

VILLAGE SQUARE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION 2026 POOL RULES

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The pool area is for the use and enjoyment of all members of the Village Square Homeowners Association.

In accordance with the provisions of Article II of the VSHA Declaration of Covenants the right to use the recreation facilities by any owner is subject to the right of the Association to suspend such use for any period during which any assessment remains unpaid and for a period not to exceed 30 days for any infraction of its published rules and regulations. Remember that assessments for each month are due by the first of that month.

Starting with the 2026 pool season, the Board is instituting a key FOB pool gate access system and has secured approval of these Pool Rules, the Pool Safety Plan, and other provisions needed for the Department of Health to approve the operation of the pool without lifeguards, as is allowed under the supervision exemption available to Homeowners Associations that meet the needed requirements. In the unlikely event that the key FOB system is not working and the pool is open under the supervision of a lifeguard or a VSHA member Pool Attendant designated by the Pool Committee, entrance to the pool area shall be controlled by the supervising lifeguard or designated Pool Attendant. Most of these Pool Rules are applicable both to times when lifeguards are supervising the pool and times when lifeguards are not, but some more limiting rules are described in the Rules as being applicable when lifeguards are not on duty.

1. When a supervising lifeguard or Pool Attendant is present, they shall have COMPLETE AUTHORITY over the pool and grounds. The lifeguard / Pool Attendant shall have the power to take immediate action to suppress dangerous or disorderly activity, even to the point of ejecting the responsible person.

2. The Board of Directors retains the right to deny pool privileges to anyone who violates any of the rules and regulations as set forth here-in, including harassment of lifeguards or other members or guests using the facilities.

3. These rules and regulations may be revised at any time by the Board of Directors. Requests for changes or variances shall be made in writing to the Pool Committee for review. The Board may make changes or variances to the rules as deemed appropriate.

4. The Village Square Homeowners Association, Inc. will not be responsible for the loss of, theft of, or damage to any property brought upon the recreational premises.

5. Damaging of property, whether belonging to the Association, individual members or guests is of course forbidden. Anyone found damaging any property will be held liable.

6. As noted above, those breaking any of the rules here-in may lose their privileges immediately as directed by the supervising lifeguard or Pool Attendant for up to 30 days as determined by the Pool Committee and Board of Directors.

7. Be advised that the pool entrance, pool area, and upstairs area of the Community Building are all monitored by surveillance cameras.

8. Throughout these rules, numbers referencing a specific age means the specific age number on the date of the activity described in the rule item.

POOL HOURS

1. Listed below are the currently planned days and hours for the pool to be open throughout the 2026 pool season, with or without lifeguards (depending on availability). Weather conditions, pool equipment status, and other conditions may affect actual hours the pool will be open. (Periodically the Pool Committee and Board will review the amounts of pool use at different times of day and other aspects of pool operation. Considering such factors, the Board may make changes to these Pool Rules including changing the planned hours of operation identified below.)

May 23 through September 8th from 11 am to 7:00 pm

(DATES & TIMES WHEN THE POOL IS SCHEDULED TO BE OPEN AND WHEN LIFEGUARDS ARE ON DUTY OR NOT WILL BE POSTED ON THE SIGNS VISIBLE AT THE FRONT DOOR OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING OR AT THE POOL GATE AND ALSO POSTED ON THE VSHA WEBSITE AT: <https://www.dowerskillvillage.com/>

2. When a lifeguard is on duty, pool safety and chemical checks for proper disinfection levels will be made once per hour by the lifeguard. At the lifeguard's discretion, younger swimmers under 16 years of age not accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult may be required to exit the pool during chemical checking times and other times when the lifeguard leaves the pool deck for any needed pool operation and maintenance or lifeguard break activities. When a lifeguard is not on duty, a trained VSHA member Pool Attendant designated by the Pool Committee will perform the safety and chemical checks at least three times per day. When the key FOB access system is in operation, the Pool Attendant will not normally remain at the pool after the safety and chemical checks. When the key FOB system is not in operation and no lifeguard is on duty, the designated member Pool Attendant shall always be inside the pool gate when the pool is open.

3. Adult swim hours and adult lap swimming times may be established during the planned open hours listed above based on interest and approval by the lifeguard or Pool Committee designated member Pool Attendant. If there is enough interest by members, the Pool Committee can establish additional pool open times for adult swimming in addition to the planned open hours listed above.

ADMISSION TO THE POOL – RESIDENTS OF VSHA MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS

1. A key FOB electronic gate access mechanism has been installed that will open the gate and Community Building back door for those who have received an activated electronic key FOB. One activated key FOB will be made available and kept activated for each VSHA residence (a) that is in good standing with payment of assessments as determined by the Board of Directors

or Finance Committee (b) whose owner(s) have agreed to follow the pool rules by signing a form confirming that, and (c) whose owner has provided a completed FORM FOR EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND POOL USE PERMISSION AND COMPLIANCE FOR VSHA HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTS.

The key FOB system will be programmed to allow entry only during open hours (with or without lifeguard availability) and may be deactivated (a) when weather and other conditions are not suitable for pool use and (b) when a household has been determined to have lost eligibility with respect to rule violations or lack of assessment payments. When the key FOB access system is in operation, all residents and their guests must use their household key FOB to gain access through the pool gate. If a FOB is lost, it can be deactivated and a new one issued that is coded for that household. To get a replacement FOB, please contact the Pool Committee using the email address: vsha12077@gmail.com. The household will be responsible for the cost of the replacement. Households desiring to have more than one FOB can purchase them by contacting the Pool Committee using the email: vsha12077@gmail.com

2. After gaining entrance through the gate with the FOB or by the lifeguard or Pool Attendant, all pool users are required to sign in on the Resident or Guest clip boards on the table near the pool entrance gate. Names of young children or others may be signed in by others in the group. Each day the lifeguard or Pool Attendant is required to enter the number of bathers in the daily Health Department form. Please assist lifeguards and Pool Attendants with their record keeping for the Health Department by using one line on the sign-in sheet for each person being signed in.

3. Eligibility Requirements for Authorized Users

a. All residents are required to fill out a FORM FOR EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND POOL USE PERMISSION AND COMPLIANCE FOR VSHA HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTS, listing: (1) the home and work numbers for responsible parents, legal guardians, foster parents, or other responsible adults for use in case of an emergency and (2) the names of any of their children or other residents of the household whom the homeowner authorizes to use the pool including the dates of birth of the younger persons, and (3) an owner's signature acknowledging that your household has received a copy of the 2026 Pool Rules and pledging that all adult residents will review and comply with these rules and that younger residents will be informed of their responsibilities and guided in their compliance. A copy of this Form is attached, and additional copies will also be available at the pool sign-in table.

b. When a lifeguard is on duty, those 12 years of age and older living in a VSHA member household and entering the gate with their household key FOB may swim without supervision by their parent, legal guardian, foster parent or owner of their VSHA member residence, provided that a FORM FOR EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND POOL USE PERMISSION AND COMPLIANCE FOR VSHA HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTS is on file and signed by an owner of the member household or the young adult's parent, legal guardian, or foster parent. As noted earlier in these rules, reference to 12 years of age means the age of the person on the date of the activity described in this rule item.

c. When a lifeguard is on duty, resident children under 12 years of age must be continuously supervised by a parent, legal guardian, foster parent, or adults designated

in the FORM FOR EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND POOL USE PERMISSION AND COMPLIANCE FOR VSHA HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTS. When a lifeguard is not on duty, resident children under 16 years of age must be continuously supervised by one of the types of supervisory persons listed above. For supervision as described in this item c, adults will include young adults 18 years of age or older.

d. When no lifeguard is on duty, (1) Those 18 years of age and above are allowed to use the pool alone (although we do not recommend it) and (2) approved HOA residents 16 and 17 years of age listed in their household's FORM FOR EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND POOL USE PERMISSION AND COMPLIANCE FOR VSHA HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTS and entering the through the gate with their households key FOB are allowed to use the pool if accompanied by another person of the same age group or above.

4. Renters of VSHA residences may enter the pool using the key FOB for their residence or by admittance by the lifeguard or Pool Attendant, if the owner has provided written permission. This permission must be on file at the pool. The attached PERMISSION FORM FOR POOL USE BY RENTERS AND UNACCOMPANIED GUESTS can be used for this written permission.

ADMISSION TO THE POOL – GUESTS

1. All guests must be continuously accompanied by an adult resident, except as provided below.

a. When a lifeguard is on duty, pool use levels and other conditions permitting, adult guests 18 years old or older of resident households will be allowed the use of the pool unchaperoned by their resident host, only if they bring a written permission form signed by the resident property owner, if not already on file, and bring the key FOB for their host's residence when the Key FOB access system is operating. The attached PERMISSION FORM FOR POOL USE BY RENTERS AND UNACCOMPANIED GUESTS can be used for this written permission.

b. When a lifeguard is on duty, VSHA household residents ages 12 and above, when at the pool unaccompanied by a continuously supervising parent, guardian, adult, or VSHA household owner, may bring in up to two guests 12 years of age and older at the lifeguard's discretion, considering pool use levels and compliance with pool rules. The host VSHA household resident shall be required to bring a written permission form signed by a property owner of the residence, if not already on file and the key FOB for their residence when the key FOB access system is operating. The attached PERMISSION FORM FOR POOL USE BY RENTERS AND GUESTS UNACCOMPANIED BY ADULT RESIDENTS containing the information about the guest(s) can be used for this written permission.

c. When no lifeguard is on duty, VSHA household residents ages 16 and above when at the pool unaccompanied by a continuously supervising parent, guardian, adult, or VSHA household owner may bring up to five guests 16 years of age and older. The host VSHA household resident shall be required to bring a copy of the PERMISSION FORM FOR POOL USE BY RENTERS AND GUESTS UNACCOMPANIED BY ADULT RESIDENTS containing the guest information, if not already on file and the key FOB for their residence when the key FOB access system is operating.

160 2. Adult residents 18 years old and above may bring up to 10 guests.

161 3. All guests must sign the guest sign-in register upon entry to the pool facility and sign out
162 when they leave. Please assist lifeguards and designated member pool attendants with their
163 record keeping for the Health Department by using one line on the sign-in sheet for each
164 person being signed in.

165 POOL SAFETY EQUIPMENT

166 1. When no lifeguard is on duty a phone for use to call 911 in emergencies is found on the table
167 to the left upon entering the Community Building hallway from the pool.

168 2. The pool first aid kit is the large black box. When no lifeguard is on duty, it is found on the
169 table to the left in the hallway of the Community Building. It contains a supply of band aids,
170 bandage compresses, self-adhering gauze bandages, and adult and child pocket face masks with
171 a one-way valve for use with CPR. When a lifeguard is on duty it is placed outside at the sign-
172 in/sign-out table or by the pool-side entrance to the Community Building.

173 3. When no lifeguard is on duty, the spine board is located in the hallway of the Community
174 Building.

175 4. A reaching pole 17 feet long is attached to the pool fence on the tennis court side.

176 5. When no lifeguard is on duty, two ring buoys are located on the pool deck (one each on
177 opposite sides) for use by pool users should a flotation device be needed in an emergency. They
178 need to be ready when needed and must not be used for flotation devices for regular
179 swimming activities,

180 POOL SAFETY

181 1. **All persons using the pool facilities do so at their own risk, whether a lifeguard or Pool**
182 **Attendant is supervising or not.**

183 2. Due to the risk of electrocution, all swimmers (1) must exit the water whenever thunder is
184 heard or a lighting flash is spotted and (2) must remain out of the water for at least 30 minutes
185 after the last lightning flash or sound of thunder, whichever happens later. Persons waiting for
186 the 30 minutes to pass inside the Community Building must close all doors and windows at least
187 until after the 30 minutes is up.

188 3. If a supervising lifeguard or Pool Attendant is on site and is in doubt of a bather's well-being,
189 the bather may be asked to take a safety test and/or a rest period may be required at the
190 discretion of the lifeguard or Pool Attendant. For use of the shallow end side, the safety test
191 may include a swim across the width of the pool. For use of the deep end, the safety test may
192 include a swim for the entire length of the pool.

193 4. When the pool is being operated under lifeguard supervision, all young persons under 16
194 years of age who are not supervised by a parent or other responsible adult are forbidden to
195 enter, swim, or stand in the pool water when a lifeguard is in the Community Building, not on

196 the concrete pool deck, or otherwise not on duty watching the pool.

197 5. Running, climbing on fences, and playing with frisbees and with footballs, basketballs or
198 other hard surface balls are all prohibited within the entire fenced-in pool area. Horseplay,
199 shoving or wrestling on decks, ladders, or in the pool or dressing rooms is prohibited. No
200 handstands, cartwheels, or other unsafe jumping off the pool edge is allowed.

201 6. Diving and running jumps into the pool are not permitted.

202 7. A limited number of toys available for use may be found in the Community Building hallway.
203 Any household or guest that wishes to use other specific swimming equipment and toys shall
204 be responsible for bringing their own equipment and toys when they come to the pool and
205 taking them home when they leave that day.

206 Only the following personal swimming equipment may be taken into the water by swimmers:
207 nose plugs, swimming goggles and masks, snorkels, ear plugs, bathing caps, and swim fins.
208 Diving rings, balls with a soft or flexible surface, pool noodles, and small paddle boards may be
209 used by persons with adequate swimming skills.

210 Larger flotation devices, such as large inflated animals and rafts may be used by persons with
211 adequate swimming skills. Larger flotation devices cannot be used if they jeopardize the safety
212 of those using them or take up too much space if the pool is crowded. In such situations a
213 supervising lifeguard or Pool Attendant, if on site, may limit the use of such large flotation
214 devices for that day or part of a day.

215 Children with limited swimming skills will be allowed to use flotation devices as instructional
216 devices for as long as a qualified adult swimmer is standing or swimming in the pool within
217 arm's length of the child or children and directly supervising each child who is using the
218 flotation device. In such cases the child or children and supervising swimmer must remain at
219 the shallow end, no further out than the rope at the five-foot depth. **Should a supervising
220 lifeguard or Pool Attendant determine that an adult is not adequately supervising a child or
221 that a child's safety is being endangered, they may refuse permission for continued use of the
222 flotation devices by that child.**

223 8. Individuals with skin eruptions, open wounds, sores, gauze bandages, diarrhea, or any
224 contagious diseases are not permitted in the pool.

225 9. Patrons may not engage in any unnecessary conversations with a supervising lifeguard or
226 Pool Attendant, whenever there are any swimmers in the water.

227 10. NO GLASS containers are permitted in the pool area.

228 11. Food is permitted to be eaten in the fenced pool area, provided that the residents eating in
229 the area keep it clean, including sweeping up any spilled food. No food is allowed to be taken
230 into the pool.

231 12. Smoking is not allowed within or around the pool area.

232 BATHING ATTIRE

233 1. Bathing attire is required for all ages. No nudity is permitted.

234 2. Children: swimsuits only, no diapers other than those especially made for swimming. Please
235 change diapers in rest rooms only. Diaper pails will be available in each rest room.

236 3. Adults: swimsuits only (no cut-offs – fringe can clog pumps)

237 GENERAL NOTES

238 1. Proper conduct and respectful language and behavior must be observed at all times.

239 2. Any infractions of the rules may result in a warning or immediate suspension from the pool
240 and pool area at the discretion of a supervising lifeguard, discretion of a supervising Pool
241 Attendant, or discretion of the Pool Committee which may consider reports of infractions
242 reported by other pool patrons or infractions recorded by the surveillance cameras. Repeat
243 offenses and offenses of a more serious nature will be brought to the attention of the Pool
244 Committee and/or Board of Directors for further action, which may include suspension or
245 inactivation of the key FOB for the residence for a time period to be set by the Board. When a
246 child is ejected from the pool area the second time, a Board member will notify one of the
247 child's parents. If the child is ejected from the pool area for the third time, generally the child
248 will lose the privilege of using the pool unaccompanied by a parent. More serious measures
249 may be taken depending on the seriousness of the misbehavior.

250 3. For safety reasons and to reduce the amount of cleaning that might be required, use of
251 facilities and appliances upstairs in the Community Building is limited during pool hours to use
252 of the sink, storage of food and drink in the refrigerator and careful cooking in the microwave.
253 Surveillance cameras will be monitoring upstairs activities.

254 4. Bathrooms can be used by one or two persons at a time, except for when parents,
255 guardians, foster parents or babysitters need to assist small children.

256 5. Matters requiring immediate attention for matters of safety and health should be brought to
257 the attention of supervising lifeguards and Pool Attendants when they are on site and also
258 brought to the attention of the Pool Committee by emailing to: vsha12077@gmail.com
259 Grievances about the behavior of anyone at the pool and other matters not involving significant
260 risks to safety and health **should not** be addressed **to any of the lifeguards. Of course,**
261 **grievances may be addressed to the Pool Committee or a VSHA Board Member at any time.**
262 Information can be passed on to the Pool Committee by email to: vsha12077@gmail.com

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264 6. The Board of Directors may grant a waiver to any of the Pool Rule provisions if the Board
265 determines that adequate justification has been provided for such a waiver.

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**FORM FOR EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND POOL USE PERMISSION AND COMPLIANCE FOR VSHA
HOUSEHOLD RESIDENTS**

A. CONTACTS: For any emergency or serious matter affecting the household residents listed below at the following address: (street address) _____

Please contact: (Print Name) _____ cell: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ email: _____

Or contact: (Print Name) _____ cell: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ email: _____

B. PERMISSION: The following listed adult(s) (18 and over) and younger resident(s) of this address have my permission to be using the pool owned by the Village Square Homeowners Association in compliance with the 2026 Pool Rules governing the use of the facilities. (Listed residents may also include rental residents and long-term guests)

Adult Name _____

Adult Name _____

Adult Name _____

Adult Name _____

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth: _____

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth: _____

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth: _____

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth: _____

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth: _____

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Child's Name _____ Date of Birth: _____

C. COMPLIANCE: By signing below, I acknowledge that this household has received a copy of the 2026 Pool Rules and pledge that all adult residents will review and comply with them and that younger residents will be informed of their responsibilities and guided in their compliance.

Print Name: _____ Homeowner Signature: _____ Date: _____

308 **PERMISSION FORM FOR POOL USE BY RENTERS AND UNACCOMPANIED GUESTS**

309 The following listed renter(s) and guest(s)(including guest babysitter(s) when caring for resident
310 children) have my permission as owner or authorized renter of the home at the following
311 address: _____ to use the pool owned by the Village Square
312 Homeowners Association in 2026 unaccompanied by an adult resident of this residence. (Note:
313 Guests with guest periods shown below of two weeks or more are required to complete the
314 emergency contact information listed below. Renters are required to complete the **FORM FOR**
315 **EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND POOL USE PERMISSION AND COMPLIANCE FOR VSHA HOUSEHOLD**
316 **RESIDENTS**

317 Name: _____ Renter ____ from Dates: _____ to _____

318 Name: _____ Renter ____ from Dates: _____ to _____

319 Name: _____ Renter ____ from Dates: _____ to _____

320 Name: _____ Renter ____ from Dates: _____ to _____

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322 Name: _____ Guest ____ from Dates: _____ to _____

323 Name: _____ Guest ____ from Dates: _____ to _____

324 Name: _____ Guest ____ from Dates: _____ to _____

325 Name: _____ Guest ____ from Dates: _____ to _____

326 Name: _____ Guest ____ from Dates: _____ to _____

327 Name: _____ Guest ____ from Dates: _____ to _____

328 Print Name* _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

329 Emergency Contact Information

330 For any emergency or serious matter affecting the guest(s) listed above:

331 Please contact: (Print Name) _____ cell: _____

332 Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ email: _____

333 Or contact: (Print Name) _____ cell: _____

334 Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ email: _____

335 Print Name*: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

336 *Name of homeowner or renter authorized to sign by homeowner