

INVERNESS ASSOCIATION, INC.
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SWIMMING POOL APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. In order to receive your pool membership, you must meet the following qualifications:
 - a. You must live in or own a home in the community.
 - b. Your assessments must be current.
 - c. Rental units must have a current lease on file.

2. All residents who are 18 years of age or older who are not listed as the homeowner(s)* may be asked to provide proof of residency (see “proof of residency”) in order for their pool application to be approved. * Homeowners are those individuals who hold a deed to an Inverness home.

3. Proof of residency can be established in one of the following ways:
 - I. You are on the deed, in which case you are in our system as a member, or your name is on the lease and the landlord has submitted the information needed for you to access the pool.

 - II. You have a current Maryland driver’s license, Maryland State ID or other valid government issued ID that states your address in Inverness (due to past abuse we can no longer accept the MVA change of address card as proof of Inverness address).

With a valid photo id (even with a non-Inverness address), you present or scan 2 of the following: recent official or commercial document stating your Inverness address OR a post-marked official or commercial envelope addressed to you at your Inverness address, such as government or official correspondence; credit card or bank statement; insurance policy, card, or bill; school transcript; cell phone carrier or utility bill; pay stub. All documents must be recent and/or current. The Pool Committee will exercise reasonable judgment in determining whether the documents submitted establish proof of residency.

4. Access to the pool membership system via: <https://inverness.membersplash.com/> .
5. If you created an Inverness pool online account in the past, please review your account and if you need to make any changes including new photos of household members please use: <https://inverness.membersplash.com/account-edit-update-request/> .
6. If you are an Inverness new homeowner or have not completed an online registration for the pool in the past, you will need to set up an account to register for the pool. Please email: invernesspool@gmail.com .
7. If the unit is rented and the tenant is applying for pool membership accounts, the owner must complete the "Tenant transfer" electronic form under: <https://inverness.membersplash.com/pool-use-transfer-request/>. This must be completed annually. (A current lease must be on file with management)
8. Homeowners and tenants may both receive passes for an additional fee of \$465 for the season. Please send an email to invernesspool@gmail.com , including your home address and your tenant information for further instructions. A current lease must be on file with management
9. Picture is required to be on file in order to access the pool. Picture maybe taken at the front desk as long as a member has a picture ID with him/her.
10. In case you need assistance with username or password please email invernesspool@gmail.com.

SWIMMING POOL RULES & REGULATIONS

The following rules are for the protection and benefit of all to assure safe and sanitary operation of the swimming pool and related facilities. Your utmost cooperation in abiding by the rules stated below will ensure pleasant relaxation and recreation for all concerned.

MANAGEMENT AND BASIC RULES

The pool facility is always under the control of a Pool Manager who is responsible for the maintenance of order, cleanliness, and safety on the pool property. The Pool Manager supervises all phases of pool operations, including the employees of the operating staff, and ensures that there is proper enforcement of the rules and regulations established by the Homeowners Association. Comments and questions may be sent to the property manager via TownSq:

<https://app.townsq.io/login>

ENFORCEMENT OF RULES

The Pool Manager shall caution and warn violators, or if necessary, may suspend anyone from pool privileges who is found willfully violating these rules.

ADMISSION

1. Pool members may be admitted to the pool upon providing their last name or address. The check-in system uses headshots pictures to verify member identities. Therefore, a picture is required to be on file in order to access the pool.
2. Pool application will not be approved to members who are not current (\$0 balance) in their payment of assessments required to support operation of the Inverness community.
3. Residents that didn't provide proof of residency won't be able to access the pool.
4. By entering the pool facility, you and your family members agree to comply with all Inverness Association, Inc. (hereinafter "Association") pool policies and rules (hereinafter the "Rules"). You further agree to obey the directives of lifeguards and the pool management company (hereinafter collectively the "Pool Managers"). You understand that these rules may change from time to time during the Pool season at the sole discretion of the Association's Board of Directors (hereinafter "Board"). You further acknowledge that You have received and reviewed the following documents: Swimming Pool Rules & Regulations; Inverness Pool Party Rules; Pool Guidelines and hours(posted on www.invernessassociation.net)

You understand that the Association has the right to suspend my access to the Pool due to your failure to comply with the Rules or to adequately supervise your minor children to ensure their compliance with the Rules. Additionally, you acknowledge that any one of the Pool Managers has the right to demand, in her/his sole discretion, that you leave the Pool immediately. You agree to promptly comply with any such demand.

CHILDREN (under 15 years of age)

1. Children - 12 years of age and under - are not permitted to enter the pool enclosure unless accompanied by an adult or by a responsible youth at least 15 years of age. The person responsible for the child must supervise the child's activities as long as the child is in the pool enclosure. **According to Montgomery County regulations, non-swimmers, including those using red cross approved flotation devices, must be within arms' reach of the supervising adult.** See more about approved flotations devices under [RULES FOR SWIMMERS](#)
2. Children - 13 to 14 years of age - may use the pool without being accompanied by an adult.
3. **BABIES ON DECK MUST BE HELD BY A PARENT OR SUPERVISING ADULT.**

GUEST PRIVILEGES

Members of the pool shall have the privilege of bringing guests according to the following procedures and fees:

1. **A guest entrance must be purchase in advance via your membership account using a credit / debit card.** Three (3) type of virtual passes that are available for purchase. These passes aren't associated with an individual; they will allow you to bring the number of guests according to the passes' type you have purchased. One product per household membership accountant.
 - i. \$15 one (1) guest a day entrance season virtual pass
 - ii. \$25 up to two (2) guests a day season virtual pass
 - iii. \$50 up to five (5) guests a day entrance season virtual pass

Guest entry/collection of cash / checks / credit cards will no longer be available at the pool entrance.

2. All guests will be admitted only when accompanied by a pool member and **the resident must remain at the pool with the guest at all times until all guests depart.**

3. Members are responsible for their guests while they are in the pool area. Each member and guest is expected to be familiar with, and observe all rules pertaining to the operation of the pool facility. Violations of the rules may result in suspension of pool privileges. For repeat offenses, member privileges may be revoked and may only be reinstated by the Board of Directors.
4. At any time that pool usage is approaching maximum capacity (beyond which safety and comfort cannot be assured), newly arriving members shall have priority for admission over newly arriving guests. The Pool Manager is authorized to refuse admittance to additional guests until such time as attendance is reduced to an acceptable level.
5. Guests must sign in under the registration system.
6. Guests - 12 years of age and under - must be accompanied and supervised by an adult pool member (15 years or older).
7. Guests – 13 – 14 years of age - may enjoy unrestricted use of the main pool only when be accompanied by a member of Inverness Pool.
8. A babysitter / caregiver is considered a guest and may be admitted to the pool area by purchasing a seasonal guest pass when accompanied by a member.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

1. All persons using the swimming pool are requested to take a cleansing shower with soap before entering the pool area.
2. For hygienic purposes, the Pool Manager will refuse admission to anyone wearing bandages, or with skin abrasions, colds, coughs, inflamed eyes, infections, open sores, excessive sunburn, or nasal or ear discharges. Casts of any type will not be permitted in the pool.
3. Any adult or child who is experiencing even a mild case of diarrhea may not use the pool.
4. Greaseless type suntan preparations must be used by sunbathers who intend to use the pool. Sunbathers using suntan preparation should shower before entering the pool.
5. **Anyone not toilet-trained (incontinent) who wishes to enter the pool must wear a clean diaper or disposable swim diaper covered by separate rubber/vinyl pants, all of which must fit snugly around the legs and waist. If the diaper becomes soiled, this person must leave the pool immediately and may not return until he/she has taken or been given a soap shower and has been recovered by a new diaper with clean rubber/vinyl pants.**
6. Towels should be used to cover chairs and lounges.
7. Foot showers should be used when entering decks from the grassy area.
8. The bathhouse area of the pool facility shall be kept neat and free of obstacles (shoes, towels, etc.) by the patrons.
9. Smoking of any form (including vapers and electronic) is NOT permitted within the fence surrounding the pool, nor within fifty (50) feet of the pool facility.

10. No pets of any kind, other than registered service animals, will be allowed within the pool enclosure.
11. Any injury occurring in the pool area must be reported to the pool management immediately.

ATTIRE

1. Swimmers must be attired in swimsuits or swim trunks
2. Swim attire should be of lightweight material suitable for swimwear, such as Lycra, Spandex, or nylon.
3. Blue jeans, cut-offs, undergarments, and other makeshift swimsuits are not permitted.
4. **Anyone not toilet-trained (incontinent) who wishes to enter the pool must wear a clean diaper or disposable swim diaper covered by separate rubber/vinyl pants, all of which must fit snugly around the legs and waist. If the diaper becomes soiled, this person must leave the pool immediately and may not return until he/she has taken or been given a soap shower and has been recovered by a new diaper with clean rubber/vinyl pants.**

EATING AND DRINKING

1. All food and drink (except for plastic containers of beverages) must be consumed in an area that is at least 6 feet from the Swimming Pool's edge.
2. Consumption of food and beverages is allowed in the wading pool enclosure or on the patio.
3. Gum chewing is not permitted anywhere within the pool facility.
4. No alcoholic beverages or use of drugs will be permitted on the pool premises.
5. No glass containers or bottles are allowed in the pool area!
6. No grills, gas or electric cooking devices may be brought into the pool facility.
7. All waste must be deposited in designated trash and recycled receptacles.

BEHAVIOR

1. Patrons are requested not to visit or engage in unnecessary conversations with lifeguards while they are on duty.
2. Running, boisterous or rough play, pushing, acrobatics, dunking, wrestling, splashing, yelling, diving or jumping haphazardly, snapping of towels, improper conduct causing undue disturbances on or about the pool area or any acts which would endanger any patron are prohibited.
3. Spitting, spouting of water, blowing the nose, urinating, or other discharging in the pool or pool area is prohibited.
4. Gum chewing is not permitted anywhere in the pool facility.

5. Playing of loud radios is not permitted.
6. The use of abusive or profane language, creation of excessive noise, or other improper conduct on the pool property shall be grounds for expulsion from the pool facility.
7. No person within the facility shall behave in such a manner as to jeopardize the safety and health of him/her and/or others. Such behavior shall be grounds for expulsion.
8. Persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted in the pool complex or in the surrounding area.
9. Any action by pool staff which you regard as inappropriate should be called to the attention of the Pool Manager. Comments may be submitted to the Board of Directors or to the managing agent via US mail or TownSq platform.

EQUIPMENT / TOYS

1. Toys, hard balls, inner tubes, inflated boats, and rafts are not permitted in the pools.
2. No back floats, bubbles, rings, or one-sided flotation devices are permitted
3. Pool Noodles no longer than 6 foot are allowed in the main pool area.
4. No floatation devices of any kind may be used by divers or swimmers in the dive well aka well.
5. Small toys may be allowed in the main pool at the Manager's discretion.
6. No water guns or water squirting devices are permitted in the pool area.
7. Specialized equipment, such as kickboards, fins, or paddles, is only permitted in the lap lanes.
8. No devices covering the nose or mouth will be permitted.
9. Wearing eyeglasses in the pool is discouraged unless absolutely necessary.

RULES FOR SWIMMERS

1. Non-swimmers must remain in shallow water (chest-deep or less).
2. Prolonged underwater swimming is prohibited.
3. No diving in water less than 6 feet.
4. Coast Guard approved and labeled personal flotation devices, such as vests designed to provide vertical support, may be worn with permission of the Pool Manager. Water wings (swimmies) may also be worn. Everyone wearing a personal flotation device must be accompanied by an adult in the pool, within arm's reach. No back floats, bubbles, rings, or one-sided flotation devices are permitted.

SWIM LESSONS

1. Only people employed by Pool Personnel may give swimming lessons at the Inverness pool.
2. Only residents of Inverness Association may take swimming lessons at the pool.
3. Parents and caregivers (who are not being paid to give swimming lessons) may teach their children how to swim.

LAP LANES

1. Lap lanes are for continuous lap swimming.
2. Circle swimming is the default rule of lap swimming.
3. Lap lanes are for multiple swimmers and patrons should expect to share the lane with 2 or more swimmers.
4. Swimmers not swimming laps should remain in other areas of the pool.
5. Patrons are asked not to hang on lane ropes as this may damage them.

RULES FOR DIVERS

The following rules shall apply to use of the diving well and pool deck:

1. Divers must not dive until the previous diver has cleared the diving well and reached the ladder at the side of the pool.
2. Running dives from the pool deck are prohibited.
3. Cartwheels and handstands off the side of the pool are prohibited.
4. Swimmers other than divers should keep clear of the diving area unless no divers are present.
5. Divers have precedence over swimmers in the well unless permission is granted by the lifeguard.
6. Unless authorized by the lifeguard, there will be no retrieving of objects from the bottom of the diving well.
7. No person shall use the well unless a lifeguard is present at the well.
8. No flotation devices are permitted in the well.

WADING POOL

1. Use of the baby pool shall be limited to children 6 years old and under.
2. Supervision of children in the baby pool is the responsibility of the person bringing them to the pool.

RESTROOMS/SHOWERS

1. The use of cell phones, cameras, video cameras or any device containing recording equipment of any kind is prohibited in all bathrooms and changing facilities.

POOL HOURS

1. No person shall use the pool unless it is officially open and lifeguards are on duty. Residents who witness after hours use of the pool must report trespassing to the Montgomery County Police. The non-emergency number is 301-279-8000 or dial "911" for emergencies.
2. The pool may be closed at any time at the discretion of the lifeguard on duty or the Pool Manager.
3. The pool and pool area will be closed during an electrical storm. The pool will not be opened until 30 minutes have passed after the last thunder or lightning strike, or when the lifeguard decides it is safe to reopen the pool.
4. In the event the pool must be cleared of bathers, the lifeguards will give three blasts of a whistle.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

INVERNESS POOL HOURS

Before MCPS Dismissal: May 25-June 12		
Saturday	10:30 AM	8:30 PM
Sunday	10:30 AM	8:30 PM
Monday-Friday	3:30 PM	8:30 PM
Memorial Day	10:30 AM	8:30 PM

Summer Schedule: June 13-August 25		
Daily	10:30 AM	8:30 PM
June 13th (MCPS Half Day)	12:00 PM	8:30 PM
July 4th	10:30 AM	6:00 PM
Sunday, August 25	10:30 AM	8:00 PM

MCPS Returns: August 26-September 2		
Monday-Friday	3:30 PM	8:00 PM
Saturday	10:30 AM	8:00 PM
Sunday	10:30 AM	8:00 PM
Labor Day	10:30 AM	8:00 PM

Bonus Weekend: September 6-8		
Friday	3:30 PM	8:00 PM
Saturday	10:30 AM	8:00 PM
Sunday	10:30 AM	6:00 PM