

2017 NMC SWIMMING POOL RULES

SCHEDULE

1. The pool will be open from Saturday, May 27 through Monday, September 4.
2. The pool will be open seven days a week, including holidays.
3. Hours of operation are as follows:

While school is in session, May 30 to June 15

- 2 P.M. to 9 P.M. on Monday - Friday
- 10 A.M. until 8 P.M. on Saturday
- 10 A.M. until 9 P.M. on Sunday
- 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. on Monday, Memorial Day holiday

- 10 AM to 6 P.M. on 4th of July holiday

In-season-hours of operation, June 16 until Labor Day holiday, September 4

- 11 A.M. until 9 P.M. on Monday – Friday.
- 10 A.M. until 8 P.M. on Saturday
- 10 A.M. until 9 P.M. on Sunday

- 10 A.M. to 6 P.M. on Labor Day holiday, September 4

4. The pool, locker rooms and showers will close promptly at 9:00 P.M. No one will be admitted to the pool 15 minutes prior to closing. If you wish to shower after your swim, please allow yourself enough time so that you are finished by 9 P.M.
5. No person shall use the pool unless it is officially open and the guards are on duty.

ADMISSION

1. All members and guests are required to register at the pool entrance. If you enter via the side gate please register using the sign-in station on the pool deck side of the office.
2. Access to the pool and clubhouse facilities will be denied to any residents for which annual dues and any associated penalties have not been paid.
3. Identification of members will be to the satisfaction of the pool staff in such manner as shall be prescribed by the Pool Manager. The pool management may ask anyone using the pool to show identification at any time.
4. There will be no commercial use of the pool or clubhouse facility during regular operating hours. Commercial use of New Mark Commons' facilities must be after

regular operating hours and requires prior written approval of the New Mark Commons Board of Directors.

5. Guests of members shall be admitted, if accompanied by the member, subject to the following: If you are paying with cash at time of visit, the fee is \$4.00 per guest on weekends and holidays; \$2.00 per guest at all other times. Guests under the age of 2 will be admitted for no charge. Members may purchase a New Mark Commons Guest Pool Pass. The cost is \$20. As an incentive to purchase pool passes, the passes allow for ten admissions for any day of the week, including holidays. Passes may be purchased from the NMC Administrator with a check made out to the New Mark Commons H.O.A. **GUEST MUST ALWAYS BE ACCOMPANIED BY A MEMBER.**
6. Babysitters and nannies, accompanying children, are allowed in the pool area free of charge provided they have written permission from the child's parents in hand or on file with the pool office.
7. Guests not attired in bathing suits may be admitted without charge but must be registered by the sponsoring member.
8. All guests are subject to the same behavior standards and regulations required of members.
9. On certain Saturdays in the months of June and July, the pool will open approximately one hour after the conclusion of swim meets (Approximately 1:00 P.M.). Members will not be admitted on these days until the pool staff has finished setting up the pool and the lifeguards are back on duty.

PARKING AND RECREATION AREAS

1. As a courtesy to other community residents, members and guests who drive to the pool are requested to park in the clubhouse lot, not along New Mark Esplanade or Tegner Way.
2. The speed limit in the parking area is 10 MILES PER HOUR.
3. Use of the Clubhouse service road and parking area is prohibited except with permission.
4. Bicycles should be left at the bicycle rack and not on the sidewalk.
5. The cost of any property damage shall be charged to the member responsible or, if a guest is responsible, shall be charged to the sponsoring member.
6. No pets shall be permitted in the pool area, Clubhouse, basketball court or tennis courts.

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

1. All bathers must take a SOAP SHOWER at the bathhouse before entering the pool.
2. Street shoes are not permitted on the concrete deck adjacent to the main pool.
3. NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE PERMITTED ON THE POOL DECK.
(Maryland State Law)
4. FOOD IS NOT PERMITTED ON THE POOL DECK. FOOD IS ONLY ALLOWED IN THE ENCLOSED AREA WHERE THE TABLES AND CHAIRS ARE LOCATED.
5. All trash must be deposited in the receptacles provided. Please use the RECYCLE bins.
6. The chewing of gum is not permitted in the pool area.
7. Smoking is not permitted in the CLUBHOUSE, POOL OR ON THE POOL DECK.
8. Admission will be refused to anyone wearing bandages, or with skin abrasions or lesions, colds, coughs--extremely inflamed eyes, open sores, infections, excessive sunburn, nasal or ear discharge. Admission will also be refused to anyone who is impaired to the extent that guards determine it is unsafe for them to attempt swimming.
9. Spitting, spouting of water, blowing of noses, etc., are strictly prohibited in the pools.
10. Anyone not toilet trained (incontinent) who wishes to enter any pool must wear a clean diaper covered by separate rubber/vinyl pants, all of which must fit snugly around the legs and waist. If the diaper becomes soiled, this person must leave the pool immediately, and may not return until he/she has taken or been given a soap shower and has been recovered by a new diaper with clean rubber/vinyl pants.
11. Diapers marketed as "Swim Diapers" must also be covered by separate rubber/vinyl pants, all of which must fit snugly around the legs and waist.
12. Diapers should only be changed on the changing tables located in the MEN'S and WOMEN'S restrooms.

Lap lanes are intended for fitness swimming. Please be courteous and respect the right of lap swimmers. **NO HANGING ON THE LAP LANE DIVIDERS!**

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SAFETY

1. Everyone using the pool and other areas of the facility should do so with the utmost care and caution to avoid accident and injury, not only to themselves, but also to others.
2. There will be a 15-minute rest period (Adult Swim) each hour beginning at 45 minutes past the hour. In addition, the manager or lifeguards may direct a non-scheduled rest period if fatigue or chill is observed in any swimmer. All children under 16 years of age are required to leave the pool, upon signal of the lifeguards, for a 15-minute period each hour. Even if a child has been in the pool for only 5 minutes, this rest break must be observed. Children are encouraged to use the restrooms and replenish fluids during the rest break.
3. All persons must stay clear of ladders except when entering or leaving the pool.
4. Persons unable to demonstrate to the lifeguards their ability to swim will not be permitted in the deep water.
5. When weather conditions dictate that the pool area should be closed in the interest of safety, the pool manager shall have the authority to effect the closing.
6. The pool will be cleared of all people in the event of an emergency.
7. No running, pushing, wrestling, or undue disturbances are permitted in or near the pool.
8. No glass containers, including baby bottles, are allowed in the pool area.
9. Ball playing on the deck or against the Clubhouse wall is not allowed. Ball playing in the water is permitted, subject to crowd size, with the guard's approval.

DIVING

1. The diving board may be closed at the manager's discretion in order that the members and their guests may utilize the full area of the pool for swimming.
2. Only one person may be on the diving board at any time.
3. Do not dive until the previous diver has reached the ladder or the side of the pool.
4. Diving from the side of the board or excessive bouncing of the board is prohibited.
5. **Dive in a forward direction only, and immediately swim to clear the diving area. Front and back flips are not permitted.**

6. No horseplay is permitted on the diving board at any time. Hanging from the diving board is not permitted.
7. Diving off the side of the pool is permitted in the deep end only.

SAFETY FOR CHILDREN

1. Any child under 16 years of age may enjoy unrestricted use of the main pool only after successfully passing a Basic Swim Test. Children who have not passed the Basic Swim Test are prohibited from the deep end of the pool or using the diving well. All children under 9 years of age must be accompanied in the pool by an adult or a responsible person 16 years or older. An adult or responsible person 16 years or older must be in a bathing suit and within arm's reach of any child who has not passed the Basic Swim Test.
2. Any guest under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult member.
3. Children between 9 and 15 (i.e., their 9th birthday has passed but they have not reached their 16th birthday) may come swimming alone provided:
 4. They have passed the Basic Swim Test each year and they have a 2017 Pool Access Permission & Liability Waiver form completed and signed by their parent or guardian on file with the NMC Administrator and the pool management company. The Pool Access Permission & Liability Waiver forms are available at the lifeguard office or from the NMC Administrator. If these conditions are not met, children between 9 and 15 must be accompanied by an adult member.
5. The Basic Swim Test consists of:
 - Swimming 1/2 length of the pool with confidence using one of the four basic swimming strokes.
 - Stop and tread water for a one-minute period.
 - Resume swimming the length of the pool with confidence.
 - Successful completion of the test shall be at the discretion of the pool manager.
6. Only children under 8 years of age may use the wading pool. The wading pool is not attended by lifeguards. Parents or a responsible person 16 years of age or older must supervise their children in the wading pool. Parents **MUST BE INSIDE** the wading pool enclosure.
7. Only US Coast Guard approved flotation devices and noodles are permitted in the main pool.

GENERAL

1. The Association will not be responsible for loss or recovery of contact lenses worn in the swimming pool.
2. The pool manager, or assistant manager in his absence, shall have final and conclusive authority to enforce all matters relating to the operation of the pool and the manager may eject any persons failing to observe the established rules or otherwise conducting themselves improperly.
3. The guard office is for guards only.
4. Head phones must be used when listening to personal music players and portable radios. Cell phones should not be used in the intercom mode. Cell phones are not permitted in the bathroom and shower areas of the clubhouse.
5. Effective May 2016, the pool membership associated with a New Mark residence may be used by only one family because dues are being paid for only one family. Normally, that family is the family living in the residence, even if that family is a tenant. However, an owner may provide in the lease, clearly stated, that the owner will use the pool instead of the tenant. The owner must notify the Administrator of such a provision and provide a copy of the lease. If the tenant is thus denied free use of the pool, the tenant will be eligible to be a "non-resident" pool member by paying the specified fee.