

## **PETERSBURG RACQUET CLUB SWIMMING POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The following rules and regulations are established for the health, welfare and safety of all members of the Petersburg Racquet Club Pool and their guests.

("Management") of Petersburg Racquet Club has adopted the following rules and regulations as a condition of membership. Management reserves the right to change these rules and regulations at which time the membership will be notified.

The pool lifeguards are authorized to evict anyone violating or failing to comply with the regulations and to enforce such additional rules or regulations as may be necessary for proper, safe operation of the pool. Repeated infractions will be referred to Management. Management may suspend pool privileges for the violator and/or entire family as necessary. The lifeguard on duty shall act as representative of Management and shall have the authority to enforce these regulations and to supervise the general conduct of the swimmers.

### **A. General**

1. Petersburg Racquet Club accepts no responsibility for loss of money or the loss of or damage to articles belonging to those using the pool.
2. No pets are allowed in the pool enclosure.
3. Although alcoholic beverages are not specifically excluded in the pool area, consumption should be inconspicuous as to not offend those members who do not consume alcohol. Any member who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or other substances which have a detrimental effect on pool safety and environment will be removed from the pool area.
4. Tampering with or defacing Petersburg Racquet Club Pool property or equipment is prohibited. Property damage will be charged to the responsible member.
5. Parents, whether present or not, are responsible for the conduct of their children and children's guests using Petersburg Racquet Club Pool.
6. Ten minutes of each hour will be set aside for adult swimming and children's (under the age of eighteen) rest period. This includes the wading pool. Parents should take advantage of this time to encourage children to use the restroom facilities so as not to pose a potential sanitary problem in the swimming pool.
7. A public telephone is available for use by members of the pool. The phone is available for local calls only, and should be used primarily for emergency purposes. Members should limit the time spent on the phone and no loitering, lingering or excessive use of the phone will be authorized. Pool staff will not answer the phone, or page pool patrons to come to the phone unless a significant emergency prevails.
8. Loud, boisterous, or profane language will not be permitted in the pool area. Such behavior may result in removal or suspension of pool privileges.

**B. Members**

1. Members who are not current with their pool only or tennis/pool membership fees will not be eligible to use the pool facility.
2. Members must show their ID card and sign in before entering the pool enclosure.

**C. Guests**

1. All guests must register and be accompanied by a Petersburg Racquet Club member.
2. Children 18 and under are allowed no more than three guests. Adult members are allowed no more than five guests. More than five guests will constitute a party, and will need to be approved in advance by the Pool Manager.
3. Out-of-town "house-guests" are welcome when registered by an adult member. There will be no charge for out-of-town houseguests. "Out of Town" is 50 miles or more from Augusta. An adult member must register out-of-town houseguests first. Children 18 and under will not be allowed to bring in houseguests at no charge unless their parents have registered them first.
4. Local guests will be charged a \$3.00 guest fee, which will be collected upon sign-in. Guest fees must be paid by cash or check. No charging will be allowed.
5. Local guests are limited to two visits per month.
6. Guests are subject to all rules and regulations that apply to members.
7. Conduct of guests is the direct responsibility of the member who sponsors them.
8. Guests age thirteen and under must conform to rules E-1 and E-2.

**D. Health and Safety**

1. Only persons in swimming attire are permitted in the pool. No cut-offs are allowed (loose threads damage the filter system). Male swimmers must wear swimming trunks, as required by Columbia County law.
2. No running, pushing, horseplay or causing undue disturbance is permitted in or around the pool.
3. No sitting or hanging on the lifeline is permitted.
4. No glass containers of any kind are permitted inside the pool area.
5. No unnecessary conversation with or loitering around the lifeguard on duty is permitted.
6. Babies wearing diapers are not allowed in the big pool. Disposable diapers are not allowed in the wading pool (disposable diapers disintegrate and damage the filter system). Parents are requested to dispose of diapers at home and not in the pool trash containers.

7. Members are expected to not use the pool when they are ill, have an infection of any type, have an open wound or are wearing a bandage or Band-Aid.
8. Climbing on fencing or retaining walls is prohibited.
9. To ensure the safety of all pool participants, the pool staff reserves the right to close the pool in case of lightening, thunder or heavy rain. The reopening of the facility will be left to the discretion of the lifeguard on duty.
10. In the case of a fecal incident, the pool will close for a minimum of 2 hours. If it is diarrhea or an unknown type, the pool may be closed for the duration of the day. (Georgia Environmental Health, ref. T.Bennett 1999). Any decisions regarding pool closing will be made by the acting pool manager or PRC management.
11. Only lifeguards are allowed in the pumphouse or lifeguard shack.

#### **E. Swimming Pool**

1. Children eight years of age or younger must be accompanied by their parents or a designated guardian (see section H) at all times.
2. A swimming proficiency test will be given by a lifeguard, or other authorized person, to all children ages nine to thirteen who desire to enter the pool area without supervision. This swimming proficiency test must be passed before any child age nine to thirteen is allowed to swim without a parent or designated guardian present at all times. The same applies to all guests.
3. Radios may be used at a low volume setting.
4. Health Department regulations prohibit the eating of food in the pool area except for designated areas. The Petersburg Racquet Club designated areas are the large grass section of the pool area on the south end and the covered area adjacent to the wading pool . Chewing gum is not authorized in any area of the pool.
5. Swimming equipment including swim fins, goggles, masks, snorkels, air mattresses, tubes, etc. will be allowed at the discretion of the lifeguard on duty, depending on the number of people using the pool. Water guns, hard projectiles, or other equipment which can cause injury or general pool disruption will not be authorized in the pool at any time.

#### **F. Wading Pool**

1. A parent or designated guardian must be in the wading pool area, when a child is using the wading pool. The parent or the designated guardian, not the lifeguard on duty, is responsible for the safety and conduct of the child.
2. Only children six years of age and younger may use the wading pool.
3. Metal and rigid plastic toys are not allowed in the wading pool.

4. Disposable diapers are not allowed in the wading pool.

## **G. Restrooms**

1. Members are requested to help keep restroom facilities clean. Do not flush any foreign articles such as sanitary napkins, disposable diapers or paper towels.
2. Clean up of graffiti or other defacement is an unnecessary expense that will be borne by the responsible party.
3. Faulty plumbing is to be reported to the lifeguard on duty.
4. All trash is to be disposed of in trash containers or proper recycling cans.

## **H. Designated Guardians**

1. Designated guardians must be fourteen years of age or older and registered with the Petersburg Racquet Club Pool. There is no guest fee charge for a designated guardian as long as the member parents submit a signed letter of permission. Letters will be kept on file at the PRC Pro Shop.
2. Temporary baby-sitters who are not members of the pool will be required to sign-in as a guest (at no charge) and must have a written permission slip from the member parents.
3. All baby-sitters are subject to all rules that apply to members.
4. Conduct of baby-sitters is the direct responsibility of the member who sponsors them.

## **I. Pool Parties**

1. POOL PARTIES WILL BE AUTHORIZED DURING NORMAL OPERATING HOURS ONLY, UNLESS THEY ARE AN OFFICIALLY SPONSORED PETERSBURG RACQUET CLUB EVENT, OR IT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY MANAGEMENT.
2. Permission for a pool party must be requested in written form to the Pool Manager, at least 2 weeks prior to the expected party date.
3. Members cannot book parties for non-members.
4. Party size will be limited to 100 people and the duration of the party will not exceed 3 hours.
5. There is a \$45.00 charge for all pool parties. If there are more than 25 people, an additional lifeguard will be hired for every additional 25 people. Lifeguard cost is \$15.00 per hour, per lifeguard. The lifeguard fee is non-refundable, even if the party is postponed or cancelled.
6. All non-PRC members in attendance will be charged a \$5.00 guest fee per person. Guests include parents that stay with their kids. A list of members and non-members must be provided. The guest fee will be paid at the end of the party.

7. The person(s) responsible for the party are responsible for clean up and should arrange to have all trash picked up. The lifeguard(s) are responsible for closing the facilities, not clean up.
8. In case of rain, the Pool Manager will reschedule the party at a convenient time.