



Nottingham Forest Club
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MEMBER HANDBOOK

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This Member Handbook and the policies stated are intended as guidelines for Nottingham Forest Club members. The reader acknowledges that the handbook shall and will undergo periodic revision and that Nottingham Forest Club, per its best interests, retains the right to amend the handbook at anytime.

Welcome to Nottingham Forest Club!

Nottingham Forest Club (“NFC”) is a year-round member-driven club owned and operated by Nottingham Forest Civic Association, Inc. (“NFCA”), but open to residents of west Houston on an annual membership basis.

Sitting on 10.5 **forested acres**, NFC offers:

- **Competitive and recreational tennis leagues**, and professional tennis **instruction** for all ages on **five lighted hard courts**.
- **Sport Court** features organized and pick-up basketball.
- Recreational **swimming**, summer **swim team**, and swim **lessons** are available. **Our connected pools** feature an incredible **waterpark-style slide**, kids’ areas, six competitive swim lanes, and a large deep end with **two low-dive boards, and a separate baby pool**.
- **Clubhouse** overlooking the pool which is available for parties and meetings at reasonable rates.
- Social calendar filled with **NFC organized gatherings** at the park, on the pool deck, and in the Clubhouse.

A **volunteer “Club Committee” appointed by NFCA’s Board of Directors** oversees Nottingham Forest Club. Daily management of the Club is handled by a full time Club Manager. A tennis professional is also available for individual and group instruction at reasonable rates.

NFC wants to serve you better! We value your questions and feedback. Please contact the NFC business office at **281-497-0550** or email **nfclub@sbcglobal.net**. You can always view our web site for updated information: **www.nottinghamforesthouston.org**.

A Colorful History

Nottingham Forest Club was purchased for \$400,000 from Vincent Kickerillo in the early 1970s by a group of neighbors who wanted the premier facility to be a crowning jewel of the neighborhood. The entrepreneuring group formed a private member club that soon had as many as 500 members.

Driven by a thriving tennis circle, three additional tennis courts were built with funding backed by individual members. In 1972, the Nottingham Tennis Association was formed. Additional dues were paid to play on the new courts.



Charter members regale the inaugural *Nottingham Joust*, a period contest battled out on the courts then finished off with mead and kidney pie for all. The Nottingham Joust was an every-decade tradition that eventually tamed to horseshoes and hoops throwing. Though still swinging, the members of the founding committee are looking to the spryer set to carry on the tradition.

In 2013, amid concerns over the ability of NFC to continue providing a quality membership experience, the members of Nottingham Forest Club overwhelmingly voted to transfer the club's assets to NFCA effective December 31, 2013. Effective January 1, 2014, NFCA began operating NFC and the club became available to all residents of Nottingham Forest, as well as others in west Houston who wish to join as private members ("Non-Resident Members"). Additionally, through a Club Usage Agreement executed in 2014, all residents of Ashford Forest residing in the two sections north of the bayou now have resident access to NFC. NFC continues to be operated by a Club Committee appointed by the NFCA and Ashford Forest Boards of Directors.

The future of NFC is bright. The pool and pool deck was completely renovated in 2015. The clubhouse was rebuilt in 2016. Tennis courts have been fully refurbished. And, NFC has a new parking lot. Keep your eyes open for many more improvements in the future.

Guests are Welcome!

To use NFC facilities -- park, playgrounds, tennis courts, swimming pools, sports court and clubhouse -- all guests must be in the company of members in good standing. Adult members may bring up to two guest free of charge, who must register at the office. Guests are limited to two visits per month. Additional charges may apply, or reservations may be required for additional guest.

Please call the office at (281) 497-0550 if you are planning to entertain more than two guests.

NFC Member Expectations

NFC members take great pride in organizing and participating in social and recreational opportunities at NFC. Each member and their guests assumes personal responsibility for conduct and behavior while on club property and using NFC facilities. Failure to abide by NFC rules may subject members or their guests to disciplinary measures, including termination of membership rights. With the exception of the Pool, these rules are largely self-administered and their success depends upon the cooperation of all members. If NFC members observe people at NFC who are not members or guests, please let the Club Manager know.

Email Notification and Communication

Most NFC notifications of events and general information, as well as annual invoices to Non-Resident Members, are sent via email and/or communicated through the NFC Facebook page. However, we recognize that email addresses change and sometimes are not reliable. If you are not receiving email communication from NFC, please contact our office to update your email address: nfclub@sbcglobal.net

Dues

Residents of Nottingham Forest and Ashford Forest (sections north of the bayou) have access to NFC by virtue of paying their annual homeowner assessment. Non-Resident Members are billed annually at the beginning of each year, and their membership is for one calendar year. Special membership are available for tennis-only and swim team-only members.

Clubhouse Courtesies

Children ages 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult inside the Clubhouse. Wet bathing suits are damaging to carpeting and furniture and are not allowed inside the banquet room. Shoes must be worn at all times inside the Clubhouse. No balls or other outdoor play equipment are to be used inside the building.

Clubhouse Rentals Available

Whether for graduation, birthday, book club or wedding, the NFC park, clubhouse, meeting room, and pool are available to rent by members and non-members. Rates for these facilities are modest and significant discounts are offered to our members who are in good standing (resident members from Nottingham Forest and Ashford Forest must also be paid up and in good standing with their respective HOAs in order to receive discounted rental rates). Events requiring an entrance fee (other than pre-approved fundraising events) or where goods or services will be offered for sale, shall not be eligible for discounted member rates, and all such events must be pre-approved by the Club Manager. Events involving the sale of alcohol are not permitted absent written permission by the Club Manager and compliance with all TABC and NFC requirements. NFC reserves the right to decline any rental request at its sole discretion for any reason. For descriptions and rental rates, contact the NFC business office at 281-497-0550 or email nfclub@sbcglobal.net

Nottingham Forest Club Swim Season

The NFC Pool opens in early May, maintaining Friday night, Saturday and Sunday operations through the month. After Memorial Day weekend, the pool is open Tuesday through Sunday, and closed on Mondays. A complete schedule of Pool hours is posted at the business office or can be viewed on the club's website.

NFC contracts with a professional pool management company to oversee the safety and maintenance of the facility during the summer months. NFC members and the pool contractor are jointly responsible for maintaining a safe environment.

Swim Team

The Nottingham Forest Club Swim Team – The Sharks – is an outstanding way to help children become strong, competent swimmers at the start of summer. Swim Team is open to members' children ages 4 – 18. Daily practices take place in May during the afternoon. Daily morning turnouts begin after Memorial Day.

Swim Team sign-ups begin in April. Members can register their children through the Swim Team website: <http://nfsharks.com>

Practices are open only to team members and their supervising adults. The pool is not available for member use during Swim Team practice.

Part of the Spring Branch/Memorial Swim Conference, the NFC Sharks compete in four to five meets during June with the season culminating in a Meet of Champions. The NFC pool will close early on the days of home swim meets.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather during Swim Season, the lifeguards will direct all members and guests to exit the pool until a time that THE LIFEGUARDS determine it is safe to re-enter the pool. The situation may also require that the pool deck be cleared and all members and guests take shelter in the Clubhouse. If there are too many people to safely occupy the Clubhouse, the Pool will be closed and all members and guests must leave the premises. Although this is an unfortunate situation we must take all precautions to ensure the safety of our members and guests.

General Pool Rules

The pool facilities are maintained by a professional pool management company that oversees the safety and maintenance of the facility during the summer months. NFC members and the pool contractor are jointly responsible for maintaining a safe environment. The pool contractor, at its sole discretion, may remove a member(s) from the pool area for violations of pool rules. The rules include, but are not limited to:

- All members and guests must register at the office and present a pool pass or pay guest fees, if applicable;
- Pets are not allowed inside the facility;
- Children under the age of 12 may not be left alone at the Club unsupervised;
- No glassware in the pool area;
- No socializing with the life guards;
- No running, fighting, or horseplay around the pool or Clubhouse;
- No profanity;
- Noodles and kickboards, when used appropriately, are allowed;
- No hanging on volleyball net, diving boards or lane ropes;
- Swim Lane is for lap swimming only;
- Only toddlers, preschoolers and special needs children are allowed in the baby pool, and must be accompanied by an adult;

- The last ten (10) minutes of every hour are designated for Adult Swim. Lifeguards will blow the whistle and direct all children to exit the pool;
- Trash is to be placed in containers provided around the Club;
- Children in diapers must wear swim diapers and rubber swim pants where applicable.

Diving Boards

- A person must be at least 36 inches tall to use the diving boards. Assisted diving is not permitted;
- To use the boards, swimmers must be able to swim unassisted;
- Swimmers must approach the boards from the ladders;
- Only one person is allowed on a board at a time;
- No running on the boards and only one bounce;
- Dive straight out from boards;
- After dive, swim directly to the nearest pool edge or ladder;
- Diving area may be closed at the discretion of the Lifeguards.

Water Slide

- Doubles permitted only with child and parent;
- Enter slide in a sitting position;
- Slide feet first;
- Slide sitting down or on back;
- Keep arms and feet inside of flume;
- Do not stop on slide;
- Exit splash down area immediately;
- Form waiting line on pool deck;
- Wait for person in front of you to finish their slide;
- Pregnant women should not use this slide;
- Riders with heart or back conditions should not use this slide.

Sports Court

- Access to sport court is limited. Key and code to access the court may be obtained by contacting the office 281.497.0550 or nfclub@sbcglobal.net
- Each member is allowed up to three (3) guests on the Sports Court at a time;
- Guest fees must be paid in advance;
- Proper shoes and shirt must be worn;
- When two groups are playing, each takes a half-court;
- No profanity is allowed at any time;
- Goals should be set to 10 feet (if lowered, please re-set);
- No hanging on the rims;
- Each member and guest assumes personal responsibility for safety and may be subject to disciplinary measures for failure to abide by the rules.

Tennis Courts

- The tennis courts are open every day, weather permitting, 6:00AM until 10:00PM;
- Tennis courts are to be used for tennis play only;
- One member must be present on any court where guests are playing;
- Guest fees must be paid.
- A maximum of three guests per member is permitted;
- The last players of the night are asked to turn off the court lights;
- Each member and guest assumes personal responsibility for safety and may be subject to disciplinary measures for failure to abide by the rules.

Comments and Complaints

In the event of a dispute or complaint concerning facilities, please contact the Club Manager at 281-497-0550, or email the office at nfclub@sbcglobal.net.

As always, the staff at Nottingham Forest Club eagerly accepts all feedback, both positive and negative, from our members and guests, so that we can further improve and enhance everyone's experience at NFC.

For a complete listing of the NFCA Board of Directors, please refer to the NFCA website at <http://www.nottinghamforesthouston.org/>.

For a complete listing of the NFC Committee Members, please refer to the NFC website at <http://www.nottinghamforesthouston.org/main.cfm?link=165>

Thank you for your support of NFC!