

MKL POLICY ON BEACH USAGE

The MKL Association Board has considered whether the Beach should be available for rent or use by individual Members to hold large private events, similar to the way that the Clubhouse is available for rent by Members for their private events. Due to the differences in everyday usage, insurance considerations, and other complicating factors, the Board decided that such private use and rental of the Beach for large events should not be allowed. (This does not apply to parties and events sponsored by the MKL Country Club that are intended for all community residents.)

The Board is aware that Members' small gatherings and celebrations with family and friends have been occurring at the Beach for decades. At the same time, the Beach can sometimes become noisy and overly crowded with groups, impacting use and enjoyment by other Members, and disturbing those living nearby.

In order to strike a reasonable balance that allows individual Members' small-scale social events with family and friends to continue, while preserving access and enjoyment for all other Members and their families, the Board has amended and clarified the Rules and Regulations under "Section VII – Badges" (see attached). The amended Rules now make clear that the 8 badges received by each Member family allows them to invite up to 8 guests, in addition to their own resident family members.

On occasions when two or more Member families get together for a small gathering and use their badges to invite some guests, then the combined total number of Members, family members and their guests in attendance should not exceed 25. Again, this is to maintain some reasonable limits on the size of a group using the beach, so that you do not prevent other residents from using and enjoying the beach area at the same time.

The Board asks that all Members continue to use common sense and courtesy for fellow residents when using the beach and other facilities. If you are inviting several guests for a small gathering, then consider doing so at non-peak times. You should always accompany your guests, provide them with badges, and make sure that they are aware there are no lifeguards and it is "Swim At Your Own Risk." Parents should supervise their children's activities. Also, remember that alcoholic beverages are not permitted (except at Country Club functions). Boats are privately owned and not for the use of guests without the express permission of the boat's owner.

If anyone has comments or suggestions on how to improve the beach experience for everyone, then please feel free to contact any Board member. The amended Badge Rules will be posted on the MKL website.

AMENDED BADGE RULES (May 14, 2024)

(track-changes shows language that has been added and from the current Rules)

VII. BADGES

1. On an annual basis, the Board will issue 8 guest badges to Members in good standing, which allow a Member to have up to 8 guests at a time at the community recreational facilities (e.g. beach, boating, fishing, tennis court).
2. Members and their resident family members are not required to wear or carry badges, but it is good practice to do so when using community recreational facilities, and they should be prepared to identify themselves as MKL residents if asked.
3. Badges must be worn or carried by all of a Member's guests when using community recreational facilities and must be displayed upon request.
- 4.. A Member should be present with the Member's guests at community recreational facilities, and shall be responsible for the conduct and activities of those guests using the Member's badges. Badges should not be given to any non-resident for long-term use.
5. Members are encouraged to question anyone using community recreational facilities who does not have a badge displayed or whom they do not recognize, to determine his or her status, and to find out if he or she has a badge.
- 6.. Trespassers should be asked to leave community recreational facilities. Harding Township Police should be called if necessary.
- 7.. Members who want to have more than eight guests present at one time at a community facility must obtain permission from the Association Board in advance.
8. On occasions when two or more Member families get together for a small gathering and use their badges to invite guests, then the combined total number in attendance, which includes the Members themselves and their resident family members as well as their guests, should not exceed 25.
9. Unlike the Clubhouse, the beach is not available for rent or use by Members to hold large, private events. This does not apply to the parties and events sponsored by the MKL Country Club for the entire community.