

Pool Rules and Policies
Mill Creek Community Club
For 2023 (last update May 2023)

Welcome to Mill Creek. Our goal is to make this an enjoyable and fun place to be during the summer. To accomplish this for everyone, and to avoid accidents and injuries, it is necessary that everyone take common sense steps to remain safe and respect the other members. The rules and guidelines below are to accomplish this goal.

Changes /
Additions
2023

- Change to Kiddie pool supervision, section 5. New York State now requires supervision by someone with CPR certification. This can be satisfied by parents with up-to-date CPR training. See section 5 below.

Cold weather
policy

- If we open, the pool will remain open until at least 3 pm. After 3 pm if the temperature falls below 65°F we may close unless someone is already at the pool or there is a scheduled party.
- If the forecast high is less than 68° F and we believe very few will swim due to weather than we may choose to not open for the day. In either case the closing will be announced via pool website, Facebook and pool phone, 265-1770.

1:
When you
arrive

- Sign in ~ last name and number in family
- Sign in your guests ~ member name, emergency phone #. Each family may bring a maximum of 8 guests per day.
- Introduce yourself to the guards.

2:
Water
Safety and
Etiquette

- You are ultimately responsible for the safety and behavior of your children. The lifeguards will help, but cannot continuously watch every child, especially out of the water.

Safety – entire pool

- Children with **bubbles, swimmies**, etc. **must be accompanied by an adult in deep and shallow water**. Don't rely on noodles for a flotation device. The adult (or sibling 16 or older) must either be in the water with them or at the edge of the pool ready to enter.
- Children which are **not strong swimmers** should be monitored by an adult. If not, a Coast Guard-approved flotation is required. If the water is over the child's head or if the child cannot easily swim across the shallow end, tread water for 1 minute or completed level 4 swim lessons they are at higher risk and should be closely monitored.
- No diving in shallow end of pool.
- No sitting on shoulders.

Safety – deep end

- One person at a time on boards. Jump straight off the boards – not to the side. Make sure area is clear before jumping.
- After jumping off board, swim to closest ladder
- Don't swim under the boards.
- Persons in the deep end not using the diving boards must stay on the shallow side of ladders
- Anyone swimming in the deep end or using the diving boards must be able to do so safely as determined by the lifeguards. This includes, but is not limited to, strength of swimming and or accompaniment by an adult (or sibling 16 or older) who is either in the water with them or at the edge of the pool.

Etiquette

- Don't hang on or go over lane lines. Do not cross lane lines when a swimmer is doing laps
- Kickboards are available, but only for swimming – don't sit or stand on kickboards
- No blow-up toys are allowed.

3: **Children** **alone at** **the pool**

Children may not be left alone at the pool unless:

Any child under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult. The lifeguards are not babysitters. In order for a child to be left without adult supervision, they must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Be at least 10 years old
2. Completed level IV swim instruction
3. Swim length of the shallow end with ease
4. Tread water in the deep end for 2 minutes
5. Jump off diving board and swim to the ladder with ease, without swimming aids.

4: **General** **Rules**

- Children should change clothes in the locker room, not on the picnic tables or pool deck
- Swim diapers are required on all children not toilet trained. A limited supply is available for \$1 each if you forget yours.
- If thunder is heard, everyone must exit the water and sit out for 30 minutes
- No roughhousing, horseplay, or other activities deemed dangerous to other swimmers.
- No running on deck.
- No pushing or throwing others into the water.
- **Discipline** steps include:
 - 1) Explain rule violation/consequence
 - 2) Warning
 - 3) Out for 10-15 minutes or the day
 - 4) Discussion with parent may occur at any or all steps
- The lifeguards are responsible for safety and may make temporary changes or ask you to modify an activity. Please do so. If you feel they are in error please bring the issue to the pool manager or a member of the Board, but do not argue with the lifeguard at that time.
- The pool deck must remain unobstructed for a distance of 6 feet from the water around the entire pool to facilitate safe passage and provide access to the pool by the guards and meet health codes. (State regulation 6-5.9) Persons at water edge are fine as long as a path exists behind them.

5: **Kiddie Pool**

- For young children only
- Supervision by CPR certified individual required. Additional details are still being developed. They will be announced when ready.
- Primary supervision to be provided by parents with CPR certification. Lifeguards will supply supervision only when available and if supervision of main pool is not impacted.

When arriving, if kiddie pool is without supervision:

- 1) Contact guard to coordinate supervision.
- 2) If you have CPR certification tell the guard.
- 3) If you don't have CPR certification discuss with guard. If they can leave the main pool and watch the kiddie pool they will. If not the kiddie pool will remain closed until someone else arrives with CPR certification or main guard can change position.
- 4) If you have CPR certification we request that you provide a copy which we'll keep at the pool. That way you don't need to carry with you.

When leaving the kiddie pool:

1. If you were the certified person check with guards to let them know you are leaving.
2. Guards will then talk to remaining people in kiddie pool to arrange supervision, using the rules under the "When arriving" section

6: Driveway

- The gravel driveway is intended for emergency and handicap use only.
 - Please refrain from driving up the driveway as much as possible.
 - We discourage driving up to the locker rooms to drop off or pick up family members.
- Excessive use of the driveway results in more frequent replacement of the gravel, which is an additional cost to our pool club. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

7: Guests

- All guests must be signed in before using the facility.
- Guests are anyone not a permanent resident of your household and not included in your Mill Creek Club membership.
- Each family is allowed 20 guests per season at no additional charge. At the end of the season, you will be billed \$2 for each guest above 20.
- Please keep in mind that guest usage of the facility results in additional chemical and maintenance costs that should be supported by the families bringing the guests.
- Abusing the guest policy (i.e. not signing in your guests), could result in loss of guest privileges for the remainder of the season.

8: Food

NO GLASS containers allowed anywhere on pool property.

- Food is not allowed on the pool deck or in the changing rooms.
- Eating is only allowed in the pavilion and on the grassy areas by the picnic tables.
- Beverages are allowed on the deck in plastic containers. No drinks in or near the pool.

Spilled food creates a mess and brings ants and other pests to the deck and pool. Violation of these rules could cause serious consequences to the pool, including being closed by a State Inspector.

- A grill is available in the picnic area.
- You are responsible for keeping people away from the grill while it is hot. Do not leave unattended while it is hot.
- Remember to turn off the gas grill at tank when done.

Please clean up all food and bottles after yourself and your children. The guards shouldn't have to police the tables for the next person. We ask that members pick up each time they leave a table.

9: Pool Parties

The following rules apply to pool parties whenever a member plans to bring more than 8 guests in one day. Large numbers of unexpected guests create problems for the guards and disrupt other member's usage of the pool club.

1. No parties will be scheduled between 1:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday
2. Each family is limited to 3 parties per season.
3. If extended hours have been arranged, party participants must be out of the property by 10:45 p.m. This is established by the club's variance with the Town of Webster. Please begin party clean up to be finished by 10:45 p.m.
4. Parties are limited to 55 guests (this includes all non-members within fenced area)
5. To schedule, return completed party application, with payment (check made out to Mill Creek Community Club) to the Lifeguards on duty for scheduling. No double-booking of parties. If the party is cancelled the check will be refunded.
6. Parties will have priority access to the pavilion. The guard will assign picnic table(s) for party use to ensure table availability for members
7. Party fees

8-15 guests	\$40	
16-35 guests	\$85	
36-55 guests	\$150	
Extended hours fee (before/after normal operation)		\$15 per hour
8. There may be no alcohol consumed by any person under the age of 21.
9. The host of the party is responsible for informing all guests of pool rules and for any damage to the pool and its properties that occur during the party, and will be responsible for remuneration.
10. The host is responsible to ensure that the pool and its properties are left in a clean condition. Trash is to be deposited in the parking lot dumpster. The lifeguard's job description does not include cleaning up after parties. Remaining party debris will incur a minimum cleaning fee of \$20.00.
11. Before departing, the party host will check with the head guard on duty for a final walk through to ensure that the area has been properly cleaned up and sign off on the completed party agreement.

10: Miscellaneous

- Please limit showers to 3 minutes. Parents are responsible for shower supervision.
- Please rinse sand and soil from bodies outside the pool and locker room area. Keep the sand out of the plumbing.
- Members may bring up chairs with name on it – please take them home at the end of season. Chairs left will be discarded. (They will be outside the pool fence for 2 weeks after the pool closes so that you can retrieve them if forgotten. Then they will be discarded.)
- No smoking within fenced area or within 50' of the fence line.
- No pets allowed in fenced area.
- No parking in upper lot. Limit use of upper drive to handicap and emergency use only.
- In order for children to be at the pool by themselves, they must meet the requirements in Section **3: Children alone at the pool.**
- The pool closes at the published time. Swimmers should leave the pool at that time and have an additional 15 minutes to exit the locker rooms.
- No tampering or defacing pool equipment or property.
- A Lost and Found box is maintained. Please check it occasionally for missing items.
- Phone reserved for emergencies and vital calls.