

Downingwood Swimming Pool Summer 2025 Rules & Regulations

The Downingwood pool is an amenity enjoyed by all residents.

Last year, we removed all Covid-19 restrictions on the pool and the Clubhouse. However, we ask residents and guests to exercise common sense if they are not feeling well so they should not come into contact with others.

POOL SAFETY RULES

Pool hours are posted in the pool area and on the Downingwood website (www.downingwood.com).

Only registered Downingwood residents and members of their immediate families and guests may use the pool. If you are renting your home, it is the *tenant* – not the *owner* – who may use the pool.

To be permitted entry into the pool area you must have a 2025 - issued pool pass and display that pass to the Lifeguard upon entry, regardless of whether you enter through the front or rear pool gate. Previous year pool passes may be used with 2025 issued stickers. Please contact the Management Office if you are a new resident or have lost your previous pool pass. Replacement pool passes will require a \$25 payment per pass.

Children under the age of 14 may only come to the pool accompanied by an adult resident of their unit.

Guests must be accompanied to the pool by a resident, and that resident must remain in the pool area with the guest at all times.

Nannies, babysitters, or other employees of the owner/resident may not bring guests to the pool (whether children or adults).

Please keep noise at a conversational level. No yelling or screaming is allowed. Consider your neighbors when using cell phones and, when playing music, please use headphones.

Smoking is not permitted within the pool area or Clubhouse.

NO Glass bottles and glass containers of any kind are permitted in the pool area, which includes the patio adjacent to the Clubhouse.

Food and drinks may be brought into the pool area in closed containers only and must be stored, served, and consumed at tables. Food deliveries such as pizza must be met outside the front gate. All persons eating or drinking are expected to clean up all food, beverages and trash on tables and the ground when done eating – trash containers are provided for this purpose.

Proper swimming attire must be worn at all times. Changing of diapers and children's swimsuits/clothing must be done in the restrooms.

Children who are not toilet trained must wear special swim diapers while in the pool. "Accidents" may require the pool to be closed for an extended period of time.

Access to the restrooms is through the rear Clubhouse door next to the sliding glass doors. The sliding glass doors are to remain closed at all times.

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Wet bathing attire is not permitted in the Clubhouse, except to use the restrooms. Please do not sit on furniture in wet bathing suits

Children should be accompanied by an adult while in the Clubhouse for their own safety, as well as the protection of the furnishings and equipment in the clubhouse.

Tables, lounges and chairs cannot be reserved. If you leave the pool area for an extended period of time, we ask that you remove all towels and other objects so others may use the tables, chairs and lounges.

No swimming without a Lifeguard on duty. By Health Department and insurance regulations, the pool and the edge around the pool area must remain clear of all persons.

The Lifeguard's primary responsibility is safety. The Lifeguard is also responsible for enforcing all existing pool rules and regulations. Severe consequences may occur when rules and laws are not followed. Anyone not adhering to these rules and regulations may be asked to leave the pool. If the Lifeguard asks for the name and unit number of any individual, they must comply immediately.

For safety reasons, **the Lifeguard has discretion to clear or close the pool** at any time. The Lifeguard may clear the pool for 10-15 minutes to take a break as needed.

The Lifeguard shall never be confronted on pool issues. Any disputes are to be channeled through the Management Office directly to the Downingwood Recreation Committee.

If the Lifeguard feels someone is acting inappropriately, that individual, and his/her parent or guardian if it is a child, will receive a warning. If the person receives a second warning, the person will need to sit out for five minutes. If that person receives a third warning, the person will lose pool privileges for the day. If the person refuses to obey the Lifeguard's instructions, that person will be asked to leave the pool and, if they refuse to leave, the lifeguard may clear the pool and declare it closed for all users. Repeated occurrences of inappropriate behavior, or refusal to obey Lifeguard instructions, may be reported to the Management Office for handling by the Board of Managers, which may include loss of pool privileges.

At the first sign of thunder or lightning, the Lifeguard will immediately clear the pool and pool area outside the Clubhouse. Entry will not be permitted into the pool and pool area outside the Clubhouse for a minimum of 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder is heard or seen.

The Lifeguard is not hired to babysit. As mentioned above, children under the age of 14 must be accompanied at all times by a parent, guardian, or other adult, who will be solely responsible for their safety in the pool and surrounding pool area. Children over the age of 14 may use the pool unaccompanied by an adult if they have passed a deep-water swim test (see below). Between the ages of 14 to 16, they will be issued a pool pass but will not have guest privileges.

No one may sit on or block the pool steps or ladders, or place objects that block these areas.

Toys, balls, rafts, boogie boards, chairs and other objects may not be brought into the pool at any time (except for personal flotation devices that are attached to the body at all times and are kept in the shallow end of the pool. Toys are permitted on or under lounges but should not block the aisles.

Small inflatable objects and “noodles” are permitted in the pool but should remain close to the person who brought it into the pool.

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Water guns are prohibited for use in or out of the pool.

Diving is NOT permitted into the pool.

Non-swimmers of all ages, including children wearing "swimmies" who must be supervised by an adult, **shall remain in the shallow end of the pool** (inside the 5-foot marking and black line on the bottom of the pool). In addition, **non-swimmers must have a parent or guardian in the water within arm's reach at all times.**

Running, ball playing, bicycles and pets are not permitted within the fenced area surrounding the pool, and dogs are not to be tied to the fence. **Dogs** (except registered service animals) **are not permitted in the pool area or Clubhouse.**

"Flips" from the pool edge, "chicken fights," diving off shoulders, or other dangerous behavior is not permitted, and the Lifeguard will instruct the person or group to stop that behavior.

The maintenance room to the right of the rear Clubhouse door is to be kept closed at all times (as indicated by the sign on the door) and may not be used for storage as it contains dangerous chemicals and machinery. This room is strictly for use by the Lifeguard and other authorized personnel.

Deep-water swim tests will be administered at the discretion of the Lifeguard at a time when the pool is not crowded and the Lifeguard can give appropriate attention to the individual(s) taking the test. Swim tests will consist of the ability to swim two (2) complete laps using a crawl (freestyle) stroke without touching the sides or standing up, the ability to tread water for one (1) minute, and demonstrate to the Lifeguard that the person is able to hold their breath underwater without panicking or gasping for breath. The names of individuals passing the swim test will be kept in a logbook for reference by the Lifeguards.

Use of the communal barbecue grill is permitted. Please sign the barbecue grill reservation book and clean all utensils and scrape clean the grill grates with provided wire brush after use.