

Thistle Downs Amenity Center/Pool Rules

It is the intent and responsibility of the Thistle Downs Property Owner's Association Board of Directors and their appointed delegate to conform to all applicable regulations of the State of North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Food Protection and Facilities Branch and local ordinances of any recognized local government agency. As such, any /all rules regarding the operation and usage of the Thistle Downs Property Owner's Association Amenity Center should (at a minimum) comply with the regulations required by these Government Agencies. This revision is applicable to 2021 with limitations due to the Covid pandemic.

An Amenity Center Guideline book is in the Community Room below the television. This book contains these rules/ regulations, rental forms, and information for operating the SONOS / internet.

Definitions: Thistle Downs Amenity Center will have designated areas defined as, the *Pool & Spa*, the *Workout area* (Yoga, fitness and sauna area) and the *Community Room*, for the purpose of rules and regulation application.

Rules & Regulations:

The Thistle Downs hours of operation are scheduled and may be seasonally modified by the Thistle Downs POA Amenity Center Committee. 24-hour access is provided to members via FOB entry device. The security system is armed between the hours of 12 am to 5am.

- 1. Inside the Thistle Downs Amenity Center Community Room all persons in swim attire must use cover-ups or shirts. Footwear must be worn at all times while inside the Amenity Center. (Yoga Exercise Room excluded during sessions).**
- 2. No wet swim attire shall be worn in the Community Room or the Workout area.**

3. The Thistle Downs POA does not provide any supervision within the Amenity Center Facility. As members, you are responsible for the supervision, conduct and welfare of children, guests, and visitors.

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 - a. Minor children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or adult designee while using the amenity center.

 - b. Children under five (5) years of age will not be permitted in the Pool & Spa at any time unless accompanied IN THE POOL or SPA by a parent, guardian, or adult designee. They are also not allowed in the Pool or Spa Area unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or adult designee.

 - c. **If children are not toilet trained, they are not allowed in the pool or spa.**

5. Pets, with the exception of service dogs, are not permitted within the confines of the Amenity Center, pool, or other common areas at any time.

6. The Thistle Downs POA Delegate or any other staff member assumes NO responsibility for lost or missing personal property left in any portion of the facilities.

7. For 2021 guests will not be permitted to use the Amenity Center or the pool. Immediate family members **staying with a resident** will be allowed Amenity Center and pool access. The resident is fully responsible for their family members and assumes all liability.

8. There shall be no music or other noise loud enough to be offensive to those living near the Thistle Downs Amenity Center.

9. Unless previously requested and approved by the Thistle Downs POA Board of Directors, all Thistle Downs Amenity Center functions shall last no longer than 6 hours and shall end on or before 11:00 p.m..

- 10. Smoking is not permitted inside the Thistle Downs Amenity Center, in the pool area or any of the common areas at any time.**

11. The maximum number of people allowed in the Thistle Downs Amenity Center Community Room is 115 as determined by the Fire Marshal. State requirements are presently more restrictive and are posted on the Amenity Center door, pool, and workout areas.
12. During approved reserved functions in the Community Room, the Pool & Spa and Workout areas will be available for member use.
13. Pool & Spa area furniture such as chairs, lounges, tables, umbrellas, etc. should be returned to the designated areas after use. When using chairs and lounges a towel must be on the cushion. These should be wiped down with sanitizing spray and wipes that are provided.
14. Thistle Downs Amenity Center Community Room furniture may not be moved outside of the amenity center. Pictures shall not be removed from walls. All items must be returned to their original positions after the function.
15. Decorations may be used but must be promptly removed from the premises by renter. Nails, staples, thumb tacks, etc. shall not be used to affix decorations anywhere on the premises, inside or out. Tape shall not be used on painted surfaces.
16. Inside or outside the Thistle Downs Amenity Center, the use of candles or live flame devices (kerosene lamps, etc.) is prohibited as a form of lighting or other illumination. The ONLY exceptions shall be birthday candles on a cake and the fireplace within the Community Room which must be supervised by a responsible adult.
17. Food and Beverages may be consumed in the Pool & Spa sitting area and Community Room. Consumption of food in the Workout area is prohibited. **Glass containers of any kind are prohibited in the Pool & Spa area and the Workout area.** Each individual is responsible for maintaining a clean area while using the Amenity Center. Trash should be properly disposed in the receptacles as provided throughout the facility. The refrigerators are for the use of POA members/guests. **All food and beverages must be removed from refrigerators when leaving.**

18. Except in an emergency, doors from the Amenity Center to the pool area should remained locked and not used as a normal entrance /egress.

- 19. Leisure flotation devices are permitted when it does not hinder the enjoyment of others. Please be considerate and remove the devices when others are using the pool.**

20. a. Thistle Downs Amenity Center supports a “NO ALCOHOL” policy during meetings or functions. However, if alcoholic beverages are present and consumed, the host reserving the Amenity Center is responsible for all inherent legal liability related to same and releases the Thistle Downs POA, Inc. from all responsibility resulting from the consumption of alcohol by the reserving party and/or his/her guests.

- b. The host reserving the Thistle Downs Amenity Center is responsible for enforcing the legal age (21) for consumption of alcoholic beverages and is responsible for the conduct of function participants.

- c. Alcoholic beverages may be present and/or consumed within the confines of the Thistle Downs Amenity Center only in accordance with the laws of North Carolina, local ordinances and the Rules and Regulations of the Thistle Downs Amenity Center.

- d. Alcohol beverages may not be sold on premises.