



## ***Covington Ridge Homeowners Association Swimming Pool Rules***

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Violations of any of these rules may result in removal from pool/pool area, suspension and/or fines. Lifeguards have the authority to enforce all rules and to remove anyone from the pool / pool area; lifeguards have the right to refuse use of pool facility to anyone not abiding by rules.

1. **Swim at your own risk.**
2. During non-guarded hours, it is the responsibility of the members to follow all pool rules and to keep the pool area clean of any debris.
3. A lifeguard will be on duty during guarded hours. Swim at your own risk still applies.
4. The lifeguard's job is not to "baby-sit". Lifeguards are present for the safety of the pool members, pool area and pool.
5. **The Lifeguard whistle means STOP and Listen!** Anyone not abiding by rules will be verbally warned by the lifeguard. If action continues:
  - a. *First offense:* Lifeguard may suspend member or guest for 24 hours.
  - b. *Second offense:* Suspension may be for up to one week. A letter will be sent and a phone call if the person in question is a minor.
  - c. *Third offense:* Board of Directors will decide appropriate action.
6. The pool may be closed for necessary maintenance, adverse weather conditions or for any reasons deemed necessary by the CRHOA Board of Directors or the lifeguard.
7. Proper clothing must be worn to minimize filter and maintenance concerns due to lint, string, etc. Swimwear only is to be worn in the pool. Cutoffs, jeans and shorts are not permitted.
8. Infants & untrained children must wear a swim diaper, disposable diapers with plastic pants or pull-ups with plastic pants. If an accident occurs, the pool will have to be closed immediately for treatment that could last 24 hours. Failure to comply will result in a fine.
9. A child under age 3 must be supervised by an adult at all times.
10. No person having a communicable disease, skin eruption or fungus infection will be permitted to use pool.

- 11.No glass containers of any kind permitted inside pool area. No gum, smoking or tobacco products permitted within confines of pool.
- 12.No food or drinks are allowed in the pool or within 2 feet of the pool. All trash must be properly disposed including washing down any spills.
- 13.No diving, running, flipping or jumping backward, wrestling, excessive splashing or undue disturbance allowed in pool area. No dunking, chicken fights, riding on shoulders, or hanging on ropes.
- 14.No tag games are allowed on the pool deck.
- 15.No Offensive and abusive language or behavior is prohibited.
- 16.No bicycling, skateboarding or roller blades allowed in pool area, nor may they block pool entrance.
- 17.No pets allowed in pool area, except seeing-eye dogs.
- 18.No flaking or deteriorating Styrofoam toys or products in pool area. No metal toys in pool area.
- 19.Tennis or other hard balls are not allowed for pool use.
- 20.Admission to the pool is limited to members in good standing, their families and accompanied guests.
- 21.Members shall be responsible for the actions of their guests.
- 22.Pool lifesaving equipment is not to be used as a toy.
- 23.Non-swimmers using flotation devices other than a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life vest must be accompanied by an adult while in the water.
- 24.Members will be charged for any damage done by their family or guests.
- 25.Lifeguard stand is for the lifeguard only.
- 26.Pool telephone is limited to one-minute local calls only.
- 27.Items left at the pool are not the responsibility of the lifeguard/HOA and will periodically be donated to charity or discarded.
- 28.Swimming under the influence of alcohol or drugs is prohibited.
- 29.Gate/Door codes may be changed at any time. Sharing the codes, propping the door open or otherwise compromising the security of the pool area is prohibited.

**Additional Guarded Pool Use Rules:**

1. Lifeguard will take a 10 - 15 minute rest break each hour. All children under 18 must get completely out of the water. No children on steps. Only babies in adults' arms will be allowed in the pool.
2. At age 10, a child may take a swimming test, administered by lifeguard (with permission of swimmers' parents). Parent must be present during the test. If child passes the test, and parent provides consent, the child may use the pool without adult or escort when the lifeguard is on duty. The test will include ability to swim four laps and tread water in deep end for three minutes.
3. All children under age 3 are to be supervised by an adult at all times. During guarded hours, children age 3 - 12 must be accompanied by an escort who is at least 13 in the pool or pool area (escort exception when the age 10 swim test was satisfied). Parents or escorts must be in the pool

area and supervise their children whether or not they are swimming. Children age 13 - 17 are permitted in pool or pool area without adult or escort during guarded hours.

**Additional Non-Guarded Pool Use Rules:**

1. Use of pool by anyone less than 18 during non-guarded hours is prohibited without an 18 or older escort.

**Healthy Swimming Behaviors from the CDC:**

You Can Choose to Swim Healthy!

Healthy Swimming behaviors are needed to protect you and your kids from Recreational Water Illnesses (RWIs) and will help stop germs from getting in the pool in the first place.

Here are six "PLEAs" that promote Healthy Swimming:

**Three "PLEAs" for All Swimmers**

Practice these three "PLEAs" to stop germs from causing illness at the pool:

1. Please don't swim when you have diarrhea. This is especially important for kids in diapers. You can spread germs in the water and make other people sick.
2. Please don't swallow the pool water. In fact, avoid getting water in your mouth.
3. Please practice good hygiene. Take a shower before swimming and wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers. Germs on your body end up in the water.

**Three "PLEAs" for Parents of Young Kids**

Follow these three "PLEAs" to keep germs out of the pool and your community:

1. Please take your kids on bathroom breaks or check diapers often. Waiting to hear "I have to go" may mean that it's too late.
2. Please change diapers in a bathroom and not at poolside. Germs can spread to surfaces and objects in and around the pool and spread illness.
3. Please wash your child thoroughly (especially the rear end) with soap and water before swimming. Everyone has invisible amounts of fecal matter on their bottoms that ends up in the pool.