



## FAIRLINGTON VILLAGES, A CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

### 2026 SWIMMING POOL RULES & SAFETY REGULATIONS

Each resident (12 and older) is required to submit their valid resident Fairlington Villages ID Card to the pool lifeguard upon entering the pool area and sign in using the paper or digital method, including your unit number. A "guest" is anyone not entitled to a Fairlington Villages ID Card. Fairlington Village ID cards must have the current year sticker to be considered valid. Pool use is at your own risk, subject to the following regulations:

#### **Resident Identification and Pool Access**

1. Children under 12 years of age may be admitted without an individual ID card when accompanied by a resident adult with a valid Fairlington Villages ID Card. The accompanying adult must register all children upon entry by providing their names and unit number on the paper or digital sign in sheet.
2. The number of children under 12 from a single unit who may enter with one adult resident should not exceed four (4), unless they are all from the same household. For larger groups of children, additional adult residents with valid ID cards must be present.
3. Once a child reaches 12 years of age, they must obtain their own Fairlington Villages ID Card to access the pool facilities, particularly if they wish to use the pool unaccompanied after passing the swim test.
4. The Management Office maintains records of all registered residents, including children, to ensure appropriate pool capacity management and community-exclusive usage. Falsification of resident status or misuse of ID cards may result in suspension of pool privileges.

#### **Supervision Requirements**

5. Adults (with valid Fairlington ID) supervising children are responsible for their safety and behavior at all times. Lifeguards have many duties to perform and are not substitutes for direct supervision.
6. Any child aged 12 to 17 unaccompanied by an adult must pass a swimming test administered by the lifeguard. The test includes swimming the length or two widths of the pool (measured at the widest width) and treading water for one full minute in the deep end. The child may be required to undergo swimming tests multiple times in one season to always keep safety the top priority.
7. If a child has not passed the swim test and cannot stand flat-footed with neck and head above the water, the supervising adult must be in the pool and always within arm's reach of the child.

## Guest Policy

9. Residents are entitled to four (4) guest passes per household, which may be picked up from the Fairlington Office.
10. **Guests will not be admitted without the resident, with a valid Fairlington ID.**
11. A resident with a Fairlington ID must remain in the pool enclosure with their guests at all times.
12. Guests may be asked to leave the pool area if left unaccompanied by their resident host.
13. Guests are subject to the same rules and regulations that apply to residents. Residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests.

## Pool Parties

14. A "Pool Party" is defined as any organized gathering at a pool facility with eight (8) or more people in total. This includes all unit owners, residents, pass holders, and their guests collectively.
15. Multiple unit owners/residents cannot combine their guest allowances to circumvent the pool party requirements. If eight (8) or more people gather as a group, regardless of how many different unit owners/residents are present, it constitutes a pool party requiring advance reservation.
16. Residents must contact the Fairlington Villages Management Office at least fourteen (14) days before planning a Pool Party. The Management Office will identify an appropriate pool based on the size and type of event. All events will be scheduled during closed pool hours, to ensure the safety of all pool users.
17. All pool parties require completion of the pool rental form and payment for additional lifeguard(s). All pools are single life guard pools, and this rule is established for safety requirements and to ensure fair pool usage for all residents.
18. Pool party applications are available from the Management Office or on the community website. Completed applications must include the number of expected attendees, requested date and time, and other required information.

## Lap Swimming and Lane Usage

19. When lap lanes are designated with lane markers, these lanes are reserved exclusively for continuous lap swimming.
20. Swimmers must swim in a circular pattern, staying to the right of the lane when more than one swimmer is using a lane.
21. Playing, standing, hanging on lane markers, or crossing through or swimming in lap lanes is prohibited when the lanes are in use by lap swimmers. **Plainly put if someone is swimming in a lane, stay out of it.**
22. Swimmers of similar speeds should share lanes when necessary. During busy periods, lane sharing may be required with up to (two) swimmers per lane.
23. If all lanes are occupied and additional swimmers are waiting, lap swimmers are limited to 30 minutes when others are waiting to use the lanes. Lifeguards may direct this process as needed.
24. Lap lanes may be temporarily removed for scheduled aquatic activities or when pool occupancy is high, at the discretion of the (Area Supervisor) or lifeguard.

## **Appropriate Pool Attire**

25. Appropriate swimwear is required while inside the water—no cut-offs, t-shirts, or street clothes.
26. Infants and toddlers who are not toilet-trained must wear swim diapers with snug-fitting plastic pants.

## **Safety and Conduct**

27. Hanging on or playing on lap lane ropes or deep end barrier lines at any time is prohibited.
28. Playing with balls or aquatic toys may be permitted at the lifeguard's discretion.
29. Diving, cannonballs, and acrobatics are not permitted.
30. Running or rough play of any kind is prohibited for all pool users.
31. No bicycles, rollerblades, or roller skating are allowed in the pool area.
32. Personal flotation devices and pool noodles are permitted. Rafts of any type are not allowed. The lifeguard must approve any flotation device.
33. The area around the lifeguard station shall remain clear of patrons.
34. Persons with open wounds, contagious conditions, or serious injuries may be denied entry to the pool enclosure for health and safety reasons.
35. Glass is not allowed in the pool area. Beverages in cans, plastic bottles, paper or recyclable cups are allowed.
36. ALCOHOL IS PROHIBITED AT ALL POOLS.
37. Electronic devices are permitted if played through personal earphones.
38. No pets are permitted in the pool area.
39. SMOKING IS PROHIBITED AT ALL POOLS.
40. The lifeguard and/or lifeguard supervisor may ask any resident or guest to leave the pool area for infractions of the rules or disorderly conduct.
41. Pool hours are posted at each pool. The lifeguard is required to clear the pool 15 minutes prior to the posted time at end of day for closing procedures, the pool deck shall be clear and the gates will be locked promptly at the posted closing time.

## **Accessibility and Accommodations**

42. Residents with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations by contacting the Management Office prior to pool use.
43. Pool #4 has a battery operated lift.

## **Emergency Procedures**

44. In case of emergency, alert the lifeguard immediately and call 911 if needed. Emergency contact information and the pool's address are posted at each lifeguard station.
45. First aid equipment is located at the lifeguard station. An AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is exterior mounted on each pool house in a designated location.

## **Lifeguard Responsibilities and Authority**

The following guidelines apply to Lifeguards to enhance the safety of patrons:

1. While swimmers are in the pool, lifeguards will be properly attired in lifeguard uniform with rescue tube and supplies within reach.
2. Lifeguards are required to clear the pool every hour for 15-minute breaks for inspections, maintenance, and log updates. Everyone must completely exit the water during break periods, no exceptions.
3. Lifeguards must clear the pool enclosure due to inclement weather involving thunder or lightning. The pool cannot reopen for a minimum of 30 minutes following the last sign of thunder or lightning.
4. Lifeguards will position themselves around the pool to maintain complete visual coverage of the pool and bottom at all times.
5. Lifeguards may have personal radios at a low volume only.
6. Each lifeguard has a whistle to alert swimmers of break times and to enforce pool rules.
7. Cell phones, computers/tablets, or other communication devices are NOT permitted at the lifeguard station.
8. Lifeguards must remain within the pool enclosure during their shifts, including during breaks.

# 2026 POOL USAGE ACKNOWLEDGMENT (RULES, SCHEDULE, PARTY RENTAL TERMS)

## RESIDENT INFORMATION

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Unit Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

## EMAIL POOL RULES

Pool rules have been emailed to the address above.

**Staff Initials:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date Sent:** \_\_\_\_\_

## PASSES RECEIVED

Pool Passes Received #: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Passes Received #: \_\_\_\_\_

Pool Rules Received in Office - Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

## POOL RULES ACKNOWLEDGMENT

- I agree to abide by all pool rules and regulations.
- I am aware, and agree to abide by the Pool Party section of the 2026 Pool Rules and will submit a pool party rental application if applicable.
- I agree to be safe, responsible, and follow all lifeguard and or pool safety supervisor instructions.
- I agree that lightning and thunder means getting out of the water and fully vacating the pool deck and that I will follow all lifeguard and or pool safety supervisor instructions.
- I will ensure all guests are informed of and will comply with the pool rules before using the facility.
- I have been made aware of the 2026 pool schedule.

## SIGNATURE

*By signing below, I confirm that I have read and agree to all terms stated above.*

**Resident Signature:**

**Date:**

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*For Office Use Only:* \_\_\_\_\_