

## **Pool Rules**

Barker's Landing Pool Pay Phone – 281-497-9215

### **Homeowner Pool Use Sign-In:**

1. All residents and their guests must sign in with lifeguards (name, address, and number of resident adults/children and guests using the pool).
2. Residents must accompany guests at the pool.

### **Safety:**

3. Safety Whistles
  - a. One long blast – clear the pool or re-enter the pool area. All eyes on the lifeguard.
  - b. One short blast – the lifeguard is signaling a swimmer.
  - c. Two short blasts – emergency help needed.
4. Opening of the pool may be delayed for safety reasons.
5. All swimmers must clear the pool while the lifeguards administer serious first aid (first aid which leaves other swimmers unattended).
6. If fecal matter is discovered in the pool, the pool will close for as many days as necessary to conform to safety precautions prescribed by the Water Sanitation Section, Bureau of Public Health Engineering, City of Houston Health Department.
7. All swimmers will be cleared from the water at the first sound of thunder. Re-entry will not be allowed until 20 minutes after all thunder has ceased.
8. The pool may be used only when a lifeguard is on duty.
  - a. At all other times the pool will be closed and all gates locked.
9. Pool opening may be delayed to correct any safety issue.

### **Life Guard Authority:**

10. Lifeguards are employed to ensure the safety of swimmers and homeowners. Please follow their guidance and instructions. They have authority:
  - a. To remove anyone from the pool area who does not comply with the rules or may endanger the safety of himself/herself or another person.
  - b. To suspend or expel the offender from pool use. No person expelled from the pool for rule violation or disciplinary reasons will be readmitted until that person or his/her parents have satisfied the lifeguard and or the Board of Directors that there will be no more undesirable actions or behavior. Repeated violations may result in revocation of pool privileges.

### **Specific Restrictions:**

11. No running, roughhousing, loud music, inappropriate language or other disruption in pool area at any time
12. No alcoholic beverages of any kind are permitted in the pool area.
13. Smoking is not permitted at the Rec Center including the pool.
14. No glass or glass articles of any kind are permitted in the pool area.
15. Attire: Appropriate swim wear only. No cut-offs. T-shirts, etc., may be permitted at lifeguard's discretion.
16. No pets, bikes, skateboards, skates, etc., inside gates of pool area.
17. Before leaving, residents will clean up any trash they have brought into the pool area. Trash receptacles are provided.

### **Children:**

18. Children under ten (10) years old must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Children who turn 10 anytime during the current calendar year are considered to be 10 years old. Swim tests may be required before allowing any swimmer in deep water.
19. Floats, pool toys, balls and other toys or objects may be permitted, solely at the lifeguard's discretion.

**Diving:**

20. No diving except in the designated areas near the diving board.
  - a. Diving board will be open only at the lifeguard's discretion.
  - b. No swimming in deep end while board is open.
  - c. Only one (1) person on the diving board at a time.
  - d. One (1) bounce on board per dive. No double bounces.
  - e. Divers must jump straight out, not toward the side of the pool.
  - f. Divers must wait for person ahead to reach the side of the pool at all times.
21. Absolutely, no headfirst diving or cannonballs in less than five (5) feet of water.

**Wading Pool:**

15. Use of the wading pool is limited to children under six (6) years of age with an adult in attendance at all times. This adult is totally responsible for the safety of the child.
16. Babies must wear Swim Diapers with when in either the wading or main pools.

**Disciplinary Procedure:**

17. Stages for repeated unacceptable behavior- Disciplinary log maintained by lifeguard
  - a. First offense – warning, explanation given.
  - b. Second Offense – sit out of pool for a few minutes, explanation given,
  - c. Third Offense – pool use suspended, parent or guardian contacted.

**Private Parties:**

18. Private Parties during pool hours must be cleared with the pool manager in advance for groups of five (5) or more. See Attached Rules for Private Functions at the Pool.

**\*\*\*\*Security may be called on to assist pool management in the enforcement of these rules.\*\*\*\***

Note: The Board of Directors retains the option of making additions or revisions to these rule without prior notice.