

KIRKPATRICK FARMS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION SWIMMING POOL GUIDELINES 2023

AUTHORITY AND MISSION STATEMENT

Conferral of Authority: The pool management staff (the pool manager, assistant manager, lifeguards, and gate attendant), Cardinal Management Group, and the Kirkpatrick Farms Community Association (KPFCA) Board of Directors have authority for the operational and safety conditions of the pool and the enforcement of the below-listed pool regulations.

SWIMMING POOL POLICY

1. Pool Passes: A KPFCA Key FOB is required to access the pool facility. Children two (2) years of age and older must be included in the picture associated with that Key FOB.
 - Proof of residency in Kirkpatrick Farms Community Association (including Kirkpatrick Farms Condominium) MUST be provided for any person, 18 years or older, whose last name does not appear on the homeowner's list or present a valid key fob and cell badge pass. Kirkpatrick Farms will accept either a copy of a driver's license. For a live-in childcare provider who cannot provide proof of residency, please submit a copy of your current contract with the resident as proof of residency to the onsite office. Please be aware that the Association's Board of Directors (or their representatives e.g., Cardinal Management Group) reserve the right to require proof of residency for ANY person requesting a pool pass. For a tenant occupied residence, tenant(s) must complete and file with Cardinal Management Group a "Tenant Information Sheet" before being issued a Key FOB. A copy of the tenant's lease must be shown as proof of residency to the onsite office.
 - Key FOB's are non-transferable.
 - The Key FOB will allow access the pool, clubhouse and amenities. Key fobs are issued by KPFCA for a \$30 refundable fee. This fee is refundable when the FOB is returned to KPFCA. Should a family need more than one FOB, additional FOB's can be obtained from KPFCA for an additional \$30 fee.
2. Pool Admissions: A KPFCA Key FOB is required for all residents to access the pool facility. Children two (2) years of age and older must be included in the picture associated with cell badge. (Children: An adult (to include an appointed guardian or person 16 years of age or older) must accompany any child who is less than 12 years old.)
3. A parent or a responsible person 16 years of age or older must accompany and remain within arm's reach of any non-swimmer.
4. No prolonged underwater swimming, breathing, holding or games including such behavior will be allowed.

Because artificial flotation devices may interfere with or disrupt the lifeguard's view of the water, or may provide a false sense of security for the user, they are prohibited from use. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to; inner tubes, rafts, and non-Coast Guard approved water wings and life jackets. Exceptions for persons with disabilities: if a pool patron requires assistance of a flotation device as an aid for a qualified disability, that patron must notify the pool management on duty of the need for such a device upon each visit to the pool.

Wading Pool Use: An adult must accompany children in the wading pool at all times and be "within arm's reach" at all times of such children. The wading pool is restricted to children under six years old and their accompanying adults.

No water guns longer than 4" in length are permitted. Water guns can be confiscated at the discretion of the lifeguards, if they are being used in a way that impacts other patrons and complaints are made.

5. No playing around the pool drains.
6. No diving from the poolside is allowed.
7. Running, horseplay, playing ball, tagging games, cannonballing and excessive splashing etc. are not allowed in the pool, on the deck or in the locker rooms as appropriate. Rough play, sitting or standing on shoulders, and throwing swimmers is prohibited in the pool area.
8. Fighting, violent acts, or any unsafe behavior is cause for immediate expulsion. Persons causing any undue disturbance will be asked to immediately leave the pool area for the remainder of the day. Persons refusing to leave or who cause further disturbance may have their key fob deactivated for a week.
9. No abusive or profane language will be tolerated in pool area.
10. The "Emergency Signal" for clearing the pool is three (3) BLASTS OF THE WHISTLE. When this signal is sounded, all swimmers must promptly leave the pool by the nearest ladder or pool edge.
11. Alcoholic beverages of any kind and persons under the influence of alcohol will NOT be allowed within the pool area.
12. No food or drink is permitted within 2' of the pool (or in the pool). All eating occurs at the tables or chairs away from the pool. Littering or leaving the pool without cleaning up after use can result in deactivation of a key fob for a week.
13. No glass containers of any kind will be allowed in the pool area.
14. For your safety, the lifeguard(s) will clear the pool once an hour for 10 minutes. Lap lane(s) will be open for lap swim or water exercise only. The guards need this break every hour to be at peak performance. The lifeguard may use this break to clean, adjust chemicals, check bathrooms, etc. She/he will direct pool patrons not to enter the pool until they are specifically authorized to do so.
15. Appropriate swimwear must be worn at all times. Swimwear (such as a bikini or tankini) is acceptable provided there are no entrapment/loose/flowing clothing that could become an entrapment hazard.
16. Electronic devices must be kept away from the water's edge. Volume must remain at a reasonable level so not as to disturb other patrons. If a pool patron complains about the volume, the guard will request the patron to have it adjusted to an acceptable level.
17. The lifeguard is on duty for your protection. Do not distract them in any way. If you need to talk to one of them, wait until she/he is away from their guarding post.
18. **The lifeguard is the absolute authority in all matters pertaining to the safety and operation of the pool.**
19. In the event that there is no guard present, the pool is officially closed and no one is to enter the water.
20. It is recommended that all persons take a cleansing shower prior to entry to the pool area in accordance with Loudoun County's Board of Health regulations. Moreover, children who are not toilet-trained must wear swim diapers.
21. A chairlift is available for those needing assistance.
22. The swimming pool and clubhouse complex is a no smoking and no vaping area.

Effective immediately, the following updates to the KPF Community Pool Rules are being put in place:

23. Puddle jumpers (coast guard approved), pool noodles, and baby floats are permitted and a parent &/or guardian **must** be within arms' reach while in or near the pool.
24. Foul or profane language is strictly prohibited.
25. Swim Tests:
 - a) Swim tests will be conducted for **all children 12 years old and younger.**
 - b) To pass the swim test, swimmers must be able to comfortably swim one length of the swimming pool (25 meters) without assistance. At the end of the 25-meter swim, the swimmer must tread water for a minimum of 30 seconds.
 - c) Pausing is allowed for the swimmer to rotate and breathe.
 - d) Types of strokes allowed: Freestyle front crawl or breaststroke. *Swimmer must remain horizontal on top of the water and have some level of proficiency of the swim stroke. Underwater swimming is not permitted during the swim test.*
 - e) Swimmer must exit the swimming pool either by the steps, ladder, or side.
 - f) Upon successful completion of the swim test, lifeguards will make notation in the CellBadge system stating the swim test has been passed.
26. Swim lessons may be performed during the allotted swim break time.
27. GUEST INCREASE UPDATE:
 - a. Each household may now have up to five (5) guests per visit (2 guests per visit on holidays), but no more than 20 for the swim season. Residents under 18 may only have 1 guest.
 - b. Additional guest passes may be purchased by contacting Management at a cost of \$5 per pass.
 - c. Patrons who have guests are responsible for the conduct of their guests.
28. Basketball Hoop Rules:

Swimmers and guests are not permitted to hang on the rim of the basketball goal. The basketball hoop will only be utilized after 6:00 P.M. or if the conditions warrant by the on duty lifeguards. The goal is to ensure that playing basketball does not negatively impact the other patrons.
29. Slide Rules:
 - All sliders must be proficient swimmers. Sliders under 12 years of age must pass swim test to use slide.
 - No flotation devices are permitted on the slide.
 - No goggles or masks are permitted when using the pool slide.
 - Sliders must enter and exit the slide feet first.
 - Only one person permitted on the slide (including slide staircase) at a time.
 - Sliders must wait on the concrete deck at the base of the slide staircase until the slider before them clears the slide landing area.
 - Sliders must clear the slide landing area as quickly as possible.
 - Swimmers may NOT catch sliders.