



Swimming Pool and Hot Tub Rules and Regulations

The Master Association encourages and promotes the responsible use of our community's pool and hot tub facilities. The following Rules and Regulations are intended to: protect health and safety, provide an experience that is enjoyable for all, ensure everyone is respectful and considerate of the rights of all users, and to protect the large investment that has been made by all members of our community.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE MAY BE A SPECIAL SET OF RULES THAT APPLY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC CRISIS. IF COVID-19 RULES ARE REQUIRED, THEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY AND IF THERE IS ANY CONFLICT BETWEEN THESE RULES AND THE COVID-19 RULES, THE LATTER APPLY.

General Health and Safety:

- Use of the pool or hot tub incurs a risk of drowning and all users do so at their own risk.
- All persons under the age of 14 entering the gated pool area must be accompanied by a responsible party (person 14 years old or older) to ensure their safety. The responsible person must monitor the behavior of, and exercise control over, the younger person at all times.
- All children under the age of 5 should be accompanied at all times while in the pool and bathrooms.
- Swim diapers in the pool are mandatory for all children who are not toilet trained.
- No pool or hot tub use while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, or other drugs that may cause impaired judgment, drowsiness, or lower blood pressure.
- No pool or hot tub use if you are bleeding, wearing bandages, have skin abrasions, lesions, a cold, a cough, inflamed eyes, open sores, nasal or ear discharge, diarrhea, infection or any communicable disease.
- No diving head first into the pool or hot tub at any time; serious injury may result.
- No running, pushing or rough housing in or around the pool area.
- No electrical devices in or near the pool or hot tub is allowed at any time.
- If there is a threat of thunder and lightning all persons must vacate the pool and hot tub immediately.
- Ensure pool gate closes after entry and exit and do not prop it open as this insures the safety of young children by restricting their access to the pool area.
- Do not scatter toys on the deck area as this creates a significant safety hazard.
- A first aid kit is located on the right wall as you enter the pool's main entrance. In addition another first aid kit and a defibrillator are located in the gym.
- **The pool area is under camera surveillance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

Pool and Hot Tub Rules

- Skateboards or bikes are not allowed in the pool area.
- Only pool toys designed for pool use are allowed.

- Other toys and playthings, such as Legos, Hot Wheels, doll houses not designed for pool use are not permitted in the pool area.
- Remove toys and pool floats from the pool when not in use.
- Take personal items home with you when you leave for the day. Toys and other items left in the pool area may be discarded.
- Yield to individuals who wish to use the lap lanes or other deeper areas of the pool for swimming or exercising.
- Residents are not allowed to 'reserve' tables by placing towels or other items on the tables or chairs without being in the pool area or tot lot.
- To avoid staining the poolside furniture with oils or lotions, place a towel on your chair or chaise lounge.
- Due to limited table space, please be considerate of your neighbors and use appropriate sized tables for your group.
- Bring a cooler for your food and beverages; the community center refrigerator is for community center functions only.
- No personal toiletries (e.g.: shampoo, shaving cream, toothpaste, etc.) are to be used in or around pool and hot tub area.
- Close pool umbrellas when you are finished using them to avoid damage due to weather. If you see an umbrella open and the occupant has left, please be considerate and close it. Umbrellas are not cheap to replace.
- Radios or other personal sound systems should be kept at a reasonable level so as to not disturb others.
- Clean up after yourself and your family members; including disposing of all food particles on the tables, ground and furniture. Trash containers, recycle bins, broom and dust pans are available for use.
- No glass items of any kind are permitted in the pool area.
- No smoking or vaping inside the pool area.
- No pets are allowed inside the pool area.
- No eating food or chewing gum while in, or at the edge of, the pool or hot tub.
- Large (two or more or multi-person) floats are not permitted in the pool as they may interfere with other swimmers.
- No wading or playing in the fountain or on the fountain walls.
- No hanging on or sitting on the pool rope lane dividers.
- No entry to the pool equipment building is allowed.
- No use of profanity, spitting, blowing your nose, or urinating in the pool or hot tub.

Other Rules Specific to the Hot Tub:

- Children under 5 years of age are not allowed in or around the hot tub per The Center for Disease Control guidelines.
- Individuals between the ages of 5 and 13 may use the hot tub if they are able to stand in the deepest point of the hot tub with the water below their chin and only with a responsible party (person 14 or over) in the tub with them or in close enough proximity to continuously maintain direct supervision.
- Absolutely no swimmer (swim diaper) is allowed in the hot tub.
- Pregnant women, persons suffering from heart disease, diabetes, and/or high or low blood pressure should consult a physician before using the hot tub.
- Exit the hot tub immediately if you feel ill or start to feel queasy or dizzy.

- No jumping, diving, swimming, or playing in the hot tub.
- No toys or floats in the hot tub.
- No placing your head underwater at any time while in the hot tub.
- It is recommended that hot tub usage be limited to no longer than 10 to 15 minutes. Cool down before re-entering.

Grill Usage:

- The grill is for community use. Please be mindful of others and clean surface area and cooking grates after usage.
- Pay extra attention to supervising children while the grill is in use.
- Make sure propane tanks are turned off when grill is not in use.
- Cover grill ONLY when grill is cooled.
- In case propane tank is empty, please contact the pool committee via email at linkspoolcommittee@gmail.com

Pool Violations:

- A violation of pool rules that threatens the safety or wellbeing of other users will be treated severely, with penalty of up to suspension of pool privileges for the first offense.
- Lesser offenses will be examined on a case-by-case basis, with verbal or written warnings, and other escalating penalties for multiple infractions up to and including suspension.

Responsibility for Damage:

- Homeowners are responsible for any damage caused by either themselves or their guests in the pool area and will be required to reimburse the community for the cost of repairing or replacing.

Operational Information

- **Schedule.** The pool and hot tub are open every day, weather permitting, from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, 6am - 10pm.
- **Guests.** Residents/pool members are allowed up to 10 guests per household at no additional charge.
- All Links residents/pool members planning a large party, over 10 guests per household must first sign and submit the “**Pool Rental Agreement Form**” (See attachment). By signing the form, the resident/pool member agrees to oversee their guests’ behavior and acknowledges their responsibility for any incurred damage and/or excessive cleanup costs. Detailed instructions and fee schedules are provided on the rental form. Please contact via email linkspoolcommittee@gmail.com

Questions/Complaints/violation of pool rules

- All questions, complaints, suggestions and violations pertaining to the pool and hot tub MUST be submitted in writing and sent to linkspoolcommittee@gmail.com