

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION No. 2025-268

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilwoman Holland that the following resolution be adopted:

**APPROVING VERONA COMMUNITY POOL RULES AND REGULATIONS
FOR THE 2026 POOL SEASON**

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, State of New approve the following rules for the 2026 Verona Community Pool season:

The following rules and regulations are for the benefit of all members. They have been established to ensure safe and sanitary operation of the pool facilities. All members, and their guests are to obey all rules and regulations as well as instructions of the Manager and staff employees at all times. Parents must read and explain these rules to their children. Any failure to comply with these rules shall be considered sufficient cause for immediate suspension of pool privileges of the offending person by management. A second offense violation may result in a 2-week suspension or revocation of membership. Suspended members will not be allowed on pool grounds. A bounced check will result in suspension or membership revocation. The Verona Pool management shall establish additional rules as required.

A. MEMBERSHIP AND ENTRANCE POLICIES

1. Membership in the Verona Community Pool is open to Verona residents and non-resident Township Employees. Up to 100 non-resident memberships will be sold in 2026. Members are allowed in the pool facility only during regular operating hours. All non-resident memberships will be "Family Memberships" consisting of up to two adults, children under 26 years of age and disabled dependents regardless of age that reside at the same residence.
2. Resident memberships may be purchased under a payment plan. Non-Resident memberships must be paid in full at the time of application and membership approval.
3. The first four weeks that non-resident memberships are available for purchase will be reserved for current pool member referrals. If the non-resident referral is a family member of a current pool member (i.e. child, grandchild, brother, sister, parent, grandparent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, sister-in-law, brother-in-law) the geographic limitation in the following rule does not apply.
4. Non-Resident memberships are available to individuals and families of Essex County Municipalities that are within 1.25 miles of a Verona border which includes Caldwell, North Caldwell, West Caldwell, Cedar Grove, Fairfield, Essex Fells, Roseland, Montclair, and West Orange.
5. While all non-resident memberships are "Family Memberships", non-resident memberships may be purchased by any individual, couple, or parent/child residing in an above mentioned municipality or who is a family member of a current pool member. All non-resident memberships will be \$1,000 for the 2026 pool season.
6. No one is allowed in any pool or on pool grounds unless a lifeguard is on duty.
7. Members and guests must comply with the rules. Members are responsible for their guests. Guests must wear the wristband given to them when checking in at all times.
8. All members will be issued identification tags which must be shown at the front gate for admission to the pool.
9. Illegal transfer of badges, giving of false information or defacing of identification badges will result in revocation or suspension of membership without refund. False or misleading representation on the pool membership application will result in an automatic revocation of the pool membership.
10. Lost membership tags must be reported to the Front Office or Office of Community Services immediately.
11. The Caregiver badge can only be used when the Caregiver is with the member/s that require assistance.
12. Only adult members can purchase a guest pass.

13. All coolers are subject to inspection while on the pool grounds. No glass, glass containers or alcohol is permitted at the pool and will be confiscated.
14. Consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited on pool property.
15. Persons suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be removed from the pool facilities.
16. Smoking of any kind is not allowed on the pool grounds or in the pool parking lot.
17. Any member whose membership is suspended/revoked for violating Pool rules is not entitled to a refund. Any individual accessing the pool through the purchase of a day pass, guest pass, or other ticketed event that is removed from pool grounds is not entitled to a refund.

B. HYGIENE AND HEALTH SAFETY

18. There is a gender neutral/family restroom that is available to use at the pool. Parents & caregivers accompanying children over the age of 6, should utilize the family restroom.
19. Report any sign of a fecal accident to the manager immediately. Following a fecal accident in any pool, the pool will be cleared of swimmers for a minimum of 30 minutes. The chlorine residual will be immediately checked and adjusted appropriately. This is by recommendation of the Board of Health.
20. Diapers must be changed in the rest room area and disposed of in the container provided. Absolutely no changing of diapers on picnic tables.
21. According to N.J.A.C. 8:26-5.4, all children in diapers must wear rubber pants with snug fitting elastic waist and leg bands when entering pool or swim diapers.
22. All persons shall shower before entering the water.
23. Dressing and undressing is permitted only in the locker room; discretion must be used in the locker rooms when showering/dressing.
24. Board of Health Rules and Commission Rules prohibit urination on the pool grounds or in the pool water.
25. Any person having a communicable disease, open blisters, cuts, sore or inflamed eyes, ears, nose or mouth infections, excessive sunburn or any type of skin disease will be excluded from the pool area.

C. SUPERVISION

26. Use of diving board or slide may be revoked for safety by any staff member for any patron. Goggles cannot be worn on the slide or diving boards.
27. No horseplay of any kind in the pool or pool areas. No balls, toys, etc. permitted in the pool or on the deck/grass areas around the pools. Balls may be used only in the recreation area. The recreation area is defined as the volleyball court, basketball court, recreation tent area, and grass area beyond the volleyball court. Use on the pool deck is strictly prohibited.
28. There shall be no running or throwing of objects, except in the recreation area.
29. Unnecessary spouting of water, snapping of towels, roughness, or other conduct affecting the safety and comfort of others, shall not be permitted.
30. Following items are strictly enforced in the pool perimeter:
 - a. Other than assistive devices for people with disabilities, the riding of any type of bike, skateboard, e-scooter, or other manual, electric or motorized device of any kind is prohibited without written consent of the Pool Manager.
 - b. Walking of bicycles within the pool gates.
 - c. Skateboarding is forbidden on pool grounds. All skateboards must be stowed near the bike rack.
 - d. Water pistols of any kind are prohibited.
31. No diving into the pool except from the diving boards. Jump feet first only off the 5 ft. wall.

D. AGE RESTRICTIONS

32. Only children up to the age of 7 will be permitted in the baby pool.
33. Parents are responsible for their children. An adult must accompany children 5 and under at all times while on pool grounds.
34. All children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older) to be admitted to the pool complex, however, children ages 12 and 13 may be permitted to enter the pool complex without an adult on a probationary basis. During this

probationary period, children ages 12 & 13 must adhere to all pool rules and regulations. Failure to comply with pool rules will result in the following consequences:

- a. 1st Offense: Verbal Warning
- b. 2nd Offense: Written Warning & Email Notification to Adult
- c. 3rd Offense: Suspension of privileges for the remainder of the day, Phone Call to Adult, & Email to Adult
- d. 4th Offense: Revocation of unsupervised pool privileges, Phone Call to Adult, & Email to Adult
- e. 5th Offense: Suspension of Membership after meeting with member, Administration, Community Services and the Pool Manager.

*This is a framework of disciplinary matters may progress, violations will be reviewed by Pool Management, Community Services and Administration to determine appropriate action.

35. Only the Verona Pool provided Life Vests are permitted in the pool. No other floatation devices are allowed at any time. Life vests may not be worn when using the waterslide or diving board.
36. No children under 18 years of age allowed in the main pool or on the main pool deck during the weekend "Adults Only" hour.

E. RESPECT OF OTHERS

37. Portable audio/video devices of all types must be used with earphones.
38. There shall be no littering allowed on pool grounds.
39. Destruction of or defacing of pool property will result in suspension or revocation of membership and expulsion from the pool grounds and reimbursement of the repair costs to the Township.

F. STRUCTURES, CHAIRS, AND POSSESSIONS

40. The pool staff are not responsible for valuables brought into the pool.
41. Chairs locked or placed on the fences on pool grounds are not the responsibility of the staff. The pool is not responsible for any lost, damaged, or stolen chairs or items in the chair.
42. No loitering in the vicinity of Lifeguard stands, entrance ladders, stairs or ramp.
43. Pool patrons are not permitted to put up personal tents or umbrellas on pool property.
44. Patrons who occupy tables must be present on the pool premises. Belongings left on tables and chairs by members who are not on pool grounds will be removed and stored in the main pool building.
45. Tables for disabled persons are marked and are reserved for individuals with disabilities and their families or guests.

G. SAFETY

46. The Pool Manager or Assistant Manager may close or limit the swimming pool facilities whenever, in their judgment, such action is deemed necessary or desirable for safe operation of the pool.
47. Any conduct that endangers the safety of others or other patrons' use of the facilities shall be prohibited. No profanity, harassment, intimidation, or bullying of patrons or staff will be tolerated.
48. Any patron creating a potentially disruptive or dangerous environment at the top, bottom, or in the vicinity of the waterslide may have waterslide privileges revoked.
49. First violation of any rule may result in suspension of membership for up to 2 weeks. Second or subsequent violation of any rule may result in 2-week suspension or revocation of membership. A bounced check will result in membership suspension or revocation. Suspended members will not be permitted on pool grounds and may not enter the pool as a guest or on another type of pass.

H. HOURS AND CLOSURES

50. Swimmers are required to clear the water 20 minutes prior to closing.
51. Family Nights are on Tuesdays from 3pm to 8pm between once the pool is open full time. Any Verona resident may enter the pool grounds for \$10 per person and must show photo identification with proof of Verona address to enter.

- 52. The pool grounds will close at 7:00 pm on Sundays between Memorial Day and June 20, 2026. The pool grounds will close at 6:00 pm on Labor Day.
- 53. Weather Closures- The Pool facility is equipped with a THOR GUARD Lightning detection system. It will sound a long horn when lightning is close. The pool facility will be closed then. ALL members must leave the facility at that time. The closing will be sent out through Community Pass. The Thor Guard will sound three short horns when the lightning has passed. If the poor weather passes before 4pm, the pool may reopen. That information will be sent out through Community Pass.
- 54. The Gazebo is available to rent in two- hour blocks with a maximum of four hours for any one day. Only Verona Pool members are eligible to rent the Gazebo. All food must be brought in separately or purchased from the snack bar. There is no cooking or grilling allowed at the Gazebo. Rental times start between Noon & 5pm Weekdays and 11am and 5pm on Saturdays & Sundays. All rentals are finished by 7pm every day. All Gazebo guests who are non-pool members must pay the guest fee to enter the pool grounds. There is a rain date fee available at the time of rental. Each two- hour rental is \$105. The rain date fee is \$50. (There is only one rain date fee per rental date.) All Gazebo fees are non-refundable. All pool rules must be followed. Members are responsible for the behavior of their guests.
- 55. The Rec Tent is available to rent in two-hour blocks with a maximum rental time of four hours for any one day. Only Verona Pool members are eligible to rent the Rec Tent. All food must be brought in separately or purchased from the snack bar, there is no cooking or grilling allowed at the Rec Tent. The Rec Tent is available for rent on Saturdays and Sundays between 11:00am and 5:00pm. All rentals must end by 7:00pm. All Rec Tent Guests who are non-pool members must purchase a guest pass to enter the pool grounds. There is a rain date fee available at the time of each rental. Each two-hour rental is \$105 and the rain date fee is \$50. Only one rain date per rental may be purchased. All Rec Tent fees are non-refundable. All Pool Rules must be followed. Members are responsible for the behavior of their guests.
- 56. Day Passes are available for purchase by Verona Residents only. Purchasing Day Passes are limited to three times. They can only be purchased Monday to Friday. They are not available on weekends, Memorial Day, July 4th or Labor Day. In the instances that the pool is closed due to poor weather conditions, no refund will be issued for Day Passes.
- 57. Private swim lessons by a VCP lifeguard are available to purchase. Lessons are scheduled directly through the lifeguard and must be paid for at the front office of the pool. Lessons must not take place before the pool opens fully.
- 58. Splash Pad & Baby Pool Early Access is open to Pool Member Parents/Guardians/Caregivers with children 7 years of age and younger every day after the Pool opens full time on June 19th. Early access is only for the Splash Pad & Baby Pool area. There is no access during this time to the main pool, slides or any attractions. Access to the Splash Pad & Baby Pool is through the Main Gate.

POOL HOURS for the 2026 PRE-SEASON

Memorial Day Weekend (May 23rd, 24th, & 25th)

Saturday, Sunday & Monday (Adult Hour - 18+ & Splash Pad).....10:00am to 11:00am

Saturday and Sunday.....11:00am to 8:00pm

Monday May 25th - Memorial Day.....11:00am to 7:00pm

Remaining Pre-Season - Saturday & Sunday Hours (May 30 & 31, June 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th)

Saturday & Sunday (Adult Hour - 18+ & Splash Pad).....10:00am to 11:00pm

Pre-Season Saturdays (May 30, June 6th & 13th).....11:00am to 8:00pm

Pre-Season Sundays (May 31, June 7th & 14th).....11:00am to 7:00pm

POOL OPENS FULL TIME SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

HOURS of OPERATION for the 2026 POOL SEASON

Monday through Friday (SPLASH PAD ONLY).....10:00am to Noon

Monday through Friday.....Noon to 8:00pm

Saturday & Sunday (ADULTS ONLY - 18+ & Splash Pad)10:00am to 11:00am

Saturday & Sunday 11:00am to 8:00pm

RECREATION TENT HOURS - BEGINNING ON JUNE 22, 2026

Monday through Friday from 2:00pm to 6:00pm

***By entering the pool, you agree to the following statement:*

I HAVE READ THE VERONA COMMUNITY POOL RULES AND AGREE THAT I, MY FAMILY MEMBERS AND ANY GUESTS WILL ABIDE BY ALL POOL RULES.

Verona Community Pool, 287 Fairview Avenue, Verona, New Jersey 07044

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township of Council of the Township of Verona hereby approves the 2026 Community Pool Season rules and authorize the Director of Community Services to establish and enforce these rules as deemed necessary.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Holland, McGrath, Roman, McEvoy, Tamburro

NAYS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 1, 2025.


JENNIFER KIERNAN, RMC, CMC
MUNICIPAL CLERK

