

SNOWDEN OVERLOOK SWIMMING POOL RULES

(Adopted by the SOCA Board January 23, 2023)

PART 1 – GENERAL RULES

1. The Snowden Overlook Swimming Pool has approval from the Howard County Health Department to operate under two different kinds of schedules:

- a. Lifeguard Schedule (a certified Lifeguard must be present – guests and visitors **are** allowed); and
- b. Non-Lifeguard Schedule (**NO** Lifeguard is present --**Residents Only, no** guests or visitors are allowed).

Usually (but not always), those two different schedules will be on the same day, such as when we open the pool to **residents only** in the morning (Non-Lifeguard Schedule), but then bring in a lifeguard in the afternoon (Lifeguard Schedule). In addition, for staffing scheduling purposes we divide the annual Pool Season into three parts: Pre-Season (usually the three weeks before Memorial Day); Regular Season (usually from Memorial Day to Labor Day); and Post-Season (usually the three weeks after Labor Day). You can see those detailed pool schedule weeks/days/hours spelled out in a separate annual Pool Schedule document each year.

2. Guests and visitors are **ONLY** permitted in the pool area when a certified lifeguard is present, which will be during the Lifeguard Schedule. During the Non- Lifeguard Schedule hours when the Pool is open without a lifeguard present, **NO GUESTS OR VISITORS WILL BE PERMITTED**. There are **no exceptions to this rule**. If necessary, a resident’s Pool Access Card will be revoked for failure to comply with this rule.

3. All residents must complete a Pool Use Registration Form and Waiver of Liability. Residents must sign that they agree to comply with these Pool Rules as part of the Pool Use Registration Form before they are issued a Pool Access Card to gain entrance to the pool.

4. All residents, guests and visitors using the Snowden Overlook Swimming Pool do so **at their own risk**, whether swimming with a Lifeguard present, or when no Lifeguard is present. Residents must sign and return the Waiver of Liability Form attached to the Pool Use Registration Form agreeing to “save harmless” (release) the management and/or association from any and all liabilities and action of

whatsoever nature by any guests (growing out of the use) of the swimming pool or pool area. A Resident Pool Pass will not be issued to any resident who does not sign and return the Waiver Form.

5. Management will not be responsible for loss or damage to any personal property of any kind.

6. The pool may be closed at any time due to mechanical breakdown, operational difficulties, or inclement weather. This decision is at the sole discretion of the SOCA Pool Coordinator, Assigned CPO that day, Lifeguard, Board President or Vice President, if the Pool Coordinator is not available.

7. Running, pushing, wrestling, or causing undue disturbance in or about the pool area, will not be tolerated. Unhygienic acts will not be permitted in the pool. Prolonged underwater swimming, breath-holding or games including such behavior is prohibited.

8. No abusive or profane language or breach of the peace will be tolerated.

9. Large flotation mats and rafts are not permitted in the pool, to ensure room is available for swimmers. But small flotation devices for swimmers – such as pool noodles – are permitted.

10. For safety purposes, only a life vest approved by the United States Coast Guard is to be used to support non-swimmers. Also, if a child is a non-swimmer, a parent or guardian must always accompany the child in the water.

11. No pets are allowed in the pool area at any time, except for licensed Service Animals.

12. No radios with external speakers are allowed, but you may use your personal headset.

13. Admission to swim in the pool shall be refused to all persons having infectious disease, sore or inflamed eyes, colds, nasal or ear discharges, or any communicable disease of any kind. Any person with excessive burn, open sores, or bandages of any kind will not be permitted.

14. All beverages or food brought into the pool area must be in paper, metal or plastic containers. All trash must be disposed of in a trash container. Glass containers (i.e., baby food jars, drink bottles, etc.) are not permitted in the pool area.

15. No alcohol is permitted in the pool area unless pre-approved by the SOCA Board for official SOCA events.

16. As a general guideline, when a Lifeguard is present, OBEY THE LIFEGUARD. (See rule 10 in Part 2 below.)

17. During SOCA-scheduled aquatics exercise sessions – usually only from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., three days a week – only registered aquatics exercise session participants may be in the main section of the pool. Others may use the alcove/seating area during the session. Exceptions may be authorized by the SOCA Board or SOCA management.

18. There is no formal designated lane or designated time for lap swimmers. Lap swimmers do NOT have priority over other pool users and may not require other pool users to clear a lane. All swimmers are responsible for avoiding collisions with other pool users. However, informally, many SOCA residents can swim laps during hours when the pool is not crowded, such as mornings (9:00 a.m. to noon.) before guests and visitors arrive.

19. Only authorized persons (LGs, CPOs, or management) may enter the LG office.

20. The driveway entrance to the pool deck is NOT a shortcut. Even if the gate is found to be unlocked, or even open, residents and guests may not enter or exit the pool level using that route UNLESS: -- they have a handicap that makes use of this entrance more feasible for them AND the office staff has provided the key or combination, OR -- there is a fire or other emergency requiring users to exit quickly.

PART 2 – POOL RULES WHEN A LIFEGUARD MUST BE PRESENT

1. The lifeguard must be on duty and the pool officially open before any user is allowed in the water or pool area. Guests and visitors are only allowed when a Lifeguard is present.

2. Residents must present identification cards and sign-in on the daily log-in sheet upon entering the pool facility. Guests (yellow permanent pool passes) and Visitors (white daily passes) must also sign in. Your cooperation in presenting ID cards and signing in helps us keep accurate records on pool usage. This helps us track pool usage by days and times, so we can make informed decisions about possible schedule changes, staffing changes, and/or rule changes.

3. GUESTS – The adult guest must have their yellow permanent Guest Pass and sign in upon entering the pool, and make sure their other guests/visitors are signed in too. Guests/visitors are still only permitted when a Lifeguard is present.

4. Residents will be held responsible for all actions of their guests.

5. The cost of any property damage will be charged to the responsible party.

6. All users shall exit the pool completely when the lifeguard leaves his/her station or upon the lifeguard's request. Example: When the pool is closed by a LG (whether for a break or for any other reason), CPO, or management, users must exit the pool promptly and completely. Specifically, no one may remain even partially in the water in the alcove area or elsewhere while the pool is closed. This includes not sitting on the pool edge as well.

7. If a non-swimmer child is in the large pool, the parent/guardian must be in the water with the child. If necessary, the lifeguard may do a swim assessment to determine if a child can demonstrate adequate swimming ability (e.g., swim one lap without touching the side or bottom). The child's guardian is responsible for the child's conduct.

8. Infants and children wearing diapers or who are not toilet trained are not permitted in the main pool at any time but are allowed in the wading pool. Infants and children must wear tight fitting rubber pants or "swim diapers" in the wading pool. In the event of fecal contamination, the pool will be closed in accordance with Health Department regulations.

9. Children may use the wading pool only when accompanied by a parent or guardian. The parent or guardian must always remain in the wading pool area with the child. Baby strollers and baby carriages are not permitted within ten (10) feet of the pool.

10. All persons use this facility at their own risk and in conformance with all rules and regulations. Individuals may be barred from the pool or pool area, at the discretion of the lifeguard in charge for violation of said rules or for any other reason which in his/her judgment constitutes a hazard to others or to the management. The lifeguard is responsible for the strict enforcement of those rules and has authorization to temporarily deprive any member or guest of same. A written statement is to be filed with the management within twenty-four (24) hours if such action is taken.

11. All personal injuries, however slight, must be reported to the lifeguard on duty.

PART 3 – POOL RULES WHEN A LIFEGUARD IS NOT PRESENT

1. **No guests or visitors (adults or children) will be permitted in the pool area** when a lifeguard is not present. There is no exception to this rule. Special permission to violate this rule for a special event or any other reason will not be considered.

2. Residents who use the pool during Extended Schedule will sign in on the sign-in sheet kept inside the Pool area. This will provide a usage record to SOCA for administrative purposes.

3. Residents who use the pool during Extended Schedule/Hours will assist SOCA in ensuring that no guests or visitors (adults or children) are anywhere in the pool area when no lifeguard is present. (If unsure about whether a pool user is a resident, ask to see his/her red resident pool pass number, and compare that number to the photo in the SOCA Pool Photo album for that number.) In addition, other representatives of SOCA (SOCA Management Company, SOCA Pool Committee members, Clubhouse personnel, or SOCA Pool Management Company personnel) will also assist in ensuring that no guests or visitors are in the pool area when no lifeguard is present.

4. Any guest (adult or child) discovered in the pool area when no lifeguard is present, will be asked to leave immediately, by any resident or other representative of SOCA. The incident will be recorded on an Incident Report and logged in the Clubhouse for SOCA's administrative records. The Pool

Committee Chairman will be notified immediately. Every violation will be reported to the Howard County Health Department within 24 hours.

5. Residents who repeatedly violate the rule prohibiting guests or children entering the pool area during Extended Schedule/Hours when no lifeguard is present, will be sanctioned as necessary according to the Master Snowden Overlook Community Association Declaration. This may include denial of access to SOCA facilities by deactivation of the Pool Access Card, and/or fines.

6. Either the SOCA Certified Pool Operator, a Clubhouse SOCA management company representative, or a member of the SOCA Pool Committee, will declare mandatory Pool closures for weather/safety emergencies when a Lifeguard is not present.