

# OXXFORD HUNT NEIGHBORHOOD POOL RULES

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### **Use at your own risk**

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The pool is a use-at-your-own-risk facility. Even though lifeguards may be present, use of the pool or any of its facilities is done with the user assuming all risk. ALL persons using the Oxxford Hunt Community Association Pool do so at their own risk. In the event of an emergency, call 911. The homeowners association and its management company assume no liability for accidents or injuries. Questions about ongoing pool operations or concerns can be directed to the Pool Manager, Pool Committee, or the Oxxford Hunt Board of Directors.

### **Authority**

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Oxxford Hunt By-Laws, Article VII, Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors, Section 1, Powers: The Board of Directors shall have the power to:

- a) adopt, publish, and amend rules and regulations governing the use of the Common Area and facilities, and the person conduct of the members and guests thereof, and to establish fines or penalties for the infraction thereof.

The Oxxford Hunt Board of Directors has created the Oxxford Hunt Pool Committee to administer our pool policy. The pool committee members, pool guards and/or managers are given the full support of the Oxxford Hunt Board of Directors and may enact any changes at any time in support of keeping our pool safe and operating properly. Interfering with a pool guard may result in immediate suspension of pool privileges.

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## **General Pool Information**

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The pool is for the exclusive use of Oxxford Hunt Community Association (OHCA) Pool Members and their guests. POOL MEMBERS are Oxxford Hunt Community Association homeowners OR their renters/tenants and their respective resident families (i.e., children, stepchildren, grandparents, adopted children, etc.) living at the Oxxford Hunt property. If a resident is renting their home and has approved of pool access for their tenants, the homeowner themselves LOSES their own pool access until the tenants' access expires, either through moving out of the neighborhood or being revoked in some other way. Pool access is not granted to both a homeowner and renter/tenant simultaneously unless both are actively living at the Oxxford Hunt property at the same time.

The Pool is governed by the OXH Board of Directors, which governs our neighborhood and enforces the Bylaws and HOA ordinances. An all-volunteer Pool Committee consisting of several OXH residents helps the Board of Directors coordinate the Pool ID system. A professional Pool Company is hired each year to maintain the pool water quality, pump systems, and to maintain staffing (lifeguards and attendants). The relationship with this Pool Company is managed by the Pool Committee and OXH Board of Directors.

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## **Pool IDs**

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Each member household (family unit) must obtain a Pool ID (which is valid for as long as you live at that address) and sign in upon entry to the pool.

To determine membership/access to the pool, the pool attendants and lifeguards will use the Pool ID System, which will be kept at the pool. A lifeguard cannot create, delete, or change a Pool ID. This is all handled by the Pool Committee.

Residents needing a Pool ID should attend a Pool ID session. Pool ID sessions will be scheduled both before and during each pool season by the Pool Committee. Information and instructions on how and when to obtain a Pool ID will be sent to homeowners each Spring via mail as well as electronically to anyone who joins the Oxxford Hunt Mailing List on the website (<https://oxxfordhunt.com>). Information and instructions may also be posted on the OXH website calendar, the OXH Nextdoor site, and/or the OXH Facebook page.

New homeowners need to contact the property management at Omega Management Inc. to start this process. Tenants must have their owner and/or rental company provide information to Omega Management to verify their status to be eligible to get a Pool ID.

Residents who are delinquent in their homeowner's dues will be denied a Pool ID and therefore denied access to the pool.

If a Pool Member has forgotten their Pool ID #, he/she may ask to be reminded of it anytime by emailing [oxhpoolcommittee@oxxfordhunt.com](mailto:oxhpoolcommittee@oxxfordhunt.com) (please provide name and OXH address in the email). The Pool Committee will do their best to respond within 24-48 hours of the request. Remember, **No ID# = No Access**, even with a NC Driver License and an OXH address. Please do not take any frustrations out on our lifeguards. They do not have a way to look up your ID for you. Please plan ahead and know your Pool ID # before you go to the pool.

Children **under 10 years of age** must be accompanied by an adult (age 18 or older) or approved care provider (see [Care Provider section](#) below). Children **10 years of age or older** by the end of the pool season are allowed to come to the pool without an adult if their parents indicated their permission by allowing the child to be photographed for the household's Pool ID at a pool ID session (see [Unaccompanied Minors section](#) below). This is considered a privilege and can be revoked for behavior or other problems at any time.

### **Unaccompanied Minors**

With their parent/guardian's permission, minors between the ages of 10-17 may be granted unaccompanied minor privileges to be allowed to access the pool without an adult. This status is age-based, and must be initiated/updated at an ID session in order to take advantage of the next-age level privileges. The guest policy for unaccompanied minors is below; please note that guests in this instance should be of similar age to the resident (for example, an unaccompanied minor should not bring as a guest a younger sibling or neighbor they are babysitting).

Residents **ages 10-11** may come to the pool alone, but are not permitted to bring any guests.

Residents **ages 12-13** may bring up to 1 guest.

Residents **ages 14-15** may bring up to 2 guests.

Residents **ages 16-17** may bring up to 3 guests.

Minors' guests count as part of the household 5-guest policy (e.g., if a minor brings 2 guests to the pool, the household has 3 remaining guest spots for the time period). See the [Guest policy](#) below for additional details. Guests are expected to adhere to all pool rules; violation of the rules by a guest may lead to the unaccompanied minor status being revoked for the remainder of the season.

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### **Guests/Care Providers/Special Case Pool IDs**

All Pool ID information including Care Provider & Special Case ID information is kept electronically and accessed via tablet at the pool. For additional information, please see the sections below or email the Pool Committee ([oxhpoolcommittee@oxxfordhunt.com](mailto:oxhpoolcommittee@oxxfordhunt.com)).

### **Guests**

Guests include anyone who does not qualify as a Pool Member (i.e., a resident of Oxxford Hunt). Guest fees are **\$5 per guest** per day on weekends (Saturday/Sunday), holidays, or pool parties, but are **free** during regular weekdays (Monday - Friday). Guests must be signed into the pool by a Pool Member with a valid Pool ID that allows guests. A resident who signs in a guest **MUST** stay at the pool while their guest is there. Guest fees should be paid at check-in to the lifeguards with exact change (cash only). Children under the age of 3 (accompanied by an adult member/guest) are not counted as a guest and admitted free of charge.

Residents age 18 or over may bring up to **5 guests**.

Residents age 16-17 (with parent approval) may bring up to **3 guests**.

Residents age 14-15 (with parent approval) may bring up to **2 guests**.

Residents age 12-13 (with parent approval) may bring up to **1 guest**.

Residents age 10-11 (with parent approval) may come to the pool alone (**0 guests**).

Maximum number of guests allowed for each OXH Residence/Address is **5 guests** at one time (for example, if a 16-year-old of the residence has 2 guests at the pool, then an 18+ year old at the same residence will only be allowed to bring at most an additional 3 guests). Guests are expected to adhere to all pool rules; violation of the rules by a guest may lead to pool access being revoked for the resident/household for the remainder of the season.

### **Care Providers (e.g., babysitters, elder care, disability care, etc.)**

Care Providers/caregivers must be registered on the pool ID account before they can access the pool without the resident present. Caregivers are not allowed to bring guests to the pool and may only access the pool with the child/adult for which they have responsibility.

### **Special Case Pool IDs**

Special Case Pool IDs can be created for residents for cases such as a long-term guest (i.e., out-of-town company staying with a resident for 2 weeks or more), visiting relative (i.e., adult child home for an extended period), or non-OXH family member who will be coming to the pool without the resident (e.g., one parent who lives outside of OXH, but who will bring his/her OXH children under age 10 to the pool). This access is granted at the discretion of the Pool Committee, to ensure that the ID system is not being misused.

Special Case Pool IDs will be appended to the resident's Pool ID and will be designated an expiration date as appropriate to the situation. Each ID will contain a photo of the non-resident and will grant him/her full pool privileges (except for [Unsupervised Adult Swim](#)) for the duration of the Special Case ID. Upon expiration, the Special Case ID will be removed from the system and the non-resident will no longer have access to the pool.

Special Case IDs must be requested in advance by emailing the Pool Committee at [oxhpoolcommittee@oxfordhunt.com](mailto:oxhpoolcommittee@oxfordhunt.com) (please include the resident's name, the OXH address, and a description of your special case in the email). The Pool Committee will determine on a case-by-case basis whether a Special Case Pool ID is warranted and will make every effort to respond to your request within one week. Please note: lifeguards and attendants cannot handle these requests.

### **Unsupervised Adult Swim (UAS)**

Adults aged 18 and older whose households are in good standing and who are interested in lap swimming or water fitness during the pool season may apply for Unsupervised Adult Swim (UAS). Unsupervised Adult Swim allows adults to access the pool when unstaffed by lifeguards or attendants during the early morning (30 minutes after dawn until 9am) and during designated unstaffed afternoons towards the end of the pool season. Interested adults must apply for access through Omega Management, as detailed in the [UAS request form](#); please note that the Pool Committee does not manage this access. UAS hours are limited and subject to change due to maintenance and swim team practices. UAS access does not carry over each year, and must be re-applied for each swim season. Those who are granted access must abide by all UAS rules, including but not limited to: not giving out the gate code to anyone, locking the gate behind them on access, and not bringing food/drinks, children, or pets during UAS time.

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## **Parties**

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Use of the pool for parties and/or gatherings will be subject to the normal pool rules regarding both guests and food/beverages.

Pool members in good standing may use the pool facility for a small party during regular pool operating hours as long as the pool member does not bring more than the allowed # of non-OXH guests. Please refer to the guest policy for more information (above).

Parties must not interfere with other pool patrons and should be consistent with the family friendly environment of our neighborhood pool. You may not get to the pool early and reserve chairs or the pavilion. You may only use the space and furniture that is available at the time the party begins. NO GLASS is allowed at the pool (including cake serving platters), and alcohol is prohibited for anyone under 21. Any decorations or trash brought into the pool area for the party must be disposed of; decorations remaining at the pool at closing will be disposed of without prior notification. Due to the pool providing continuous radio station coverage through its speakers, additional playing of music is discouraged.

Any pool patron or guest who violates the Pool Rules will be asked by a lifeguard to cease the activity and/or leave the pool and may result in the privileges for that Pool ID being revoked.

The Pool Committee is not responsible for the Clubhouse or the Tennis Courts. Rental of the OXH Clubhouse for a party/event does not constitute automatic access to the pool. The pool and clubhouse are separate facilities. Please see the [Oxford Hunt website](#) for Clubhouse rental and access to tennis courts.

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## **Pool Operating Hours**

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Pool Operating Hours are posted on the OXH website pool calendar (<https://oxfordhunt.com/>) and at the pool. At designated times, the pool will have certain areas reserved for swim team or special events. The pool is not available for rent for private functions. Management reserves the right to close the pool at any time (i.e., weather, health, safety, etc). The Pool Committee will do its best to keep residents informed of such closings via email, social media, and physical signage at the pool. The pool and deck area will be evacuated during any emergency

situation including lightning and/or thunder. See the [Mandatory Pool Closures](#) section below for more information. Join the Oxxford Hunt Mailing List on the website or follow us on facebook (@oxhpool), Twitter (@oxxfordhuntpool), and Nextdoor (@Oxxford Hunt Pool Committee) for up to the minute pool closings and re-openings.

No one under the age of 18 is allowed in the pool area without a lifeguard or attendant present. Trespassers will be dealt with accordingly. Pool Members age 18 and older are permitted to use the pool without a lifeguard or attendant present ONLY during the times designated for Unsupervised Adult Swim (UAS) and only if they have been approved for access (see UAS details above). See the [OXH Pool Calendar](#) for UAS times.

There will be a 10-minute break at 50 minutes past each hour for “Adult Swim”, meaning all minors between the ages of 3-18 need to exit the pool when the break whistles are blown. During this time infants under the age of 3 are permitted in the pool when accompanied by an adult. Minors may sit on the edge of the deck with feet in the water, but MAY NOT enter the pool until after the break whistle is blown. Lifeguards will not be actively scanning the pool, nor remain in the lifeguard chairs, but will be on premises during this time.

**ATTENDANT-ONLY HOURS:** During the season the pool may be staffed by an attendant only. The role of this staff member is to check in pool members, monitor/maintain water chemistry, and maintain the general upkeep of the pool deck and bathrooms. The attendant may not necessarily be lifeguard certified and is not responsible for actively watching the pool during their shift. During these times, registered unaccompanied minors will still be granted access to the pool as usual, and parents/guardians should use their best judgment when deciding to allow minors to visit the pool when staffed only by an attendant. Staffing details are provided in the [OXH Pool Calendar](#) entries for each day of the season. Please note that during attendant-only hours, the Swamp Shack may remain closed, and Deep End Band tests will not be conducted.

Pool occupancy is 75 swimmers maximum. This may mean at times, particularly during holiday pool parties, pool admittance may be capped to ensure safe swimming conditions. Pool admittance during high usage times is at the discretion of the lifeguards and pool managers.

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## **Swim Test / Deep End**

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Pool Members and their guests, who are 14 years of age or younger, must pass a swim test administered by the lifeguards on duty to enter the deep area of the pool. Swimmers, who pass the test to the satisfaction of the lifeguards, will be given a Deep End Band (bracelet/anklet) to wear in the pool. This band must be worn to enter the deep end. Because tragedy can come in an instant, adults may not “supervise” minors aged 14 and below in the deep end who have not passed the deep end test. The ONLY EXCEPTION to this rule is during officially sanctioned pool parties where pool games may be held in the deep end. During these parties, minors without a deep end band may be in the deep end ONLY if they are participating in the game and ONLY during the game itself.

The first deep end band of the season is free, subsequent bands are **\$3 each**. When the deep end band test is passed, the minor’s name will be recorded in the deep end band log. If the minor forgets their band at home then they may borrow a band from the lifeguards as long as their name is in the log as having passed the test; this band must be returned to the guard upon

exit. If the deep end band is lost, a new band may be purchased as long as the test has been passed. Broken bands can be replaced free of charge for a new one, but the broken band **MUST** be turned in to the lifeguard at the time the new one is issued, otherwise the \$3 fee applies. GUESTS who are also minors and wishing to use the deep end will also need to pass a deep end test. Guest deep end bands are \$3 each. All fees should be paid in cash to the lifeguard or attendant on duty, with exact change only (staff cannot make change on site). Please note that deep end tests will **NOT BE ADMINISTERED** when there is only an attendant on duty. Deep end privileges may be suspended at the discretion of the lifeguards. Deep end bands are only valid for the current season, and deep end tests must be retaken each year to get a new deep end band for the new season.

Only one person is permitted on the diving board at a time. No diving is allowed outside the deep end, in less than 9 ft of water. Previous divers/jumpers must reach the side of the deep end of the pool before the next person takes their turn. Diving or jumping from the swim team blocks is prohibited. All eyewear except for goggles are prohibited when using the diving board. No more than 15 swimmers are allowed in the deep end during games (such as “across the ocean” play) and this number is at the complete discretion of the lifeguards on duty.

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## **Discipline Procedures**

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Remember, safety is the first priority for all Oxxford Hunt Community Association Pool Members and Guests. Pool rules and regulations are imposed to keep your pool experience family-friendly, enjoyable, and safe. Pool Members and Guests will be expected to obey lifeguards at all times. Parents are expected to supervise their children and go over ALL POOL RULES with any children or guests of appropriate age.

Discipline will take one of the following forms depending on the severity and frequency of the offense: verbal warnings, time out of the pool, parental notification, and possibility of revocation of pool privileges for a day or more. Oxxford Hunt Community Association reserves the right to revoke privileges for violations of any and all pool and clubhouse rules and policies.

Not having a copy of the rules, failure to read the rules, or not having had your responsible adult/parent/guardian discuss these rules with you does not negate the responsibility of any Pool Member or guest to abide by these rules. Violations of these rules may result in fines of **up to \$3,000** from the HOA and/or loss of privileges for the season or permanently. All residents are responsible for obeying these rules. Lifeguards and pool attendants are employees of the pool management company and retained by the HOA and have the right to enforce these and any other Wake County Pool Rules.

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## **Additional Pool Rules**

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Please read and review these rules carefully with your family. Rules will be strictly enforced! Violation of any rule may result in loss of privileges at the discretion of the lifeguards and/or pool manager. Serious or repeat violations may result in loss of pool privileges for an indefinite period of time at the discretion of the Oxxford Hunt Board of Directors.

The Pool Manager is responsible for all the conduct of all pool staff and any problems should be discussed with the Pool Committee or Pool Manager as soon as possible. Lifeguards are present for your safety and their instructions must be followed to ensure the safety of all. Do not distract the lifeguards while they are in the lifeguard chair unless it is a life-threatening issue.

Per Wake County Health Department regulations, all swimmers are expected to take a soap shower before entering the pool; this includes scalp and face if they are going under water. Appropriate swimwear only – NO cutoffs or street clothes in the pool. Infants and children who are not “potty trained” MUST wear tight fitting rubber pants over a swim diaper while swimming, in accordance with NC Health Codes. Both are required. Regular disposable diapers are NOT allowed in the pool. No exceptions! Any person caught intentionally defecating in the pool will be charged a fee of \$150 for required cleaning and treating the pool. If accidents occur, please quickly remove the child from the water and notify any lifeguard or attendant present. If no lifeguard or attendant is present, please contact the Pool Committee immediately. No one with any known or suspected contagious disease, diarrhea, inflamed eyes, nasal or ear discharge, open wound or skin lesions will be allowed in the pool without a current doctor’s written permission.

LAP LANES: Certain areas of the pool are designated for lap swimming only during regular operating hours. These areas are separated by lane lines, and when the lane is in use for lap swimming Pool Members and guests should stay out of these lanes and refrain from interrupting swimmers. Each lap swimming lane can accommodate two swimmers at a time. If members are waiting to use the lanes, please limit swim time to 15 minutes in the lane. The lap lines may be removed during holiday and pool parties.

NO FOOD OR BEVERAGES allowed in the main areas of the pool. Beverages may be consumed near the sides of the pool, as long as they are kept at a reasonable distance from the edge so as to prevent them from falling into the water. Food is allowed on the deck area only.

NO GUM allowed on the pool deck or in the pool area. Put all trash in receptacles and clean up all spills under chairs or tables. Lifeguards/attendants can provide access to cleaning supplies if needed.

NO GLASS OF ANY KIND (except for those required for vision) allowed inside the pool fencing or in the pavilion. This includes beverages, baby bottles and food jars, and food storage, as examples. If broken glass is found in the pool area, the pool must be closed, totally drained, refilled and the filtration media replaced along with other treatments required by the Wake County Board of Health. The person responsible for this action will be charged with all costs incurred.

NO FURNITURE allowed in the pool. Furniture on deck may be moved as needed, but should be moved back to original positions upon exiting the pool. Pool members are welcomed to bring and use their own chairs to the pool as long as they are positioned in a way as to not interrupt the walkways or flow around the pool deck.

NO RUNNING, pushing, wrestling or other forms of horseplay on or around the pool deck or in bathroom areas is allowed.

NO WATER WINGS are allowed in the pool. Life jackets, “puddle jumpers,” or other safety flotation devices will be permitted only when a child is accompanied by a responsible adult who is watching the child at all times.

NO PROFANITY or fighting.

NO BICYCLES, rollerblades, skateboards, boogie boards, frisbees or hard balls are allowed inside the pool area.

TOYS, GAMES, FLOATATION DEVICES AND OTHER INFLATABLES will be permitted in the pool when the pool population warrants and at the discretion of the lifeguards/attendants. Ball playing and water guns (in the pool and on the deck) are allowed at the discretion of the lifeguards and Pool Manager, and are not allowed during swim team practices. If there is a safety concern (e.g., due to the number of patrons, the nature in which the float is being used, its impact on other patrons, etc.), the lifeguard or attendant will ask for the toy/game/float to be removed from the pool.

NO STANDING or sitting on the lane/safety ropes. If they are broken, the pool must remain closed until they are fixed.

NO ANIMALS of any kind are allowed within the pool fencing.

NO LOUD MUSIC that eclipses the music being played over the pool speakers. Any individual bringing a radio to the pool is to be considerate of those around him/her and keep it at a low volume at all times.

NO SMOKING is permitted inside the pool fencing – including the pavilion. Cigarettes (including e-Cigarettes) must be disposed of/put away before entering the pool area. NO one under the age of 21 may have alcoholic beverages on Oxxford Hunt premises. NO person under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be admitted. NO one shall possess illegal substances on Oxxford Hunt recreational premises. Open fire and fireworks are strictly prohibited on Oxxford Hunt property.

The permanent pool telephone is required by NC state law to be operating at all times for emergency purposes. A cell phone cannot be used instead of the permanent pool landline. Usage of the land line is for emergency purposes only. The pool will be closed if the permanent landline is not in operating order per safety code.

Willful damage done to the pool, clubhouse, bath house, phone or other Oxxford Hunt facilities by a Pool Member or guest will be cause for the responsible person to be charged restoration costs and have their privileges revoked. Pool Members are responsible for their guest's actions at all times. Pool Management or the Board are not responsible for the loss of personal belongings on the premises.

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## **Swim Team**

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OXH residents may register their resident children ages 4-18 for the OXH Swim Team (Swampfoxes). The swim team competes in the Tarheel Swimming Association (TSA). The Swim Team has its own Board of Directors who are volunteers and OXH residents. The initial Swim Team registration is usually held annually in April. Swim practices usually begin in May

and include 6 meets in June and July. The season usually ends mid-to-end of July. For more information, visit their website at <https://oxxfordhunt.swimtopia.com/>.

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## **Mandatory Pool Closures**

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Per Wake County Health Department regulations, the pool may be closed due to the following:

- Fecal Contamination
- Broken glass in the pool or on the surrounding pool deck
- Chemical imbalance in the pool water
- Pet or other animal found in the pool
- Pool phone landline not working

In addition to the above, it may be necessary to temporarily close the pool due to inclement weather. If there is bad weather at the start of the day and daily maintenance cannot be performed, a delay in opening the pool may occur or the pool may remain closed completely.

During inclement weather, the following safety procedures will be followed:

- **Thunder:** If thunder is heard, the pool will be closed for 30 minutes. Everyone may remain on the deck but away from the water. With each thunder that is heard, the 30-minute clock will begin again.
- **Lightning:** Lightning is life-threatening and water-seeking. If lightning is spotted, the pool will be closed immediately, and everyone must leave the pool deck completely for 30 minutes from the last lightning spotted. This includes the pool deck, concession stand, pavilion, and bathrooms.
- **Emergency:** In the event of a severe storm, tornado, hurricane or other catastrophe, the lifeguards will instruct everyone to leave the facility. You should take shelter outside the pool deck and pavilion area.

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## **Contact Information**

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Should you have questions or would like more information concerning the OXH Pool, please contact the Pool Committee at [oxhpoolcommittee@oxxfordhunt.com](mailto:oxhpoolcommittee@oxxfordhunt.com) (please provide your name and OXH address). Messages to this address will receive an automated reply, but the Pool Committee volunteers will make every effort to reply within 24-48 hours. For most issues, this process will typically result in a better/more definitive answer than asking a lifeguard.

***The Oxxford Hunt Community Association, the Oxxford Hunt Board of Directors, and the Oxxford Hunt Pool Committee reserve the right to amend or add to all policies contained herein at any time.***