

# 2026 Hawthorne Memorial Pool Rules

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION:

Season membership is available to Hawthorne and North Haledon Residents ONLY as per Borough ordinance.

- Authorized caregivers (nannies or au pairs) may acquire a membership through their employing family.

In order to purchase a seasonal membership to the pool, you must create a user account and complete an Online Application Form.

- Returning and new members can register online on the Borough's website (<http://www.hawthornenj.org>) or at the pool during the scheduled operating hours.
  - ❖ If you are a **HOMEOWNER**, Two proofs of residency for each family member listed on the application **MUST ACCOMPANY THE ONLINE APPLICATION!** One proof of residency must be a photo ID or a government-issued ID. A second proof of residency must show each family member living at the address listed on the application. **APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT TWO PROOF OF RESIDENCY.** Pool management reserves the right to require additional proof of residency for any member of a household listed as living at a given Hawthorne or North Haledon address.
  - ❖ If you are a **TENANT**, you must enter the contact information for your landlord where indicated on the application form online. Two proofs of residency for each family member listed on the application **MUST ACCOMPANY THE ONLINE APPLICATION!** One proof of residency must be a photo ID or a government-issued ID. A second proof of residency must show each family member living at the address listed on the application. **APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT TWO PROOF OF RESIDENCY.** Pool management reserves the right to require additional proof of residency for any member of a household listed as living at a given Hawthorne or North Haledon address.

Each member of your household will need to have a document to establish proof of residency. Acceptable forms of proof of residency must show proof of address and one must prove identification by photograph.

## ADULTS (AGE 18+)

- Current picture Driver's License with correct Hawthorne or North Haledon address or official DMV proof of change of address (sticker or DMV paper).
- Government-issued Passport.
- School ID.
- Town-issued library card.

- Copy of current lease or rental agreement or letter of affidavit from landlord (homeowner).
- Current (within past two months) utility company bill (PSE&G, cable/satellite, telephone etc.), credit card bill or bank statement with your name and address printed on the bill/statement.

### **MINORS (AGES 3-17)**

- Proof of Parental Residency and Proof of Parental/Guardian Relationship.
- Current lease or rental agreement with number of adults and children listed or an affidavit of residence from the landlord.
- Government-issued Passport.
- Student ID card or most recent report card or parent portal access showing attendance of Hawthorne or North Haledon school.
- Other official document listing child's name and Hawthorne or North Haledon address.
- Doctor Immunization Record
- Birth Certificate
- Social Security Card
- Town-issued library card.

### **DAY PASSES/GUEST PASSES:**

- Day passes are available for purchase by **Hawthorne or North Haledon residents only!**
- Day passes can only be purchased on the day of intended swimming.
- In order to purchase a one-day pass, Hawthorne or North Haledon residents will be required create an account and upload proof of residency and identification
  - ***Each time a day pass is purchased proof of residency must be shown! (i.e., Driver's License and Utility bill.)***
- Hawthorne and North Haledon residents can only purchase *one-day pass per resident*. **Residents purchasing a day-pass cannot bring guests, and a wristband must be worn at all times.**
- Season member badge holders may purchase only *one guest pass per badge holder*.
  - When purchasing guest passes, you must accompany and stay with your guests while at the pool at all times.
  - You assume all responsibility for your guests' behavior and adhere to all rules while at the pool.

- Anyone under the age of 12 may not purchase a guest pass unless accompanied by an adult at the pool.
- Day Pass (Hawthorne & North Haledon Residents) \$20 Daily, Saturday, Sunday, Holiday.
- Guest Pass \$20 Daily / \$20 Saturday, Sunday, Holiday.
- Day passes and guest passes purchased after 4:30 pm will be reduced by 50%.
- Day passes and guest passes are **not refundable** for cash **for any reason!** Manager reserves the right to use discretion if necessary.
  - In the event that the pool must close for an **emergency situation or health issue**, the Manager reserves the right to use discretion for issuance of voucher.

**DAY AND GUEST PASSES WILL NOT BE REFUNDED FOR ANY TYPE OF WEATHER-RELATED EVENT.**

- **Seasonal guest passes are available and all rules apply: however, seasonal guest members may not bring guests and must be accompanied by their sponsoring member.**
- Special requests by **members** for additional guest passes in addition to the one guest limit per member for reasons such as out of town visiting family members, babysitting grandchildren, or group events such as birthday parties, must be made directly to the Manager of the pool.
  - The Manager reserves the right to grant or deny special permission of use of the pool enclosure in accordance with the needs and comfort of the members.
  - Requests for any type of special arrangements must be made at least **1 week** in advance in order to be considered by the management. (Form is available at the Pool Manager’s office.)

**NEW JERSEY STATE PUBLIC BATHING REGULATIONS (New Jersey Public Recreational Bathing Code Ch: 8.26-5.4):**

1. Any person showing evidence of any communicable skin disease, sore or inflamed eyes, cold, nasal or ear discharges, or any other communicable disease shall be denied admission.
2. Any person with excessive sunburn, open blisters, cuts or bandages shall be denied admission.
3. Do not enter the water if you are experiencing or recovering from diarrhea or have had any signs or symptoms of a gastrointestinal (stomach) disease in the past seven days.

4. Per NJ Bather Code § 8:26-5.4 4. All children in diapers must wear diapers specially designed for immersion in water (such as swimming diapers). Do not wash out soiled diapers in the bathing water.
5. Children should be encouraged to use the restroom before entering the water. Immediately report any “accidents” you observe in the bathing waters to a staff member.
6. No animals, except for service dogs, shall be allowed in the bathing waters, dressing rooms, or other parts of the enclosure.
7. Glass containers shall be prohibited.
8. All persons may be required to shower before entering the water.
9. Conduct that endangers the safety and comfort of others shall be prohibited.
10. Outdoor bathing shall be prohibited during an electrical storm.
11. Persons suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol shall be prohibited from entering the water.

### **State Law Regarding Public Breastfeeding; Chapter 101 Title 26: 26:4b-4**

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a mother shall be entitled to breast feedher baby in any location of a place of public accommodation, resort or amusement wherein the mother is otherwise permitted.

### **POOL RULES:**

**Management shall have the authority to prohibit any action or conduct which they may consider to be dangerous, improper, or in violation of the Pool Rules, and may expel or suspend the privileges otherwise granted to the holders of admission badges or their guests. *Hawthorne Code 360-10***

1. Each member must show their badge in order to be admitted to the pool. Non-season members must show their wristband, **on their wrist**, in order to be admitted to the pool; this must be worn at all times.
2. Non-season members **must purchase a day pass or guest pass** in order to be admitted to the pool enclosure **even if they do not intend to swim!**
3. Badges and day passes or guest pass are not transferable. Anyone caught “lending” their badge or day pass or guest pass to another person will have their membership revoked or will have permanent suspension from the pool for the remainder of the pool season.
4. At the day’s end everyone will be notified to get out of the pool by whistle 20minutes prior to the posted closing time. The lifeguard will blow one long blast of the whistle, at which time all patrons will need to

immediately exit the pool in an orderly way and prepare to leave the enclosure by the posted closing time.

5. Trash and recyclable items must be disposed of properly. Trash and recycling must not be mixed. Trash will be disposed of in garbage receptacles. Recyclable items such as plastic and aluminum bottles and cans must be deposited in designated recycling containers.
6. Proper bathing attire must be worn in the pool. Respectful observance of religious requirements for modest bathing will be observed. **Cut off shorts are not allowed** as they can clog the drains and impede proper filtration of the water. Also, **jeans, cargo shorts, and bras are not allowed**, as they are not considered proper swimming attire. In accordance with NJ State Public Bathing Code, the management reserves the right to require any patron to shower prior to entering the water.
7. **NO** shoes of any kind (aqua socks, crocks, flip flops, water shoes, etc.) are allowed in the pool because of the potential of bringing foreign matter into the pool.
8. **NO** youth under the age of 12 will be admitted to the pool without a parent or responsible adult over the age of 18. The adult must accompany and stay with the youth in the pool enclosure. Certain exceptions may be made for resident teenage babysitters with prior written permission from the youth's parent or guardian. Written permission must include emergency contact information for the youth's parent or guardian while their child is at the pool with the babysitter. The babysitter must accompany and stay with the child while in the pool enclosure. Once the form is filled out, it will be kept on file at the pool office and need not be completed again unless the information changes. Management will use discretion as necessary.
9. **NO** changing of baby diapers will be allowed anywhere outdoors. Baby and toddler diapers may only be changed at the changing stations located in both the men's and woman's restrooms. Diapers must be disposed of properly **IN THE RESTROOM TRASH RECEPTACLE ONLY!**
10. **NO** changing of clothing will be allowed on the pool deck for any reasons. All changing must be done in the appropriate restrooms.
11. **NO** smoking (or use of tobacco products, i.e. chewing tobacco, vaping) is allowed anywhere on the pool grounds in accordance with Borough Ordinance. Anyone caught smoking on the pool premises will have their membership revoked or will have permanent suspension from the pool for the remainder of the pool season. Please smoke in designated area away from the facility.
12. **NO** alcohol or illegal drugs are permitted anywhere on the pool grounds. Anyone caught with these items or caught under the influence of these items will have their membership revoked and/or will have permanent suspension from the pool for the remainder of the pool season, as well as notification of the proper authorities.
13. **NO** food is allowed in pool enclosure except in the designated fenced off area. No grills or cooking devices of any type will be allowed in the pool enclosure. Any non-alcoholic beverage may be brought in

and consumed in the pool enclosure provided it is not in a glass container. If a glass container is found with a person while at the pool, management reserves the right to confiscate it. All bottles and cans should be emptied in a proper manner in a restroom sink and must be disposed of properly in designated recycling containers. We reserve the right to inspect coolers.

14. **NO** chewing gum is allowed anywhere in the pool enclosure. Gum left on the pool deck is unsightly, and it attracts insects and vermin, as well as being difficult to remove from the pool deck. Gum in the pool poses an issue to the pool filtration equipment. Please observe the **NO GUM** rule at the pool.
15. **NO** spitting is allowed anywhere within the pool enclosure. Management reserves the right to ask any patron to leave the pool facility if they continue to spit after being told not to.
16. **NO** audio devices such as radios or iPods will be at a volume level that is disturbing to members. Management reserves the right to tell any patron to lower or turn off any loud or offensive music.
17. **NO** running is allowed in the pool enclosure at any times! Anyone caught excessively running can be asked to sit for an extended period of time. Management reserves the right to ask any patron to leave the pool facility if they continue to run.
18. **NO** foul or offensive language will be tolerated. Management reserves the right to ask any patron to leave the pool facility if their language is not "family appropriate".
19. **NO** aggressive, rough, rowdy, bullying or "ganging up" behavior will be tolerated. This includes verbal as well as physical behavior. Likewise, public displays of affection should be kept to acceptable polite public standards. Management reserves the right to ask any patron to leave the pool facility if their behavior does not change.
20. **NO** patron will exhibit behavior that can distract the lifeguard staff from their responsibilities to the people in the water; rather than distracting the active lifeguards, please see the nearest off-duty lifeguard and or management for any concerns. If harassing of the lifeguards or other staff members continues, management reserves the right to ask any patron to leave the pool facility, with a possible suspension from the pool for the remainder of the pool season.
21. If a patron perceives a problem in the water, they are to alert the nearest lifeguard who would then take the appropriate action. If a patron perceives a problem not in the water but within the pool enclosure, they are to alert the manager on duty or any other staff member of their issue. The pool staff is trained to ensure safety and enjoyment while at the pool. Patrons should not "take things into their own hands"; instead Patrons should take their concerns to the appropriate staff members in an appropriate manner.
22. **NO** diving (entering the water head-first) is allowed in the pool except in the designated diving areas. In order to use the diving board, patrons may be required to demonstrate their swimming ability to the lifeguard staff. A deep water competency test may be administered to **any patron** the lifeguard staff feels has questionable swimming ability. The management has the final say.

23. **NO** back dives, back flips, twists, pushing or pulling will be allowed off the side of the pool or the diving board at any time. When jumping off the diving board, all patrons must walk to the edge of the board and jump straight out and forward. Management reserves the right to ask any patron to leave the pool facility if they continue to not following these procedures.
24. **Slide rules: All patrons must follow posted rules for use of the slide. In order to use the slide, patrons may be required to demonstrate their swimming ability to the lifeguard staff. A deep water competency test may be administered to any patron the lifeguard staff feels has questionable swimming ability. The management has the final say.**
25. The lap lanes are for **lap swimming only**. There is no loitering in the lap lanes, for it hinders the ability of lap swimmers to swim.
26. **NO** hanging on the ropes or lap lanes for any reason.
27. **NO** loitering on the pool entrance ramp or pool stairs. The ramp and all steps must be kept clear in order for people to enter and exit the pool. No sitting or congregating on the ramp or stairs will be allowed. No inappropriate use of the ADA life.
28. **NO** child less than 6 inches taller than the water depth and is a non-swimmer will be allowed in the main pool without being accompanied by a responsible adult who stays within arms' reach of the child. Any child who has not demonstrated an acceptable swimming ability will be asked to perform a deep water test. If the child demonstrates acceptable swimming ability to the lifeguard staff, an adult does not have to be within arms' reach.
29. **NO** child over the age of 7 will be allowed in the Kiddie Pool without a parent/guardian accompanying them. This pool is intended for children who cannot swim on their own in the main pool, without support, and/or that are not fully toilet trained.
30. **NO** personal flotation devices such as life preservers, life jackets, puddle jumpers (which inhibit the ability to perform CPR), noodles, kickboards, tubes or flotation type swim suits may be used in the main pool. One exception is inflatable "water wings" or "swimmies" worn on the upper arms. "Water wings" or "swimmies" worn on the upper arms will be permitted in the **shallow first roped off section only**. **Children wearing "water wings" or "swimmies" must be accompanied in the water by a responsible adult who stays within arms' reach of the child.** The other exception is on designated *Tube Nights* throughout the summer. Management reserves the right to deny any personal flotation device in the kiddie pool that is not deemed as being safe or obstructs life guard's view; for example, large animals such as whales or dolphins that are larger than the child playing with it.
31. **NO** toys or balls are allowed in the main pool at any time.
32. A limited number of toys are allowed in the kiddie pool at managerial discretion.
33. **NO** goggles or facemask that covers the nose will be allowed in the pool at any time.

34. **NO** snorkels will be allowed in the pool at any time.
35. **NO** fins will be allowed in the pool at any time.
36. **Yes** babies and toddlers that are not fully toilet trained and require the use of diapers may enter the kiddiepool only. These individuals are required to be accompanied by an adult, and the baby or toddler must wear acceptable swim diapers per NJ Bather Code § 8:26-5.4
37. Acceptable disposal diapers will be made available for purchase at the pool office. Every effort will be made to have an adequate supply of these disposable diapers on hand for purchase; however, if none are available at the pool office, **no exception will be made to allow a child who is not fully toilet trained into the kiddiepool**. Never bring a child who is not fully toilet trained into the kiddiepool without a proper clean swim diaper (All children in diapers must wear plastic diapers specially designed for immersion in water, such as swim diapers). Do not wash out soiled diapers in the bathing water.
38. Neglecting to follow the above-stated bathing regulations can result in management asking the patrons in question to leave the pool facility.
39. **No Child that is not fully toilet trained and requires the use of diapers may use the main pool. In the event of a fecal incident, the main pool must be shutdown and chemicals adjusted appropriately for at least 6 hours, which means the main facility will be closed for the day. In the event of a fecal incident, the kiddie pool can be shutdown, dumped, cleaned, and filled and chemically treated for use within 1-2 hours.**
40. **YES** strollers and infant seats will be allowed at the pool provided they are kept a safe distance away from the pool's edge or close to the pool fence, with wheels locked, if applicable. **Babies and small children must never be left unattended in a stroller or infant seat.** The stroller or infant seat shall be positioned so as not to impede foot traffic or cause any hazardous situation to pool patrons. The pool management reserves the right to limit the number of strollers and or infant seats at their discretion when considering the safety of all patrons.
41. **YES** folding type chairs may be brought into the pool, but must be kept a safe distance away from the pool's edge or close to the pool fence. Folding chairs shall be positioned so as not to impede foot traffic or cause an otherwise hazardous situation to patrons at the pool. They are to remain as far from the pool edge as possible to allow free and quick movement in case of emergent causes. Management reserves the right to limit the number of chairs at their discretion when considering the safety of all patrons.
42. Lockers are available for use with personal lock; lock must be removed by the end of the pool day, and if it is not, Management reserves the right to remove the lock by cutting the same off and disposing of the lock.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY:**

- At the first sound of thunder, sight of lightning, or sound of the lightning detector, the pool will be cleared of all patrons immediately by the lifeguard staff by blowing one long blast of their whistles. The pool enclosure will be evacuated in an orderly and timely manner and the pool will remain closed for a full 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder.
  - Lifeguards and management may use the lightning detector as a way of monitoring lightning and/or thunder in the immediate area. Management reserves the right to close the pool after the warning sirens have gone off, even if lightning has not been seen or thunder has not been heard.
- When the outside temperature is below 65 degrees for more than 1 hour, clouds look to be lingering, and less than approximately 5% of the membership is using the pool, the pool manager reserves the right to close the pool. A sign indicating pool closure will be posted on the front gate (the sign explains that the pool will reopen if the temperature exceeds 65 degrees) and a message informing the public of the pool closure will be left on the pool's website.
- When the outside temperature is below 65 degrees upon opening of the pool, a posted sign at the pool and on the pool website will indicate the pool's closure for weather.