occupied for swim team or a private party.
- B. Will be available for private parties for a charge. (See Pool Manager.)
- C. No swimming in the back pool without a lifeguard on duty except for adults as identified in A.

8. Swim Lessons

Contact swim coaches posted at the pool for information on swimming lessons. Inquiries for other swim lessons can be addressed to info@gowerpool.com.

9. Authority

Pool manager and lifeguards shall have full authority to enforce all pool rules and regulations and may restrict use of the pool (including suspension of pool privileges) to anyone who refuses to abide by their requests. A verbal warning will be given for the first offence. Should a second reprimand be needed, the offender will sit by the guard for 5 minutes. Should a third reprimand be needed the child will be sent home. If The suspension of pool privileges precludes any use of the Gower Pool facilities for any purpose. In order for pool privileges to be reinstated, the individual (and in the case of a minor under the age of 18, at least one of the minor’s parents) must meet with at least one member of Board, the pool manager and the lifeguard who issued the suspension, to determine under what conditions, if any, the individual may be allowed to utilize the Gower Pool facilities.

Inquiries, requests, recommendations, and/or complaints should be referred to the pool manager.