



GPRA POOL RULES AND POLICIES

Pool Hours*:	Monday – Thursday	11am – 8 pm
	Friday	11am – 8pm
	Saturday	10pm – 8pm
	Sunday	1pm – 8pm

*The pool opens on the last day of school for Knox County. Pool hours may vary at times due to home swim meets, rain, and social events. A restricted pool schedule is implemented when Knox County schools are back in session in August, and the pool closes for the season on the day after Labor Day.

Membership, Dues, and General Information:

1. **Annual Meeting:** An annual meeting will be held yearly. The budget will be approved, approval of board officials, inform members of new policies and procedures, etc.
2. **Membership:** Annual family membership to Gulf Park Recreation Association may be obtained any time of the year and are open to anyone. A family membership allows all family members living in one home full use of the pool, tennis courts, basketball courts, and volleyball courts that are associated with GPRA grounds. Pool access is limited to official pool hours or by special arrangements made by pool managers. Other membership programs may be offered.
Membership includes those members of your family that are living in your home. Extended family members and babysitters are not part of your membership.
3. **Dues:** Annual membership dues will be set by the board and then voted upon at the general membership meeting each year. Dues may be paid in two ways: Either in one payment due by opening day or in installments arranged with our membership committee.

Guests:

1. **Guest Fees:** Guests will pay a \$5 fee at the gate. All guests must be accompanied by a member except for specific "open" events that do not require accompaniment.
2. **Number of Guests:** GPRA members are welcome to bring guests any time. There is no limit on the number of times a member may bring guests to GPRA.
3. **Repeat Guests:** We do limit the number of visits of the SAME guest. If a guest is a Knoxville area resident, the member is charged the regular guest fee for the first five (5) visits of each particular guest each calendar year. After five visits, that specific guest is not eligible to use a guest pass of any kind. He or she is still welcome at our occasional "open" events that do not require being accompanied by a member.
4. **Babysitters:** A babysitter does not have to pay a guest fee if she/he is babysitting for a pool member and that member cannot be present. However, guest fees will be collected if she/he is attending the pool along with an adult member of the family.
5. **Out-of-Town Visitors:** If you have family or friends visiting from afar, bring them to the pool! There are no guest fees for temporary visitors outside of Knox County. It's just part of the benefits of membership!

Pool Rules:

1. No running on the pool deck.
2. No horseplay.
3. No glass containers permitted.
4. No smoking on pool grounds.
5. Shower off before entering the pool from the sand area.
6. No gum in pool area.
7. No fighting.
8. Food and drink allowed behind the white line only.
9. No skates or skateboards are allowed on pool grounds.
10. No biking on pool grounds.
11. No diving except for in the deep end.
12. No balloons allowed in pool area.
13. Members 16 years and older have priority for the lounge chairs.

Slide:

1. Only one person on the slide at a time.
2. Slide down only in a forward sitting position.
3. Make sure area in front of slide is clear before sliding.
4. No flotation devices.
5. No sliding onto, into, or through any device or holding a device while sliding.

Pool Basketball:

1. Throw the ball from inside the pool only.
2. DO NOT hang on the rim – this applies to outside basketball courts also.
3. DO NOT slam the ball against the backboard.

Tennis courts:

1. No black-soled shoes allowed.
2. No skating, skate boarding, or bicycling allowed.

Playground:

1. The managers or the guards do not supervise the playground.
2. No digging holes on property.
3. Throw your own trash away.

General Rules:

1. **Unsupervised child drop off:** If your child is over 12 and can follow the rules of the pool, then they can attend without parent supervision. The child must be self-supervised. A current mobile phone number must be recorded beside the child's name in the "sign-in" book. In order for a child age 10-12 to be dropped off and unsupervised, the child must have passed the swim test given by a lifeguard. Absolutely no children under 10 years of age can be dropped off without adult supervision.
****We must have the parents contact information filled out in the sign-in book.*
2. **Unsupervised child swim test:** In order for a child that is 10-12 years old to swim unsupervised by an adult, the child must successfully pass a swim test administered by a Lifeguard and this test must be recorded on a sheet in the "sign-in" book at the front table. The swim test consists of swimming up and back in the swim lane without stopping or holding onto the lane rope or side of the pool, floating or treading water for 1 minute, reciting 5 pool rules, and jumping off the diving board and swimming to the ladder.

3. **Suspension policy:** For a child who has been asked to leave the pool for fighting, being disrespectful, not following the rules, etc. parents will be contacted and notified. If a child is asked to leave the pool twice in the season, that child cannot return to the pool without adult supervision.
4. **Rain and thunder storm policy:** The pool will open regardless of rain but may close early due to continuous rain and an ominous forecast. This is up to the discretion of the pool managers. If an electrical storm occurs, the pool will be cleared and re-entry will be restricted for 15 minutes after the last thunderclap and for 30 minutes after the last lightning, whichever is the longest. No one may reenter the pool until the guards or pool manager indicates that it is safe to do so.
5. **Tobacco policy:** The use of tobacco is not permitted on GPRA property.
6. **Alcohol policy:** Alcohol is allowed but please be discrete. NO glass containers. However, it is under the discretion of a pool manager, board member, or other patrons of the pool to ask a member to leave for inappropriate behavior.
7. **Parking policy:** The use of the upper parking lot is restricted to handicapped guests, managers, and head lifeguards on duty. ALL other vehicles must park in the lower lot to reduce safety issues and to allow entry for emergency vehicles.
8. **Tennis courts:** The tennis courts are open to everyone who is a member of GPRA 365 days a year. A key to the tennis courts may be purchased for \$5.00 at the front table or thru a pool manager. If using the tennis courts at night make sure to turn the light switch to the "off" position before leaving. The lights are set on a timer and will automatically turn off. Please help with the maintenance of our courts and do not let your children play on the nets or eat their snacks of the tennis courts. The lower two tennis courts are rented from the pool by a tennis pro. The tennis pro has access to those courts as needed. If no one is using the upper tennis courts, the tennis pro may also use those courts for lessons. GPRA members do have priority to use the upper two courts over the tennis pro. Simply tell the tennis pro you are there to play tennis and he will move his players. There are also times during the summer hours that the interclub tennis players will be using all four courts for their matches and they will have priority.
9. **Concession stand:** Concession stand access is restricted to employees and the pool managers. The concession stand hours are posted above. It is under the discretion of the pool managers to determine if the concession stand will close early due to a low census at the pool.
10. **Closing:** The guards will blow the whistle at 15 minutes before the closing hour to clear the pool. Please be courteous to our guards and pool managers and leave the pool area in a timely manner.

Parties:

1. **Parties:** All parties must be arranged thru the pool staff, no exceptions. All regular parties occur during pool hours and private parties will be scheduled after regular pool hours only. You may unload your party items at the upper parking lot but then the vehicle needs to be moved. All guests are to park at the lower parking lot. Please let them know this before they arrive. *All party guests must check in at the front table.*
2. **Party Fees:**
See our web site for current party fees.
* Larger parties should be a private party (see below)
Please note these parties would not require any additional guest fees and are based on a 2 hour party during normal pool hours.
3. **Private parties:** Private parties occur after pool hours. Two lifeguards may be required depending on the number of guests. The concession stand will not be opened for private parties. The grill may be used for an additional fee.