

# Rules and Regulations for the use of the Lower Merion Township Swimming Pools

The following rules and regulations are for the purpose of ensuring a clean and safe environment for the members and guest of this facility.

## Admittance

- Only Members and paying guest of Members will be admitted. Must present a valid Membership card.
- The Aquatics Director may, at his/her discretion, restrict further access to the facility if he/she determines that the facility has reached its Maximum Bather Load or unsafe conditions exist due to overcrowding, in addition he/she may prohibit guests when necessary, to relieve overcrowding.
- Lower Merion Township reserves the right to refuse admission to anyone with skin abrasions, colds, coughs, inflamed eyes, nasal or ear discharge, open blisters, athlete's feet, infectious disorders or communicable diseases.
- **Children thirteen (13) years and under must be accompanied by a person at least eighteen (18) years of age who must accept responsibility for the safety and conduct of the child.**
- Lower Merion Township reserves the right to refuse admittance to, eject from the pool premises, or remove membership privileges, any persons failing to comply with any health and safety regulations.

## Entire Facility

- All persons shall use the pools and facilities at their own risk. The lifeguard may refuse a swimmer admission to any area of any pool if the swimmer does not exhibit sufficient skill to insure his or her safety.
- Members must obey the Lifeguards on duty at all times. Failure to do so may result in ejection from the complex or the loss of membership privileges.
- The following is **NOT** permitted:
  - Running on the deck area.
  - Diving into the water from the sides of the pool.
  - Cut-offs or regular shorts.
  - Glass bottles or containers of any kind.
  - Bikes, roller blades or skateboards.
  - Use of the pool when the pool is closed, or when no regular lifeguard is present
  - Roughness, rowdiness, profanity, or other conduct that affects the safety and comfort of others.
  - Pets or animals with the exception of guide animals for the handicapped.
  - No tobacco or alcohol shall be permitted on the grounds.
  - Consumption of food, chewing gum and/or beverages in the swimming pool or deck area
  - Competitive breath holding
  - No Hanging on lane dividers.
- **The use of a personal flotation device is limited to Unites States Coast Guard (USCG) certified life vests only.**
- **Persons using the Leisure Pool and Intermediate Pool MUST be toilet trained.**
- Each bather should shower before entering the pool.
- All refuse must be placed in the appropriate containers provided.
- In case of an accident, report it to the lifeguard immediately. There is first aid equipment on the premises and trained personnel to use it.
- Lower Merion Township shall not be responsible for any accident, injury, theft, or loss or damage to personal property in the pool complex.
- The cost of any facility damage shall be charged to the responsible member including damage caused by the guest of the member.

## Wading Pool

- Only children under five (5) years of age may use the wading pool.
- Children that are not toilet trained are required to wear non-disposable swim diapers with elastic bands.
- Parents are responsible for children in this area.

## Water Slide

- User must be 48" tall, as required by the slide manufacturer, and able to swim in deep water. Lifeguards may test users at any time to confirm their swimming ability.
- Users may not, under any circumstances, use top platform or railings at the top for a running start, dive or swing start.
- Entry into the pool from the slide shall be one at a time, no "chains" allowed.
- Entry into the pool from the slide shall be feet first. Headfirst entry is prohibited.
- User may not, under any circumstances, jump or dive off stairs, platform or flume.
- There shall be no swimming under the buoy line identifying the landing area.
- Please refer to posted sign by slide for your safety.