



Stratford Homeowners Associations
2024 STRATFORD POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations are established for the health, welfare and safety of all Stratford residents and their guests.

The Stratford Homeowners Association Board has adopted the following rules and regulations as conditions of membership. Each member shall read and agree to comply with all the rules and regulations of the Stratford Pool. Each member will agree that the Stratford Homeowners Association and the Stratford staff are absolved of all liability in a cause for action, where it can be shown that there has been a failure to comply with regulations stated herein. The Stratford Homeowners Association reserves the right to change these rules and regulations at which time the residents/membership will be notified.

The pool attendants are authorized to evict anyone violating or failing to comply with the regulations and to enforce such additional rules or regulations as may be necessary for proper safe operation of the pool. Repeated infractions will be referred to the Pool Committee Chairperson. The Stratford Homeowners Association Board may suspend pool privileges for the violator and/or entire family as necessary.

The attendants on duty shall act as representatives of the Stratford Homeowners Association Board and shall have the authority to enforce these regulations and to supervise the general conduct of the swimmers.

Pool Hours: May 4th – May 26th (Weather dependent)

- Monday – Friday: 6:00pm -9:00pm
- Saturday/Sunday: 10:30am – 9:00pm

May 27th – August 2nd: 10:30am – 9:00pm

Augusta 3rd – October 22nd: (Closing date is weather dependent)

- Monday – Friday: 4:00pm – 8:00pm
- Saturday/Sunday: 10:30am – 9:00pm

A. GENERAL

1. The Stratford Homeowners Association accepts no responsibility for loss of money or the loss of or damage to articles belonging to those using the pool (loss or damage to personal property).
2. No pets are allowed in the pool area.
3. Tampering with or defacing Stratford Pool property or equipment is prohibited. Property damage will be charged to the responsible member.
4. Parents, whether present or not, are responsible for the conduct of their children and children's guests using the Stratford Pool.
5. Ten minutes each hour will be set aside for adult swimming and children's (under the age of 18) rest period.
6. All items left in the lost and found will be disposed of each Sunday at 8:00pm

B. MEMBERS

1. Membership for the Stratford Pool is included in Homeowner's annual dues. Homeowners not current on dues are not eligible to use the pool facilities.
2. No member will be admitted without proper Stratford issued access card.
3. Fee to replace any lost access card will be \$25.00.
4. All members are required to treat pool attendants with proper courtesy and respect.

C. GUESTS

1. All guests must be accompanied by a Stratford resident that is current on their Homeowners dues.
2. Guest fee is \$3.00 per day per person. A maximum of 4 guests per day per residence (Homeowner) unless otherwise approved by the Stratford Pool Committee Chairperson.
3. All guests are subject to all rules that apply to members.
4. Conduct of guests is the direct responsibility of the member who sponsors them.
5. Guest aged 12 and under must conform with rules E1 or E2 as appropriate.

D. HEALTH AND SAFETY

1. Only persons in proper swimming attire are permitted in the pool. No cutoffs are allowed (loose threads damage the filtration system).
2. All commonly recognized rules of sanitation and safety shall be observed at all times.
3. No running, pushing, horseplay or causing undue disturbance is permitted in and around the pool.
4. No sitting or hanging on the lifeline (rope) is permitted.
5. No glass containers of any kind are permitted inside the pool area.
6. No unnecessary conversation with or loitering around the attendant on duty is permitted.
7. Children three (3) years of age and younger, as well as any child not potty trained, are allowed in both the wading pool and the big pool only if proper attire is worn. Proper attire consists of swim diapers ("swimmies") to be worn under bathing suit. Cloth or disposable diapers are not allowed in the pool as they can leak or disintegrate and damage the filtration system. Parents are responsible for their children to prevent an incident that will cause the pool to be closed and to dispose of diapers at home and not in the pool trash containers.
8. Members or their guests responsible for deliberate, negligent, or malicious acts that cause the pool to be closed will be charged \$250.00 or the cost to reopen the pool, whichever is greater, and may lose their pool privileges.
9. Members are expected not to use the pool when they are ill, have an infection of any type, have an open wound or are wearing a bandage or band-aid.
10. Climbing on fencing or retaining walls is prohibited.
11. To ensure the safety of all pool participants, the pool staff reserves the right to close the pool in case of lightning, thunder, or heavy rain. The reopening of the facility will be left to the discretion of the attendant on duty. If lightning is sighted, the pool may be cleared for a minimum of 20 minutes.
12. The pool will be closed for at least 8 hours (county regulations) if anyone defecates or vomits in the pool.
13. Only pool staff members are allowed in pump room.

E. SWIMMING POOL

1. Children twelve years of age or under must be always accompanied by their parents or a designated guardian. (See section H)
2. Reminder! The pool attendant is NOT to be used as a childcare provider.
3. Radios may be used at a low volume setting.
4. No food or gum may be brought into the pool area. Food will only be permitted in the designated area (arbor).
5. Drinks in plastic cups or plastic bottles will be allowed.
6. Swimming equipment including swim fins, masks, snorkels, air mattresses, tubes, etc. will be allowed at the discretion of the attendant on duty, depending on the number of people using the pool. Super soakers and any metal toys will not be allowed.

F. WADING POOL

1. Parent or designated guardian must be in the wading pool area when a child is using the wading pool. The parent or the designated guardian, not the attendant on duty, is responsible for the safety and conduct of the child.
2. Only children six years of age and younger may use the wading pool.
3. Metal and rigid objects are not allowed in the wading pool.
4. Disposable diapers are not allowed in the wading pool. Swim diapers are to be worn by all children who are not potty trained.

G. RESTROOMS

1. Members are expected to keep restroom facilities clean. Do not flush any articles such as sanitary napkins, diapers, or paper towels.
2. Clean up of graffiti or other defacement is an unnecessary expense that will be borne by the responsible party.
3. Faulty plumbing is to be reported to the attendant on duty.
4. All trash is to be disposed of in trash containers or proper recycling cans.
5. Spilled drinks are to be cleaned up and rinsed off with water.

H. DESIGNATED GUARDIAN

1. Designated guardians (i.e., babysitters) of children not old enough to use the pool unattended or who have not passed the swimming proficiency test, must be sixteen years of age or older, and registered with the Stratford pool attendant by the parent. (A list will be maintained by the pool attendants)
2. All babysitters are subject to all rules that apply to members.
3. There will be a limit of 2 children per sitter.
4. Conduct of babysitter is the direct responsibility of the member who sponsors them.

I. POOL PARTIES (RESERVATION REQUIRED)

- Weekdays (Monday-Friday) 11:00am to 1:00pm or 5:00pm to 7:00pm.
- Weekends (Saturday/Sunday) 11:00am to 1:00pm or 5:00pm to 7:00pm.
- There are two rental spaces for pool parties. Rental areas of pool are pictured below. Area 1 and area 2 are designated areas, only one area can be rented per event.
- A pool attendant, one attendant per event, must also be hired to maintain safety for all pool party attendees. This is a special duty separate from the on-duty attendant. Special duty attendants are hired at a rate of \$13.00 per hr. Supervisor is \$15.00 hr. To be paid directly to the attendant at the conclusion of the event.
- Pool attendants are Stratford pool employees and while working special duty will maintain safety for pool party attendees. They maintain safety and are not to be asked to assist in setting up or cleanup.
- Private pool parties can also be held from three hours prior to pool opening to regular guests up to regular opening.
- Parties will last no more than three hours and are limited to a maximum of 25 guests.
- No glass containers are allowed in the fenced-in area of the pool, including under the arbor.
- The number of total party guests is limited to no more than 25.
- Removal of trash must be done at the time the party ends.

J. POOL OPERATIONS

1. All constructive criticism on pool operations should be directed to the Stratford Board in written form or by email at stratfordevanshoa@gmail.com
2. All incidents or accidents are to be reported immediately to the attendant on duty.
3. Member and their guests are expected to cooperate with the pool attendants on duty at all times.
4. Members who harass or who act inappropriately towards a pool attendant will be asked to leave.

K. ADULT SWIM

To make our pool more adult friendly, the Stratford Community Board has voted and approved the following:

- Pool members 21 year of age and older are allowed to swim at their own risk between the hours of 6:00am and 10:30 am; and 9:00pm to 12:00am midnight.
- The pool deck must be vacated (empty) when the pool attendant closes for the evening. Members wishing to swim after that time must re-enter the pool after the gate has been secured.
- Visiting guests that live fifty miles or further from Stratford, and who are also 21 years of age or older, may accompany an adult member during adult swim time.
- If a pool member is caught in violation of any pool rule or allows a minor (younger than 21) in the pool during adult hours, their pool privileges may be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- Scheduled or emergency maintenance precludes adult swim.
- The Stratford Community Board strongly urges that swimmers utilized the buddy system by not swimming alone during adult swim hours.

L. POOL CLOSINGS

1. Stratford Home Swim Meets: The pool will close at 3:00pm on days when home swim meets occur.
2. Inclement Weather: In the event of inclement weather, the pool attendants have complete control over clearing the pool and within the fenced area. Pool attendants have been notified to contact the Board Member handling the pool and will contact the Columbia County Sheriff's office to assist.

M. CONTACT INFORMATION

For pool parties and general pool issues, please contact Stratford HOA Board at stratfordevanshoa@gmail.com

Contacts

- i. Pool Committee Chairperson Jerry Jones @ 706-231-8536
- ii. Asst. Pool and Landscaping Committee Chairperson Suzette Carlisle @ 706-339-8388
- iii. Clubhouse Committee Chairperson Robert Lyons @ 706-836-6879

DESIGNATED POOL PARTY SPACES





Stratford Homeowners Associations Pool Rental Agreement

The Stratford Homeowners Association (HOA) community center swimming pool is available for personal parties to all Stratford residents, in good standing, at a cost \$75.00 (non-refundable) and a \$150.00 (refundable) damage deposit & cleaning fee. (1) Pool Attendant \$13.00- \$15.00 per hour paid to attendant directly.

Please read and complete the following contract.

Renter: _____ Date Requested: _____

Time Requested (3-hours max): _____ ☐ AM ☐ PM To: _____: _____pm

Number of guests: _____ Purpose of Event: _____

Renter's Address: _____

Renter's Email Address: _____

Renter's Phone Number: _____

Last five digits of pool card:

Number of children _____ Age range _____

Which of the following will be on the premises: Food ☐ Beverages ☐ Alcohol ☐ Area to rent ☐ 1 ☐ 2

Reminder: **NO GLASS** allowed in pool area.

- The lessee must be a Stratford homeowner at least 21 years of age. The lessee must be on site during the entire rental function.
- Understand that facility maintenance takes precedence over the availability of facility use.
- The swimming pool can be reserved weekdays & weekends.
- The lessee must submit checks (2) for the full amount of rental fees (\$75.00 & \$150.00) at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the contracted rental period. Make all checks payable to the Stratford HOA.
- When there is inclement weather, the lessee may choose to cancel the rental for a full refund or re-schedule for another available day. The lessee must contact the pool chair of this decision prior to the start of the rental period.
- The lessee assumes full and exclusive responsibility for the safety of their guests and any damages to the Stratford pool and accessible community center facilities during the rental period.
- The lessee and guests will comply with all the rules and regulations established by the Stratford HOA. Failure to do so will result in the termination of the contracted rental period, damage deposit and rental fees withheld, and immediate ejection of all attendees from the pool area and accessible clubhouse facilities.
- The damage deposit & cleaning fee (\$150.00) will only be refunded after a walkthrough of the pool by the Lessee and a member of the Homeowners Association prior to and at the end of the function.
- Lessee assumes full responsibility for guests when alcohol is available and/or served. The Lessee assumes responsibility that NO one under the age of 21 will be served or consume alcoholic beverages. Anyone intoxicated will not be permitted in the pool area and will not be allowed to drive home when leaving the event.
- Stratford HOA reserves the right to require an off-duty police officer to be present to monitor the party at the expense of the Lessee should it be deemed necessary.
- It is the responsibility of the Lessee to clean up the pool deck and accessible community center facilities and return these areas to the condition they were in prior to the start of the function. The Homeowners Association board reserves the right to withhold the damage deposit and cleaning fee if they feel the condition of the facilities at the end of the rental period does not warrant a refund.

I have read and understood this rental contract and agree to the terms. I represent that I will be present at these facilities during its use by my guests and are to use due care to ensure that said regulations are enforced by myself and my guests during the time I am renting these facilities. I further realize the ramifications of the failure to abide by the contractual requirements. Please return the last two sheets and checks to the Pool Director when signed and complete.

Signature_____Date_____

Correspondence can be sent to:

Stratford HOA

Email: stratfordevanshoa@gmail.com

Rental contacts:

Pool Committee Chairperson Jerry Jones @ 706-231-8536

Asst. Pool and Landscaping Committee Chairperson Suzette Carlisle @ 706-339-8388

Clubhouse Committee Chairperson Robert Lyons @ 706-836-6879