

ORONOQUE VILLAGE  
POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS  
2024 SEASON

(Approved by the OVCA Board at its 5/17/2022 meeting)

HOURS

1. South pools are open from 8:30 AM – 8:30 PM. North pool is open from 9 AM – 8:30 PM.
2. Outside gates to the pools require use of a Security Access Key Card/Fob/App for direct access to the pools. Pools may also be accessed through the North and South Community Buildings.

USAGE

1. All residents and their adult guests may use both the North/South pools and deck areas during regular pool hours. An exception is when authorized Water Aerobics classes are in session (June through September) at the South HEATED pool from 10 – 11 AM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Likewise when Aqua Zumba classes are held from 10 – 11 AM on Thursday.
2. The South HEATED pool and deck area are restricted for use by adults only (aged 21 and over).
3. The Children's pool, as designated by signs posted at each pool entrance, will have a weekly rotation schedule which begins on Monday morning and runs through Sunday evening.
4. Children guests (aged 17 and under) shall use that week's designated UNHEATED pool/deck area and must be accompanied by a resident. If some incident or event results in the closing of that week's designated Children's pool, the UNHEATED pool located at the other Community Building will be the designated Children's pool, until the original pool is allowed to reopen.
5. The pool season schedule will be posted inside both clubhouses, at the pools, published in the Oronoque Villager, published on the Oronoque Website and televised on OVTV Channel 591.
6. Residents are required to have a Photo ID Card and Security Access Key Card/Fob/App, both obtained from the Business Office during normal work hours, for entry into the pool areas. The Photo ID card must be presented, upon request, to the Pool Monitor on duty.
7. **Residents must remain with their guests at all times** and are solely responsible for their behavior. Upon entering the pool area, residents **must sign-in to the attendance books** with the resident's name, unit # and guests names; and must acquaint their guests with the pool rules.
8. A maximum of eight (8) guests per unit address will be allowed each day into the pool areas.
9. In the event that a resident is physically unable to accompany guest(s) to the pool/deck areas, the resident may request a special pass from the Business Office. Each situation will be reviewed.
10. Private parties do not have pool usage privileges, nor are individuals from those private parties allowed on pool deck areas when such parties are being held inside of the Community Buildings.
11. The swimming pools are primarily intended for the use and enjoyment of Oronoque Village residents. Guests of residents are allowed use of the pools as a courtesy to those residents.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES

1. Smoking is NOT ALLOWED within the fenced-in area of the North/South pools. Designated smoking areas are provided outside of the fenced-in areas at the North/South pools.
2. Children and adults in waterproof swim pants are allowed to use the pools.
3. Children must be accompanied by a resident who is responsible for their health and safety. The resident is required to remain with the children until the children leave the pool area. Any child needing to use the bathroom facilities should have a parent/guardian accompany them inside.
4. **Proper bathing attire must be worn when using the pools. No shorts or cutoff jeans are allowed. Bathing suits must be towel dried and footwear must be worn when entering the clubhouses to use the bathroom facilities.**
5. Playpens and portable wading pools are not allowed in the pool areas.
6. Swim aids and pool noodles are allowed. Small pool toys, which are manufactured specifically for pool use (including dive sticks and rings) may be used. Under no circumstances may any pool toy be thrown. No squirt type toys, beach balls or other inflatable pool items are allowed.
7. Chairs, lounges, strollers or other objects shall be kept at least 3 feet from the edge of the pool.
8. Chairs/lounges/tables CANNOT be saved for people who have not yet arrived at the pool area. Chairs or lounges are not to be moved between pools at the South Clubhouse.
9. **NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES (EXCEPT FOR WATER IN PLASTIC BOTTLES) WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE POOL AREAS. GLASSWARE CONTAINERS OF ANY TYPE ARE NOT ALLOWED.** All containers are to be removed from the deck areas upon leaving. Picnic areas are provided outside of the fenced-in pool areas at both of the Clubhouses.
10. Eating is allowed only in the designated picnic areas. Pool users must change into proper attire if they wish to enter the clubhouses in order to use the lounge areas or kitchen facilities.
11. Any person listening to radios, CD players, etc. are to use earphones when using those devices.
12. Towels are to be used to protect chairs and lounges at all times.
13. Showers are to be taken before entering the pools. The use of shampoo and soap at the outdoor showers are not permitted
14. Animals of any kind (except State registered service dogs) are prohibited from pool areas.
15. **Pool steps and ladders shall remain free from obstructions at all times.**
16. Only scooters or motorized chairs, required by the disabled, are permitted in the pool area.
17. **COMPLAINTS:** Enforcement is most effective when complaints are made at the time of the abuse. Bring all complaints to the Pool Monitor or Building Attendant. If rules have been broken, the Pool Monitor will follow up immediately with the offending party and potentially file a report with the office. Complaint Forms are available inside of the Community Buildings for the resident to fill out who can then submit the complaint to the Business Office.
18. **In the event of an emergency, call Security (203-377-5502) from the emergency phone at the pools or on a personal cell phone. In case of a serious emergency, call 911 immediately.**

## SWIMMING REGULATIONS

1. In the event of an impending thunder and lightning storm, all pool users must exit the pools, gather their belongings and leave the pool deck areas. The Pool Monitor will inform pool users when it is considered safe to reenter the pools, usually 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard.
2. Two designated and clearly marked lap lanes, in each UNHEATED pool, must be relinquished to lap swimmers, except in the event when the Water Aerobics classes may be using that pool. Lap swimming in a single unmarked lane is permitted in the HEATED pool, with the following exceptions: **1) daily between the hours of 12 - 5 PM 2) when being used by the Water Aerobics or Aqua Zumba classes.**
3. If Water Aerobics or Aqua Zumba classes are using the UNHEATED pool on the South side for some reason, then children are not permitted to use that pool as the Designated Children's Pool during those hours.
4. Running and horseplay on the deck areas is prohibited, as is diving or jumping into the pools.

## MANAGEMENT CAVEAT

1. Pools and adjacent deck areas are to be used **AT THE USER'S PERSONAL RISK** at all times. No lifeguards are on duty.

## PENALTIES

The penalty format for infractions of Pool Rules and Regulations are as follows:

1. Whenever possible, simple admonitions to correct any violation(s) will be used by the Pool Monitor on duty or the Building Monitor in the absence of a Pool Monitor.
2. More serious violations will require that Oronoque Security or the Stratford Police be called.
3. Continuation of a violation of any sort will be addressed with written warnings, fines up to \$40 and/or suspension of pool privileges, depending upon the severity of the offense.
4. In all cases, from verbal warnings to fines and/or suspensions of pool privileges, violators may file an appeal with the OVCA Board for redress. All appeals must be presented to the Board within 30 days, or by the date of the next OVCA Board meeting (whichever comes first), from the date of the original action.