**Barcelona Master Association**

**2023 Guidelines for Pool Use**

**These pool guidelines address conduct, not age or status.**

**The guidelines constitute the least restrictive means to ensure safety and peaceful enjoyment for all patrons.**

**Hours -** The pool is open every day, weather permitting.  The pool may close at any time without notice for maintenance, operational, inclement weather or management reasons. The pool area is under 24/7 video camera recording and violations may result in fines or loss of pool privileges. Please practice common courtesy as the pool is not supervised.

9:00 am to 8:00 pm May 27 – July 31

9:00 am to 7:30 am August 1 - August 19

9:00 am to 7:00 pm August 20 – Sept 4

9:00 am to 6:30 pm Sept 4 until pool is closed for the season

The pool gate lock is controlled via remote timer and cannot be overridden during hours the pool is closed. Anyone who does not leave the pool area by closing time will be locked inside the pool area without a means of leaving. Anyone who does not heed closing times accepts this risk. Propping the gate open after closing hours will result in a fine.

It is forbidden for any resident or guest to access the pool outside of these dates and hours.  Accessing the pool outside of these hours may be immediately referred to the Skokie police as it will be considered trespassing.

While the pool may be unlocked in inclement weather that occurs mid-day, it is expected that nobody uses the pool during lightning or high winds. Opening/closing of umbrellas is the responsibility of the patrons who use them, as is returning\ loungers back to proper locations.

**Pool Gate - The pool gate must remain closed at all times.** Please take a moment and ensure the gate closes properly when entering and exiting. Access is only allowed to the pool area by residents and their guests with an operational pool fob. No one is allowed to prop open the gate at any time. No one is allowed to insert any object that prevents the magnetic lock from keeping the gate shut. Propping the gate open or not closing it properly allows non-residents to enter the pool area illegally.

**Access - Do not allow anyone in the pool area that does not have a pool fob.** No one is allowed access to the pool who is not a resident or a guest of a resident. Outside individuals can only enter if a resident or guest allows them access and opens the gate. Do not open the gate for anyone if someone asks you to let them in. NO POOL FOB = NO POOL ACCESS.

**Dress –** Appropriate swim attire and foot covering is required in the pool area.  Anyone that enters the pool water must wear proper swim attire which includes religiously sanctioned swimwear. Do not disrobe or change clothes in the pool area. Entering the pool in street clothes is a safety risk and poses a health risk to all swimmers.

**Health Issues -** All residents and guests are expected to shower before entering the pool. There are locker rooms located in the south entrance/exit of Building 3 and a cold-water shower located in the pool area for this use. No person may use the pool or the pool area with an infectious disease, nasal or ear discharges, open sores, cuts or bandages. Not showering before entering the pool creates unpleasant water quality from cosmetics, hair products, sunscreens and lotions, and deodorant. Please do your part to be sanitary and help keep the water as clean and safe as possible.

**Water Temperature –** Air temperature fluctuations and rain will make pool water temperatures change from day to day. The pool water temperature will fluctuate between approximately 78 and 86 degrees. It is impossible to maintain a ‘perfect’ temperature in an outdoor pool. There is a thermometer conveniently located inside the pool so check temperatures before calling management.

**Safety -** The pool has no lifeguard on duty. All persons using the pool or pool area do so at their own risk and sole responsibility. The Master Association does not assume any responsibility for any incident or injury (including death) in conjunction with such use.

**Children –** All children under 16 years must ALWAYS be supervised by an adult.  There should be no running or horseplay at the pool or its surrounding areas.  Parents/guardians are expected to monitor the behavior of their children to minimize annoyance to other pool patrons and homeowners in units surrounding the pool. Being in a pool does not mean children can yell and scream excessively without regard for others, even if they are ‘just playing a game’. If children are creating excessive noise or engaged in unsafe behavior, the parents/guardians may be advised by any patron that their enjoyment of the pool is being negatively impacted. It is expected the parents/guardians gracefully accept such advisement and instruct their children to quiet down or cease unsafe behavior. Children under 3 years of age must wear swim diapers.

**Guests –** The pool is available to guests of the residents and their guests. In the case of guests, owners/residents must be present and supervise their guests at all times ensuring they meet all pool rules and assume responsibility for any injury.  Each unit owner may have up to 2 guests at a time.  In the event there is not enough space at the pool, fellow unit owners have priority over guests. The owner/resident agrees to hold harmless the Master Association for any and all liabilities and action of whatsoever nature by any guest or guests of the owner/resident growing out of the use of the swimming pool or pool area.

**Noise -** The pool is here for the enjoyment of Barcelona residents and their guests. All residents and guests are required to maintain a noise level that does not interfere with this peaceful enjoyment. Please avoid loud noises or shouting out of respect for other pool patrons and owners in their residences surrounding the pool.  Pool games that involve loud shouting out (such as ‘Marco Polo’) and splashing are not allowed. Throwing balls or ANY toys whatsoever inside the pool or deck area is forbidden. No speaker phones conversations are allowed at the pool and any music must be kept at the level of a typical conversation.

**Smoking -** There is no smoking (including electronic cigarettes, hookahs, cigars, or the similar products) within the pool or locker room area or within 15 feet of the pool gates or the locker rooms.

**Personal items -** It is expected all residents pay attention to their own personal items as the Master Association is not responsible for any loss or damage to personal property of any kind. All pool patrons are expected to be sanitary and dispose of any rubbish they generate in a trash receptacle located in the pool area.

**Public Health Emergency -** In the event of a public health emergency, as defined by the World Health Organization, Illinois Department of Health, Cook County Department of Health, Skokie Department of Health, or other government body, the Master Association reserves the right to close or otherwise alter the rules to meet specific public health guidelines.

**Other Guidelines –**

* Leave the pool rope in place. It’s there to prevent drowning by preventing accidental access to the deep area. Please replace the rope if removed to swim laps when alone.
* Do not bring food into the pool enclosure.  Plastic water bottles are permitted.
* All trash must be deposited in trash receptacles. There are no maids after pool closing.
* Do not bring furniture or collapsible/foldable furniture into the pool area.
* There are no animals allowed in the pool area.
* No diving, running, splashing, boisterous or rough play or other unsafe conduct is allowed in the pool water or pool area at any time.
* No balls or toys of any kind are allowed in the pool area. Throwing/catching games are strictly forbidden in the pool and in the pool area as they pose a safety concern.
* The pool may be closed at any time if there is a breakdown or operational difficulty.
* Everyone is required to conduct themselves in a respectful manner. Language that is disrespectful or combative, such as the use of profanity or slurs, will result in a ban.

***All pool users must abide by these guidelines at all times. Ignoring these guidelines may result in an immediate loss of pool access.***

**Our management company and the Barcelona Condominiums Master Association have the authority, at all times, to maintain order in the pool and reserves the right to modify these rules and guidelines at any time.**

**Effective May 26, 2023**