

# MADISON COMMUNITY POOL

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The Madison Community Pool Corporation (Pool) is a separate membership organization that is a public charity and is not affiliated with the Borough of Madison. All members and guests must follow rules and staff instructions. Any misunderstandings or objections should be brought to the attention of the Pool Manager. The Manager has the authority to suspend membership when there is violation of Pool rules. Assistant Managers have full authority in Manager's absence. The priority goal of the management is to provide a safe and healthy environment for the members and their guests. Any changes to rules will be posted at the Pool.

Everyone using the Pool does so at his/her own risk. The Pool is not responsible for any accident, injury or loss of personal property. There are no checking facilities to secure belongings and/or valuables.

### **MEMBERS & GUESTS**

- ❖ All Pool members **MUST** wear badges on swimsuits at all times. At the Pool entrance, Pool badges must be put on the bathing suit so it is visible. There are **NO EXCEPTIONS**. This is a safety issue. The badge is the means to identify individuals should an accident occur in the water.
- ❖ Once the Pool opens for the swimming season, there will be no refunds for membership fees.
- ❖ Badges are not transferable, even within a family. Anyone borrowing, loaning or passing a badge through the fence will cause the member to be suspended for two weeks.
- ❖ **NO BADGE = NO ENTRY** If you forget your badge and it is the first time, you will be allowed entry with a wristband and charged \$5. If you have forgotten your badge and it is not the first time, you will be asked to go home and get your badge. Lost badges can be replaced for a fee of \$5 for senior members and \$15 for individual or family members. Once a replacement badge has been issued there will be no refund.
- ❖ Members may purchase babysitter badges. Babysitters may use the Pool only when accompanying children with or without parents. Babysitters may only bring in guests of the children they supervise. Babysitters may not use the Pool for their own use, nor may they bring in their own guests.
- ❖ There will be a daily adult only swim for a period of 10 minutes occurring at 1 PM and 3 PM. Another may be called at the discretion of the manager.
- ❖ Members must register guests by filling out the guest information form, pay a guest fee, accompany their guest and take responsibility for the conduct of their guests while at the Pool. Guests **MUST** wear bracelets.
- ❖ Children under 13-years-old must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older who will be responsible for their conduct at the Pool. Children 10 to 12-years-old who have written

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parental approval on file with Manager and have passed the deep water test may come without an adult. This privilege may be suspended at the discretion of the Manager. Anyone dropping off a member under the age of 13 (with the exception of those members age 10-12 who have such written parental permission) and leaving them alone at the Pool will forfeit their membership without a refund.

- ❖ Non-swimming children may enter the 5 feet deep or less sections of the Pool when accompanied by a parent/guardian, conditions permitting. Non-Swimming Children are never permitted in the deep water tank, diving board, loop slide or drop slide. The Pool is not responsible for supervising your children within the Pool property – or in Memorial Park parking lots, picnic areas or playground.
- ❖ Non-swimming children may enter the 3 feet deep or less section if they are over the age of 5 conditions permitting. The Pool is not responsible for supervising your children within The Pool property.
- ❖ Pre-Teen parties are for children 10-12 with an orange badge and their guests who have passed the deep water test. Signed parental permission forms, either already on file or completed for the party, are required to gain admission to the party. There is a small fee for the party.
- ❖ **The Pool prohibits the use of flotation devices (defined as anything device that can keep a person afloat including but not limited to: swim vests, life vests, swimmies, arm floats, rafts, noodles) in the Main and wading pools except during Moonlight swims, Pre-teen parties and special events. Those using the adult lap lanes are allowed to use swim training equipment. Water guns are not permitted.**
- ❖ Any guest under the age of 13 years must be accompanied by a member 18 years or older.
- ❖ Any guest over the age of 13 years old may be accompanied by a member aged 13 thru 18, if a parent of the guest or member signs a permission form.
- ❖ Any guest over the age of 18 may be able to stay without the member present, provided a guest form is signed by the sponsoring member.
- ❖ Guests that are part of a party must be met at the front desk by an adult member, unless a list of attendees is given to the Pool management prior to the party and payment has been made.
- ❖ Guest privileges are extended to Madison residents on **weekdays only**. Madison residents over the age of 14 are not permitted as guests on Saturday or Sunday, except for Moonlight Swims or special events. The Manager may suspend guest privileges if necessary to relieve overcrowding.
- ❖ Guests are subject to the same rules and regulations as members. Violation of rules and regulations may result in the loss of guest privileges for the member and/or the guests.

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### OUR SMALLEST SWIMMERS

- ❖ The Wading pool is for children 5-years-old and younger, **under constant adult supervision**.
- ❖ Children using the wading pool must wear swimming diapers or diapers that are covered with plastic panties.
- ❖ All children must be toilet trained to use any section of the Main Pool. **Absolutely NO DIAPERS or swimmies** are permitted in the Main Pool. NO EXCEPTIONS. Members caught violating this rule more than twice in a season will have their membership privileges suspended for two weeks.

### DEEP WATER TEST

- ❖ The Deep Water Test is given at 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm daily. **A child may take the test two times a day**. The sign up for the Deep Water Test is maintained at the Front Desk.
- ❖ The managers of the Pool have the discretion of determining the rules for the deep water test. A copy of the current rules are maintained at the front desk.

### ADULT LAP LANES PROTOCOL

- ❖ Do not enter an occupied lane without letting the swimmer(s) already in the lap lane that you are entering. Get their attention by dangling your legs into the water or standing to the side at the end of the lane. Discuss with each swimmer how you will share the lane.
- ❖ Do not enter an occupied lane if another is empty.
- ❖ If there are two swimmers in the lane, it can be split into halves and each swimmer swims in one half of the lane.
- ❖ If there are more than two swimmers in the lane, they must all circle counterclockwise in the lane. Always swim on the right side of the lane when circle swimming. This means swimming on one side of the lane going down and the other side of the lane coming back.
- ❖ Only if you are alone in a lane, can you swim following the middle line.
- ❖ Don't push off the wall right in front of a faster swimmer. Let him/her pass first. The fastest swimmer has the right of way; slower swimmers must yield. Likewise, don't push off right behind a slower swimmer. Leave some room for the other slower swimmer before pushing off.

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- ❖ Pass on the left hand side. If you are the slower swimmer and being overtaken at the turn, stop, and wait until the other swimmer has pushed off the wall.
- ❖ A pass must be initiated in time to over-take the slower swimmer before the wall. A pass may be initiated only if there is no risk of collision with a swimmer on the other side of the lane.
- ❖ Lap lanes are for swimming complete laps, not for water aerobics, water walking or socializing. If you need to rest, do it at the wall and stay as far to the side as possible, leaving room for other swimmers to turn.
- ❖ Swim training equipment (kick board, pull-buoy, flippers, etc.) is permitted in the lap lanes.

### HEALTH & SAFETY

- ❖ NO SMOKING is permitted within the confines of the Pool.
- ❖ No Spitting is allowed in the Pool facilities.
- ❖ No one is allowed in water without lifeguards on duty. Members must refrain from conversations with lifeguards on duty. The Manager may announce periodic rest periods for lifeguards and clear Pool completely.
- ❖ The manager may announce periodic adult swims for members 18 years old and older. The 3 foot section of the Pool will remain open to children with Red badges only.
- ❖ There will be **no diving** anywhere in the Pool except off of the diving board in the diving tank. The only exception to this will be during swim lessons, team practices, and swim meets.
- ❖ There will be **no jumping** into the Pool except in five (5) foot marked areas and off the diving board.
- ❖ There will be no prolonged holding of breath underwater as a test of endurance. This is a dangerous action and can result in death or serious injury.
- ❖ There will be no diving or jumping off the steps or ladders into the Pool.
- ❖ There will be no sitting on the steps of the Pool as that blocks entry or exits.
- ❖ The deep water tank is for diving and slide exits only. One person is permitted on the diving board and each slide at a time. Approved sports are restricted to designated areas.
- ❖ No water paraphernalia is allowed in main Pool including balls, rings or diving darts except when used by swimming instructors and for use in the pool basketball game. Throwing and diving for stones or other objects is prohibited.

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- ❖ Running, pushing, towel snapping, profane language or other behavior creating danger or annoyance is prohibited in all areas of the Pool's Facilities.
- ❖ Benches surrounding the Pool should not be moved.
- ❖ Chairs and towels should not be placed on the concrete decking surrounding the Pool.
- ❖ Swimmers with skin lesions, inflamed eyes or discharge from nose or ears, open blisters or cuts are not permitted in water. Bandages are not allowed in water.
- ❖ All injuries at the Pool must be reported immediately to Manager.
- ❖ No Animals other than Seeing Eye or Registered Service Dogs are permitted on premises.
- ❖ The Slide in three (3) foot area is restricted to use by children 3-9 years of age only.
- ❖ No age restriction on the slide into the 3 ½ foot water. Badge restrictions will apply on this slide.

### **PARKING**

- ❖ Parking is allowed in the parking lots only. **NO PARKING IS ALLOWED ON THE GRASS AT ANY TIME.** There are three parking lots available. Lot #1 on the left, Lot #2 on the right and Lot #3 the upper lot on Rosedale Ave.
- ❖ Members will be allowed to drop off at the circle in front of the entrance of the Pool. There is no parking allowed in the circle. Waiting time is limited to 15 minutes.

### **REFRESHMENTS**

- ❖ Members and Guests are encouraged to order food from the snack bar on site. Ordering food from outside vendors and consuming that food inside the Pool area will not be allowed.
- ❖ Members and Guests may bring small snacks to the Pool and eat them on the grassy area.
- ❖ Members and Guests are responsible for cleaning up any trash resulting from food they have brought in to the Pool.
- ❖ The fenced snack area at the far end of the Pool may be reserved for parties for a fee of \$25. Members are asked to ensure their party guests consume food within the confines of the fence.

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- ❖ Alcoholic beverages are prohibited on premises. Soft drinks may be brought to the Pool if stored in plastic containers. **Glass is not permitted on premises.**

### CHAIR STORAGE

- ❖ Members may leave their own collapsible outdoor lawn or beach chairs in a storage rack at the Pool.
- ❖ Members leave chairs at their own risk and must provide their own lock and chain if desired.
- ❖ There is no charge for storage, but there is a limit of one chair per member.
- ❖ Guests are not permitted to store chairs at the Pool.
- ❖ Any chairs left at the Pool at the end of the season will be disposed.