



POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. Regulations & Operating Hours

1. The Devenger Place Family Center Board has the operational and administrative responsibility for the pool.
2. Complaints about the pool operations should be directed to the Pool Manager. If not resolved, it should be discussed with the DPFC Board of Directors in writing (DPFCBoard@devengerplace.org).
3. The Board has the authority, as stated in the by-laws, to establish these regulations and designate its representatives (e.g., VP, Pool Manager, and lifeguards) and to enforce them.
4. The DPFC Pool Operation Hours:
 - a. Opens Memorial Day weekend to all and closes after Labor Day weekend.
 - b. Regular Operating Hours:
 - Monday – Thursday 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
 - Friday - Saturday 10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
 - Sunday 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 - c. Scheduled hours are modified:
 - i. when Greenville County Schools are in session.
 - ii. during SAIL events (typically only three Thursday evenings during swim team season).
 - d. Any changes in the pool's regular operating schedule will be emailed, in addition to being updated on social media (Facebook and Instagram).
 - e. On weekdays the pool, or portions thereof, may be blocked off for group or individual swimming lessons and other activities as approved by the Board. Notices of such activities will be posted.
 - f. Pool will close when necessary for maintenance or inclement weather at the lifeguards' discretion (Further information on weather regulations are under Section VIII)

II. Pool Entry and Member Wristbands

1. Every Devenger Place pool member must sign-in at the gate upon entering the pool area (swimming or not).
2. Each member must wear their pool member wristband in order to enter the pool area. Wristbands must be worn at all times while in and around the pool area.

If you forget your wristband

Pool members who are 15+ years of age that forget their pool wristband may borrow a temporary wristband from a lifeguard or gate guard.

- ***To be eligible for a temporary wristband, the person must be a pool member listed in the DPFC Pool Member book**
- Anyone under the age of 15 MUST wear their pool member wristband or a guest wristband while inside the pool gates.
- Pool members are only allowed a temporary wristband *two times* throughout the summer.
- When a pool member forgets their band more than two times, they may purchase a new band from the lifeguards or leave and return with their band. Members will be charged \$10.00 per wristband for replacement of lost or stolen wristbands.

III. Guests & Age Regulations

1. The pool and pool area is for the exclusive use of the paid pool members and their guests.
2. All guests must be accompanied by a DPFC pool member and pay a fee of \$3.00/day.
3. **No Devenger resident who is eligible for membership is permitted to be a guest.**
4. Every guest must be registered at the gate by the pool member.
5. Paper wristbands will be issued to each paying guest, and are only valid for date listed on the band.
6. There may be no more than four guests *per family membership* at any one time. In an effort to prevent overcrowding, pool members are requested to use discretion in the frequency of invited guests.
7. Children ages 10+, or a rising 5th grader, who have written permission from their parent/guardian shall be allowed to use the pool without parental supervision. Permission waivers will be provided at pool member wristband pick-up.

8. Babysitters who are not DPFC pool members are allowed access to the pool with the following conditions:
 - a. They must be at least 15 years of age.
 - b. Must be in possession of the child(ren)'s parent/guardian's wristband.
 - c. Babysitters are only granted entry at the time they are supervising the child(ren) of a pool member in lieu of the parents.
 - d. Devinger Place pool members who are babysitting non-pool members are allowed to bring up to three children under the age of 10 not listed under their family membership. These children must remain under direct supervision of the pool member at all times.

IV. Safety - Pool Attire, Activities, Safety Break, Baby Pool, Diving Area

1. All pool members and their guests should use the pool and its facilities at their own risk.
2. Persons entering the pool must wear proper swimming attire
 - a. Cargo shorts, cut-offs, jeans, etc. are prohibited. The filter system cannot work properly if clogged by strings from frayed suits.
 - b. Swimmers are encouraged to remove all loose metal objects, such as jewelry, bracelets, hair clips, etc., before going into the pool.
 - c. Arm floaties or "water wings" may only be used on children under the age of 10 who are learning to swim. Children wearing arm floaties must be in close proximity to a responsible adult and must remain in the 3 foot section of the pool at all times.
 - d. Arm floaties are prohibited in the deep end.
 - e. Life jackets are permitted when worn properly and Children wearing life jackets must remain under close supervision of their parent/guardian.
 - f. All diapered infants must wear disposable swim diapers or rubber or plastic pants and swimsuits. Parents are responsible for cleaning up after infants.
3. Lifeguards and pool management have the right to limit activities they feel are unsafe.
 - a. No running, pushing, wrestling, or causing undue disturbance in the pool area.
 - b. Water games, in relation to safety and liability, are at the discretion of the lifeguards on duty.
 - c. No Horseplay will not be permitted.
 - d. No chicken fights of any piggyback games
 - e. During high traffic times, games involving frisbees, footballs and other hard balls will not be allowed.
 - f. No prolonged underwater breath holding or breath holding games.
4. Water balloons are not allowed in or around the pool or pool deck
5. Flotation devices, such as rafts and inner tubes are prohibited in the pool (they are a visual distraction to lifeguards)
6. Styrofoam noodles are not allowed in the deep end.
7. Mandatory Safety Break will be observed every hour:
 - a. **Safety Break will be between 10-15 minutes**
 - b. Must be observed by all persons under the age of 18.
 - c. **A parent/guardian may accompany one child 3 years and younger in the pool during Safety Break.**
 - d. Children must remain 2 feet clear of the water during Safety Break.
 - e. Lifeguards are not responsible for people using the pool during the break.
8. Baby pool use is limited to pre-school children under the direct supervision and control of their parent or guardian.
9. Special precautions must be observed in the Deep End/Diving Board Area.
 - a. Only one person may be on the diving board at a time. The persons in line must wait on the deck, *not on the steps or on the ladder*.
 - b. Before stepping onto the diving board, you must wait until the person before you has surfaced and is safely to the side of the ladder.
 - c. **One bounce only** is allowed.
 - d. No running on the diving board
 - e. No "Gainer" flips during kids swim. Only adults 18+ are allowed to do "gainers" and it must be at the swimmer's own risk during the safety break.
 - f. Jump off and out the end of the diving board
 - g. Do not jump or dive toward any object *including other swimmers*, pool edges, or equipment unless otherwise instructed to do so by a lifeguard or certified swim instructor.
 - h. No hanging on or under the diving board.
 - i. Puddle jumpers and floaties cannot be worn while using the diving board.
 - j. While the diving board is in use, swimmers may not cross the deep end. Swimmers may only use the right side of the deep end (side closest to lifeguard stand). The diving board side of the deep end is only for those using the diving board.
10. No diving in any area 5 feet deep or less.
11. Only forward entry is allowed from the deck.
12. No flips off the side of the pool.
13. The use of the swim team's starting blocks is restricted to swim practices, swim meets, and during instruction.

14. No hanging, playing, or climbing on lifeguard stands or life lines.

V. Pool Property - Restrictions, Care for, Safety

1. **No glass containers of any kind are allowed in the pool area.**
2. **No smoking or vaping within the enclosed pool area.** Smoking and the use of electronic cigarettes are permitted outside of the pool gates. Smokers are requested to dispose of extinguished butts.
3. Trash cans are provided. Please clean up food and drink spills from tables, chairs, and deck surfaces.
4. Food and drink will not be permitted in the restrooms. Loitering and littering in these areas is not be permitted
5. No pets or animals are permitted inside the enclosed pool area. The only exception would be a CLEARLY identified service animal with a service vest and proper ID.
6. Any property damaged due to the fault or negligence by a pool member or their guest must be repaired or replaced by said member at their expense.
7. Pool members and their guests are responsible for their belongings at all times. DFPC will not be responsible for loss or damages to personal property on or within the area of the pool and nearby property.
8. Any items left inside the gated pool area will be put in Lost & Found. Lost & Found will be donated every three-four weeks.
9. No pool member, other than the DPFC Board, shall give instructions to the pool management or lifeguards regarding pool operations or discipline within the pool area.
10. No pool members are permitted in the pump house or the chlorine room for any reason.

VI. Pool Parties

1. Pool parties are available for members of Devenger Place Pool and their guests ONLY.
2. A party consists of 5 or more guests.
3. Parental supervision is required. There must be one adult for every 10 children.
4. It is the responsibility of the host to confirm the pool's availability to prevent conflicts with any neighborhood events (swim team, etc.)
5. Private Parties are available
 - a. All private events must be approved by the DPFC's Board
 - b. DPFC pool member must be over 21+ years of age to rent the pool for their event *after* pool hours.
 - c. The DPFC member who rents the pool must be present throughout the duration of the private event.
 - d. The pool will not close its normal activities for private parties.
6. A completed Pool Party Reservation Forms (found on devengerplace.org) must be submitted **14 days prior to the day of the event.**
7. Two Fees are required:
 - a. Devenger Place Family Center fees
 - i. Cabana Rental = \$100 for two hours (+\$50 for each additional hour)
 - ii. Reserving two - three tables (may not exceed 3 tables) = \$50 for two hours (+\$25 for each additional hour)
 - b. Upstate Pool Management lifeguard fees
 - i. One lifeguard per 25 people is required for all Upstate-managed pool parties
 - ii. Lifeguard = \$35/hr. per each guard working the party
 - iii. Parties involving alcohol will require at least two guards.

VII. Swim Lessons

1. The Devenger coaches have constructed a roster of experienced, enthusiastic team members who are available for delivering private lessons. They are all at least 13 years old and have swum competitively for several years under multiple coaches. For swimmers who need assistance with basic swimming techniques, stroke mechanics or help in the critical problem areas like breathing, there are several experienced Devenger Dolphin swimmers who their coaches endorse. Visit website - <https://devengerdolphins.swimtopia.com/private-lessons>
2. Upstate Pool Management Group also offers swim lessons. For more information visit upstatepoolmanagement.com/swim-lessons/
3. DFPC Pool Members who provide swim lessons to non-pool members must pay the guest fee for each person they teach.

VIII. Miscellaneous - Alcohol, Parking Lot, Inclement Weather, Personal Conduct

1. Alcohol is permitted in compliance with these rules:
 - a. Glass containers are not permitted.
 - b. Alcoholic beverages must be concealed with a koozie or in a cup.
 - c. At no time will DPFC provide, sell, or store alcohol for the consumption of its members, permit holders, or guests.
 - d. Pool members and guests must act responsibly and to limit alcohol use around the water.

- e. Underage drinking is prohibited. Do not leave alcoholic beverages unattended or otherwise accessible by underage pool attendees.
 - f. Disorderly or disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.
 - g. Anyone consuming alcohol on the premises is responsible for having a safe means of leaving.
 - h. We do not, under any circumstances, accept responsibility for any harm that results to yourself, anyone else, or any property due to the consumption of alcoholic beverages.
2. Illegal drugs are prohibited in, on and around the property of the the Devenger Place Family Center
 3. No abusive language or harassing behavior is allowed
 4. **Any language or actions that cause threat, intimidation or discomfort toward any person is strictly prohibited.**
 5. The Parking Lot is part of the DPFC
 - a. Members and guests shall drive slowly and carefully on the driveway and in the parking area.
 - b. All motor vehicles and bicycles shall be parked in the designated areas.
 6. Closing due to Weather
 - a. At the first sound of thunder, the pool will be cleared of swimmers for 30 minutes
 - b. At the first sight of lightning (including heat lightning), the pool and pool deck will be cleared of all patrons for thirty minutes.
 - c. The pool will reopen thirty 30 minutes after the last thunder or lightning strike
 - d. No one is permitted to go in or near the pool until the full allocated time has passed and until the lifeguard(s) give permission.
 - e. In absence of thunder or lightning, the pool (or parts of the pool) may also be cleared if rainfall becomes so intense that the bottom of the pool is not visible.
 - f. A lifeguard will remain on duty until 2 hours prior to closing. If, at that time, the weather is still unsuitable for swimming, the pool will be closed for the day. This does not apply to privately scheduled evening activities.
 7. Pool members and their families acknowledge that there is always an element of danger in using a swimming facility, and they agree to exercise due care and responsibility in the use thereof.

Pool Rules are established by DPFC's Board of Directors. Pool use is a "Privilege" and not a "Right" of being a member of Devenger Place's Community. Pool rules are established for the safety of all community members and to create an environment of family fun.

There is a zero tolerance policy for any and all improper language or behavior towards others.

Any person not following the Pool Rules and Regulations, after the appropriate warning, lifeguards are authorized to ask the violator to leave the pool area for up to 24 hours. Depending on violation, any pool member can and will be suspended longer or permanently from the pool and/or all DPFC property with the full agreement from the DPFC Board.

Pool Management is licensed to add or revise additional safety regulations as they see fit with approval from the DPFC Board of Directors. These rules may be revised or additional rules established at any time by the DPFC Board.

POINTS OF REFERENCE

Ways to learn more and to get updates throughout the summer.

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- Facebook Page** - [Devenger Place News \(Official\)](#)
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