

## **GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP ~ DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION** **MUNICIPAL POOL ~ 2021 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The pool managers, assistant manager and lifeguards are on duty to protect and assist you. It is your responsibility to support them in every way and follow the rules and regulations.

**POOL OPENING:** May 29 - Weekends Only  
June 19 - Full Time

**POOL PHONE #:** 856-232-4506

**POOL ADDRESS:** 59A Monroe Dr.  
Laurel Springs, NJ

**POOL HOURS:**

Monday through Friday  
Saturdays & Sundays

9:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

**INCLEMENT WEATHER:** The pool will be closed during inclement weather. It is possible that the pool will close for just a few hours and then re-open, call if the weather is questionable. If the pool has not re-opened by 6:00PM due to bad weather, the pool will remain closed. Members and their guests must vacate the pool grounds until weather clears. Members may stay in their vehicles.

**MAINTENANCE:** Due to circumstances beyond our control, it may be necessary to perform pool maintenance or repairs during the pool season. Every effort will be made to do this in the morning, however, we may experience a late opening or closure if the filtration system or the pool itself require immediate maintenance. No refunds or passes will be given if we must close the pool for 48 hours or less due to maintenance difficulties. If we must close for **more than 48 hours**, upon request, we will issue one guest pass per family member, per closed non-rain day, to pool members free of charge.

**COVID GUIDLINES:** We will be meeting or exceeding CDC and NJ DOH guidelines for public pool openings. Please note the following for the 2021 membership year:

- The Municipal Pool will operate at reduced capacity; time limits may be implemented during high capacity times.
- Members must wear masks while entering pool grounds and while walking anywhere other than to/from the pool itself
- Social distancing is required and will be strongly enforced
- Markers will be prominently displayed throughout the pool grounds so that members can maintain a distance of six feet from each other
- Snack bar will be open, but in a limited capacity. Only drinks and prepackaged snacks will be available
- Footwear is required for using the bathroom; bathrooms will be monitored to maintain social distancing and will be disinfected regularly throughout the day
- Pool members will be screened daily as per current CDC/NJ DOH Guidelines

**MEMBERSHIP:** Membership to the Gloucester Township Municipal Pool shall be restricted to residents of Gloucester Township. The Township reserves the right to require satisfactory proof of residency at the time of registration or at any other time during the term of membership. We will also limit the number of memberships available to maintain a safe pool environment.

**The following proofs of residency are required upon registration:**

1. Drivers license or State ID for every member 18 and older
2. Utility bill or tax bill
3. All school age children need to provide a school id or report card showing a home GT Address

- Township Residents who were 2019 Members will be offered the opportunity to register April 26-May 6. Township residents will be offered the opportunity to register for municipal pool memberships starting May 10, 2021. The Township reserves the right to deny, limit, revoke or suspend membership for good or just cause, including violation of Rules and Regulations.
- The membership fee is \$250 per family or \$130 for a single membership which includes weekdays and weekends. The membership fee for Weekdays Only is \$190 per family or \$100 for a single membership which includes pool use Monday through Friday. The Night/Weekend Family membership fee is \$160, or \$85 for a single membership, valid Monday-Friday after 4 PM and Saturday and Sunday 11 AM - 8 PM. Times
- Children 16 and over may be registered for a single membership. However, it is the parent(s) responsibility to review and explain the pool rules and regulations in the entirety to his/her child.

**MEMBERSHIP CARDS:** Any misrepresentation of family size or family information upon registration will result in revocation of your membership without a refund. Family membership is limited to the actual number of persons living in your household. It **cannot** include in-laws, visiting relatives, or day care providers who do not live in your home on a **permanent** basis. Exceptions will be made for college students home for the summer and living with their families. Also, documented summer custody of a child, and/or documented medical residency exceptions can be made, upon their review and approval by the Department of Recreation.

**GUESTS:** Members may purchase a card for \$20.00 which will get punched each time you bring a guest. The passes are available for purchase at the Pool Front Gate or online. The card is good for 5 individual guest visits at any time. Children under 3 are free. **NO SINGLE DAY GUEST PASSES ARE AVAILABLE.**

Guests must be accompanied by a pool member to enter. The number of daily guests a member may bring CANNOT exceed the number of family members registered. For example, a family of five may bring a maximum of five guests at one time. The ability to bring guests may be limited due to capacity restrictions.

Guests under 12 years of age will be asked to take a swim test prior to use of the diving area.

**Swim test requirements:** 1. Swim one lap equaling the length of the pool.  
2. Tread water for 60 seconds non-stop.

All children that take and pass the swim test will need to pay \$1.00 for the band. Swim bands must be worn at all times.

**REFUND OF MEMBERSHIP FEES:** If you are not satisfied with the pool, these rules and regulations, or the facility itself, you may request a refund. A refund, less a \$10 processing fee will be issued. Due to the seasonal financial commitment made to staff and pool operations, requests for refunds cannot be honored after July 1, 2021. Refunds will be mailed out on approximately July 31. **All returned checks are subject to a \$25.00 fee.**

**PARKING:** Please enter the parking area with caution, parking only in designated areas. Be careful of children who may be walking up the driveway. All bicycles must be left outside the fenced pool area.

**POOL GROUNDS:** The pool personnel cannot check valuables or store them in an area for you. We are not responsible for lost or stolen articles. We do have a lost and found in the pool office. No persons other than pool members, their guests and employees are permitted on the pool grounds.

- Any willful property damage will be charged to the member who performed the vandalism.
- No smoking, eating or drinking can be permitted in the pool or pool area where lounge chairs and

pool chairs are found. Also, please keep the picnic tables open for these purposes; do not leave your towels, clothing, etc. in these areas or remain at one table for your entire visit.

- **Alcohol and Smoking is prohibited on Township property (driveways, buildings, pool, tennis courts, etc.)** Persons under the influence of drugs or alcohol will not be permitted entrance to the pool area. Smoking includes vapes and electronic cigarettes. **The pool staff will check all coolers and bags at the gate prior to entering.**
- Food can be purchased at the snack bar or brought in from home; however, no glass bottles or containers shall be permitted on the premises. Cooking is not permitted.
- The Pool Lift is for staff only.
- Chairs and tables will be assigned by pool staff. Times at tables may be limited during high capacity times.

## **POOL RULES**

1. Children who are still using diapers may not use either the big or baby pool, unless the child is wearing a special swim/water diaper.
2. Diving from the shallow end of the pool is prohibited.
3. Running, pushing or fighting as well as undue disturbance or disorderly conduct is prohibited.
4. Distracting or loitering near the lifeguards while they are on duty is prohibited.
5. Large flotation devices are prohibited in the pool. When in doubt, check with the lifeguard or manager on duty.
6. Wearing cut-offs or "street clothes" in the pool is prohibited.
7. Spitting and nose-blowing is not permitted in the pool.
8. All members and guests with severe colds, open cuts, bandages, blisters, excessive sunburn, inflamed eyes, or nasal or ear discharges are not permitted in the pool.
9. Profanity in or out of the pool will not be tolerated.
10. Use of the baby pool is limited to children under age six. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This area does not regularly have a lifeguard and parental supervision is required at all times. Diapers are not allowed in the baby pool. Again, please use the special swim/water diapers.
11. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older or they will not be permitted in the gate.
12. It is the responsibility of the pool member to explain all pool, diving, and facility rules to their pool guest(s).
13. Children using flotation devices (swimmies, etc.) must be supervised by an adult at all times while in the water.

## **DIVING AREA RULES**

1. All flotation devices are prohibited in diving area.
2. One person on the diving board and slide at one time.
3. No pushing or shoving off the diving board or slide.
4. Any adult or child who, in the lifeguard's or manager's opinion, should not be in the deep end (12 ft.), will be asked to leave.
5. Children under 12 will be asked to take a swim test prior to use of the diving board or slide.
6. Swim test requirements:
  - i. Swim one lap the length of the pool.
  - ii. Tread water for 60 seconds non-stop.
  - iii. Swim bands must be worn at all times.

## **ENFORCEMENT OF RULES**

1. The lifeguard/manager on duty has complete authority over anyone who is abusing their pool privileges. They have the ability to discipline any member or guest for breaking the pool rules.
2. The first infraction will result in a verbal warning.

3. The second infraction will result in the member or guest spending fifteen minutes on the bench; the third infraction is thirty minutes on the bench.
4. Any additional problems will result in suspension for the day. Continued disciplinary problems will result in the suspension for the remainder of the season.
5. The pool manager has the right to recommend suspension of a family or single family member or a guest. A meeting with the family, pool manager, and Recreation Supervisor will be held and the suspension can only be issued by the Recreation Supervisor.

**POSTING OF RULES:** Rules will be posted at the pool. Additional copies of all rules and regulations are available at the Pool and the Recreation Department Office. (856-435-5734)

**SWIM LESSONS:** Swim lessons will be available to all pool members ages 3-12 Saturday and Sunday mornings for 4 weeks. We will offer three sessions (June, July and August). *There will be a \$15 charge per child for each week of lessons.* Registration will be held beginning May 29th at 9am at the pool .

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** The Pool Staff and Recreation Department reserve the right to conduct special events at the pool for the benefit and enjoyment of the pool patrons during pool hours. Check for special event notices at the pool.

**COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, COMPLAINTS:** If a member has a question regarding rule interpretation or questions regarding a pool problem, please speak with the Manager on duty. If you are not satisfied with the response, you may then contact the Department of Recreation by phone at 856-435-5734 or [recdept@glotwp.com](mailto:recdept@glotwp.com).

**SNACK BAR:** The Pool Snack bar will open on May 29th. Snack bar will be open, but in a limited capacity. Only drinks and prepackaged snacks will be available. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

### **VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL COURTS**

The volleyball and basketball courts located at the Municipal Pool are Township property and can be used by any Township resident from 8:00 AM until dusk. Non-pool members as well as pool members may use these facilities.

1. Unless no one is waiting, playing volleyball and basketball will be limited to 45 minutes.
2. Sneakers must be worn on the basketball courts.
3. Skateboards, roller blades and bicycles are not permitted on the courts.
4. All equipment such as racquets, balls, basketballs, must be provided by the users.
5. No throwing sand in the Volleyball court.



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