

# Chester Area Pool — 2018 Season

## Introduction

The Chester Area Pool (CAP), a utility of the Borough of Chester, established the following rules and regulations to ensure the safety of our pool patrons. We aim to provide a place of continuing enjoyment for pool members. All members are responsible for reviewing and adhering to the pool rules. Pool management may suspend individuals for non-compliance. Member complaints or grievances may be referred first to the pool Manager(s) or in writing to the Chester Borough Administrator.



## Contact Information

Pool questions: Contact Jerry (908) 879-3660 x2101 [jshammas@chesterborough.org](mailto:jshammas@chesterborough.org) or Kellie (909) 879-3660 x2115 [kmcguire@chesterborough.org](mailto:kmcguire@chesterborough.org)

Send mail/payments to: Chester Area Pool, 50 North Rd., Chester, NJ 07930

Website: [www.chesterborough.org/chester-area-pool](http://www.chesterborough.org/chester-area-pool)

Facility Address: 137 North Rd., Chester, NJ 07930

Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/ChesterAreaPool](https://www.facebook.com/ChesterAreaPool)

Boro Administrator: (908) 879-3660 Ext. 2129

## Hours of Operation

Part-time operation: open weekends only from Memorial Day weekend (including Monday) through the end of the school year.

Full-time operation: Pool opens daily immediately following the end of the Chester School District school year through Labor Day.

Pool is open 11:00 am until 7:45 pm. Grounds close: 8:00 pm

*Dates and times are subject to change. Closing time may be adjusted in August due to shorter daylight hours. Changes will be posted at the pool.*

## Finger Scanning

When entering the pool complex, all members are required to scan in.

Adult swim: Adult early bird swim is available at an additional charge. Adults are allowed to use the swim lanes when swim team activities are not taking place. There will be a 15-minute adult swim at 1:00 and 3:00 every day and other times as needed.

Pool membership categories*	Membership Fee
Family- resident	\$460
Family- nonresident	\$560
Family caregiver/nanny	\$130
Couple- resident	\$355
Couple- nonresident	\$405
Single adult 21+ resident	\$280
Single adult 21+ nonresident	\$330
Senior 62+	\$100
Half-season	\$225
Early Bird Swim	\$50

\*Resident: living in Chester Township or Chester Borough

Non-resident: living outside of Chester Township or Chester Borough

Family: Mother/Father/Civil Union partners and their children permanently residing at the same address. Dependents to age of 21 years (or permanently dependent adults) may be included in this membership. Full-time students up to age 25 may also be included. Includes children who reside at parents' home, are full time students, and have not reached their 26th birthday as of May 29.

Couple: Includes 2 members of the same household (2 adults, or 1 parent and 1 child.)

Single adult: Any person 21 years of age or above on or before pool opening day.

Senior: Individual 62 years/older on or before pool opening day.

Caregiver/Nanny: Employee or extended family member, 16 years of age or older, whose primary duties are the care and supervision of the dependents of a member family (i.e., nanny, au pair, babysitter, nurse, etc.). A caregiver is not considered part of the family membership, but will be permitted to use the pool at an additional cost. The caregiver must enter the pool complex with a member or members of the sponsoring family. If the caregiver changes during the season, a new finger scan will be taken.

Half-season: For new residents only who move in after Memorial Day; for August membership only.

Early Bird Swim: Starts at 6:00am through posted hours.

**New members-Initiation Fees**: A non-refundable one-time initiation fee, **in addition to** a yearly seasonal membership fee, is due upon acceptance as a member. If you drop your membership and then wish to rejoin, you must pay a \$50 reinstatement fee. The initiation fee and seasonal membership fee are not transferable.

**How to apply for a membership**: You can register for membership **beginning April 1, 2018** through our Capture Point registration website at <https://register.communitypass.net/chester>. **Please remember**

**to register ALL family members, not just one.** Membership payments will **not** be accepted at the Chester Area Pool Front Desk. If you need assistance with online registration, contact Jerry (908) 879-3660 x2101 [jshammas@chesterborough.org](mailto:jshammas@chesterborough.org) or Kellie (909) 879-3660 x2115 [kmcguire@chesterborough.org](mailto:kmcguire@chesterborough.org)

Membership category	One-time Initiation Fee
Family- resident	\$355
Family- nonresident	\$455
Couple- resident	\$280
Couple- nonresident	\$355
Single adult 21+ resident	\$180
Single adult 21+ nonresident	\$230
Senior 62+	\$50

If membership is at capacity, applicants will be put on a waiting list. Residents of Chester Borough and Chester Township will receive first preference. All other memberships will be available after all resident applications have been satisfied.

### **Renewals / Cancellations / Changes**

**Renewals:** Your membership is renewable annually and must be paid in full by the date shown on your billing statement. Memberships will be considered terminated if seasonal fees are not paid by the deadline date.

**Hold status:** Members may put their membership on hold for up to three consecutive seasons without losing member status. Members must inform the Borough in writing of their hold status. Any member who does not renew and does not put their membership on hold will be subject to the \$50.00 reinstatement fee.

**Lapse of Membership:** A member wishing to reinstate a membership after a period absence with written notice will be placed at the beginning of the waiting list in chronological order upon fulfillment of all application requirements, and shall pay the seasonal membership fees of the returning season. Those whose memberships have lapsed for more than 3 consecutive years without placing their membership on hold in writing, who would like to have their membership reinstated can do so by paying a reinstatement fee of \$50.00. Reinstatement is based on membership availability. To be placed on the wait list please call (908) 879-3660 x2115 or x2101.

**Change in Membership Classification:** If a Single Member wishes to change his/her membership category to Full Family, he/she must pay the difference of the Full Family and Single Seasonal Membership fee, as well as the difference in initiation fee. If a Full Family membership wants to change to a Single membership during the season there will not be a refund for the difference in the seasonal fee.

**Rain Checks:** If the pool is closed for any reason, rain checks or refunds will not be provided for guests.

### **Guest Passes:**

Each membership is allowed five paid guests per day, or more at the pool manager's discretion, excluding holidays or special events. Guest passes are \$8.00/guest. After 5:00 pm guest passes are \$5.00/guest. Guests must wear guest pass wristbands at all times when on CAP grounds.

The Pool Manager may limit guests when in his/her judgment, pool safety could be in jeopardy. Members must be present and remain with their guests and are responsible for their conduct while in the pool complex.

**Swim Lessons:** Group and individual lessons are offered at the Chester Area Pool. See our website for info.

**Party Information:** Think of hosting a party at the pool? See management at the guard house for information.

## Pool Rules

The following are the rules established for the members and guests of the Chester Area Pool (CAP). Failure to follow these rules may result in membership privileges being suspended or revoked, as provided by the governing body of the Borough of Chester. The pool manager may establish additional rules as may be necessary for the safety and enjoyment of the membership. On all matters concerning safety, the lifeguards' and pool management's decisions are final.

All comments or concerns involving the Chester Area Pool complex and/or utility should be made immediately to the pool manager on duty to assure quick resolution of any problem. Comments can also be made in writing to the Borough Administrator/Clerk.

### **Safety**

- Lifeguards: Swimming facilities may be used only when lifeguards are on duty. Do not talk to lifeguards except in case of emergency. Do not climb on lifeguard chairs. In an emergency, notify the nearest lifeguard and follow their instructions. Leave the water promptly if requested to do so by the lifeguards.
- Injuries: Report all injuries to the pool office immediately. Emergency procedures are posted at the pool.
- Pool closing/limiting of facility: Management may close or limit the swimming facilities when, in their judgment, such action is deemed necessary or desirable for the protection of the health and safety of members and guests (example: weather conditions, power outages, or attendance exceeding capacity per state regulations). During thunderstorms, the pool and grounds must be cleared. A 30 minute wait is required after the last sound of thunder. Pool grounds will be closed when lightning is spotted, facility must be evacuated.
- Diving: Diving is not permitted except for supervised events such as swim meets and swim lessons.
- Ramp Safety: Ramp/handrail are for entering/exiting pool only. No playing or standing allowed in this area.
- Improper behavior: Any behavior causing annoyances or disturbances is prohibited. No running is allowed on pool decking. Vandalism or destruction of property at the pool complex or designated recreational area will result in the revocation of membership, prosecution and/or forfeiture of fees. Please be mindful of public displays of affection.
- Pets: No pets/animals will be allowed in the pool complex, except for seeing eye guides.
- Loitering: No loitering.
- Cameras: No cameras/recording devices.
- Shoes: shoes are encouraged.
- Personal Items: The Chester Area Pool is not responsible for property lost due to theft or damage. No facilities for checking valuables are provided. Locker facilities are not available.
- Clothing: Towels or clothing are not to be hung on the pool complex fence.
- Umbrellas: umbrellas which can be attached to the chair are allowed. Other umbrellas are prohibited.
- Solicitation: No solicitation is allowed.

## Health

- Showering: Health rules of the State of New Jersey require every person to shower before entering the pool. Swim suits or other appropriate swim wear must be worn in the showers. Nude showering is not permitted.
- Disease/Illness: As per NJ State regulations, any person having a communicable disease, open blisters, cuts, sores, inflamed eyes, nose, ear or mouth infections, excessive sunburn, bloody noses, or any other type of skin disease or if you have evidence of a stomach virus, you will be excluded from the pool. Spitting or spouting water is prohibited. Please wait 48 hours from the time an illness ends before swimming again. This will help prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

## Children

- Supervision: All children 13 years/under must be under the supervision of an adult.
- Small children: The baby pool is for children 4 and under. Children using the pool must be supervised at all times. Entry gate is to be closed at all times. Any children that are not toilet trained must wear diapers/swim diapers with rubber pants over them. These rubber pants are available at the gate for \$3.00. Diaper changing may be done only in the designated areas and soiled diapers should be disposed of only in the restroom trash receptacles.
- Restroom: Children under five or someone in need of assistance are not permitted in the restrooms/showers without an adult.
- Non-swimmers are not allowed past the first rope in the main pool unless accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Non-swimming children and children with flotation devices must be within arm's reach of their parents or caregivers at all times when in the water. Children with bubbles or swim wings must stay behind the first rope at all times. No tubes are allowed in the pool.
- Play structure is recommended for children 2 to 7 years old who are supervised at all times. Sand in this area may not be removed and water may not be carried to this area.. Please shower off the sand before going back into the pool. Do not rinse feet in the pool.
- Adult swim: There will be a 15-minute adult swim at 1:00 and 3:00 every day and other times as needed. This will provide kids an opportunity to use the restroom and reapply sunblock.
- Swim Lanes: Children are allowed in swim lane #1 for lap swimming only.

## Recreation

- Bicycles, skates, skateboards, water guns and wagons are not permitted in the pool complex.
- Ball playing, group games, or similar activities are allowed in lower recreation areas only. No horseplay (running, water fights, wrestling, etc.) is allowed in the pool complex.
- Shuffleboard, volleyballs, and basketballs can be borrowed upon request.
- No fins, floats, noodles, rafts, balls, face masks, snorkels, floatation devices, etc. are permitted.
- Water Slide protocol: Rules and regulations will be posted at the pool. Hours of operation will be posted. Children under 48" must perform the swim test to be conducted by one of the lifeguards. An identifying wristband will be given to those who pass the test, and must be worn (lost wristbands replaced for a \$3 fee).

## **Food**

- Members may bring in food and coolers are permitted.
- No eating is allowed on deck surrounding pools. You may eat in the grassy areas and the patio next to the concession stand.
- Glass or hard plastics are not allowed in the pool complex.
- Please clean up after eating and make proper use of recycling and garbage receptacles.
- Gum chewing is prohibited in the pool complex.
- Alcoholic beverages and smoking are not permitted within the complex or parking area. No one under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be permitted within the pool complex.

## **Electronics**

- No cell phone or recording devices are permitted in the restrooms/changing area. Please be mindful of photography without others' consent.
- All video and audio devices must be used with headphones.
- Wireless Internet service is provided complimentary.

## **Proper Attire**

- Only bathing suits are permitted in the pool. Bathing attire must be family friendly, no thongs, "cut offs," gym trunks, boxer shorts or similar attire are allowed. Change only in contained areas in the restrooms.
- Footwear is not allowed in the pool. This includes aqua shoes.

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