

# **SHANNONDALE-MAHOGANY SWIM CLUB, INC.**

# **RULES and REGULATIONS**

## GENERAL

1. Absolutely NO ONE will be allowed into the pool area without a pool pin or guest pass; this means bathers as well as non-bathers. The pin must be worn visibly on swimsuit or clothing. If that is not possible, the pin may be attached to a swim bag or backpack as long as it is prominently displayed. One exception – grandparents will be allowed in without a pass just to observe their grandchildren for a short time.
2. No club privileges will be permitted until dues and stock payments are paid. Dues need to be paid for the entire season. No refunds will be given after the start of the pool opening.
3. Regular hours will be 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily when school is not in session. While school is in session the hours are as follows: Sunday 11a.m. – 8:30p.m.; Monday-Thursday 4p.m. – 8:30p.m.; Friday 4p.m. – 9:00p.m.; Saturday 11a.m. – 9:00p.m.
4. Pool management will use its discretion in the closing of the pool for inclement weather or health-hazard conditions.
5. Any family claiming more pins than they are entitled to or loaning pins will forfeit club privileges for 30 days for the entire family. The second offense, club privileges will be revoked for the rest of the season. No portion of the dues will be refunded.
6. Wear only the pin that has been assigned to you. Lost pool pins should be reported immediately to the Lifeguard or Gate Guard (if lost on club premises). Pins lost off the premises should be reported immediately to the Director of Membership. Replacement charge for lost pins is \$5.00.
7. Guest passes are numbered and may not be transferred to any other family. Inactive Shareholders may not come as a guest of an Active member. The first offense for improper use of guest passes will result in the forfeiture of pool privileges for 30 days. The second offense, club privileges will be revoked for the rest of the season. No portion of dues will be refunded.
8. The club will not be responsible for loss or damage to personal property. Valuables should not be brought to the pool.
9. Tampering with or defacing equipment is forbidden. Property damage will be charged to the responsible family member.
10. No alcoholic beverages will be permitted on the premises.
11. No profanity will be permitted on the premises.
12. Parents, whether present or not, are responsible for children using the club facilities. Parents shall be required to familiarize their children with these rules.
13. Loitering in front of the clubhouse area is strictly prohibited.
14. Wearable swimming aids (i.e. life jacket, “swimmies” or strap-on floats) shall be permitted for non-swimmers. **Any non-swimmer must be supervised by a parent or babysitter by being in the pool with the child.**
15. Adult swim will be 10 minutes each hour during the break time. The break schedule during summer hours are: Monday – Thursday noon, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8; Friday – Sunday will be the top of each

hour. **Lifeguards have authorization to make additional breaks if needed.** In addition there will be an adult swim from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm Monday thru Thursday and on Sunday from 11:00 am to noon. Adult swim begins when full summer hours begin.

## **SANITATION AND SAFETY**

1. All commonly recognized rules of sanitation and safety shall be observed.
2. STATE LAW. All bathers shall shower with soap before entering the pool. After a person leaves the pool area to use the toilet facilities, he/she must shower before re-entering the pool. Bathers also must re-shower after using lotions, oils, etc. A shower includes your hair if you are going to put it into the pool water. An alternative to washing your hair is to wear a swim cap.
3. STATE LAW. Admission to the pool may be refused to anyone with colds, coughs, inflamed eyes, infections, or bandages. **DO NOT WEAR BAND-AIDS** into pool area.
4. STATE LAW. No pets will be allowed.
5. STATE LAW. WALK on the deck. No pulling, pushing, throwing, dunking, sitting or standing on shoulders. No wrestling or undue disturbances in the pool area. **ABSOLUTELY NO FAKE DROWNING!** Ball playing will be allowed at the discretion of the Lifeguards on duty.
6. STATE LAW. **NO SHOES** on the deck. **DO NOT WEAR ROLLER BLADES ON DECK.** Please remove all street shoes before entering pool area.
7. STATE LAW. No cut-offs or gym shorts in the pool. **Bona-fide SWIMSUITS ONLY!** Suits must also be clean.
8. Swimmers with long hair should tie it back or wear a swim cap.
9. Bobby pins or similar metallic objects are not permitted in the pool area.
10. STATE LAW. No food, beverage, glass or breakable plastic containers shall be permitted in the swimming area.
11. No smoking on the premises. This also includes all electronic smoking devices and tobacco products.
12. STATE LAW. No floatation devices, such as inner tubes, rafts, etc. are allowed in the pool. **Pool staff also have the authority to refuse a particular toy if they feel it is potentially unsafe.**
13. The blue and white dividing rope is there to show where shallow water ends and deep water starts. STATE LAW says it must be there. It must be visible at all times. Swimmers are to go **UNDER** the dividing rope. **DO NOT** hang on it.
14. Ladders and railings are not gymnastic equipment and playing on them loosens them and makes them unsafe. Do not dive or jump from ladders or pull or bang on them.
15. Children standing under hot water showers to keep warm will be sent home. It is provided for a comfortable, sanitary shower **BEFORE** entering the pool.

16. Adult swim is for ages 18 and older. No children may sit on the pool edge during adult swim times or during breaks.
17. **Infants must wear swim diapers. Absolutely NO cloth or normal disposable diapers in the pool. Diapers are NOT to be changed on the pool deck or in the picnic area. Changing tables are provided in both the women's and men's locker rooms.**

## **GUESTS**

1. A guest is defined as any person not in the immediate family of a dues-paying member. Immediate family consists of any person(s) currently residing in the household.
2. Residents in the area, within the boundaries, have been offered the opportunity to become Swim Club members; therefore anyone who lives within these boundaries, and is not a member, may not be brought as a guest. The first offense for improper use of guest passes will result in the forfeiture of pool privileges for 30 days. The second offense, club privileges will be revoked for the rest of the season. No portion of dues will be refunded.
3. A guest brought to the pool must check in with the Gate Guard. A separate guest pass must be given to the Gate Guard for every guest brought to the pool. Guest passes must be filled out completely and legibly.
4. All guests must be accompanied by a club member and are subject to the pool rules. The club member must be present at the pool the **entire time the guest is at the pool.**
5. Conduct of the guest is the direct responsibility of the club member.
6. Inactive members may not come as a guest of an active member. **They also may not purchase guest passes either prepaid or at the gate.**
7. Guest passes are numbered and may not be transferred to any other family. The first offense for improper use of guest passes will result in the forfeiture of pool privileges for 30 days. The second offense, club privileges will be revoked for the rest of the season. No portion of dues will be refunded.

## **POOL SUPERVISION**

1. There will always be two (2) qualified lifeguards on duty when the pool is open.
2. The Lifeguard whistle is a safety measure required by STATE LAW. When blown, everyone should pay attention. A mention of safety or interest will follow shortly. Three (3) long whistles mean you must get out of the pool immediately.
3. Report all accidents, no matter how slight, to the lifeguard immediately.
4. No unnecessary conversation with or loitering around the lifeguard is allowed.
5. The Lifeguards and Pool Manager are authorized by the Board of Directors to evict any person, for the balance of the day, for disorderly conduct on the pool premises.

6. The Head Lifeguard or Pool Manager is authorized to enforce any additional rules that he/she may deem necessary at the time to provide a safe operation of the pool. If he/she believes that the rule infraction warrants additional discipline, then the case will be referred to the Board of Directors.
7. All children who have completed **fifth grade and a swimming proficiency test**, may use the pool without being accompanied by an adult, guardian or qualified babysitter. The swimming proficiency test might be repeated annually until age 13. However, for safety reasons, all lifeguards have the authority to bar an "of age" child from using the pool unattended by an adult, guardian, or qualified babysitter.
8. Babysitters must be 13 years of age or older and must be swimmers. If the babysitter is not a member, he or she may use the child's parents' pool pin.
9. Children under 6 years of age who wish to use the diving area must be accompanied by an adult or qualified babysitter for immediate supervision.
10. Any member of the Board of Directors may enforce these Rules & Regulations.

## **WADING POOL**

1. There is NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY in the wading pool area.
2. All main pool rules are in effect for the wading pool as well.
3. A parent or babysitter must be in the wading pool area, inside the fence, when a child is using the wading pool. Children in the wading pool area are the parents' responsibility, not the Lifeguards'.
4. Only non-swimmers, 6 years old and under may use the wading pool.
5. Infants must wear swim diapers. Absolutely **NO** cloth or normal disposable diapers in the pool. **Diapers are NOT to be changed on the pool deck or in the picnic area. Changing tables are provided in both the women's and men's locker rooms.**
6. Only clean, unbreakable toys will be allowed in the wading pool.

## **DIVING BOARD**

1. Only one person shall be allowed on the diving board at a time. Others will wait on the marks on the pool deck that are spaced 6 feet apart.
2. No jumping or diving off the side of the diving board.
3. Cross diving in the diving bay is not permitted.

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4. Always look before you dive.
5. No hanging on the underside of the diving board.
6. FEET ONLY on the diving board.
7. Do not dive “out” from the diving board for distance. The bottom of the pool slants upward and the further out you dive or jump the more shallow the water is and the more likely you are to get hurt.
8. The decision to open or close the diving board will be at the discretion of the Lifeguards based on the capacity of the pool

## **TENNIS**

1. The courts are to be used exclusively by Club members. Any guests must be accompanied by a member.
2. Reservation not required.
3. The hitting wall is not to be used while the west court is in use.
4. No food, beverages, bikes, skateboards, roller blades, etc. or any other objects that will damage the surface will be allowed on the courts.
5. Please respect the court property. **DO NOT SIT ON THE NETS OR HITTING WALL.** After using, return Rol-Dri to pool house.
6. Anyone violating these rules will be asked to leave.

## **OVER CAPACITY PROCEDURE (taken from our website and added to the Rules & Regulations)**

**STATE LAW. As stated from the Michigan Swimming Pool Rules: R 325.2193 Bather (Swimmer) Capacity Limits: Rule 93. (1) A swimming pool owner shall ensure that the number of persons in bathing apparel within a swimming pool enclosure does not exceed the bather capacity limit established by the department or local health department.**

**The posted “legal” capacity for the large pool is 50 people dressed in swim attire. The Board of Directors authorizes the Head Lifeguard on duty to implement the following procedure at less than 50 if he/she determines it necessary to effectively guard the pool to ensure the safety of all patrons present.**

**When we are nearing capacity: 1. The Gate Guard is to hang the “Closed Due to Capacity” sign on the front gate and not allow anyone to enter the pool until an official head count is completed. 2. The Head Lifeguard is to immediately blow the whistle, have everyone evacuate the pool, and conduct a pool bottom scan to ensure no one is in the pool. 3. Ask all swimmers to have their pool pin ready to show and to line up the yellow line. The Head Lifeguard and the Gate Guard will count all patrons dressed in swim attire including anyone who might be sitting in the chairs. 4. Make sure that all guests have a wristband on. 5. Ask all present swimmers without a pool pin or wristband to please leave. This includes recognized/known members. 6. The Head Lifeguard and Gate Guard will confirm the number they each counted and that number will be what is recorded on the Capacity Count Sheet kept at the Gate Guard table. 7. If the pool is over our 50 people limit, then the Head Lifeguard needs to ask for volunteers to**

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**leave the pool. Using the bullhorn, he/she may read this statement: “Shannondale Pool is beyond its legal limit and safe number of swimmers as determined by the State of Michigan Health Department Swimming Pool Administration Rules. We need \_\_\_\_ volunteers to leave so we can be back at a safe number of swimmers that we can safely and effectively guard in the pool. Please keep in mind that more than likely you can return in an hour or so when the number of swimmers leaves the pool. If you are a paying guest, we will happily refund your money or provide you a free pass to come back and visit us at another time. Do we have any volunteers?” 8. If you don’t have enough volunteers offer to leave, refer to the Guest Sign-In Sheet and start at the top asking that guest he/she unfortunately needs to leave. This assumes that the ones at the top have been there the longest and would be more willing to voluntarily leave and come back later.**

## **PENALTIES**

**Unless otherwise stated herein, violation of these Rules & Regulations shall be penalized as follows:**

- 1. First Violation -- A warning.**
- 2. Second Violation -- Thirty (30) day suspension of membership rights. No refunds will be given.**
- 3. Third Violation -- Loss of membership rights for the remainder of the season. No refunds will be given.**