

**The Scotts Mill Pool Policies and Rules**  
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**Emergencies:**

In case of emergency, call 911. There is a phone available near the pool entrance to the clubhouse.

**Use at your own risk:**

The pool is a use-at-your-own-risk facility. All persons using the Scotts Mill Pool or any of its facilities do so with the understanding that they are assuming all risk at all times (even when lifeguards are present). The homeowner's association and its management company assume no liability for accidents or injuries.

**Pool use:**

- The pool is for the use of homeowners of Scotts Mill as well as homeowners in The Green at Scotts Mill and New Heritage who have paid the required membership fee (collectively referred to as "Homeowner") and their guests and approved care providers. (see below)
- Homeowners, approved care providers, and guests are expected to supervise those under their care.
- Scotts Mill Homeowners Association (HOA) property exists for the benefit of the entire neighborhood. Except in the case of a Sea Dragons Swim Team or an HOA-sponsored event, there is to be no commercial business conducted at the pool.
- It is the obligation of pool users to clean up after themselves

**Pool Safety Rules:**

- Lifeguard instructions are to be followed at all times
- Do not distract the lifeguards while they are in the lifeguard chair
- No running within the pool fence or in the restroom area
- No horseplay (pushing, shoving, wrestling)
- No profanity or fighting
- No diving
- No glass allowed outdoors on any HOA property (this includes bottles, glasses, serving platters, etc.).
- No smoking inside the gate/fence
- All swimmers must shower before entering the pool (county health regulations)
- Appropriate swimwear must be worn – no cutoff pants/jeans or street clothes are allowed
- Swim diapers and tight-fitting rubber pants must be worn by infants and children who are not potty trained (health regulation). Regular disposable diapers are not allowed in the pool. If there is an accident, please quickly remove the child from the pool and notify the lifeguard.
- 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.
- The wading pool is for children five (5) years of age and younger who are accompanied by parent/guardian or an approved care provider.

- No animals are allowed inside the pool fence/gate, except when permitted for a neighborhood event, or is a working service animal.
- The lap lane is for the use of swimmers engaged in swimming laps.
- No bicycles, rollerblades, skateboards, etc. are allowed inside the fence/gate.
- Toys, games, Frisbees, balls, flotation, and inflatable devices will be allowed at the lifeguard's discretion.
- No standing or sitting on lane/safety ropes.
- No food inside the red line.

### **Discipline:**

- Pool users are to have respect for lifeguard authority
- Lifeguards have the authority to discipline and occurrences outside of normal behaviors may also require involvement from pool management company, pool committee, HOA Board, or Omega.
- Infractions may result in loss of pool privileges with no returning of applicable fees.

### **Pool Hours:**

- Sunday through Saturday (after school release) 10:00 am – 9:00 pm
- Sunday through Saturday (during school season) 10:00 am – 8:00 pm
- Pool closes at 4:00 pm when Swim Meet is a Home Meet
- Early Swim is from 6:00 am – 10:00 am for Adults ONLY with proper permission.

### **Pool Breaks:**

- During lifeguard hours, there will be a 10-minute break every hour.
- Break time begins 50 minutes after the hour and ends on the hour.
- All children under the age of 18 must exit the pool and remain behind the red line during break.
- Babies under two (2) years of age may remain in the pool with their parent/guardian or care provider for adult/baby swim.
- Children are strongly encouraged to use the restroom during the break.

### **Pool closures:**

- Every effort will be made to keep the pool open during scheduled hours.
- The pool will be closed during Sea Dragons' home swim meets. The time of the closure will be posted in advance.
- Unscheduled pool closures will be communicated to Homeowners via social media whenever possible. A closed sign will be placed at the pool.
- The pool must be closed in the event of the following:
  - Contamination (fecal, blood, vomit)
  - Presence of a dead animal in the pool
  - Broken glass in the pool (requires draining, refilling and chemical re-balancing of water, a multi-day process)
  - Chemical imbalance
  - Phone land line out of order
  - Inclement weather closures:

- Lightning – pool facility will be closed for 30 minutes. This includes the pool, the deck and the restrooms. Each occurrence of lightning resets the 30-minute clock.
- Thunder – pool will be closed for 30 minutes. You may remain on the deck and use the restrooms. Each occurrence of thunder resets the 30-minute clock.
- Emergency – In the event of severe weather, such as a severe storm, tornado, hurricane, or other catastrophe the lifeguards will instruct everyone to leave the facility. You should take shelter outside the pool area.

**Pool key cards:**

- Each Homeowner is issued one (1) key card at no cost to them. Additional key cards are available at the cost of \$25.
- Key cards are not to be shared with non-Homeowners unless an approved care provider or house sitter.
- Former homeowners are to convey their pool passes to the new homeowner. The pool pass information will be transferred to the new homeowner upon the resale process of the account. New homeowners should contact Omega Association Management to request a pool key card if they have not received one from the previous owner.
- Homeowners must have the key card with them in order to access the pool.
- Do not open the gate for anyone who is not a member of your household, known Homeowner, your guest, or your approved care provider.
- Lost key cards should be reported to Omega immediately so that access can be cancelled.
  - All key cards for that household will be cancelled at the time a loss is reported
  - The replacement fee for a lost key card is \$25 per card.
- Key card activation for early morning adult lap swimming can be obtained by contacting Omega.

**Minor Children:**

- Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or an approved care provider.
- Children 14 – 17 years of age may use the pool without a parent/guardian or approved care provider present. However, it is a privilege that can be revoked for poor behavior or violating pool rules at any time. If this privilege is revoked, a parent/guardian or an approved care provider must be present.

**Guests:**

- Guests are people who are not Homeowners.
- Guests must be accompanied by a Homeowner at all times.
- Each household is limited to six (6) guests at any given time.
- For households who have more than six (6) guests, this is considered a party and subject to the Pool Party Agreement (see below).

**Approved Care Providers (babysitters; elder care; disability care) and House Sitters:**

- Care providers and house sitters must be at least 14 years old to use the pool.
- Homeowners must notify Omega when a house sitter or a care provider will be accessing the pool at least seven (7) days in advance in order to guarantee access. .
- Care providers may access the pool only when they are with the child/adult for whom they have responsibility.
- If the Homeowner attends the pool with the designated house sitter or the care provider (except disability care givers), the house sitter or care provider is a guest and must adhere to the guest rules.

**Parties:** Scotts Mill Pool Party Agreement form

In order to assure that your party is a safe and fun experience, the following rules apply:

- A party is defined as an event where the host household has more than six (6) guests present.
  - A party has only one (1) host household – multiple households may not combine their accepted guest count to avoid complying with party rules.
- The Scotts Mill Pool Party Agreement form must be completed at least two (2) weeks in advance of the party and submitted to Omega.
- All requests to host a pool party are subject to the reservation schedule, which will depend in part on the overall needs of the community.
- Parties must not interfere with the regular pool patrons and must be in keeping with the family-friendly atmosphere of the facility.
- Parties must be held during regular pool hours.

**Rule changes/updates:**

The Scotts Mill HOA, Board of Directors and the Scotts Mill Pool Committee reserve the right to amend or add to all polices at any time.

**Questions/Concerns:**

Should be addressed to [pool@scottsmill.com](mailto:pool@scottsmill.com) or Omega Association Management (919)461-0102.