

OXXFORD HUNT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: POOL RULES

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Use at your own risk

The pool is a use-at-your-own-risk facility. Even though lifeguards may be present, use of the pool or any of its facilities is done with the user assuming all risk. ALL persons using the Oxxford Hunt Community Association Pool do so at their own risk. In the event of an emergency, call 911. The homeowners association and its management company assume no liability for accidents or injuries. Questions about ongoing pool operations or concerns can be directed to the Pool Manager, Pool Committee, or the Oxxford Hunt Board of Directors.

Authority

Oxxford Hunt By-Laws, Article VII, Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors, Section 1, Powers: The Board of Directors shall have the power to:

- a) adopt, publish and amend rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Area and facilities, and the person conduct of the members and guests thereof, and to establish fines or penalties for the infraction thereof.

The Oxxford Hunt Board of Directors has created the Oxxford Hunt Pool Committee to administer our pool policy. The pool committee members, pool guards and/or managers are

given the full support of the Oxxford Hunt Board of Directors and may enact any changes at any time in support of keeping our pool safe and operating properly. Interfering with a pool guard may result in immediate suspension of pool privileges.

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General Pool Information

The pool is for the exclusive use of Oxxford Hunt Community Association (OHCA) Pool Members and their guests. POOL MEMBERS are Oxxford Hunt Community Association homeowners OR their tenants and their respective resident families (i.e. children, stepchildren, grandparents, adopted children, etc.) living at the Oxxford Hunt property.

The Pool is governed by the OXH Board of Directors, which governs our neighborhood and enforces the Bylaws and HOA ordinances. An all volunteer Pool Committee consisting of several OXH residents helps the Board of Directors coordinate the Pool ID system. A professional Pool Company, such as Triangle Aquatics, Pool Professionals, or American Pool, is hired each year to maintain the pool water quality, pump systems, and to maintain staffing (lifeguards).

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Pool IDs

Each member household (family unit) must obtain a Pool ID (good for as long as you live at that address) and sign in upon entry to the pool.

To determine membership/access to the pool, the pool attendants and lifeguards will use the Pool ID System, which will be kept at the pool. A lifeguard cannot create, delete, or change a Pool ID. This is all handled by the Pool Committee.

Residents needing a Pool ID should attend a Pool ID session. Pool ID sessions will be scheduled both before and during each pool season by the Pool Committee. Information and instructions on how and when to obtain a Pool ID will be sent to homeowners each Spring via the Annual Meeting Notice as well as electronically to anyone who joins the Oxxford Hunt Mailing List on the website (<http://oxxfordhunt.com/>). Information and instructions may also be posted on the OXH website, the OXH Nextdoor site, or the OXH Facebook page.

New homeowners need to contact the property management at Omega Management Inc. in order to start this process. Tenants must have their owner and/or rental company provide information to Omega Management to verify their status in order to be eligible to get a Pool ID.

Residents who are delinquent in their homeowner's dues will be denied a Pool ID and therefore denied access to the pool.

If a Pool Member has forgotten their Pool ID#, he/she may ask to be reminded of it anytime by emailing oxhpoolcommittee@oxxfordhunt.com (please provide name and OXH address in the email). The Pool Committee will do their best to respond within 24-48 hours of the request. Remember, **No ID# = No Access**, even with a NC Driver License and an OXH address. Please do not take any frustrations out on our lifeguards. They do not have a way to look up your ID for you. Please plan ahead and know your ID# before you go to the pool.

Children **under** 10 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (age 18 or older) or approved care provider (see section below). Children 10 years of age **or older** by the end of the pool season are allowed to come to the pool without an adult, if their parents indicated their permission by allowing the child to be photographed for the household's Pool ID. This is considered a privilege and can be revoked for behavior or other problems at any time.

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Guests/Care Providers/Special Case Pool IDs

Beginning Summer 2013, there will be no paper guest or babysitter pass forms filled out and kept at the pool. For additional information, please see the sections below or email the Pool Committee (oxhpoolcommittee@oxfordhunt.com).

Guests

Guests include anyone who does not qualify as a Pool Member. Beginning Summer of 2017, guests fees are **\$5 per guest** per day on weekends (Saturday/Sunday), holidays, or pool parties, but are **free** during regular weekdays (Monday - Friday). Guests must be signed into the pool by a Pool Member. A resident who signs in a guest must stay at the pool while their guest is there. Guest fees should be paid at check-in to the lifeguards with exact change (cash only). Children ages 2 and under (accompanied by an adult member/guest) should always be admitted free of charge and are not counted as a guest.

Residents age 18 or over may bring up to **5 guests**.

Residents age 16-17 (with parent approval) may bring up to **3 guests**.

Residents age 14-15 (with parent approval) may bring up to **2 guests**.

Residents age 12-13 (with parent approval) may bring up to **1 guest**.

Residents age 10-11 (with parent approval) may come to the pool alone (**0 guests**).

Maximum number of guests allowed for each OXH Residence/Address is **5 guests** at one time (for example, if a 16 year old of the residence has 2 guests at the pool, then an 18+ year old at the same residence will only be allowed to bring at most an additional 3 guests).

Care Providers (e.g., babysitters, elder care, disability care, etc.)

Care Providers are not allowed to bring guests to the pool and may only access the pool with the child/adult for which they have responsibility. If a care provider accompanies the child/adult and their parents/guardian to the pool, the care provider is considered a guest and all fees are applicable.

Exceptions can be made for a non-parent, non-adult care provider; however, in this case, the care provider must be at least 16 years old, must have the minor child's parent/guardian's permission, and must be added to the resident family's Pool ID at least 1 week prior to bringing the child under the age of 10 to the pool. In order for a sibling to be considered a care provider at the pool for a younger sibling under the age of 10, the older sibling must also be at least 16 years old AND BE ACTIVELY WATCHING their sibling at all times. Any abuse of this policy will mean the care provider will no longer be allowed to sign in the child under the age of 10 and said child will only be allowed at the pool with a Pool Member age 18 or over who is fully responsible for the child at all times.

Special Case Pool IDs

Special Case Pool IDs can be created for residents for cases such as a long-term guest (i.e. out-of-town company staying with a resident for weeks), visiting relative (i.e. adult child home for an extended period), or non-OXH family member who will be coming to the pool without the resident (e.g., one parent who lives outside of OXH, but who will bring his/her OXH children under age 10 to the pool).

Special Case Pool IDs will be appended to the resident's Pool ID and will be designated an expiration date as appropriate to the situation. Each ID will contain a photo of the non-resident and will grant him/her full pool privileges (with the exception of early morning lap swim) for the duration of the Special Case ID. Upon expiration, the Special Case ID will be removed from the system and the non-resident will no longer have access to the pool.

Special Case IDs must be requested in advance by emailing the Pool Committee at oxhpoolcommittee@oxfordhunt.com (please include the resident's name, the OXH address, and a description of your special case in the email). The Pool Committee will determine on a case-by-case basis whether or not a Special Case Pool ID is warranted and will make every effort to respond to your request within one week. Please note, lifeguards cannot handle these requests.

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Parties

Use of the pool for parties and/or gatherings will be subject to the normal pool rules regarding both guests and food/beverages.

Pool members in good standing may use the pool facility for a small party during regular pool operating hours as long as the pool member does not bring more than the allowed # of non-OXH guests. Please refer to the guest policy for more information (above).

Parties must not interfere with other pool patrons and should be consistent with the family friendly environment of our neighborhood pool. You may not get to the pool early and reserve chairs or the pavilion. You may only use the space and furniture that is available at the time the party begins. NO GLASS is allowed at the pool (including cake serving platters), and alcohol is prohibited for anyone under 21. Any decorations or trash brought in to the pool area for the party must be disposed of. Due to the pool providing continuous radio station coverage through its speakers, additional playing of music is discouraged.

Any pool patron or guest who violates the Pool Rules will be asked by a lifeguard to cease the activity and/or leave the pool and may result in the Pool ID being revoked.

Rental of the OXH Clubhouse for a party/event does not constitute automatic access to the pool. The pool and clubhouse are separate facilities.

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Pool Operating Hours

Pool Operating Hours are posted on the OXH website (www.oxfordhunt.com) and at the pool. At designated times, the pool will have certain areas reserved for swim team or special events. The pool is not available for rent for private functions. Management reserves the right to close the pool at any time (i.e. weather, health, safety, etc). The Pool Committee will do its best to keep residents informed of such closings via email, social media, and physical signage at the pool. The pool and deck area will be evacuated during any emergency situation or lightning/thunder. See the [Mandatory Pool Closures](#) section below for more information. Join the Oxxford Hunt Mailing List on the website or follow us on Twitter (@oxfordhuntpool) for up to the minute pool closings and re-openings.

No one under the age of 18 is allowed in the pool area without lifeguards present. Trespassers will be dealt with accordingly. Pool Members over the age of 18, are permitted to use the pool without lifeguards present only during the time designated for “Adult Lap Swim” (30 minutes past dawn to 9am). Interested adults should complete a lap swim form with Omega Management in order to obtain access to the pool during this time. See the information sheet about [Early AM Lap Swim Swimming](#) on the OXH website for more information.

There will be a 10 minute break at 50 minutes past the hour for “Adult Swim and Baby Swim”, meaning all children between the ages of 2-18 need to exit the pool when the break whistles are blown. Children under 2, must be accompanied by an adult in the pool. All patrons must keep back 2 feet from the water’s edge during lifeguard breaks. Lifeguards will not be actively scanning the pool, nor remain in the lifeguard chairs, but will be on premises during this time.

Pool occupancy is 75 swimmers maximum. This may mean at times, particularly during holiday pool parties, pool admittance may be capped to ensure safe swimming conditions. Pool admittance during high usage times is at the discretion of the lifeguards and pool managers.

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Swim Test / Deep End

Pool Members and their guests, who are 14 years of age or younger, must pass a swim test administered by the lifeguards on duty in order to enter the deep area of the pool. Swimmers, who pass the test to the satisfaction of the lifeguards, will be given a deep water bracelet/anklet to wear in the pool. This band must be worn to enter the deep end. The first band of the season is free, subsequent bands are **\$3 each**. Deep end privileges may be suspended at the discretion of the lifeguards.

Only one person is permitted on the diving board at a time. No diving is allowed outside the deep end, in less than 9ft of water. Previous divers/jumpers must reach the side of the deep end of the pool before the next person takes their turn. Diving or jumping from the swim team blocks is prohibited. Any and all eyewear is prohibited when using the diving board. No more than 15 swimmers are allowed in the deep end during “across the ocean” play. This number is at the complete discretion of the lifeguards on duty.

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Discipline Procedures

Remember, safety is the first priority for all Oxxford Hunt Community Association Members and guests. Pool rules and regulations are imposed to keep your pool experience family-friendly, enjoyable, and safe. Pool Members and guests will be expected to obey lifeguards at all times. Parents are expected to supervise their children and go over ALL POOL RULES with any children or guests of appropriate age.

Discipline will take one of the following forms, depending on the severity and frequency of the offense: verbal warnings, time out of the pool, parental notification, and possibility of revocation of pool privileges for a day or more. Oxxford Hunt Community Association reserves the right to revoke privileges for violations of any and all pool and clubhouse rules and policies.

Not having a copy of the rules, failure to read the rules, or not having had your responsible adult/parent/guardian discuss these rules with you does not negate the responsibility of any Pool Member or guest to abide by these rules. Violations of these rules may result in fines of **up to \$3,000** from the HOA and/or loss of privileges for the season or permanently. All residents are responsible for obeying these rules. Lifeguards and pool attendants are employees of the pool management company and retained by the HOA and have the right to enforce these and any other Wake County Pool Rules.

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Additional Pool Rules

Please read and review these rules carefully with your family. Rules will be strictly enforced! Violation of any rule may result in loss of privileges at the discretion of the lifeguards and/or pool manager. Serious or repeat violations may result in loss of pool privileges for an indefinite period of time at the discretion of the Oxxford Hunt Board of Directors.

The Pool Manager is responsible for all the conduct of all pool staff and any problems should be discussed with the Pool Manager as soon as possible. Lifeguards are present for your safety and their instructions must be followed to ensure the safety of all. Do not distract the lifeguards while they are in the lifeguard chair unless it is a life threatening issue.

Per Wake County Health Department regulations, all swimmers must take a soap shower before entering the pool; this includes scalp and face, if they are going under water. Appropriate swimwear only – NO cutoffs or street clothes in the pool. Infants and children who are not “potty trained” MUST wear tight fitting rubber pants over a swim diaper while swimming, in accordance with NC Health Codes. Both are required. Regular disposable diapers are NOT allowed in the pool. No exceptions! Any person caught intentionally defecating in the pool will be charged a fee of \$150 for required cleaning and treating the pool. If accidents occur, please quickly remove the child from the water and notify any lifeguard present. No one with any known or suspected contagious disease, diarrhea, inflamed eyes, nasal or ear discharge, open wound or skin lesions will be allowed in the pool without a current doctor’s written permission.

Certain areas of the pool are designated for lap swimming only. These areas are separated by lane lines and Pool Members and guests should not cross these lanes and interrupt swimmers. Each lap swimming lane can accommodate two swimmers at a time. If members are waiting to use the lanes, please limit swim time to 15 minutes in the lane. The lap lines may be removed during holiday and pool parties.

NO WATER WINGS are allowed in the pool. Life jackets or safety flotation devices will be permitted only when a child is accompanied by a responsible adult who is watching the child at all times. NO RUNNING, pushing, wrestling or other forms of horseplay on or around the pool deck or in bathroom areas is allowed. NO PROFANITY or fighting. No bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards, boogie boards, Frisbees or hard balls are allowed inside the pool area. Ball playing and water guns in the pool and on the deck are allowed at the discretion of the lifeguards and Pool Manager and are not allowed during swim team practices. Kickboards may be used for lap swimming only. Toys, games and inflatable devices will be allowed when pool population warrants and not during pool holiday parties. Flotation devices (i.e. noodles, etc.) will be allowed in the pool area at the lifeguard's discretion.

NO STANDING or sitting on the lane/safety ropes. If they are broken, the pool must remain closed until they are fixed. NO ANIMALS of any kind are allowed within the pool fencing. Any individual bringing a radio to the pool is to be considerate of those around him/her and keep it at a low volume at all times. Food and drinks are allowed on the deck area only. NO GUM is allowed on the pool deck or in the pool area. Put all trash in receptacles and clean up all spills under chairs or tables.

NO SMOKING is permitted inside the pool fencing – including the pavilion. Cigarettes (including e-Cigarettes) must be disposed of/put away before entering the pool area. NO one under the age of 21 may have alcoholic beverages on Oxxford Hunt premises. NO person under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be admitted. NO one shall possess illegal substances on Oxxford Hunt recreational premises. Open fire and fireworks are strictly prohibited on Oxxford Hunt property.

NO GLASS of any kind is allowed inside the pool fencing or in the pavilion. If broken glass is found in the pool area, the pool must be closed, totally drained, refilled and the filtration media replaced along with other treatments required by Wake County Board of Health. The person responsible for this action will be charged with all costs incurred. Furniture is also not allowed in the pool.

The permanent pool telephone is required by NC state law to be operating at all times for emergency purposes. A cell phone cannot be used instead of the permanent pool land line. Usage purposes other than emergencies is permitted, provided the call is local and restricted to two minutes. The lifeguards are not responsible for answering the telephone. Phone usage is a privilege and will be denied to anyone abusing it. The pool will be closed if the permanent, land line is not in operating order per safety code.

Willful damage done to the pool, clubhouse, bath house or other Oxxford Hunt facilities by a Pool Member or guest will be cause for the responsible person to be charged restoration costs and have their privileges revoked. Pool Members are responsible for their guest's actions at all times. Pool Management or the Board are not responsible for the loss of personal belongings on the premises.

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Swim Team

OXH residents may register their resident children ages 4-18 for the OXH Swim Team, known as the OXH Swampfoxes. The swim team competes in the Tarheel Swimming Association

(TSA). The Swim Team has its own Board of Directors, who are volunteers and OXH residents. The initial Swim Team registration is held annually in April. Swim practices begin in May and the season ends mid-to-end of July. For more information, visit their website @ <https://oxfordhuntswampfoxes.shutterfly.com/>.

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Mandatory Pool Closures

Per Wake County Health Department regulations, the pool may be closed due to the following:

- Fecal Contamination
- Broken glass in the pool or on the surrounding pool deck
- Chemical imbalance in the pool water
- Pet or other animal found in the pool
- Pool phone land line not working

In addition to the above, it may be necessary to temporarily close the pool due to inclement weather. If there is bad weather at the start of the day and daily maintenance cannot be performed, a delay in opening the pool may occur or the pool may remain closed completely.

During inclement weather, the following safety procedures will be followed:

- **Lightning:** Lightning is life-threatening and water-seeking. If lightning is spotted, the pool will be closed immediately and everyone must leave the pool deck completely for 30 minutes from the last lightning spotted. This includes the pool deck, concession stand, pavilion and bathrooms.
- **Thunder:** If thunder is heard, the pool will be closed for 30 minutes. Everyone may remain on the deck but away from the water. With each thunder that is heard, the 30 minute clock will begin again.
- **Emergency:** In the event of a severe storm, tornado, hurricane or other catastrophe, the lifeguards will instruct everyone to leave the facility. You should take shelter outside the pool deck and pavilion area.

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Contact Information

Should you have questions or would like more information concerning the OXH Pool, please contact the Pool Committee at oxhpoolcommittee@oxfordhunt.com (please provide your name and OXH address). Messages to this address will receive an automated reply, but the Pool Committee volunteers will make every effort to reply within 24-48 hours. For most issues, this process will typically result in a better/more definitive answer than asking a lifeguard.

The Oxford Hunt Community Association, the Oxford Hunt Board of Directors, and the Oxford Hunt Pool Committee reserve the right to amend or add to all policies contained herein at any time.

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