



Guest Policies of Fort Washington Pool Association (FWPool)

FWPool is operated by and for the dues-paying membership. As such, the facility is primarily for the use of those members. We also welcome members to bring guests to enjoy, and perhaps to join, our family centered recreational facility. That said, there are rules which have been established accordingly:

1. Host members are responsible for the actions of their guests and for their adherence to the safety, and other, rules of FWPool.
2. All guests entering the swimming pool facility must be signed in by their host at the snack bar counter.
3. Guests must be in the company of their host member. If the host should leave the premises, the guest(s) must also leave at that time.
4. A guest fee (\$5.00) is payable by the host member for each guest, over the age of 12 months, using the swimming pool facility (i.e. inside the pool security fence).
5. Guests at the beach/picnic/pier area must also be in the company of the hosting member, though no sign-in or guest fees are required. Guests should be cautioned by their host regarding potential hazards in the beach area, including sharp objects on the beach and in the water.

Private Parties at FWPool

Members are permitted, and encouraged, to have private parties on FWPool property with prior arrangement. Certain restrictions apply in order to ensure proper control and to minimize inconveniences for other members.

1. A party application form, available at the snack bar or on the website, must be completed and forwarded to the Head of Operations sufficiently in advance (normally 2 weeks) in order that appropriate staffing and other arrangements may be ensured.
2. As with all guests, host members are responsible for the actions of their guests and for their adherence to the safety, and other, rules of FWPool.
3. Any children, 6 and under, in the wading pool must be constantly monitored by a responsible person of at least 16 years of age. Lifeguards are not assigned for this area.
4. Normal guest fees will apply for all non-members. In addition, a fee will be assessed for any additional lifeguards needed due to high pool occupancy. The total fee for all the guests will be paid by the host at the start of the party.
5. Party hosts are responsible for the clean-up of any party related trash and debris and for the return of any furnishings to their appropriate location at least 1 hour before pool closure.
6. Lifeguards may restrict the number of persons in the pool if overcrowding becomes a concern.
7. Juvenile guests, as well as members, may be required to demonstrate appropriate swimming ability in order to be in the deep end of the pool.
8. Dates and times of parties, as well as the size of the parties, are subject to approval by the Head of Operations in order to avoid any safety issues or over-occupation of the facility. It must be kept in mind that the use of the facilities is primarily for the general membership. Generally, private parties of over about 40 are discouraged at any time and 25 or more during busier times, such as holiday weekends.

9. Even if relatively few guests are included, large gatherings of members should also be coordinated with the Head of Operations in order that staffing and facility use considerations are appropriately addressed.
10. The Board of Directors retains the authority to, on rare occasions, close the pool to facilitate functions of FWPool sponsored organizations, such as the Fort Washington Swim Team. Even so, every effort will be made to still accommodate the rest of the general membership.
11. Private parties at the beach/picnic/pier facility are also permitted. The large picnic deck shall be for the use of the general membership at all times. The smaller deck, with grill and picnic tables, may be used for private parties. A party application form may be submitted to the Head of Operations or other Board of Directors member. Due to general membership usage of these facilities, private party size is limited to 15 adults and children unless otherwise agreed to in advance.
12. Non-members shall not be permitted to host a party on FWPool property, nor to join just for the purpose of holding a party.
13. Private parties on any FWPool property for commercial purposes or fundraising shall not be permitted.

Private Swimming Lessons at FWPool

Members, and children of members, are permitted to give private swimming lessons in the FWPool swimming pool. Those wishing to give instruction are encouraged to have a one-page advertisement placed in the display case and leave their name and contact information with the lifeguard staff.

1. The lifeguard(s) on duty shall remain responsible for the safety of all persons in the pool and shall be obeyed at all times.
2. Swim instructors shall have a current CPR qualification, with proof of such on file at the snack bar.
3. Lessons are not permitted to interfere with the normal use of the facility by other members or their guests. Instructors are advised to make an effort to be aware of large special events which may limit their ability to use the pool for lessons.
4. Non-member students will be considered guests of the instructor and all Guest Policies must be adhered to by the instructor. The instructor shall be responsible for verifying the member/non-member status of the student and for ensuring the payment of any appropriate guest fees prior to the lesson.
5. Break times will be observed by younger students, 16 and under, if pool usage is such that there is interference with adult swimming and activities.