

RULES OF THE BARCLAY FARM SWIM CLUB **[Updated, 2015]**

Introduction

The following rules and regulations have been established by the Board of Trustees for the safety, health and enjoyment of all members of the Barclay Farm Swim Club and their guests.

Every member is requested to become familiar with these rules. Adults are encouraged to review them with children and teens and to direct them to observe these rules and to obey those in authority at the Swim Club, including the Pool Managers, Camp Directors and Counselors, lifeguards and members of the Board of Trustees.

Highlights of these rules are posted on the bulletin board by the office and a full copy is available in the office and on the website's Membership page.

Failure to comply with these rules may result in disciplinary actions, including temporary benching, removal from the facilities for the remainder of the day, suspension from the facilities for a specified period and revocation of membership.

The Board of Trustees has assigned to the Pool Manager the primary responsibility of insuring that these rules are implemented in day-to-day activities. It is the responsibility of individual pool members to see that their own behavior and the behavior of the children and teens in their families or in their care are in accordance with these rules and regulations.

Anyone who has questions about these rules and regulations or about revisions that might be made to improve them should feel free to discuss them with any member of the Board of Trustees or with the Pool Manager, not lifeguards

A. Admission to the Pool: Members

Each individual member of the Swim Club, including all children, will be issued a Membership Card after dues are paid in full for the season or payment arrangements are made.

Members need to show a valid Membership Card or provide their names in order to gain admission to the Swim Club facilities.

The Membership Card is issued only for the use of the member whose name appears on the card. Use of a Membership Card by any person other than the one whose name appears on the card is strictly prohibited. A fee will be charged for duplicate Membership Cards to replace ones that have been lost or destroyed.

Children under the age of 10 years will not be admitted to the Swim Club facilities unless they are accompanied by a responsible member of at least 14 years of age.

B. Admission to the Pool: Guests and Visitors

To be admitted to pool facilities, a non-member must be accompanied by a member who is at least 14 years of age. The non-member must be signed in as a guest at the front desk and a guest fee must be paid or guest pass presented. The guest fee may be paid either in advance or at the time of admission.

Each member shall be responsible for the conduct of his or her guests.

The guest fee schedule is as follows: Weekdays: \$7, Weekends: \$10.

Books of 10 Guest Passes valid weekdays and weekends are available for \$50.00 through July 4.

C. Reciprocal Use Policy: Cherry Hill Association of Pools

A member of the Barclay Farm Swim Club (BFSC) may use the facilities of other members of the Cherry Hill Association of Pools (CHAP) when BFSC facilities are not available for general use because of a swimming or diving meet, a reserved social event, or a shut down of facilities for maintenance or repair.

Similarly, members CHAP pools may use the facilities of BFSC as a guest at no charge for the same reasons as above.

When a member of one Swim Club uses the facilities of the other, he or she is required to follow the rules and regulations of the Swim Club he or she is visiting.

D. Reciprocal Use Policy: Covered Bridge Swim Club

A member of the Barclay Farm Swim Club (BFSC) may use the facilities of Covered Bridge Swim Club (CBSC) as a guest at no charge when he or she accompanies a member of the CBSC.

Similarly, a member of CBSC may use the facilities of BFSC as a guest at no charge under the same conditions.

When a member of one Swim Club uses the facilities of the other, he or she is required to follow the rules and regulations of the Swim Club he or she is visiting.

E. Qualifying Tests

Each child below the age of 14 years must pass a qualifying test before being permitted to swim without an adult in water at a depth over the child's head. The test shall include:

- 1 - Jump from deck into six feet of water,
- 2 - Swim 50 meters of any racing stroke in less than 2 minutes - no doggy paddle,
- 3 - Tread water for 1 minute,
- 4 - Jump from 1-meter diving board and swim to nearest ladder, and
- 5 - Oral knowledge of the pool rules.

Successful completion of the test will enable the child to wear an ankle band that will permit access to the deeper end of the main pool and to the diving well.

No child shall permit any other child to use his or her band.

F. Safety and Health

The Pool Manager has full operational authority and responsibility, under the overall direction of the Board of Trustees, to ensure the safety and health of all users of the Swim Club facilities.

The following safety and health rules shall be observed:

1. Lifeguards are present to insure the safety of members and guests. Their instructions must be followed. Their attention must be devoted to their responsibilities while they are on duty, so please refrain from prolonged visiting or conversation that may distract them from their primary responsibilities.
2. Lifeguards are not to assume the responsibility of watching or caring for any persons, except in the discharge of specific duties (e.g., swimming instruction). Lifeguards may not tend young children or engage in other activities that conflict with their primary responsibilities.
3. Air mattresses and inner tubes are normally prohibited in the main pool and the wading pool because they block lifeguard lines of sight and allow non-swimmers to drift into areas over their heads. They are permitted at designated times, for example, during raft nights.
4. Glass containers of any kind are strictly prohibited in the bathhouse, in the pools, and on the decks of the main pool and the wading pool.
5. No diving is permitted from the sides of the pool into water less than 5 feet deep.
6. Diving or jumping off the side of the diving well is not permitted unless the lifeguard on duty has declared that the diving well is open for swimming. As long as the diving well is open for swimming, no jumping or diving from the diving boards is permitted.
7. The Pool Manager shall refuse admission to the Swim Club facilities for any person who:
 - Appears to be intoxicated or under the influence of drugs, or
 - Is under suspension for failure to obey Club rules and regulations.
8. All persons diving from the diving boards must:
 - Swim directly to and leave the water by means of the ladder closest to the board from which they dove,
 - Go straight off the end - not at an angle and not off the sides - of the board,
 - Not dive until the preceding diver has reached the exit ladder,
 - Not begin climbing the diving board ladder until the preceding diver has jumped off,
 - Be at least 42" tall to use the high board unless directly supervised by parent,
 - Never climb down the diving board ladders -- if you go up, you must go off!
11. Use of the wading pool shall be limited to children under 8 years of age. Parents or other responsible adults must assume responsibility for their own children in the wading pool and must attend them directly. No lifeguards are assigned to the wading pool area.
12. Children who are not toilet trained are not permitted in the main pool, unless they are wearing rubberized pants or swim diapers.

13. Children who have not passed their band test shall remain in the safe areas of the pool, where the depth does not exceed the individual's ability to keep his or her head above the water. If no part of the pool is shallow enough for a child to stand, a parent or responsible swimmer must directly support him or her in the pool. *Direct support is defined as being able to offer immediate, in-water assistance.*
14. Flotation devices may only be used with direct support from a parent or responsible swimmer.
15. No one may hang on lane lines.
16. All members and guests must display proper conduct throughout the facilities. Fighting, wrestling, pushing, rough horseplay, and other behavior that could result in an injury to oneself or others will not be tolerated.
17. Running and ball playing are not permitted on the decks of the main pool or wading pool, in the bathhouse or in the immediate area of the snack bar.
18. A lap lane has been designated by a lane line for persons who wish to swim laps.
 - No one may jump or dive from the side of the pool into the lap lane. The only exception is that a lap swimmer may jump or dive from the starting platform or the immediately adjacent side of the pool into the lap lane, provided the lane is unoccupied.
 - Persons must keep out of the lap lane when it is occupied by a lap swimmer.
 - The lap lane is available to lap swimmers on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - Persons under the age of 18 must not use the lap lane when an adult wishes to swim laps.
 - Kick boards are permitted in the lap lane for use by lap swimmers. (Please bring your own; Swim Team kickboards are not available).
 - At the request of an adult, lifeguards will install a second lane line if there is sufficient demand by lap swimmers and if the pool is not too crowded.
19. Every member is strongly encouraged to report any unsafe conditions or any facilities in need of repair promptly to the Pool Manager or a lifeguard.
20. Members are urged to report to the Pool Manager or a lifeguard any unsafe behavior of a member or guest that could result in injury to a person or damage to Swim Club property.
21. As soon as thunder or lightning is in the area, everyone, with absolutely no exceptions, must immediately leave the water and deck of the main and wading pools. No one will be permitted to reenter the water until at least 30 minutes have elapsed since the last instance of thunder or lightning.
22. All persons are requested to bathe in the showers before entering the pool.
23. Admission to the pools may be refused to anyone with a cold, cough, inflamed eyes, infections, open sores, diarrhea or bandages.
24. Spitting, spouting of water, blowing one's nose and urinating in the pool are strictly prohibited.
25. All injuries sustained at the Swim Club must be reported immediately to the Pool Manager or to a lifeguard.

H. General Rules

1. All members and guests, including children, using the Swim Club's facilities do so at their own risk. The Swim Club will not assume responsibility for any accident or injury in connection with such use.
2. The Swim Club shall not be responsible for any lost or stolen property. A Lost and Found area will be maintained. Unclaimed towels, clothing and other lost materials will be disposed of after 2 weeks.
3. All bicycles and wheeled vehicles must be placed neatly in the appropriate bicycle racks.
4. During adult swims, all persons under the age of 18 must completely exit the main pool.
5. No pets of any sort shall be permitted within the gates of the Swim Club.
6. Chewing gum is not permitted in the pools or on the pool decks.
7. Bathing suits must be worn by all children in the pools.
8. **BFSC Recycles!** Please use white recycling barrels for recyclable paper, glass and #1, 2, 4, 5 & 7 plastics. Dispose of all other trash and garbage in trash cans.
9. The following disciplinary measures will be invoked for rules infractions:
 - Minor Penalties include:
 - 1st infraction--benching for 15 minutes
 - 2nd infraction--benching for 30 minutes
 - 3rd infraction--sent to the Pool Manager
 - Major Penalties include:
 - 1st infraction--benching for 30 minutes
 - 2nd infraction--sent to the Pool Manager and suspended for at least the remainder of the day
 - Disciplinary measures may include suspension of pool privileges for a period not to exceed 7 days.
 - Any action that jeopardizes the safety of a member or guest will be classified as a major offense, as will any willful misconduct in direct defiance of the legitimate authority of a lifeguard, the Pool Manager or any other pool official in the exercise of his or her responsibilities.
 - A flagrant violation of any rule will make the violator subject to immediate suspension from the Swim Club facilities at the discretion of the Pool Manager.
 - Disciplinary suspensions may be issued only by the Pool Manager, his designee or the Board of Trustees.
 - Only the Board of Trustees is authorized to revoke the membership of a Swim Club member.
10. These Rules and Regulations may be revised by the Board of Trustees.



Questions about these Rules and Regulations should be addressed to a member of the Board of Trustees or Pool Manager.