

## **RUBY FOREST POOL RULES**

*The use of the pool is restricted to FULL members of the Ruby Forest Homeowners' Association, Inc.*

These rules and regulations are provided for the enjoyment and protection of the members of the Ruby Forest Homeowners' Association with pool privileges and their invited guests. This is a family environment and the Board of Directors and the Pool Management Company have full authority to interpret and enforce all rules and regulations, and may modify these rules at any time. It is the responsibility of all members with pool privileges to know the rules and regulations and cooperate with the Board of Directors and the Pool Management Company in their enforcement. These rules and regulations are effective beginning May 1, 2023.

**PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP DUES AND USE OF AN HOA FOB TO ACCESS THE POOL  
CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF AND AGREEMENT TO FOLLOW ALL POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

### **GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. HOA dues must be current for use of the pool and your membership must be in good standing.
2. Members with outstanding Covenants' violations, fines or other fees may not use the pool facilities.
3. All members must enter the pool area by using their own access fob. No member is allowed to loan their access fob to a non-member.
4. The gate must not be left open or propped open at any time. All members are responsible for closing the gate behind them upon entering or exiting the area.
5. Do not open the gate for people that do not have their access fob or if their fob is not working properly. Please inform that person to contact the Board of Directors.
6. The Pool Management Company and the Board of Directors have the right to close the pool at its discretion as needed for safety, maintenance or repair. Any such closure shall be without rebate or reimbursement of dues.
7. Neither the Board of Directors nor the Pool Management Company are responsible for lost or stolen items or for any items left at the pool.
8. Pets (except for service animals), skateboards, roller blades, scooters, bicycles, etc. are not permitted inside the fenced pool area or on the pool deck at any time.
9. Proper identification and/or proof of residence can be requested at any time by anyone at the pool.
10. The telephone is provided for emergency-use only.
11. The Board of Directors, Pool Management Company, and the Suwanee Police Department are authorized to request that violators leave the premises. Anyone that does not leave the premises after such a request will be deemed to be trespassing.
12. One (1) access fob is provided to each member household. There is a \$50 fee for replacement of any fob.
13. No "for pay" swim instruction is allowed at the pool at any time, except as may be provided by the Pool Management Company.
14. Any cost or expense incurred by the HOA for damage to the pool, the pool area, or pool furniture will be the responsibility of the member who either directly (or indirectly through their children or guests) caused said damage.

### **SWIM ATTIRE**

1. Appropriate swim attire must be worn at all times.
2. Persons wearing diapers must wear swim diapers or rubber swim pants under their bathing suits. If the pool is required to be closed and cleaned due to waste entering the pool as a result of a violation of this rule, the cost associated with said cleaning and any required inspection fees may be passed on to the member.

### **FLOTATION DEVICES**

1. The use of personal flotation devices and single-person rafts/floats is permitted. However, oversized rafts/floats or multi-person rafts/floats are strictly prohibited due to safety issues.
2. During times of peak pool usage, the Pool Company and the Board of Directors, in their discretion, can further limit the use of all flotation devices.

## CONDUCT

1. All members, children and guests who utilize the pool are expected to conduct themselves in a reasonable and respectful manner. Members are responsible for the conduct of their children and guests at all times.
2. **NO GLASS CONTAINER OF ANY KIND is permitted inside the fenced area of the pool. An automatic \$500 fine shall be assessed for any person that brings any glass item inside the fenced area of the pool and pool privileges shall be suspended for 30 days per violation. Members are responsible for any guest, tenant or minor that brings glass into the pool area. For safety reasons, the Board of Directors has adopted a “zero tolerance” policy for violation of this rule.**
3. Chewing gum is not allowed in the pool area.
4. Vandalism and misuse of the pool furniture or equipment is prohibited.
5. Eating, drinking or holding of any food item to be consumed is not allowed while in the pool or on the pool steps. Food and drinks are not to be consumed while in the water or within 4 ft. of the pool edge.
6. The Pool Management Company and the Board of Directors reserve the right to ask any person to leave the premises who is considered unruly, intoxicated, or otherwise exhibiting behavior that is inappropriate for a family environment.
7. No running or engaging in horseplay, shoving, pushing, spitting, or dunking is permitted in or around the pool.
8. Foul or abusive language will not be tolerated and are grounds for expulsion from the pool and/or suspension of membership privileges.
9. Smoking is not permitted inside the fenced area of the pool.
10. Diving and flips from the side of the pool are strictly prohibited.
11. Climbing the fence is not allowed. Anyone climbing the fence is subject to suspension of pool privileges.
12. Personal music is permitted provided that the lyrics are not profane and the volume does not disturb neighbors and other pool guests.
13. Please be considerate of other pool users when using any toys in or around the pool. Throwing tennis balls, footballs, or other items that are not specifically designed for use in a pool environment is prohibited. The Pool Management Company and the Board of Directors have the discretion of prohibiting the throwing of any type of balls and the use of inappropriate toys in or around the pool area at peak times.
14. Please clean your area of all toys, garbage, clothing and other personal items when you leave. There are multiple trash and recycling receptacles in the area. Proper disposal of garbage will help control ants and other pests.
15. Please do not place any food or containers containing food into any recycling receptacles as this contaminates the contents and renders them unrecyclable.
16. If you were using an umbrella while at the pool, please lower the umbrella when you leave to prevent wind or storm damage.

**Any other activity that, in the discretion of the Board of Directors or Pool Management Company, could endanger the health or safety of any member or guest is strictly prohibited.**

## GUESTS

1. Guests may use the pool only at a members' invitation and must be accompanied by the member at all times. Guest may not be present at the pool without the member in attendance.
2. Each household is limited to a maximum of six (6) guests per day. The Board of Directors, at its discretion, reserves the right to further limit this number during times of peak pool usage.
3. Guests must abide by the same rules and regulations as members.
4. Members are responsible for the conduct of their children and their guests at all times. Disruptive guests or violation of pool rules by guests, will subject the member to suspension or revocation of pool privileges.
5. No resident of Ruby Forest (or anyone in their household) that is not a full member in good standing with the HOA may be a guest of a member. It is unfair to paying members for non-paying residents to use the pool facility without contributing to its support. This includes children of families who are non-members.

## POOL HOURS, LIFEGUARD HOURS, AND AGE RESTRICTIONS

1. Pool hours are 6:00 a.m. – 10 p.m.
2. Lifeguard hours are 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Lifeguard hours commence on the date that the pool is opened by the Board of Directors for the swim season and continues on weekends only until school is discharged for the summer by Gwinnett County. After school has been discharged for the summer, a lifeguard will be on duty daily through the first day that Gwinnett County returns to school in the fall. After school resumes, a lifeguard will be on duty weekends only through Labor Day.) At all other times, it is “swim at your own risk”.
3. The wading pool is not monitored by the lifeguard and is “swim at your own risk” at all times.
4. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult age 18 or older, at all times.
5. At the discretion of parents, children age 14 to 17 are not required to be accompanied by an adult IF a lifeguard is on duty.
6. If a lifeguard is not on duty, all persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult age 18 or older.
7. At the end of a lifeguard shift, any person under the age of 18 that is not accompanied by an adult age 18 or older, must leave the pool premises.
8. Persons entering or remaining in the pool before or after the hours set forth in section 1 above or in violation of the age restrictions set forth in section 4 through 7 above, are trespassing and are subject to prosecution, fines and/or suspension of membership privileges, at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors.
9. The lifeguard will take 15 minute “safety breaks” each hour to allow the lifeguard to check pool equipment and test water quality. During the “safety breaks”, no person under the age of 18 is allowed in the main pool or sitting on the edge of the pool.

**The Pool Management Company and the Board of Directors have absolute authority and discretion in interpretation and enforcement of all rules and regulations. However, the Board is not responsible for “policing” the use of the pool. If you see a violation, point it out to the member and/or report it to the lifeguard on duty. If the violation is serious or continues, please report it to the Board.**

**Members are responsible for all violations of the pool rules (including violations by their children, tenants and guests) and are responsible for payment of all fines, damages and expenses resulting from or associated with any violation of said rules and shall be subject to fines and suspension of pool privileges for up to 30 days per incident, without rebate or reimbursement of dues. A violation of the “NO GLASS” rule carries an automatic \$500 fine and a 30 day suspension per incident.**

**If you have any questions regarding these rules, please contact the Board of Directors at [board@rubyforest.net](mailto:board@rubyforest.net) or call (678) 310-7829.**