

**Appendix A to Policy Resolution 3K
Franklin Farm Pool Rules**

Part I - LIABILITY

Section 1. General. All persons using any Franklin Farm pool do so at their own risk. The Franklin Farm Foundation assumes NO responsibility for any accident or injury in connection with such use or for any loss and/or damage to personal property.

Section 2. Agreement. Persons using the pools agree not to hold the Franklin Farm Foundation liable for any actions of whatever nature occurring within the pool area.

Section 3. Acts of Others. Pool members are responsible for the actions of their children, guests, and Au Pairs.

Section 4. Use Outside of Operating Hours. No person shall use the pool unless it is officially open and lifeguards are on duty. Unauthorized use of the pools after hours will constitute trespassing and violators will be prosecuted.

Part II - GENERAL POOL RULES

Section 1. Pool Management. The pool manager and lifeguards have sole authority for the proper conduct of patrons and operation of the pool during scheduled operating hours.

- a. All persons regardless of age, unable to demonstrate swimming proficiency to the lifeguards are not permitted in deep water (water deeper than 5 feet). Swimming proficiency is defined as the ability to swim one length of the main pool without resting; and the ability to tread water in the deep end for one minute.
- b. All persons must obey the instructions of the pool manager and lifeguards.
- c. All persons must stay clear of guard stations and not loiter at the check-in desk.
- d. Radios are permitted, but must be used in conjunction with earphones and kept at a low volume, which is not objectionable to others. The lifeguards may revoke this privilege if abused.
- e. Unauthorized persons are not allowed in the pump or chemical rooms or in the guard office.

Section 2. Health and Sanitation.

- a. All persons are required to wear a bathing suit and take a shower prior to entering the pool.
- b. Persons having colds, coughs, inflamed eyes, infections, or wearing bandages may not use the pool.
- c. Spouting of water, blowing noses, and other similar unhygienic actions are not permitted.
- d. Parents of children not yet toilet-trained are asked to use extreme care in selecting their children's swim wear attire. Cloth diapers with snugly fitting rubber pants or swim diapers must be worn by babies in the main pool and in the wading pool. Pampers or any type disposable diapers are not allowed because they clog the filter system.
- e. Illegal drugs and associated paraphernalia are not permitted.
- f. Tobacco products are not allowed in the pool area.
- g. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed. Persons suspected of possessing alcohol or being intoxicated will not be allowed in the pool area at any time.

Section 3. Food and Drink.

- a. Food may be consumed only in designated grassy areas.
- b. Drinks may be consumed on deck, only if persons are sitting back by the fence. (Fairfax County

- law prohibits consuming food and drinking within 10 feet of the water.) If any beverage other than water is spilled on the deck, a guard must be notified immediately.
- c. When eating or drinking in the designated areas, all trash must be placed in containers provided for this purpose. Aluminum cans and plastic containers must be placed in the recycling bins provided.

Section 4. Prohibited in Pool Area.

- a. Chewing Gum is not permitted in the pool facility.
- b. Glass containers and breakable objects are not permitted in pool facility. This includes glass beverage containers.
- c. Playpens and wheeled vehicles are not permitted in pool area; except wheelchairs and baby strollers.
- d. Pets are not permitted in the pool facility, except guide dogs.
- e. T-shirts are not permitted in the swimming pool. Snug fitting rash guards are permitted.
- f. Running, pushing, and or rough play will not be permitted in the pool facility.
- g. Physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- h. Dive sticks are not permitted.

Part III - CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULT POOL USE REQUIREMENTS

Section 1. Swim Test.

- a. All members and guests thirteen (13) years old and under will be administered a swim test. The test consists of swimming the length of the pool and treading water for one minute in the deep water. All children less than age 9 must demonstrate their swimming proficiency annually. Children age 9 and over who demonstrated swimming proficiency in the prior pool season are not required to take the swim test again. Franklin Farm Swim Team members who are certified by the President of the Franklin Farm Swim Team as swimmers are not required to take the swim test.
- b. Those members and guests unable to pass the swim test are considered non-swimmers. All non-swimmers thirteen (13) years old and under must wear a red wrist band and must have a parent or responsible person, sixteen (16) years old or older, remain within arm's reach of the non-swimmer whenever the non-swimmer is in the pool. Babies using the wading pools are not required to wear a red wrist band.

Section 2. Minimum Age for Unaccompanied use of Pool. No member or guest nine (9) years old and under can enter the pool facilities unless they are accompanied and supervised at all times by a parent or responsible person sixteen (16) years old or older.

Section 3. Pool Guests.

- a. Pool Members age thirteen (13) and older may bring guests to the pool.
- b. Only six (6) guests per resident/non-resident membership per day are allowed during non-holiday periods.
- c. The member's guests must comply with the swim test requirement prior to using the pool facilities if their age is thirteen or younger.

Section 4. Pool Break Periods.

- a. All members and guests under sixteen (16) years of age must exit the main pool for fifteen-minute breaks every hour.

- b. The lifeguards will control these break periods.

Part IV - SAFETY RULES

Section 1. Main Pool. The following rules will be observed in the main pool area. Generally, when two guards are up in the stands, conditions are too crowded for the use of toys. Their use will be allowed only at the discretion of the manager-on-duty.

- a. Dunking, splashing, and either standing or sitting on another's shoulders is prohibited.
- b. Somersaults, jumping in backwards or other careless actions from the pool edge are prohibited.
- c. Playthings, with the exception of nerf balls, are limited to the roped-off shallow end. Lifeguards may request all play equipment be removed from the pool on crowded days.
- d. Children using permissible floating devices (i.e., water wings or USCG approved life vests), must be accompanied by an adult or responsible person sixteen (16) years of age or older, who remains in the pool within arms reach of the non-swimmer at all times.
- e. Rafts are allowed during designated raft nights.
- f. Any game involving running on the deck is prohibited.
- g. Basketball rules include NO dunking and NO hanging on the basketball rim.

Section 2. Diving Area.

- a. Diving board use is limited to persons who can swim. Children who have not passed the basic swim test may not use the diving board.
- b. Only one person at a time is allowed on the diving board.
- c. Users must delay their dive until the area is clear of swimmers.
- d. Consecutive bouncing, racing dives, handstands, or other dangerous actions on the diving board are prohibited.
- e. General swimming in the diving area is prohibited. Divers must swim directly to the ladder after each use.
- f. Dives and jumps must be in a forward motion and straight off the board towards the center of the pool (no veering to the sides). Back flips, back dives, inward dives and gainers are prohibited.
- g. No goggles, flippers, water wings or any other flotation device may be worn off the diving board.
- h. No items may be tossed or thrown towards divers going off the diving board.

Section 3. Wading Pool Area.

- a. Swim privilege is limited to children five (5) years and under.
- b. Children not yet toilet trained are encouraged to use the wading pool rather than the main pool. Babies must wear cloth diapers with rubber pants or specifically designed diaper swimsuits. Disposable diapers are not allowed. Parents failing to properly attire children who are not yet toilet-trained can be asked to leave the pool. Lifeguards will check for proper attire.
- c. No lifeguards are posted at the wading pool. Children must be accompanied, supervised and monitored within the wading pool enclosure by a parent or responsible person of sixteen (16) years or older who will be held responsible for the behavior of the child.
- d. Playthings must be limited to small floating and unbreakable items.
- e. All furniture must remain on pool deck and not be placed in the water.

Section 4. Lap Lanes.

- a. Lap lanes are up daily for adults. If no adult is using the lap lane, children may use it for lap swimming only. However, if an adult wishes to swim laps, children will be asked to leave the lap lane area.
- b. The lap lanes will be up from 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. daily for children. Any child who wishes to

- swim laps should do so at that time.
- c. Swimming over or across lap lanes is not permitted.

Part V - ENFORCEMENT

Section 1. General. These rules have been developed for the safe operation of the pool in the best interest of the members. If members feel that the pool is not being operated in the best interest of the members, they should discuss the situation with the pool manager, not the lifeguards, or contact the Franklin Farm Foundation office.

Section 2. Suspension.

- a. Failure to comply with these rules, or any part thereof, will be considered sufficient cause for members to be denied use of the pool by the pool manager for a specific period of time. This includes families who do not comply with required diaper covers for children who are not toilet-trained.
- b. Any person deliberately damaging pool furniture or the pool structure, posing a serious safety hazard, being physically or verbally abusive or committing any illegal act will be automatically suspended until the next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting. At that meeting, the Board of Trustees may suspend individual pool privileges or family pool membership for the remainder of the pool season.
- c. Any guests being verbally abusive or using profane language will be immediately ejected and not allowed to use guest passes for the remainder of the pool season.
- d. If necessary, police assistance will be obtained to remove any individual who refuses to leave the pool facility after being directed to do so by the Pool Manager or the manager-on-duty.

Section 3. Progressive Penalty Policy for Minor Violations: Any violation of a pool rule is considered an infraction even if it is a repetition of the same type-behavior

1 st Infraction	Warning
2 nd Infraction	15-minute benching ⁽¹⁾
3 rd Infraction	The manager-on-duty will eject the individual from the pools for one week and, if a minor, the parents will be notified.

⁽¹⁾ In lieu of a 15-minute benching, the individual may elect to leave the facility for the remainder of the day but will forfeit the right to return the following day.

1st Ejection - The manager-on-duty will eject the individual from the pools for one week and, if a minor, the parents will be notified.

2nd Ejection — The manager-on-duty will eject the individual from the pool until the next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting. At that meeting, the Board of Trustees may suspend pool privileges for the remainder of the pool season.

Section 4. Serious and Repeated Violations. The Board of Trustees will handle serious violations or repeated violations at the recommendation of the Pool Manager. Disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to, temporary suspension, permanent suspension, or probation.