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MONTGOMERY VILLAGE FOUNDATION POOL OPERATING POLICY

To insure maximum safety and pleasurable swimming, the following policy has been adopted by the Board of Directors of the Montgomery Village Foundation:

GENERAL POLICIES:

1. All persons (members or guests) using the pool or pool area do so at their own risk and sole responsibility and will be held responsible for the safety, well-being and actions of their children. The Montgomery Village Foundation assumes no responsibility for any accident or injury in connection with such use and will not be responsible for any loss, damage or personal property of any kind. No trespassing when closed.
2. During all pool operating hours, certified lifeguards will be on duty.
3. Staff has the authority to use discretion to enforce the rules and regulations and maintain a safe and healthy environment.
4. The pool manager is in charge of the pool and has the authority to dismiss any adult or child from the pool for any infraction of the rules or when safety is threatened. In such cases management may withhold activity cards.
5. Montgomery Village Foundation pools are family oriented community facilities. Foul, rude or offensive language or behavior will not be tolerated. Offenders will be asked to leave the premises immediately.
6. The pool may be closed at the discretion of the pool manager on duty due to inclement weather, operational breakdown, or other emergency. During the electrical storms, the entire pool facility will be closed for a period of one half hour after the last report of thunder or lightning. Pools may be closed when the air temperature is below 70F.
7. Only children 6 years and under may use opposite sex bathroom. Children 6 years and under using bathrooms must be accompanied by person over 16 years of age.
8. The use of cameras, video cameras or any device containing camera equipment of any kind is prohibited in all bathrooms or changing facilities. Use of cameras in other areas of the facility to photograph activities with family and friends should not infringe on the right to privacy of others; Photographs or videos should not be taken of others without their permission.
9. Persons suspected of being under influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted in the facility.
10. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the pool enclosure or bathhouse.
11. Audio equipment must be used with headphones at a volume that cannot be heard by others.
12. Beverages must be consumed at least 8 feet from the pool. Food must be consumed in designated areas.
13. Glass containers are not allowed in the pool area or bathhouse.
14. Pets are not allowed in the pool area, with the exception of service animals.
15. Loitering will not be permitted in the facility, parking lot or grounds.
16. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the facilities, or 25 feet from them.
17. Use of swimming pools by businesses or individuals for profit is prohibited, except under agreement with MVF Department of Recreation, Parks and Culture.

ADMITTANCE TO POOLS:

Designated Users (MVF photo activity card holders) and Pool Members (Blue photo activity card holders)

1. Activity card with current sticker must be given to the desk attendant upon entering and picked up when leaving the pool.
2. Children under the age of 10 need to be accompanied at all times by a person 16 years or over.
3. One person 16 years or over can bring a maximum of 5 children under the age of 10 to the pool at any one time.

Non-Designated Users

1. Current Activity card and Single Guest pass must be given to the desk attendant upon entering. Activity Card must be picked up when leaving the pool.
2. Single Guest pass is valid for one person, one entry only.
3. Children under the age of 10 need to be accompanied at all times by a resident 16 years or over. MVF Single guest pass will be required for all children 2 years and older.
4. One person 16 years or over can bring a maximum of 5 children under age of 10 to the pool at any one time.

Guest entry procedure

1. Designated Adult User Activity Card holder and Pool Member can bring up to 5 guests at any one time with single guest pass or 15 punch guest pass.
2. Non-designated user Adult activity card holder can bring up to 5 guests at any one time with the MVF single guest pass for each person.
3. Youth Activity Card holders can bring up to 2 guests over the age of 10 at any one time.
4. MVF Single guest pass or 20 punch guest pass will be required for each guest 2 years and older.
5. Guests must sign in at the pool desk.
6. Guests must be accompanied by resident at all times and are fully responsible for the actions of their guests.

House Guest Pass Holder

1. May enter the pool without a resident member.
2. Pass is valid only during indicated period.
3. May not bring additional guests to pool.
4. Resident is fully responsible for action of their guests.

Child Care Provider Pass

1. Child Care provider 16 years and over may bring a maximum of 5 residents' children 10 and under to the pool with the Child Care provider pass.
2. Child Care provider may not enter the facility without resident's children.
3. Child Care provider is responsible for supervision, well-being of children while using the facility.
4. Resident is responsible for the actions of the Child Care Provider whom he/she purchased the pass.

HEALTH REGULATIONS:

1. Bathers who are incontinent and wish to enter pool must wear snugly fitting rubber/plastic pants over the clean diaper or swim diaper.
2. Swimmers must wear swim attire upon entry to the pool. Swimwear must be made of a light material suitable for swimming such as Lycra, Spandex or Nylon. Swim wear should not be transparent or worn for exercising immediately prior to pool use. Clean t-shirt may be worn on top of swimsuits for modesty or medical reasons. NO street clothes, cut-offs, athletic shorts, jeans, thongs, under garments or underwear or swimwear which restricts movement are permitted.
3. Any person having any apparent skin disease, sore or inflamed eyes, cough, cold, nasal or ear discharge, or wearing band-aids or bandages, or having any communicable disease are not permitted in the pool.
4. All persons using the pool must take a cleansing shower, using soap and water, before entering pool.
5. Spitting, spouting water, blowing the nose, introducing of dirt, excreta and other extraneous matter, dangerous objects and materials are prohibited in the pool.

SAFETY REGULATIONS:

1. Persons who are not water safe must be within arm reach and actively supervised while in the pool by a responsible guardian 16 years of age or over at all times. Lifeguards may require children to swim 25 meters to demonstrate their ability to swim without the arms length supervision of a guardian.
2. No diving is allowed from the side of the pool. The only exception will be at the diving well during open well swim and during swim team practice in depth 4 feet and over, under supervision of the coach and at his or her sole responsibility.
3. Prolonged breath holding activity or underwater swimming for distance is prohibited.
4. For lifeguard access walking or sitting may be restricted in certain areas of the pool deck.
5. No running in the bathhouse or pool deck area.
6. No rough or dangerous play that may injure or cause undue disturbances to others is permitted in the pool, on the decks, diving boards, or bathhouse.
7. Gum chewing is not permitted in the pool.
8. On top of each hour there will be 15 minutes rest period for everyone under the age of 16. The last rest period will be announced 15 minutes prior to closing time instead at top of the hour. During rest period children must be completely out of the pool unless child is 2 year and under in the arms of an adult 16 year and over.
9. All furniture and equipment (strollers, chairs, playpens and etc.) must be placed at least 8 feet away from pool.

WADING POOL REGULATIONS:

1. Supervision of children using the wading pools and wading pool slide is the responsibility of the person 16 years and over accompanying them, and not MVF staff.
2. Only children 5 years and under are permitted in the wading pool.
3. Slide (**Whetstone & Apple Ridge**) in the wading pool area may only be used by children permitted in the wading pool.
4. Riders must use the slide in a feet first, seated manner.
5. The slide and associated landing area should be clear of the previous rider before next rider begins.
6. Children must wear snugly fitting rubber/plastic pants over the clean swim diaper or diaper.
7. Appropriate toys and floats are allowed in the wading pool.

EQUIPMENT AND TOYS REGULATION (Main Pool):

1. Only the following equipment will be allowed in the main pool:
 - a) Goggles
 - b) Kickboards, swim fins and snorkels are for swimming in lap lanes only.
 - c) The only approved flotation devices must be properly fitted and labeled as Coast Guard approved for lifeguard verification. Persons who are using an approved safety device are considered not water safe. (see safety regulation # 1). Other flotation devices are not allowed, except for scheduled events. Water wings and Life vests must be Coast Guard approved even for a special event.
2. Equipment for water exercise such as belts, noodles or water weights are only allowed in the main pool when used by adult (16 years and older) for exercise purposes or during recreational programs.
3. At the discretion of the pool manager, in a designated area of the pool, playing "Catch" with a soft small object or use of soft toys at close proximity without prolonged breath holding is allowed. During busier times these objects may not be allowed.

LAP LANES:

1. Lap lane space is limited. Persons not actively swimming laps or exercising must remain in other areas of the pool.
2. Several people of similar speeds can effectively share each lane by "circle swimming". Swim counterclockwise near the lane lines and pass in the middle when more than two swimmers are in a lane.
3. Lane dividers are not weight bearing; refrain from using them as support.
4. Stop only at the turning walls. Move to the side to allow others to turn and continue.
5. Lap swimmers should arrange themselves according to speed in the lanes.

DIVING BOARD/WELL RULES:

1. Persons using the diving board must be able to swim to the ladder unaccompanied. Swimmers may be asked to prove ability to swim before using the board or at any time if deemed necessary.
2. Swimmers may be asked to take a break from using the diving board or well if swimming ability appears to the lifeguard to become compromised for any reason.
3. Only one person at a time is permitted on the diving board and ladder.
4. Only one bounce is permitted before diving.
5. Dives must be straight out away from the board.
6. Upon surfacing, immediately swim to the nearest ladder to exit.
7. Divers must wait until the preceding diver has surfaced and reached the ladder.
8. Cut-aways or inward dives or dives for distance are prohibited.
9. Swimmers may not catch non-swimmers in the well.
10. To ensure everyone's safety, the lifeguard may deny improper dives/jumps any time.
11. Divers may not use goggles while diving.
12. During open well swim diving boards will be closed. Flotation devices or vests may not be used in the diving well.

DUAL WATER SLIDE RULES (Whetstone & Apple Ridge Pool Only):

1. The line should form against the railing with only one person per step. Only two people will be permitted on the platform at a time.
2. Riders must be able to use slide and exit the slide landing area independently.
3. Riders must be seated at the top of the slide in the start tub to begin their ride.
4. Riders may not proceed down the slide until the previous rider has exited the slide itself and the landing area.
5. Under no circumstances may any rider proceed down the slide head first, in a kneeling position or while standing.
6. Riders may not walk or crawl up the slide.
7. Riders may ride the slides in separate flumes, side by side, with another person; but not in the same flume.

BODY SLIDE RULES (Apple Ridge Only)

1. All users must be at least 40" tall.
2. No tubes, mats or life jackets permitted in flume of body slide.
3. Only one rider on the body slide at a time. No doubles or chains.
4. Enter waterslide in sitting position.
5. Ride body slide feet first either sitting or lying down on back.
6. Keep both hands & feet inside the body slide flume at all times.
7. No stopping, turning, standing, kneeling or rotating.
8. Exit plunge pool area immediately.

CURRENT CHANNEL GUIDELINES

1. Person who is not water-safe must be within arm reach and actively supervised while in the channel by a responsible person 16 years of age or over. Person using approved vest is considered not water-safe. Patrons must be 48" to ride the channel unaccompanied.
2. Patrons must enter and exit the channel only from the stairs and activity pool.
3. No horseplay or dangerous activities. No diving or jumping into the current channel.
4. At the discretion of management, all riders might be required to use a noodle. If a noodle is not available, they may need to wait for another patron to finish using it.
5. Water depth is 3'6" and the current is strong. Patrons may not stop, walk the opposite way, or hold onto the wall. (Unless part of an MVF Program)
6. Only pool noodles will be allowed in the current channel. No rafts, water tubes, kick board, etc.

Pregnant women and people with heart or back condition should not use waterslide and should check with their doctor before any pool activity.