

WELCOME

Belair Bath & Tennis Club, Inc. (BBT) is a membership club located at the corners of Belair and Tulip Grove Drives. We would like to welcome you to BBT and hope every visit you make is an enjoyable experience.

The rules of BBT have been established for your health and safety. We ask for your cooperation regarding these rules as they are necessary to protect you, your family, and your guests, as well as to assure quality recreation.

Please give the life guarding staff the respect they deserve. They are present for your protection and will not ask anything unreasonable from you or your family. If ever you find the need to question a situation please bring that question to the Manager on duty. The Manager will help you understand the situation.

DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION

Belair Bath & Tennis Club, Inc. is open from the Memorial Day weekend thru the Labor Day weekend. The Swimming season is usually extended for two weeks after the Labor Day weekend, weather permitting.

Recreational swimming begins daily at 11:00 am and ends at 9:00 p.m., save Friday when the pool closes at 11:00 p.m. All times are of course weather permitting. During the extended season after Labor Day, the pool will open at approximately 3:30 p.m. and close at 9:00 p.m., depending upon the availability of staff.

Hours of operation are also dependent upon the extensive social calendar here at BBT. The pool maintains a social program for all members. Prior notice of these events is posted on the pool calendar and at the pool. The operation of the pool is also dependent upon weather conditions. In the event of an electrical storm (the sound of thunder or the sighting of lightning) the pool will close immediately and remain closed for 30 minutes after the last sighting of lightning or sound of thunder. When a downpour prohibits the lifeguard from seeing the bottom of the diving area the pool will remain closed.

GENERAL RULES AND POLICIES

- *Belair Bath & Tennis, Inc. assumes no liability for personal property of members, guests or employees.
- *No membership business will be conducted at the entrance gate. All questions, requests and

problems shall be referred to the Chair of the Membership committee or the Secretary of the Board of Directors. Payment of the annual Assessment shall not be allowed at the entrance gate. Payment must be sent to the BBT post office box.

- *A member who rents out his home in Bowie may temporarily transfer his membership, on an annual basis, only to his tenant. A member who exercises this option may not use the club facilities himself.
- *Members will be required to identify themselves by account number at all times before being admitted to the club grounds.
- *The rental of any portion of BBT facility is prohibited. Members may request the usage of a portion of the pool for their own use (this includes school events) and are subject to the approval of the pool manager.
- *No glass containers are permitted on the pool grounds.
- *Any person(s) on BBT grounds after hours without proper authority may be prosecuted for trespassing. Any person apprehended may be held for questioning by the police if it is determined by the pool management to be necessary. In any case of vandalism of property, the person(s) apprehended will be turned over to the police for prosecution. In any case that the person(s) apprehended fails to properly identify him/her self to the pool management, that person will be turned over to the police for prosecution.
- *Any one who reports a case of vandalism of BBT property to either the police, to the BBT pool management, or to a member of the pool Board of Directors shall, if an arrest leads to prosecution and conviction, receive an award from the Belair Bath & Tennis Club Inc. The amount of the award will be determined by the Board of Directors and shall not be less than \$50.00
- *All situations not expressly covered by these rules will be reviewed by the Rules & By-Laws Committee when a written request is submitted to the committee.

ADMISSION RULES

- *Please stop at the front desk to give your membership number, please wait while the gate guard verifies this information.

- + *Please be patient when checking in if the desk is busy.
- + *No glass containers are permitted on the pool grounds.
- + *Smoking is not permitted in front of the pool building.
- + *All children under the age of seven (member or non-member) must be accompanied by an adult, a responsible member, or a baby sitter at least 13 years old, at all times. Unaccompanied children over the age of 7 must have passed a basic swimming test administered by the management.
- + *In order to be admitted to the club grounds members over the age of 21 (except the two heads of the household) must show proof that they reside at the address of record for the membership.
- + *Please check your guests in personally, members are responsible for seeing that guest fees are paid and that your guests know the pool rules.
- + *All guests and non-members who are visiting the club are subject to the appropriate guest fees. These fees shall be paid even if the guest is not swimming or playing tennis.
- + *Members shall not bring residents of Bowie as their guest except:
 - On Wednesday (Bowie Guest Day)
 - Scheduled picnics and Social Events
 - The extended season (after Labor Day)
 - On Fridays after 6:00 p.m.
 - Relatives (parents, children, brothers, sisters, grandparents, grandchildren) of BBT members, regardless of their place of residence and day of the week, are welcome. They must pay the appropriate guest fees and are subject to all club rules.
- + *Members under the age of 18 may have no more than 2 guests at the pool.
- + *Guest fees are:
 - Children under the age of 2 years old -- no charge
 - Weekdays, Weekends and Holiday:
 - All Guests -- \$5.00
 - Maximum charge for one family -- \$25.00 (a family is -- a father, a mother and their children)
- + *Guest ticket books are on sale at the front desk. Tickets are discounted through Jul 1, 2008 for

\$20.00 a booklet. Each book contains 30 one dollar tickets. These tickets may be used as money for daily entry only. **Tickets may not be sold back to the pool.**

- + *All babysitting arrangements must be approved by the President of the Board of Directors or a designee. Babysitting (Special Exception Forms) are available at the front desk and must be filled out completely.
- + *Babysitter fees are:
 - + For a pool member who sits a non-member's child: \$75.00 per season for each child. These children may use the pool only when accompanied by the pool member.
 - + For a non-member who is babysitting a member's child: \$75.00 per season. This person may use the pool only when accompanied by a member child.
- + *All guests are subject to the above fees. Guest fees are not refundable.
- + *Only local telephone calls can be made at the front desk for \$.25, please keep calls short, we only have one telephone line.
- + *Please do not ask the gate guard to page people, if there is an emergency please see a member of management
- + *Please come to the pool (send your children to the pool) with enough money for the snack bar, to play ping-pong or use the telephone.
- + *Skateboards, roller skates and rollerblades are not allowed on BBT property.
- + *Please lock all bikes in the bike rack.
- + *Lost and found articles are kept in the store room, these items are discarded approximately every three weeks. Valuable items may be claimed at the front desk or from a member of management.

DECK RULES

- + *Walk (do not run) on the deck at all times.
- + *Do not push, shove or engage in any other form of horseplay on the pool deck.
- + *Respect others; control your language.
- + *Food is permitted only in the snack bar area or in the picnic areas (above the baby pool and behind

the tennis courts) except for social events and on Fridays after 6:00 p.m.

- *Do not chew gum or spit while on the deck.
- *Only non-alcoholic beverages are permitted on the deck with the exception of social events, alcoholic beverages may be consumed in the picnic areas.
- *Use pool furniture for its intended use -- chairs and lounges for sitting only, do not stand on the chairs, tables or benches.
- *Do not stand, walk, or run on the brick or stone walls.
- *Put all trash, cigarettes, cigars, etc., in the proper receptacles.
- *Refrain from bouncing balls on the deck.
- *Please do not bang ping pong paddles on the tables.
- *Please hit ping pong balls on the table, not against walls, etc.
- *No unauthorized entry into the office or the guard room.
- *Please play radios and tape players so only you can appreciate your music.

POOL RULES

- *Only bathing suits are considered appropriate attire for swimming, a clean white t-shirt may be worn with a bathing suit. Cut-offs are not permitted for swimming.
- *Individuals who appear to present a health hazard, i.e., measles, chicken pox, open cuts, etc., will be requested by the management to refrain from swimming.
- *Persons wearing band aids or bandages are required to remove them prior to entering the pool.
- *Do not dive into water less than 4 feet deep, this NO DIVE area is indicated by a red line on the deck.
- *When entering the five foot area of the pool, please either jump or dive. Jump forward, feet first (no "can openers" or "cannonballs"), or dive with hands entering first (no "sailor dives," back dives or flips).
- *Ladders and steps are used to enter and exit the pool only. Do not swing on the hand rails.
- *Children who have not passed the basic test administered by the pool manager or his designee, or

children whom the pool manager or his designee may deem at risk, are required to swim in the shallow sections of the main pool and are not allowed in the deeper sections of the main pool, including the diving area.

- + *All swimmers under the age of 16 will be required to take a 15 minute break every hour. We feel that this break is necessary to prevent children from becoming overtired while at the pool. Children who have been in the main pool are not permitted to swim in the baby pool during the rest period.
- + *Children in diapers and those not toilet trained are to remain in the baby pool with the exception of a scheduled "water babies" lesson or during the 15 minute adult break. Children in diapers and those not toilet trained must wear double protection and also be in the arms of an adult when in the main pool.
- + *All pool footwear must have white non-scuffing soles.
- + *Soft floats are allowed only on float night, during special events and other times designated by the pool management.
- + *Do not hang on the lane ropes.
- + *Only non breakable eye wear is permitted in the pool (goggles). Masks, fins and snorkels are not permitted for recreational use.
- + *While in the pool please keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- + *Throwing objects or people is not allowed.
- + *Only lap swimming is permitted in the swimming lanes.
- + *Training tools such as a kick board, pull buoy or flippers may be used only in the lap lanes, please notify the lifeguard on duty.

DIVING BOARD RULES

- + *The use of the diving boards is limited to those who, deemed by the management, will not create a hazard to themselves or others. Persons must pass a basic swim test before using the diving boards.
- + *The basic swim test consists of: swimming to the middle of the diving well, stopping and treading water for 30 seconds, then swimming back.
- + *The diving well is sloped on all four sides. Each diver should avoid diving out to "far" slope where

the water is not at its maximum depth. The beginning of the slope is marked by the cones on the deck.

- *Only one person is allowed on the diving board at a time.
- *Take no more than one bounce on the board.
- *Jump or dive straight out off the end of the diving board, NOT off the side.
- *Each person must wait until the diver ahead has reached the ladder before diving.
- *Swim directly to the ladder after going off the board. Do not swim to the wall.

SLIDING BOARD RULES

- *The use of the sliding board is limited to those who have not been drinking.
- *The use of the sliding board is limited to those who, deemed by the management will not create a hazard to themselves or others. Persons must pass a basic swim test before using the sliding board.
- *A basic swim test consists of: swimming to the middle of the diving well, stopping and treading water for 30 seconds, then swimming back.
- *Only one person on the ladder/stairs at a time.
- *Each person must wait on the top step until the person ahead has reached the pool ladder before stepping onto the platform.
- *You must slide feet first, in a sitting position.
- *Swim directly to the ladder after exiting the tube. DO NOT SWIM TO THE WALL.

BABY POOL RULES

- *The use of the baby pool is limited to those who do not swim in the main pool.
- *Food is not allowed in the baby pool area, food is to be eaten in the snack bar area or the picnic area, except during social events and on Fridays after 6:00 p.m.
- *No glass containers are allowed, i.e., baby food jars, baby bottles, etc.
- *When exiting through the gate allow only your own child out of the baby pool area.
- *Please be attentive to the children under your supervision; there is no lifeguard on duty inside the

baby pool enclosure.

- + *Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Parents and babysitters are responsible for their children.
- + *Children should play in a positive, non-violent manner to avoid injury to themselves or others.
- + *Only floats that will not cause a dangerous situation in the baby pool are allowed, i.e., *hard plastic floats* could hurt a child if they were to fall on it, *very large floats* can knock a child down and/or keep a child submerged.
- + *Only toys that can be seen underwater are allowed. Clear plastic toys can not be seen underwater and are easily stepped on, an injury is soon to follow.
- + *Only a bathing suit and a white "T" shirt over a bathing suit is appropriate for swimming.
- + *Only footwear with non-marking, white soles are allowed in the pool.
- + *The baby pool should be stepped into; no jumping or diving into the pool.
- + *All chairs must be kept on the deck; they are not allowed in the water.
- + *Chairs must be kept out of the designated area next to the gate to allow the lifeguards an unobstructed view into the baby pool area.
- + *Lounge chairs are to be kept along the back and far sides of the area where the deck is wider.
- + *Children playing in the baby pool area are not allowed to climb on the fence.
- + *Throwing objects in the baby pool area is not permitted.
- + *NO SMOKING IN THE BABY POOL AREA

SNACK BAR

The snack bar at the pool offers snacks, drinks, and short orders for you and your family. Food may ONLY be eaten in the snack bar area or taken to the picnic area (the picnic areas are: on the hill above the baby pool and behind the tennis courts). Please do your share to keep these areas clean. You are responsible for your children and your guests. SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE SNACK BAR AREA.

PLAYGROUND AREA

- + *NO FOOD ALLOWED IN THE PLAYGROUN
- + *Shoes are required for protection of feet.
- + *Parents are responsible for their children and their actions.
- + *One person on the slide at a time.
- + *No horseplay.

TENNIS COURT RULES

- + *ACCESS TO THE TENNIS COURTS: When the pool is open the courts must be accessed thru the pool area (the front door of the pool). When the pool is closed courts 1-6 may be accessed thru the gate next to the stables, and courts 7 & 8 may be accessed thru the gate on the grounds of the Belair Mansion. These gates are to be kept locked. A key for these gates may be purchased during the pool season from the front desk and in the off season from the pool bookkeeper.
- + Tennis shoes must be worn on the courts at all time.
- + Please deposit all trash in the trash cans.
- + The backboard may be used between the hours of 10:00 am and 9:00 p.m. only.
- + Tennis is the only game to be played on the tennis courts.
- + Please use the fence gates; do not climb the fences.
- + Team matches and lessons have priority over recreational play.
- + Play is limited to one hour for singles and one and a half hours for doubles when others are waiting for courts.
- + Youths under 16 must yield to adults on weekends, holidays, and after 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, except on courts 7 & 8.
- + Courts 1 - 6 may be used for scheduled tennis lessons when the instructor deems necessary or when the number of students exceeds 24.
- + Court Reservations:
 - Courts 5 & 6 may be reserved one day in advance.

- + One hour time limit for singles play; one and a half hours for doubles.
- + After August 1st, Courts 1 and 2 may be reserved for tournament play only.

MANAGERS AUTHORITY

The manager or his designee has overall responsibility over BBT facilities including, but not limited to the main pool, tennis courts, snack bar area, playground, basketball courts, and other facilities. The manager, or his designee has been given the authority by the Board of Directors to enforce these rules.

Updated: May 2008 to update Guest Fee and Exception Fee