



Briarcliffe Swim Club est. 1960

2024

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Dear Briarcliffe Swim Club Members,

The Briarcliffe Swim Club Board of Directors and Staff welcome you to our 2024 Season. This year, Sara Despeaux will continue to serve as our head manager. Ava Despeaux will be taking on the role of assistant manager. Keith Roddy will continue his role of assistant manager. Our swim team coaching staff will remain the same with Patrick Rankin (Head Coach), Ava Despeaux (Assistant Coach), and Rylie Pellegrino (Tadpoles Coach). The Board looks forward to continuing our work with these individuals.

I hope you and your family had a wonderful offseason and are ready for another summer of family fun in the sun. We are celebrating our 64th Summer here at Briarcliffe Swim Club. There will be a variety of events throughout the summer. Family Day will be Sunday, July 21st. There will be plenty of additional activities this summer. Be sure to check out our calendar of events for happenings at the pool. Information about special events will also be posted on the bulletin board at the gate, on our Facebook page, and advertised in our weekly email news blast!

The staff, your elected Board of Directors and I are as always committed to the safety of you and your family first and foremost as well as the safe operations of the swim club. The Board of Directors and I are also committed to the financial soundness of the club as well as routine maintenance.

We are asking for help from all of our membership to ensure that only members and their registered guests use our club. Please remember to present your membership cards when entering the pool and remember to pick up your cards when leaving. ALL guests must be registered at all times. Rising insurance cost, a major expense to the club, comes from the potential financial impact for non-members using the club. Thank you in advance for your assistance with these matters.

The Board of Directors, the staff and I hope that this summer the swim club will provide you and your family a place to come and relax, meet other members of the community, have fun and escape from the summer heat.

Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself, your family, and guests with the pool rules. We ask that all members and their guests read and observe all pool rules and regulations when using the club's equipment and facilities.

Remember it is you, the membership that makes Briarcliffe Swim Club the outstanding club it is today.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Danny Ruane

President



Briarcliffe Swim Club 2024 Board of Directors and Committees

Executive:

President: Danny Ruane
Vice-President: Barb Collins
Treasurer: Eric Walkowiak
Secretary: Beth Rooney
Sgt. of Arms: Mike Hiltner
Past-President: Bill Myers

Operations:

Chair: Beth Rooney
Vice: Bill Myers
1. Ed Merkle
2. Irene Moll
3. Eric Walkowiak

P & E:

Co-Chairs: Irene Moll & Emily Stewart
Vice: Michele MacBride
1. Barb Collins
2. Bill Dougherty
3. Mike Hiltner
4. Amy Lafty

Membership:

Chair: Barb Collins
Vice: Irene Moll
1. Amy Lafty
2. Michele MacBride
3. Emily Stewart

B.I.M.:

Co-Chairs: Mike Hiltner and Ed Merkle
Vice: Bill Dougherty
1. Chris Doran
2. Andrew Mariotti
3. Bill Myers
4. Eric Walkowiak

Swim Team:

Co-Chair: Chris Doran and Beth Rooney
Vice: Amy Lafty
1. Michele MacBride
2. Andrew Mariotti
3. Bill Myers

Snack Bar:

Chair: Bill Dougherty
Vice: Emily Stewart
1. Barb Collins
2. Beth Rooney
3. Ed Merkle

Finance:

Chair: Eric Walkowiak
Vice: Bill Myers
1. Beth Rooney

Nominations:

Chair: Amy Lafty
Vice: Beth Rooney
1. Chris Doran



Hours of Operation:

Monday – Thursday: 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday and Saturday: 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Sunday: 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Senior Hour: All members age 55 and older may enter the pool 1 hour before pool opening.

The Club may be closed at any time in the interest of safety by the acting manager (i.e. electrical storm, pool maintenance.)

General Admittance

- Pedestrians have the right of way in the parking lot.
- Observe the 5 miles per hour speed limit in the parking lot.
- Follow the one-way arrows in the parking lot.
- Entrance and exits must be kept clear at all times.
- No parking in reserved spots.
- Park properly in designated parking areas.
- Bicycles must be locked on the bicycle rack.

All members must submit their membership cards for admittance, members without cards will be charged \$1.00 and membership will be checked against the signature card. No signature card, no admittance.

Membership cards are non-transferable.

- Only members and their guests will be admitted.
- Lending membership cards is prohibited; violators will be suspended for a minimum of thirty days.
- Report lost cards. \$2.00 for the first replacement, \$3.00 for additional replacements.



Club Rules & Regulations

This is your pool...

To have an efficiently operated pool, it is necessary for members to review and fully comply with these rules and regulations. They are for your safety and to protect your investment in the club. Parents, please caution your children to observe the rules and regulations and to obey the instructions of the pool staff.

Persons under the influence of alcohol, or any illegal, or controlled substance are not permitted entrance to the pool area or in the pool.

No alcoholic beverages or illegal substances are permitted on the premises. Exceptions to the no alcohol policy will be for special events as approved by the Board of Directors. Persons under the influence of intoxicants will be denied entrance to the pool or told to leave the club.

Any person (member or guest) who is found with alcohol or illegal substances on the property will be requested to leave immediately. No guest fees will be refunded.

Any violations of this policy may result in suspension of privileges up to and including termination of membership.

Management reserves the right to search your coolers.

In addition, Glass, Gum, Chewing Tobacco, and Firearms are NOT Permitted on the Club Property.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS MAY RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OF POOL PRIVILEGES.

- 1st Offense:** Warning
- 2nd Offense:** Mandatory 1 Day Suspension
- 3rd Offense:** Mandatory 3 Day Suspension
- 4th Offense:** Decided by Operating Committee
- 5th Offense:** Decided by Executive Committee

**Any offender without an adult membership card will only have membership privileges returned after his or her parents or legal guardian consults with the manager. Serious violations may lead to an automatic 3rd offense upon discretion of the manager.*

Interpretations of rules and regulations shall be determined by the acting manager. The manager may dismiss from the Club any person who violates these rules and regulations.

Parents are responsible for their children at all times. This includes sending your children to the club under the care of a babysitter.



Guests

Guest Fees

Daily: \$10.00

After 6:00 PM: \$5.00

Guest Passes: \$80.00 for 10 visits with a member

Members are fully responsible for their guests.

No guest is allowed without a member present, NO EXCEPTIONS.

- You must be 13 to bring a guest.
- **13 & 14 year olds are limited to 2 guests at a time.**
- Guest list may be closed/opened at manager discretion.
- No transferring of guests is permitted.
- Admission of a guest for a day may be revoked by the acting manager.
- Any guest 12 and under must pass the swim test prior to using the 5ft and diving board.

Once a guest pays the guest fee and has entered the pool, there will be no refund of money in case of disciplinary action. There will also be no refund of money in case of rain; except, however, if the manager closes the club.

Guests will receive a rain check to come back at a later date.

Note: Reservations for a larger number of guests (over five) must be made with the manager at least one day in advance.

2024 Guest Passes

Guest Card for 10 passes - \$80.00

- The guest pass is only good for the 2024 season.
- Guest passes are non-transferrable.
- All guests must be signed in on the guest list.
- All guest list rules apply.
- All guests must come in with a member, and members must stay with their guests while they are at the pool.



Admittance to the Pool

- Non-swimmers with preteen cards must be accompanied by an adult or a qualified swimmer **13 years of age or older.**
- Qualified swimmers will receive punched cards and a bracelet after passing a test.
- Replacement bracelets \$ 5.00
- Preteen members ages 10-12 will be allowed admission to the pool before 7:00 PM
- **Preteen members ages 10-12 must be accompanied by an adult after 7:00 PM**
- Preteen members ages 9 and under must be accompanied by a member age 13 or older.
- All preteen members must be re-evaluated as a swimmer at the beginning of each season.

If children with punched cards violate the Club rules, the acting manager may revoke their privileges to the Club without their parents being present.

Please Enjoy a Fun and Safe Summer at Briarcliffe Swim Club!

General Rules

- Do not deface or destroy any club property. Damages will be charged to the member.
- Club is not responsible for articles lost or stolen.
- **Injuries must be reported to the Manager's Office.**
- Chairs, umbrellas, etc. MUST be stored in designated areas.
- Be considerate of the residents and properties surrounding the club.
- Smoking/Vaping is only permitted in the designated area near the backlot. Smoking is not permitted near the front entrance in the parking lot.
- **No** bouncing of balls on the patio, deck, or walls.
- **No** loitering or smoking in bathrooms.
- **No** sitting on picnic tables or snack bar walls.
- **No** playing loud music on the patio and grounds.
- **No** glass, gum, chewing tobacco, intoxicating beverages or illegal controlled substances.
- **No** chairs or sunbathing allowed on the pool deck.
- **No** food or drink may be carried across the yellow line or eaten on the pool deck.
- **No** foul language. Be considerate of those around you.

Please clean up after yourself and use trash receptacles for all trash and cigarette towers for cigarette butts.



Pool Rules

Obey the Guards at ALL TIMES. It is the job of all the lifeguards to help ensure the safety of the members. Guards are not as efficient at this task when distracted by offenders of pool regulations.

- Positively no swimming when a lifeguard is not on duty or when water is closed.
- Children 12 and under must have a punched card to enter the 5 foot area of the pool.
- The main pool is divided by life lines for your safety. Do not sit, stand, or pull yourself on them.
- All floating aids and other accessories must be pre-approved by the manager prior to use in the main pool. No floating devices for non-swimmers are permitted in the 5ft or 12ft areas **at any time**.
- Swimmers using a floatation device must be in the **water within arm's reach** of a responsible teenager (13) or adult.

The following is a list of rules of the pool:

No hanging on ladders or steps.

No climbing out the side of the pool.

No running on the pool deck or into water.

No splashing, diving over others, wrestling, spitting or dunking.

No pushing, rough play or chicken fights

No ball playing or throwing objects except with manager approval.

No hard balls allowed in the club.

No scuba gear or scuba masks.

No water guns or any toy that squirts water **except a spray bottle in either pool.**

No backwards jumping into the pool.

No diving into the areas that are marked **NO DIVING! NO** somersaults, sailor dives or eggies.

Cleanliness and Health

- Persons having skin rashes, sores, abrasions, skin infections, respiratory ailments are NOT permitted to use the pool. The manager may bar any person, who in their opinion, exhibits these conditions.

Children wearing diapers, cloth or disposable, must also wear rubber pants and a bathing suit in both pools. Random checks will be made. NO EXCEPTIONS.

- Used disposable diapers are to be placed in designated trash cans in the mens and ladies rooms. **DO NOT USE THE TRASH CANS!**

What happens if any human waste appears in the pools?

Pools are immediately closed and not reopened until the water is super chlorinated. Pool closing could be 24-48 hours or more until the water has been tested and declared safe.

Swim Attire

- Only persons in proper swim attire are permitted in the water.
- Persons wearing cut-off pants, mesh shorts, or other street attire are not permitted use of the pool.
- The pool manager may bar any person who, in their opinion, is not in proper swim attire from using the pool.



- When there is an emergency, an air horn will be sounded. This signal will activate the Emergency Response Plan of the staff.
- All members must immediately clear the water and sidewalks and remain on the grass.
- Please follow any and all directions given by the staff.



**Children in the baby pool & play area are the sole responsibility of their parents or a responsible person.
Only children 6 years & under are allowed in the baby pool.**



During an electrical storm, the pool deck and grounds must be cleared immediately. Members and their guest must go to the patio and main building.

Members WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THE GROUNDS UNTIL THE MANAGER DECLARES THE AREA SAFE.

Slides and Dives

- **No** more than one person on the dive. Next diver will wait at bottom of ladder until dive is clear.
- **No** more than one bounce per dive.
- **No** horse playing on dive ladders or diving board.
- Divers cannot dive until previous diver has swam to ladder and exited.
- Divers will exit water using ladder at appropriate side of pool.
- Only Feet first jumping is permitted off of the High Dive.
- Manager will open/close dives and diving area at his/her discretion.
- Only one person on the slide at a time.
- **No head first sliding – slide feet first only.**
- Swim away from slide after entering water.
- Frog slide – 10 & under; Tube slides – 6 & up with card puched
- High Dive - Feet first only. No dives and no flips.

Playground

- No bare feet on playground equipment.
- Do not stand, sit or walk on tubes.
- **No head first sliding – slide feet first only.**
- **No adults allowed on swings.**
- **No standing on swings or swinging excessively high.**



It is the responsibility of the parent to supervise their children on the playground equipment at all times. Please observe all posted playground rules.

Basketball Courts & Horseshoes

- Kiddie Basketball Court is for children 12 & Under. No dunking!!
- A \$1.00 deposit is required to borrow a basketball, volleyball, or horseshoes. Deposit will be returned when equipment is returned.
- Metal horseshoes may not be used by children under 15 years old, unless accompanied by an adult. **Shoes are required!**



BBQ Grills

- Only adult members may reserve a grill.
- Keep young children away from the grill at all times.
- Reserve grills at the pool office one day in advance.
- Reservation is for one grill per day per family membership.
- One adult must be with the grill at all times during use.
- Make sure coals are completely out before dumping in proper containers.

