

The Willows Swim Club

General Pool Rules

No set of rules can cover every contingency or compensate for a lack of courtesy and sensitivity to others. As a small Club, The Willows has the advantage of intimacy and family feeling. We hope this advantage will carry over into our relations with one another at the pool to provide a pleasant, relaxed atmosphere to which we can all come for recreation and friendship. To ensure this, we have wishes the pool to be run.

1. Club privileges are extended only to those member families who have paid their annual dues and fees.
2. Each day members and guests must sign in at the lifeguard stand and note guest/s if any. Introduce guests to the lifeguard and ensure the guests know the rules.
3. No eating or drinking (except water) on the pool apron. Use the grass area and/or the picnic tables for eating or drinking. The purpose of this rule is to avoid ant issues.
4. There shall be no glass containers on the pool apron or in the rest rooms. Broken glass could hurt bare feet.
5. Showers should be short and turned off to ensure the septic system is not overfilled.
6. All clothes changing, even for children, should be done in the locker areas.
7. All swimmers, regardless of age, should wear appropriate swimwear.
8. Dogs or other pets are not permitted on the club grounds.
9. All toys and floaters should be returned to the storage area after use. (This is not the lifeguard's job).
- 10.No person with a fever, diarrhea, inflamed eyes (conjunctivitis), skin disease, impetigo or other contagious disease or wearing a bandage is allowed in the pool.
- 11.At the sole discretion of the lifeguard, a portion of the pool can be reserved for swimmers doing laps.
- 12.The pool cannot be used for business purposes by any member.
- 13.No smoking of any kind on the pool grounds. This includes vaping.

Children

1. Children age 12 and over can attend the pool by themselves if they have passed the swim test.
2. Children who are not qualified to attend the pool by themselves must be accompanied by a parent or a sitter. A sitter must be at least sixteen (16) years old and must be a swimmer. A sitter can be responsible for no more than two children.
3. Children who have not passed the swim test should be in the roped shallow end of the pool. These children may be in the deep end only if they are wearing a flotation device and they are monitored by a parent or sitter who is in the water with them.
4. It is essential that all children who are not potty trained (ie wear diapers) shall wear swimmer diapers or diapers with waterproof pants. Swimmer diapers are designed to minimize leaks, and they avoid the problem that regular diapers have with soaking in water, swelling up, and releasing gel into the pool. Swimmer diapers are available at Walmart, and Target, and of course Amazon.
5. No diaper changing on the apron of the pool. Please place soiled diapers in a plastic bag and dispose in trash container by the front gate.
6. Trash goes into the large blue trash can, in a garbage bag. The green and yellow buckets are for recyclable items like glass bottles and paper.
7. Babies should be nursed in private.
8. Children should be assisted in the rest rooms. They may need help cleaning up – think sanitary pool and township inspections. Check that toilet tissue won't clog drain and that the toilet is flushed.
9. Only children age 12 and under can swing on the swing set. The weight of older children puts excessive strain on the aging swing set.

Guests

1. Guests, including those not swimming, are to be accompanied by a member who is responsible for registering them in the guest book. Guests must have one member of the host family present always, who is responsible for their behavior, and who, in the case of children, will provide active supervision. Guest fees are \$3.00/swimming guest on weekdays and \$4.00/swimming guest on weekends. There is no guest fee for those not swimming. Members are asked to limit the number of their guests on weekends to avoid pool crowding.
2. A member should contact the head of the lifeguard committee or a member of the board at least 3 days prior, if they plan to bring a large number of

guests (over 10) to the pool. This is to ensure we have adequate lifeguard coverage.

3. Members having houseguests for an extended period (a continuous stay of two weeks and longer) may apply to the treasurer for a reduced fee to cover the full period. In such event, the treasurer is authorized to charge the member, and the member is obligated to pay, only half of the then prevailing fee amount for the specified period. Such houseguests must sign in as guests of the host member at each swim time and must be introduced to each lifeguard at the first opportunity of the specified period. Houseguests do not require a member of the host family present except at their first visit.
4. A member will not be obligated to pay guest fees for an au pair or other childcare provider in the employ of the member for visits by the employee while in charge of one or more children of the member. This is because these employees are at the pool in place of the parents. The childcare employees must sign themselves and the children in at each visit. The child care employee must actively supervise the children during the entirety of their visits. Member children who no longer reside with their member parent(s) are subject to guest fees rules.
5. For Family and Senior memberships: Any direct family member (that is, parent or child) having a legal address at a member's home is considered a member and not subject to guest fees.

Please instruct children:

1. To keep the noise level down e.g., no extreme screaming or shouting.
2. To keep the apron pathway clear of shoes, toys, goggles, and towels etc.
3. To shut the refrigerator door and to stay away from the pump house and skimmer openings.
4. To obey swimmer's rules posted on lifeguard stand.
5. To stay out of the pool shed unless supervised.
6. To do what the lifeguard instructs them to do.

Pool Safety

1. No running on the pool deck.
2. No pushing or throwing others into the pool.
3. No swatting with towels or noodles.
4. Diving Safety

- i. Only one person on the diving board at a time
 - ii. Dive from end of board only.
 - iii. No running on the diving board.
 - iv. No loitering under the diving board.
 - v. Diving area should be clear before a diver enters the water.
 - vi. Swim to ladder or away from diving area after the dive.
5. At the discretion of the lifeguard:
 - i. Pool games such as “Shark” or “Marco Polo” or the use of balls in the pool or water guns may be permitted if they do not interfere with others in the pool or on the apron.
 - ii. Only inflated objects of appropriate size may be used in the pool. The lifeguard may require all inflatables to be removed from the pool at any time.
 - iii. The diving board may be closed.

Note: The lifeguard has the full authority to interpret and administer the water safety rules. The lifeguard is in charge at the pool and will handle any situations that may arise that are not covered by the rules. Everyone must obey the lifeguard.

Private Parties

By prior arrangement with the chair of the buildings and grounds committee, members may use the pool facilities for private parties subject to the following rules:

- Private parties are held when the pool is normally closed.
- The hiring and payment of lifeguards is the responsibility of the party host.
- The party host must provide the number of party attendees to the lifeguard captain or lifeguard committee chair prior to the party. This is because the number of required lifeguards depends on the number of party attendees. The lifeguard captain or lifeguard committee chair will decide on number of lifeguards required.
- The required number of lifeguards must be present for the party to proceed.
- The lifeguards are required to be on duty for the entire duration of the party; ie until the pool grounds have been vacated.
- The lifeguard oversees the pool and must be obeyed by all. The lifeguard may limit the number of swimmers in the pool at any time.
- Party guests must obey the pool rules and take a deep end test before the party starts at the discretion of the lifeguard.

- Food and drink is allowed in the picnic table area only. No food or drink is allowed near the pool except for water in plastic bottles.
- There shall be no person in the water ½ hour after sunset and later.
- The entire pool grounds must be vacated by 1/2 hour after sunset.
Exception: If Party attendees provide sufficient lights/lanterns, the pool grounds must be vacated by 10pm.
- The pool grounds must be left clean and in order. All trash must be tied up in trash bags and put into blue trash cans.
- All children must be supervised always.
- The noise level needs to be kept to a reasonable level.
- The lifeguard can shut down the party at any time if the lifeguard deems the party to be too noisy, unsafe, or for any reason.
- The lifeguard may require that specific party guests leave the premises at any time.
- The Willows may charge a party fee or a per person fee at its discretion.