

Welcome to the 2020 pool season! We are still currently scheduled to open the pool this Monday, June 29th, at 10am. All pools will be open including the wading pools. As you can imagine there will be quite a few changes for this season. As in the past the safety of our members is always our top priority, if you encounter a situation that you feel is unsafe and needs immediate attention please contact the manager on duty.

New Rules

A number of new rules were added this year to address the COVID-19 pandemic. They are as follows:

- All bondholders must sign a waiver before they and their family members will be admitted to the pool. Our gate guards will be checking a list to be sure members have signed the waiver and will not admit those who have not signed it. The waiver can be found on our website, www.shipleyspool.com and can be signed electronically. Paper copies of the waiver will also be provided at the gate for adult members to sign for the whole family, including houseguests and nannies. We prefer that the waiver be signed electronically.
- Members must be able to identify themselves at the gate if requested with either a pool-issued key tag or photo ID. Due to our reservation system outlined below, member IDs are imperative this year.
- Members who are experiencing or have experienced symptoms of the coronavirus such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, or members who have been tested for COVID-19 and are awaiting test results should not enter the club grounds for 7 days. **Members found in violation of the above will have their bonds revoked and membership terminated.**
- Swimmers are required to stay six feet apart from anyone who is not from their household.
- Face coverings will be worn by staff when interacting directly with members.
- Members should wear face coverings when interacting with staff or other individuals not from their household.
- All members should practice social distancing with six feet of separation when they are within the pool enclosure.
- Members will not be allowed to bring guests. Nanny passes and house guest passes will still be honored.

New Procedures

Other changes to the pool operation and procedures due to the pandemic include the following:

- Only the use of the diving board and the slide will be allowed in the diving well. Games with multiple kids in close proximity are not allowed.
- There will be no social events scheduled at the pool initially, but we are tentatively planning to host food trucks.
- The pavilion will be open, but will not be available for reservations for large parties.
- The snack shack will be open with limited hours and limited offerings. Cash is being accepted, and we are looking into electronic payment options.
- The grills, corn hole, ping pong, and the basketball will be available for use at your own risk.
- There will be limited furniture placed on the pool deck to allow for social distancing. Members are allowed and encouraged to bring their own chairs.
- Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be made available, but members are encouraged to bring their own and wipe down their table and chairs.
- The pool management company will be cleaning the facility per CDC guidelines including wiping down all touchpoints (handrails, ladders, etc.) prior to opening, at 1pm, and at 5pm.

Reservations

Due to Anne Arundel County restrictions of having one swimmer per 36 square feet of pool surface, the pool capacity is limited to 200 members at any one time within the pool enclosure. ***We are a club with 720 families and over 2700 members, so operating within a limited capacity will be challenging.*** Therefore, similar to other pools in the area, we will be instituting a reservation system where members will sign up for time slots during the weekdays and weekends. The reservation system will work as follows:

- **On Saturday at 6pm**, a sign up list will be available on our website with time slots for next **Monday through Thursday**. For the first 24 hours we are asking that each member only sign up for one time slot during this period. This will allow all members a chance to sign up. **At 6pm on Sunday**, members will be allowed to sign up for up to 2 more time slots. Please only sign up members listed on your bond and please don't sign up for more than 3 time slots total, even if there are more spaces available.
- If there are any spaces available once the time slot has started, we will consider allowing walkups until we reach 200 members.
- We will use a similar method for the time slots for next weekend, Friday, July 3rd, through Sunday, July 5th, with signups tentatively set to begin at 6pm Wednesday, July 1st.
- **The time slots for the week are tentatively scheduled as follows:**
 - o **Sundays through Thursday: 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm, 6pm – 9pm**
 - o **Fridays and Saturdays: 10am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm, 6pm – 10pm**
- The gate guard will have a list of all members for each time slot. The list will be checked beforehand to ensure that everyone is a member and has signed the waiver. Members who have not signed the waiver will NOT be admitted.
- Members must be at least 12 to enter without an adult. No guests will be admitted.
- **There will be one 15 minute adult swim during each time slot.**
- **At the end of each time slot the back gate will be open to allow members an additional exit.**
- The lifeguard staff will be cleaning during the hour before each time slot.

These guidelines and restrictions are subject to change with little or no notice as dictated and required by state and local authorities, our pool management company, or the SCS&TC board. We ask that all members follow these guidelines and understand that any noncompliance might put us in jeopardy of closing for the remainder of the summer.

While this is not ideal, we are committed to making the best of this situation. We will be closely monitoring the attendance and the procedures and will be prepared to make any changes we feel necessary that will improve the safety of our members and/or the efficiency of our procedures. Our goal is to safely accommodate as many members as possible. We kindly ask for your patience and cooperation.

Thank you!

SCS&TC Board