



# QUAKERTOWN COMMUNITY POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS



## Admission:

1. Patrons entering the facility, who do not have a pool membership, are required to pay the facility admission fee; both swimmers and non swimmers.
2. **No refunds will be issued for memberships or daily admission for any reason.**
3. Pool hours are Monday-Sunday 11:30 am - 8:00 pm for members, and 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm for daily patrons. These hours may be adjusted for inclement weather. The pool closes at 6:00 pm for home swim meets. Pool hours may be adjusted at the end of the season.
4. When applying for a pool membership, the following must be provided:
  - a. Proof of residence.
  - b. Proof of full-time student status for any college students.
  - c. Proof of age for all children 18 years of age or younger who did not previously have a pool membership.
5. To receive the resident rate, the patron must have a Borough electric service.
6. A family pool membership includes a person and their spouse or significant other and their dependent children (18 years of age and under or full-time college students to the age of 23) living in the same household. A family membership is for a family, not a household. If more than one family resides in the same house, each family is required to purchase their own separate family membership. Children 2 years and under are free of charge and require their own membership. Each family member's key tag must be scanned into the system to gain entry to the pool.
7. A Release of Liability Waiver must be signed by the head of household, who is age 18 or older, to obtain pool membership or daily admission.
8. Groups and camps greater than fifteen (15) patrons are required to notify the Borough Parks and Recreation Department at least seven (7) days prior to their planned attendance at the pool. Failure to provide this required notice shall cause immediate expulsion from the facility without a refund. Attempting to avoid the requirements of this section, by splitting up into groupings of less than sixteen (16) patrons, shall cause immediate expulsion from the facility without a refund.
9. New or replacement key tags may be picked up at Quakertown Community Pool. Existing members should **SAVE THEIR KEYTAGS**, since key tags are reused each year. Members will be charged for any replacement keytags. Keytags may not be left at the front counter while members are at the facility. Keytags not picked up will be forfeited.

### **Facilities:**

1. Lockers are available for use. Patrons must supply their own lock.
2. Items may not be left in the lockers overnight. If this occurs, the items will be removed from the locker and stored in the front office.
3. The Borough is not responsible for the cost or replacement of any lock removed after business hours.
4. Deck furniture is for the convenience of our patrons. It must remain on the deck and may not be removed.
5. "Saving" furniture is prohibited. Please do not use your personal belongings to "save" a chair, table, etc.

### **Safety:**

1. Children under fourteen (14) years old must be accompanied by a parent or responsible person of at least eighteen (18) years of age at all times. This includes in the water, on the deck, and in the restrooms.
2. Patrons who appear to be under the influence of alcohol or narcotics will be denied admission and/or removed from the facility.
3. Patrons are not permitted to bring tents or sun umbrellas.
4. Patrons ten (10) years of age and under must pass a swim test to enter the deep water (beyond the bulkhead). The swimmer will be asked to do the following: swim one (1) length of the swimming pool and tread water for 30 seconds. Upon passing the swim test, the swimmer will be awarded a swim bracelet. The swimmer must wear this bracelet at all times while swimming past the bulkhead. A fee will be charged for the replacement of a lost swim test bracelet.
5. Patrons who have not passed their swim test are not permitted past the bulkhead. Those who have not passed the swim test must be under the control of an adult when walking beyond that point. While in the water, the parent or responsible person must remain within an arm's length of the non-swimmer.
6. Patrons shall not engage in unnecessary conversation with lifeguards.
7. Patrons shall obey all posted rules on the deck.
8. Back dives, dives, somersaults, as well as any other unsafe activities, are not permitted from the side of the pool
9. Sunbathers must not obstruct the walkway.
10. It may be necessary at times to close one or more bathing areas due to health concerns (e.g., fecal incident). Should this be necessary, an announcement will be made, and all patrons shall be expected to promptly vacate the pool until it is determined it is safe to return.

11. Emergency procedures must be observed. Patrons must leave the pool area immediately upon the signal or when directed by pool staff in the event of an emergency.
12. Swimming is prohibited during severe weather conditions such as an electrical storm.
13. Candy, food, and beverages are not allowed within the facility, except in designated areas provided for eating and drinking. No glass items, chewing gum, smoking, alcohol, or drugs are permitted anywhere in the facility at any time. Proper receptacles are to be used for disposal of waste and recycling.
14. Toys, flotation devices (water wings), snorkels, and masks are permitted only in the wading area of the pool and must be under the direct supervision of an adult. Use of all flotation devices must be approved by the Pool Manager.
15. Patrons need to be dry before entering the bathhouse and lobby area.
16. Patrons shall report all incidents, injuries, disruptive conduct/behavior, or other similar unsafe conditions to the pool staff immediately.

#### Hygiene:

1. All children who are not potty trained must wear a swimsuit diaper and a swimsuit. Cloth or disposable diapers are not accepted. Diapers are not permitted to be changed pool side. **Children age 2 and under, or any child who is not fully potty trained, are only permitted in the separate baby pool and splash pad areas.** These children are not allowed in the main pool or lap pool under any circumstances.
2. Swim attire must be worn by patrons on the deck and in the water. Patrons with modesty concerns may wear clean, covering garments that do not interfere with their safety in the water.
3. Animals are not allowed in the building or pool area, with the exception of guide dogs. Guide dogs are allowed on deck, but not in the water.
4. Patrons must shower with soap before entering the pool. Playing in the showers is not permitted.
5. Patrons with open cuts, sores, colds, coughs, infected eyes, or other contagious infections or diseases are not permitted in the pool.
6. Spitting, spouting, nose-blowing, urinating, and defecating in the pool is strictly prohibited.
7. Patrons who have had diarrhea in the last two (2) weeks are not allowed in the pool.
8. Patrons shall report all incidents involving vomitus, diarrhea, fecal contamination, or other similar unhygienic conditions to the Pool Staff immediately.

#### Conduct:

1. Improper behavior including stealing, mishandling of property, destruction of public property, and damage to the facility will not be tolerated and will result in police intervention.
2. Improper behavior including foul or abusive language, unsafe and disruptive behavior such as running on decks; climbing, sitting, or jumping from fences; diving in shallow water (less than 9 feet deep); swimming in the diving areas; double bouncing or crowding diving boards; dunking; pushing; pulling; roughhousing; unnecessarily splashing; or similar activities, are not permitted and may result in the expulsion from the facility, suspension of attendance privileges, and/or membership cancellation without a refund.
3. Failure to obey the rules of the pool may result in the expulsion from the facility, suspension of attendance privileges, and/or membership cancellation without a refund.
4. The pool staff, including, but not limited to the manager, instructors, lifeguards, and Borough Administration shall enforce these Rules and Regulations at all times.

#### **Rock Wall Rules:**

1. Patrons ten years of age or under must pass their swim test prior to using the rock wall.
2. Patrons over the age of ten must be experienced swimmers to use the rock wall.
3. One patron is permitted at a time.
4. One patron at a time in the drop zone of the wall.
5. Patrons shall hold onto rocks and shall not hold onto the side or top of the wall.
6. No diving or backflips off of the wall. Feet first entries only.
7. Floatation devices are not permitted on the wall.
8. Patron's weight may not exceed 300 lbs.

#### **Water Slide Rules:**

1. One Patron at a time on the slide.
2. Patrons must use the slide in a sitting or lying position with their feet first.
3. Patrons ten years of age and under must past their swim test prior to using the slide.
4. Patrons must wait until a lifeguard gives them permission to go.
5. No launching on the start of the slide.
6. No tubes, mats, or footwear permitted on the slide.
7. Patrons are not permitted to jump, dive, slow down, kneel, steer, spin, turn, swing, or bounce while going down the slide.
8. No throwing objects to the patron on the slide.

9. Patrons shall clear the plunge pool area immediately.
10. Patrons with underlying health conditions are not permitted to use the slide, including persons with heart, back, or neck problems; pregnant women; and persons with any other pre-existing condition that might worsen after the use of the slide.

#### **Diving Board Rules:**

1. Patrons ten years of age or under must pass the swim test prior to using the rock wall.
2. One patron at a time allowed on the board.
3. One bounce when jumping off the board.
4. Patrons using the board must jump straight ahead. No flips, back dives, or spin dives allowed off of the board.
5. Swim to nearest side or straight ahead after entering the water from the board.
6. Flotation devices are not permitted on the board.
7. No throwing or catching objects on the board.
8. Wait to use the board until patron reaches the side of the pool.
9. No one is allowed in the diving well other than patrons using the diving boards.
10. Do not adjust the diving board fulcrum wheel.
11. Patrons with underlying health conditions are not permitted to use the diving board including persons with heart, back, or neck problems; pregnant women; and persons with any other pre-existing condition that might worsen after the use of the board.

#### **Baby Pool:**

1. Patrons over the age of six (6) are not permitted to play in the baby pool area.
2. Patrons in the baby pool section need to be under the constant supervision of an individual eighteen (18) years of age or older.
3. Playthings, such as rubber tires, inflatable floatation devices, and toys, etc., are permitted in the baby section of the pool.
4. Any toy that is considered a safety hazard for patrons in the baby pool may be removed by the pool staff.
5. All children who are not potty trained must wear a swimsuit diaper and a swimsuit. Cloth or disposable diapers are not accepted. Diapers are not permitted to be changed pool side.
6. All children who are not potty-trained need to be checked by their parent or responsibly patron regularly.

7. Any diaper that needs to be changed must be changed in the bathroom and away from the poolside.
8. The pool staff has the right to remove patrons whose children lack proper swim attire.
9. Patrons are not permitted to swim in the pool if he/she has skin eruptions, diarrhea, or a stomach virus within the last two weeks.

#### **Splash Pad:**

1. No food, drink, or gum permitted
2. Patrons shall not block or place anything on the drains.
3. No running, pushing, or roughhousing within the splash pad area.

#### **Groups, Parties, and Camps: (Not Listed on signage but given to everyone who completes a group application)**

1. Parties are not being booked this year. The following apply to all groups and camps interested in attending the Quakertown Community Pool. All requests are reviewed and approved or denied by the Quakertown Borough Parks and Recreation Department.
2. Group and camps larger than fifteen (15) patrons are required to notify the Borough Parks and Recreation Department at least seven (7) days prior to their planned attendance at the pool. Groups or camps which fail to provide this required notice shall be immediately expelled from the facility without a refund. Groups or camps which attempt to avoid the requirements of this Section by splitting up into groupings of less than sixteen (16) patrons shall be immediately expelled from the facility without a refund.
3. A ratio of one adult for every six children under the age of 10 is required. Children 5 and under must be supervised by an adult in the water. Groups are responsible for proper supervision of their activity and underage participants. Lifeguards are always on duty for your safety and assistance.
4. A guest is anyone stepping into the facility even if they do not plan to swim; this includes all children and adults.
5. Groups and camps must arrive together as a whole and will be given a general rule overview by a staff member before being permitted to swim.
6. In the event of inclement weather, the group host must contact the Parks and Recreation Department to request to reschedule their event.
7. Groups and camps are required to follow all of the Pool Rules and any requirements/directives set forth by the pool staff.
  - a. When multiple members of a group or party fail to obey these Rules or directives of the pool staff, the entire group or camp may be expelled from the facility without a refund.
8. Groups and camps are required to set up their gathering in the designated grassy area of the facility away from other patrons. Groups and camps are not permitted to set up in the concession stand areas.

9. Groups and camps are permitted to bring one (1) folding table no larger than six (6) feet in any dimension into the facility.
10. Groups and camps are required to clean up their own trash.
11. All patrons with a group or camp are required to pay a daily admission fee including non-swimmers and chaperones.
12. Groups and camps not utilizing the concession stand are required to provide their own paper products, utensils, condiments, etc. instead of using those provided by the stand.
13. Groups and camps are permitted to bring small decorations into the facility that do not interfere with other patrons, do not create additional debris or trash, and are not harmful to the facility.
14. Groups and camps are required to follow all of these Pool Rules and any requirements/directives set forth by the Pool Staff.
15. When multiple members of a group or camp fail to obey these Rules or directives of the Pool Staff, the entire group or camp may be expelled from the facility without a refund.
16. Any organization or group that violates the requirements of this Section shall be prohibited from using the facility in the future, and this prohibition may also be enforced against the individual members of this organization or group.